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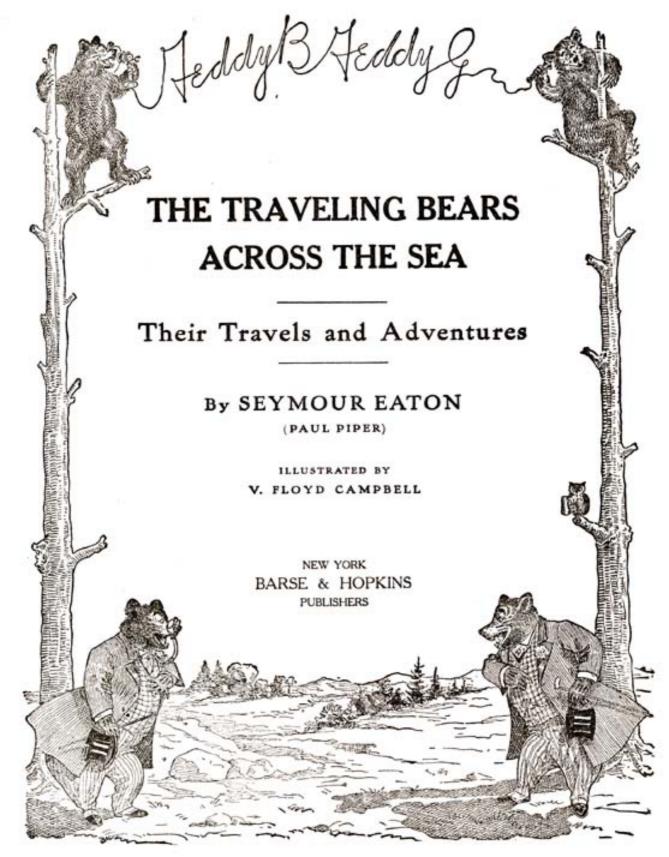






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### ABOUT THESE BEARS

The story of TEDDY-B and TEDDY-G would never have been written if there had not been some real live boys and girls to give it inspiration: "Nin" to criticise, "Ruth" to suggest, and "Jack" to praise. They made the story possible, and dozens of the most interesting incidents were suggested by their own unrecorded mischiefs.

This story has already stood the public test. It was published serially in twenty leading daily newspapers and has been received favorably by hundreds of thousands of children. No literary merit is claimed for it. The story is simply a good, wholesome yarn, arranged in merry jingle and fitted to the love of incident and adventure which is evident in every healthy child.

Since the name "Roosevelt" has been used in the story, it may be of public interest to know that President Roosevelt and his boys have been pleased with the story as it has appeared in serial form.



ATH-DARA Lansdowne, Pa.

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"That fog was fun," said TEDDY-G;
"It mixed up everyone but me.
I shut my eyes and told my feet
To find the way from street to street;
They simply walked right straight ahead
And brought me to my room and bed.
That's what they're for; they seemed to know
Which way to take and where to go
And when to stand and when to jump

And what to dodge and whom to thump.



TEDDY-B-His pate



I bumped a duke on a public square,
And told an earl I didn't care,
And trod on lordships everywhere.
But here I am at home complete,
And the credit's due to my two feet."
This speech he made to TEDDY-B,
Who didn't get home till half-past three
From an all-night tramp; and tired and sore
And clothes all wet; he nearly swore.

He did say "jove" and "don't chu-know,"
And "Chappy-G, that was quite a show."
And "I'm jolly wet" and "A bloomin' Bob
Took me for thief on the street to rob;
But I hit him back a little blow,
The strenuous sort, the kind we know."
And thus they talked till their eyes shut tight
About the fun they had that night.



TEDDY-G had a scheme to do the Tower
The following day at any early hour;
To surprise the guard, the beef-eater kind,
And his hands and feet to safely bind,
And then to take the bunch of keys

And go through the Tower just as they please.

But the things that happened, or even half,

Would make a cat or a monkey laugh;

"They can't be told," said TEDDY-G;

"But you just wait for a week and see."



The Teddy Bears reached the London Tower.

As they said they would, at an early hour. They made the trip on a London bus And climbed on top and made a fuss With the ticket man, who said that they Should take two seats and the law obey And not stand up and run around To get tumbled off upon the ground. "This is no circus ring," said he,

"Or elephant or gymnazee."



But the Bears were out on pleasure bent

And argument wasn't worth a cent.

They made that bus a traveling show Down busy streets for a

mile or so, While the cheering crowds on the walks below

Called to each other, "Don't chu-know They're Teddy-Bears, bah

jove, and smart; They're pulling London all apart."

