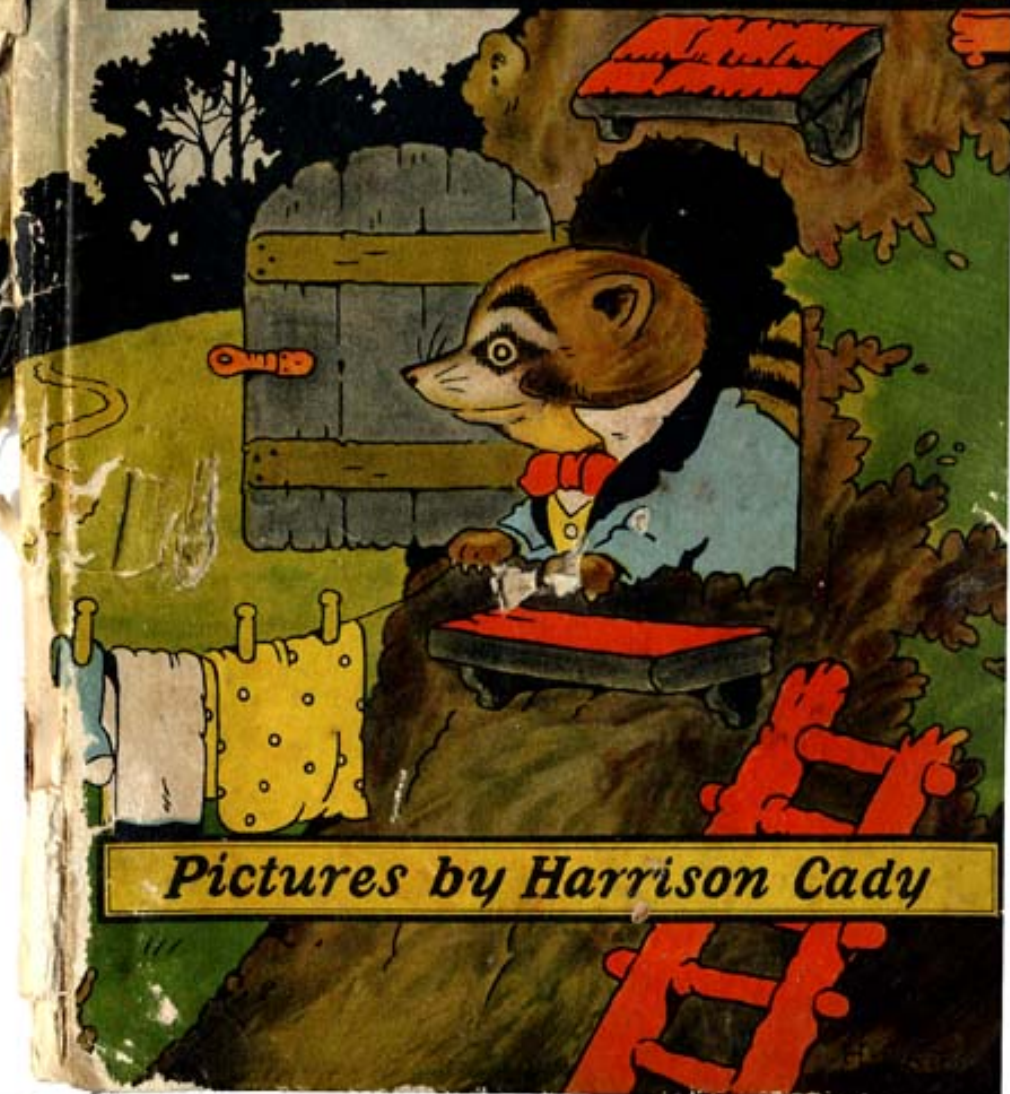


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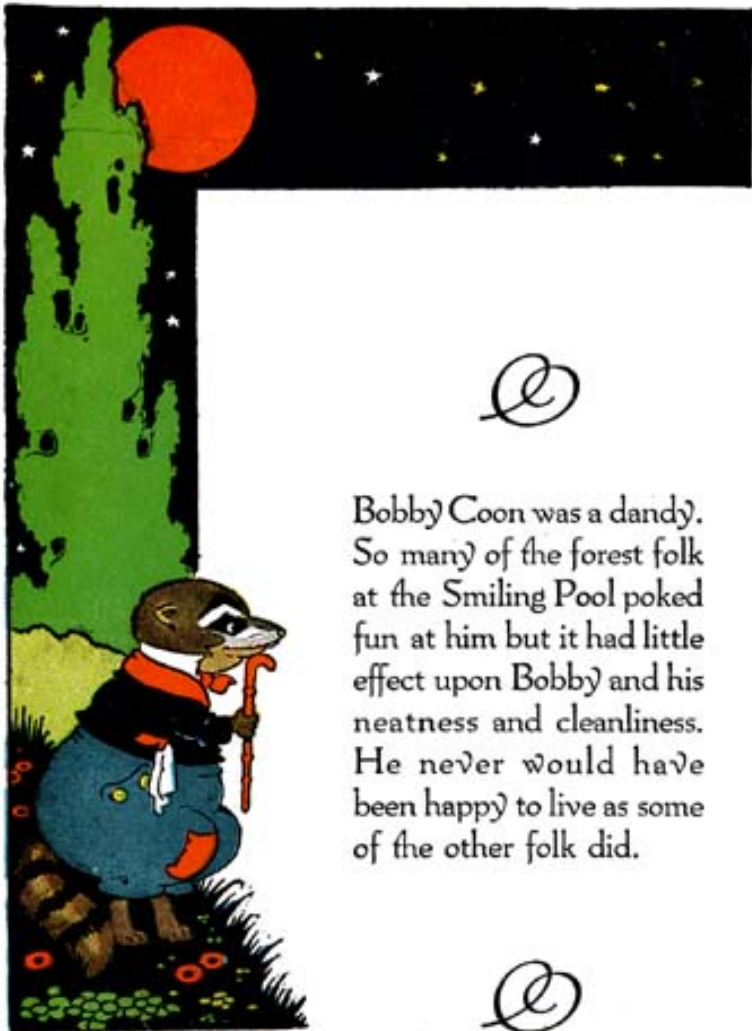
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