But the fun that day hac just begun

And it ended up with a lively run.

They found their way to the
Tower gate
And asked the yeoman

And asked the yeoman guard the rate

By day or week for royal board And the price of armor, ax

and sword,
And other things of a confusing kind,

While TEDDY-G reached round behind

And got the keys and bolted quick

And unlocked the massive gates so slick,

That before the yeoman saw the trick

The Teddy Bears were both inside, Locked in the Tower

without a guide.

This Tower has history, grim and cold, Of wicked deeds and

treachery bold, As black as ever has been told;

Of queens beheaded and children killed, And men imprisoned be-

cause they willed
To speak the truth; and
priests and peers
Confined in dungeons for

And then beheaded, the records say,

To make a royal holiday.

Its turret walls and gates of fame

Are monuments to history's shame.



"But I'm not here," said TEDDY-G, "To study English history; I'm here to-day to have some fun With royal armor, spear and gun." And fun he had a double share, Some fun to keep and some to spare. They found their way to an armored hall, Where spears and guns lined every wall; And armor suits with faces hard Stood round like army men on guard; And some on horses made of wood Looked just as though they understood That they must through the ages stand Till king or prince gave the command To forward march; to face



the foe; To do or die; to victory go.

TEDDY-G walked up to a belted knight And said, "I'm ready for a fight; This place is dead; let you and me Take sides and each a general be, And choose these soldiers one by one. And give each man a spear and gun; And TEDDY-B will be the king And sit up there and direct the thing. We'll make steel fly and sabres clash And burst this old Tower all to smash."

And the horse didn't even stir his tail.

But the knight just grinned through coat

Said TEDDY-B, "Let's try on suits, From helmet down to iron-bound boots; And then load up with spear and shield And make this floor a battlefield."

of mail

They tried the suits and TEDDY-G
Got dressed in iron from head to knee.
"But," said TEDDY-B, "on a day so hot
A hat of iron built like a pot
Is armor enough for a Teddy Bear;
This pot is all that I shall wear."

They marched around like two dragoons,
Singing "Dixie Land" and other tunes,
The clanging swords and coats of lead
Making noise enough to wake the dead.
They placed ten armored men in line,
Who with shields and spears looked very fine;
And these they drilled for an hour or so,
But not a man moved head or toe.

When of this fun they had enough

TEDDY-G tried hard to take off the stuff;

But each piece stuck from head to knee

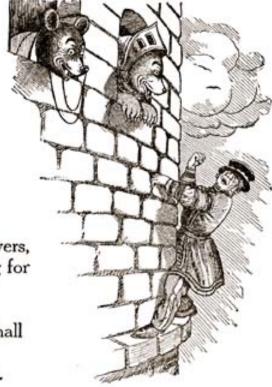
And only his hands and feet were free.

He dinted his body and lost some hair

In changing back from knight to bear.

But trouble came as it does in showers, For the yeoman guards were trying for hours

To climb outside and scale a wall And through a window reach the hall To come upon them unawares And capture alive the Teddy Bears.





But bears can climb, and when they spied

The yeoman heads on the other side

They climbed a wall to a window near

And quick as wink were out and clear;

But they landed on a tower nearby

With turrets rough and very high,

And before they reached the boundary street They had to jump full twenty feet.

'Twas then the race of the day began; The Bears made tracks and

the yeomen ran;

But the race was won at the outer gate,

When the Bears sat down to rest and wait; For said TEDDY-B to these yeomen brave,

"It's right to make tourists behave;

But we are here, as you've been told, To make things merry for young and old; To prove to all, both grave and gay,

That this world of ours was made for play."

A yeoman bowed and said 'twas true That the Tower of London had records few Where sunshine took the place of shade, And he thanked the Bears for the fun they made.



"Twas then the race of the day began ; the Bears made tracks and yeomen ran."

The following day they packed their grip
And started off on another trip;
This time to Paris to learn the way
To "parlez vous" and be truly gay.





They studied French along the way, On train and steamer to Calais:

> And TEDDY-B had learned to say Bonjour monsieur and parlez-vous Français, And oui for yes, and du pain, some bread,

And merci, thanks, and un lit, a bed. But on the train that afternoon

He pronounced his French in another tune

For he ordered hats and shoes to eat And loaves of bread for a parlor seat;

While TEDDY–G just used his paws And worked his face and tongue and jaws And shook each Frenchman long and good Till he made his language understood.

But the fun they had in gay Paree Was worth an ocean trip to see; It would take a week the things to tell, And a thousand pictures to do it well.



They bought new suits of Paris style,
And strolled the boulevards awhile
And explored the shops and bought some toys
To send back home to girls and boys;
For Priscilla Alden a special treat,
A necklace rich and jewel sweet,
And a watch and chain for Muddy Pete.



Said TEDDY-B, on a public square,
To a newsboy who was sitting there
In a little house in colors bright
As he bought some reading for the night:
"Is this your shop? How much your rent?
How many centimes in a cent?
Where is your home? How old are you?
What kind of work does your father do?



We'll pay in English, half-acrown, If you'll show us all around the town; Or make it francs, say two

three,
If you'll tell us all the things
to see."

But the lad said l'Anglais, and shook his head,

And that was every word he said.

They tried French fun of every sort:

To the Bois they went for a

day of sport,
And sport they had that day
at noon,

For they took a ride in a park balloon Tied by a rope, five francs a

ride; You pay your fee and step inside

And off you go one thousand feet

Above the park and lake and street. But TEDDY-G said, "This is low,

I'll cut the rope and let her go."

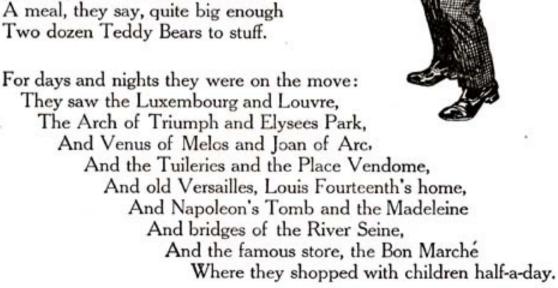
And cut he did and away they flew Till the park below was lost to view.

> But down they came in half an hour On the very top of Eiffel Tower.

And then to a restaurant to dine
Where everything was very fine;
But the place was French with not a hint
Of English word in voice or print;
And here it was that TEDDY-G

In trying to order a cup of tea And rolls and butter and Paris cake Made what he calls a big mistake.

He saw the waiter acting queer
And thinking that he couldn't hear
He yelled his order in his ear
And gave the table such a knock,
So loud 'twas heard for half a block,
He broke a dish and stopped a clock.
But the Frenchman just excited grew
For an English word he never knew.
Then TEDDY-B took the menu card
And with the language struggled hard
And by pointing at things with his paw
He ordered every food he saw;
A meal, they say, quite big enough
Two dozen Teddy Bears to stuff.





When at Versailles, said
TEDDY-B.

'There's a place out here I'd like to see;

The Trianons, if standing yet;

The homes of Marie Antoinette;

Where the simple life she led, 'tis said,

Was that of a country dairy maid."

They found the place and there were told Of a girlish life, of prisons cold, Of babies stolen, of a

A mother killed to please a mob.

Said TEDDY-G, "Don't tell me more Of the guillotine and its

awful gore; I'm here for fun; these things I hate;

I'm here for fun; these things I hate I'd wipe all history off the slate."

With that he made the old place creak
Playing a game of hide and seek
With boys and girls who were waiting there
To play in French with a Teddy Bear.

They stopped to get a photograph.

The comic kind to make folks laugh,

Printed in color, and post-card size.

Their tour abroad to advertise.

They each dressed up in costume grand

Loaned by the man who owned the stand:

TEDDY-B, the famous Richelieu.

In cardinal's robe of brilliant hue:

And TEDDY-G, as a work of art.

The great Napoleon Bonaparte.

Said TEDDY-B, "This suit of mine Makes me look extra super-

fine."

Said TEDDY-G, "The whole world knows That a Roosevelt Bear can fill these clothes." The post-cards made they bought ten score Ten thousand times and fifty more To address and post and send away

To boys and girls in the U.S.A.

At half-past ten o'clock one night
They said good-by to Paris light
And with basket lunch of bread and jam
They took a train for Amsterdam.







The following day at half-past two The Roosevelt Bears were at Waterloo, Where with a guide they rode around To view this famous battle-ground; To see where great Napoleon stood Against the world as best he could; Where his famous Old Guard, true and brave. Walked straight to death the day to save; And where at last the fight was won In the nick of time by Wellington, With Prussians marching night and day To turn the battle England's way. But TEDDY-G spoke up and said To the guide, who told what he had read: "You've told enough, for we don't care

For gory memories anywhere;

We're here for fun; we're off our track; Touch up your horse and drive us back." Next day these Bears from Uncle Sam
Met Dutchie Hans of Amsterdam—
A little lad with dog and cart,
Driving a load of things to mart.
Said TEDDY-B to little Hans,
Whose cart was filled with milk in cans
And baskets loaded tight and high
With roots to boil and fish to fry,
"We'll go with you along the road
And help your dog to pull the load,
For Teddy Bears, you know, can haul,
And this dog of yours is very small."
But the boy spoke Dutch and his dog
did too
And not an English word they knew.

"It's strange to me," said TEDDY-G,

"How a country lad so small as he

Can talk with ease, while yet so young,

At breakneck speed, a foreign tongue."

But TEDDY-B, the scholar bear, Said, "Children born here anywhere

Are all Dutch-cut in speech and hair."

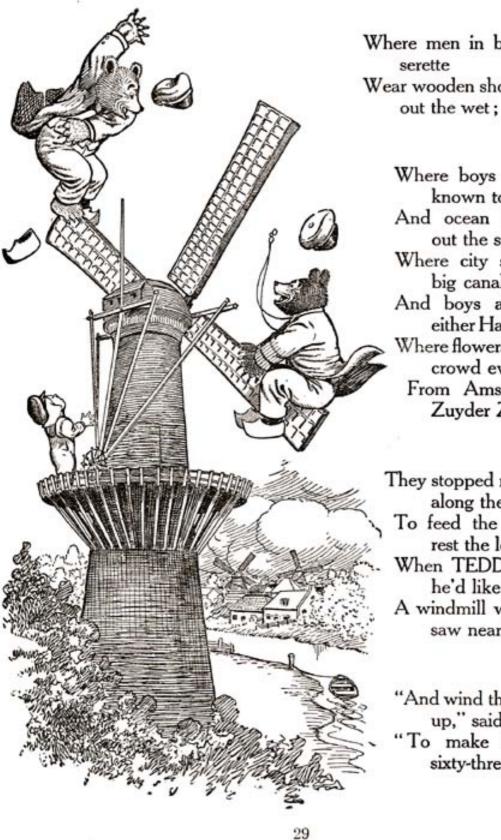
But Dutchie Hans's dog seemed glad

As the Bears took hold to help the lad,

And off they jogged along the road,

Pulling and pushing the cart and load.

The Bears were now in the strangest land;
Canals and windmills on every hand;
Where dogs work hard from morn till night,
And women labor with all their might;
Where cows grow horns both round and flat
And all the horses are strong and fat;



Where men in baggy trouserette Wear wooden shoes to keep

> Where boys are never known to run And ocean fogs shut out the sun; Where city streets are

> big canals And boys are named

> either Hans or Hals: Where flowers and birds crowd every tree From Amsterdam to

> > Zuyder Zee.

They stopped meanwhile along the road To feed the dogs and rest the load: When TEDDY-G said he'd like to try

A windmill which they saw nearby.

"And wind the old thing up," said he,

"To make it go like sixty-three."

And up they climbed on the windmill's hands;
A bear on each and two hands free
Going teeter-tater, see-saw-see,
Till all at once the wind it blew
And round and round the old thing flew
Like sixty-three and ninety-eight,



To see the windmill grind their flour, With Teddy Bears going round and round So quick they couldn't see the ground.

So out they went with Dutchie Hans

So fast they couldn't count the gait.

The farmers crowded near the tower

At last the wind let up a bit

And the Bears got off on the tower to sit.

Said TEDDY-B, "Let's go below,
My head and feet are swimming so."

But TEDDY-G just laughed and said,
"The wheels have not yet reached my

"The wheels have not yet reached my head; That fun was great and the flour we ground, Let's get it cooked and passed around."

The farmer's wife gave each a seat

And brought out biscuits thick to eat

And talked in Dutch in a pleasant a

And talked in Dutch in a pleasant way
Of Roosevelt Bears and America.
The things she said they supposed were true
And they answered back as though they knew.



And they answered back as though they knew.

They talked to a lad, as on they went,

Whose feet were tired and whose back was bent

Whose feet were fired and whose back was Carrying a load—two baskets big Heaped full enough for horse and rig. Said TEDDY-G, "Give me your load, I'll carry it along the road;



I like to share both work and play With boys and girls along the way."

The lad looked pleased, but the Dutch he spoke Came out in chunks big enough to choke.

"That talk's all right," said TEDDY-G,
"You come along this road with me."
And on they went—two boys; two bears;
One little dog; two loads of wares.

At Amsterdam they bade good-day

To the lads they met along the way,

And gave them each some cash to pay

For lunch to eat and games to play.

Then off they rambled round the town

To study Dutch and write it down.

They stopped to view on a public square
A famous Rembrandt statue there,
And to read his life and study art
And rest their legs for another start.





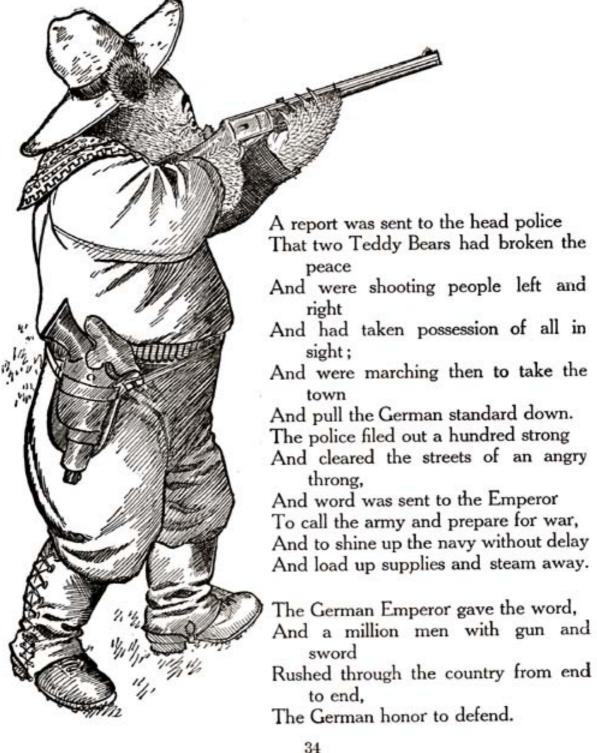


At a custom house on a boundary line
The Teddy Bears had to pay a fine
When a dozen pistols tumbled out
Of their traveling grips and fell about.
Said the officer, in voice severe,
"These shooting arms which I see here
Will give you trouble; they break the law;
They'll get you jailed from nose to paw."
But he spoke in German and shook his head
And the Bears didn't catch just what he said.

Held out the pistols the way men fight
And snapped the triggers and laughed, to
boot,
To show the man that they wouldn't shoot.
The German officer ducked his head
And people took to their heels and fled
Before they knew just what 'twas for,

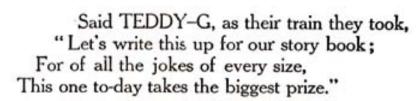
Like an army beaten in time of war

So TEDDY-B, to be polite,



But in half an hour peace reigned again, For the Teddy Bears said they'd explain; And explain they did and paid a fine For carrying arms across the line.

And this message too they sent by wire
To the Emperor, whom they admire:
"We are sorry, sir, for a big mistake;
It proved your army wide awake.
When you have trouble in a row
The Roosevelt Bears will show you how;
For we have pluck and nerve and grit,
And, best of all, know when to hit."



They had fun in Germany at every stop, On carriage drives, in street and shop. They sat one day, a show to see, In a garden place and ordered tea.



When the waiter brought two steins of beer
And said, "That's what we serve folks here,"
TEDDY-G took his and spilled it out
And went himself to a fountain spout
And filled the stein with water cold
And drank as much as he could hold,
While TEDDY-B made a gruff grimace
And blew the froth in the waiter's face
And gave him orders sharp and clear
That 'twas tea he wanted, not lager beer.



"While TEDDY-B made a gruff grimace and blew the froth in the waiter's face."

Another day on a city street

A dog got caught in a soldier's feet,

With TEDDY-G holding tight the string

While the owner crossed the street to bring His two little boys the Bears to meet.

And to get some pretzels the five to treat.

But the soldier, with his suit so swell,

Tripped on the string and nearly fell

And stepped on the dog and made him yell And told TEDDY-G he'd beat him well

> With sword and sabre, shot and shell, If he didn't stop his Yankee talk

And get down on his knees and off the walk.

But TEDDY-G just stood his ground

And made the soldier walk around; And then he laughed and danced a clog

And played some tricks with the boys and dog

And sang a song which pleased them much—

"It takes the Yankees to beat the Dutch."

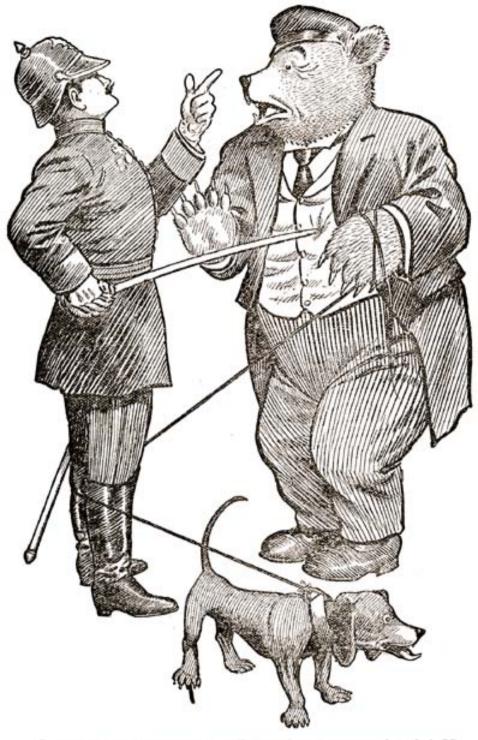
They saw the empire east and west And were given welcome, the very best.

In cities large, in hamlets small, In wayside inn, in banquet hall,

On country road and everywheres, The Germans welcomed the Teddy

Bears.

The mistakes they made from day to day Were all because of their merry way.



"But the soldier, with his suit so swell, tripped on the string and nearly fell."



For a hundred miles they sailed the Rhine
On a day when the weather was warm and fine.
They enjoyed the sights of castles old
Built high on hills by barons bold.

They saw a church in old Cologne, Five hundred feet of massive stone, With double spires in Gothic style, The finest architectural pile In all the world, the guide-books say, Built by peasants—a place to pray. Near the vine-clad hills of Bingen fair Some students who had gathered there Sang loud and full, led by a band, "Was ist des deutschen Vaterland?" While the Roosevelt Bears made jubilee And sang "My Country, 'Tis of Thee." And then the boys, their spirits gay, Sang "Wacht am Rhein" in a splendid way-So well, the Bears their voices cleared, Took off their hats and loudly cheered.

One day, near the close of the German week, The Bears were resting beside a creek Far in a forest, where they strayed, Enjoying the streams and restful shade, When all at once a rifle-shot Went whizzing by the very spot Where TEDDY-B sat by a tree Reading a book on Germany. The Bears jumped up and dodged around From tree to tree and mound to mound, Till through the trees and up the glen They spied a dozen hunter men Hurrying towards them on a trot To gather the game which they had shot. Said TEDDY-B to the chief command, "I want you, good sir, to understand That your aim is bad and your manners worse And your conduct, sir, we don't endorse."











"When all at once a rifle-shot went whizzing by the very spot Where TEDDY-B sat by a tree reading a book on Germany."

But the man who fired was a royal sport

And he took the Bears to his Forest Court

And entertained them day and night

And treated them both square and white;

And when they left, he said, "I'll see

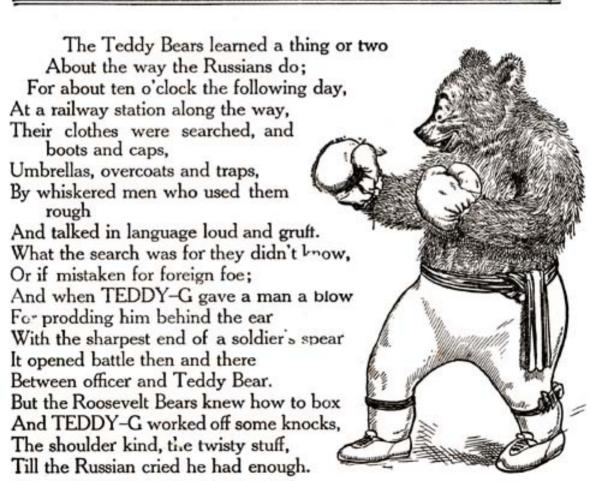
That the Roosevelt Bears receive from me

The freedom of all of Germany."

The Bears regretted they couldn't remain,
And the following day they took a train
And rode all night in a palace car
To St. Petersburg, to see the Czar.







But in Russia, France or anywhere, For me or you, or for Teddy Bear,

To fight for peace isn't worth a dime;

It doubles trouble every time;

Or the stronger wins and peace is made Because the weaker is afraid.

Things move more happily along

If we apologize when in the wrong.



· But that row that day had gone too far;

The Bears were ordered off the car

And men were called, like soldiers dressed,

With chains and cuffs to make arrest.



And tried the officers to persuade
That no harm was meant, but all was fun,
As they had no spear or sword or gun.
But to hit a soldier is a serious crime
Which must not be done at any time:

The Bears regretted the row they'd made

Which must not be done at any time;
And two sets of handcuffs did the trick
And the Teddy Bears were landed quic

And the Teddy Bears were landed quick In a Russian jail, with a window each Through which to coax or scold or teach

The noisy crowd which stood below Laughing and joking at the show.

But in that crowd was a Yankee tar Whose cruiser captain knew the Czar,

And he took a message from TEDDY-B Which in half an hour got both Bears free. And a special train on which to ride, With dining-car and Russian guide, And friendly help on every side,

And stations passed along the way Displaying the flag of the U. S. A.

When they reached St. Petersburg that night

This famous city was a blaze of light;
From streets of granite laid in mire
To the top of every golden spire,

Streams of light shone everywheres In honor of the Roosevelt Beau

And Russian soldiers all in line Made the city squares look very fir

Made the city squares look very fine,

As they were driven in carriage grand,

Led by a famous Russian band



To a fine hotel on the Palace Quay,
Where they were told that all was free,
Their rooms and board and service best,
And lounging parlors in which to rest,
And carriages at their command,
And music from the Czar's own band,
And all their own, not a cent to pay,
As many days as they chose to stay.

They read the lives of Peter the Great And of his successors up to date; As wicked a bunch as ever made The countries of the world afraid.

They learned that hundred thousands died

In building the streets on every side,
From damp and cold on this marshy site,
Because King Peter's word was might.
They read how Catherine's foes were slain
To clear the way for her to reign,
And how she made men live like swine,
That she herself might in glory shine.
And other history stern and grim
Of people killed for royal whim,
And thousands banished to regions cold,
Children in arms and peasants old,
For trifling cause, or none at all,
To please some upstart ruler small.

These things made TEDDY-G so cross

These things made TEDDY-G so cross
He left the house and walked across
A bridge or two and a public square
To find the famous Russian bear,
"To teach him," he said, "his A, B, C,
And how to govern fair and free."





To make his hair turn red or gray:
The way to spell, the Roosevelt plan,
O-x for ox, and a-n for an,
"Which easy way to spell," said he,
"The Russians need much more than we."

And government—the way to plan
Was to take some lessons from Japan;
"And in geography, on a world so
small,"

He taught him figures; how to divide

With folks in need on every side;

Said TEDDY-G, "don't take it all; But what you have just hold and rule, And build for every child a school."

The Russian bear did the best he could And said he thought he understood; But TEDDY-G made him promise true That he'd read the life of Roosevelt

through,
And then take up, when that was done,
The history of George Washington.

One afternoon at half-past five
They took the Czar for a little drive,
To show him the city about which he
said

He had often in his castle read.

TEDDY-B said he would driver be And charge by the hour and collect the fee, While TEDDY-G was to sit behind, The famous Russian Czar to mind.

The streets were crowded and windows high To see the Bears go driving by And to cheer the Czar and throw be



And to cheer the Czar and throw bouquets, The kind which start a Russian blaze.



"One afternoon at half-past fice they took the Czar for a little drice."

But TEDDY-G with arm and paw Knocked off with ease each bomb he saw, And did his part so brave and well

In handling safely every shell,

That he won a medal with printing filled:

"He saved a king from getting killed."

They left this city of historic strife

To learn a little of Russian life;

To see the farms of grain and grass

And study the ways of the peasant class.

They spent a day with a man whose name

Is known to literature and fame,

And talked with him and tried his clothes,

And hoed his com, a dozen rows,

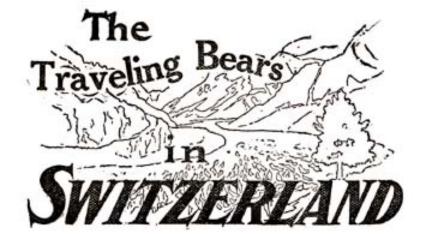
And heard him explain his patent trick:

How to make wrong right and do it quick.

"Next week we'll go," said TEDDY-B,

"To Switzerland her hills to see,
And we'll climb each one and never stop
Till we stand alone on the very top,
And Colorado's mountains cheer,
Our brother bears and mountain deer,
And every rock and creek and tree,
And all our friends across the sea."







The Bears were now in Switzerland,
With snowy peaks on every hand,
And winding roads and lakes of blue
And mountain sides of every hue,
And waterfalls and deep ravines,
And ever-changing landscape scenes;
With sky for roof and farms for floors;
For Switzerland is all outdoors.

At Berne, the capital, they saw
The famous bears and shook each paw,
And with the cubs they had some fun
And gave them views of Washington,
And made them promise that some day
They'd spend a summer in the U. S. A.
Then at Lucerne they spent a week
And rode to the top of each mountain peak;
Up Rigi in a puffing train
And Stanserhorn, pulled by a chain,
And old Pilatus in a car
Which beat the ride with the Russian Czar.

As they curved around each mountain bend.

For it made their hair stand

But when they reached Pilatus' peak

They looked amazed and didn't speak,

For all about them here unfurled
The grandest view in all the

A mountain goat, who made his home

world.

On the very crest of this mighty dome, Made friends with each and

showed surprise
That bears should climb so

At Stanserhorn they tried a trick To ride the mountain

near the skies.

double quick
In a baggage truck which
TEDDY-G
Shoved off a siding just

"The old thing whiz along," said he.



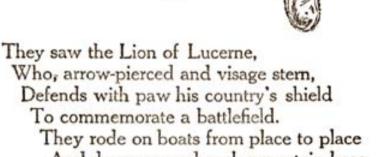


It whizzed along for a hundred yards, When it hit a stone and smashed the guards, And tossed the Bears head over paw. The worst upset you ever saw. But bears have luck and they struck a rock And all they got was a nervous shock And some words in French which sounded cross From a gruffish man, the station boss.









And drove around each mountain base. They stopped at call of chapel bell To hear the story of William Tell; And here it was that TEDDY-G

Bought bow and arrow just to see If at a hundred feet or more

He could hit an apple in the core.

The apple was laid by TEDDY-B On top of his head and entirely free.

The arrow shaved his nose a bit

And struck the core and the apple split;

While the crowd of peasants cheered them well And said it equaled William Tell.









From Interlaken, where was seen
The Jungfrau, famous Alpine queen,
They took a drive up a deep ravine
Till they reached the ice, a glacier
white,
Which glistened in the mid-day light.

'Twas here in a cave that TEDDY-G Ordered ice-water instead of tea. But because the cave was cool and nice

And ice around them where they stood, Five million tons and clear and good

They charged him extra for the ice;

mom
To view the peak of Matterhorn
And to see the sun get out of bed
And light the snow a brilliant red.

At quaint Zermatt they rose one

At Chamonix they spent a day

And hired a guide to show the way

To climb Mont Blanc, that famous peak

Of which so many tourists speak.

With alpenstock and rope and pick
And the things folks need to do the trick,
They started out like climbers bold
To risk their necks and endure the cold;
To climb all day and never stop
Till they landed safe at the very top.



"And they got me landed safe at last on a ledge of rock, where they tied me fast."



But of all the climbs they ever had, And all the upsets good and bad, On cow-boy horse on Western track, Or in circus ring on camel's back,

of straw, Or with Shakespeare deer in Charlecote,

Or with farmer's bull round stack

Or in old balloon o'er Omaha,

Or out on the ocean on the boat,
This climb that day for fright and
fun
Beat everything they had ever done.

And which route to take they couldn't say;

In half a day they had lost their

"And to add to the trouble," said TEDDY-G,
"I couldn't catch hold of stone or tree,
And my shoes slipped off the slippery lid
And I fell on the ice and rolled and slid.

One time I nearly went below In a thousand feet of ice and snow.

But the guide stuck fast to the rock above
And TEDDY-B pulled and I tried to shove,
And they got me landed safe at last
On a ledge of rock, where they tied me fast."
And all night long there sat the three

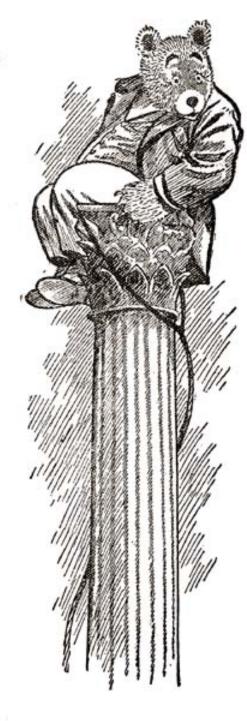
Like crows on top of a hemlock tree.

Next day, when they landed safe and sound
Back in the town at their starting ground,
Said TEDDY-B, "Let us view that slope
From where we stand through that telescope."



And when they'd paid for what they saw,
And the little old man shook each Bear's paw,
Said TEDDY-G to some tourists there,
"Please take the advice of a Teddy Bear,
And when Mont Blanc, its heights sublime,
You have ambition keen to climb,
Just come round here and take a peep
And say to yourself the Mount will keep;
I'd rather twice ride a balloon
Or go on a journey to the moon."

"Switzerland," said TEDDY-B,
"Has fun and fame enough for me;
But before I turn my feet towards home
I want to let them stand in Rome."
"Rome's all right," said TEDDY-G,
"But Turkey's the place I want to see.
And Egypt, too, and the pyramids,
And on the way those Spartan kids."



The End.

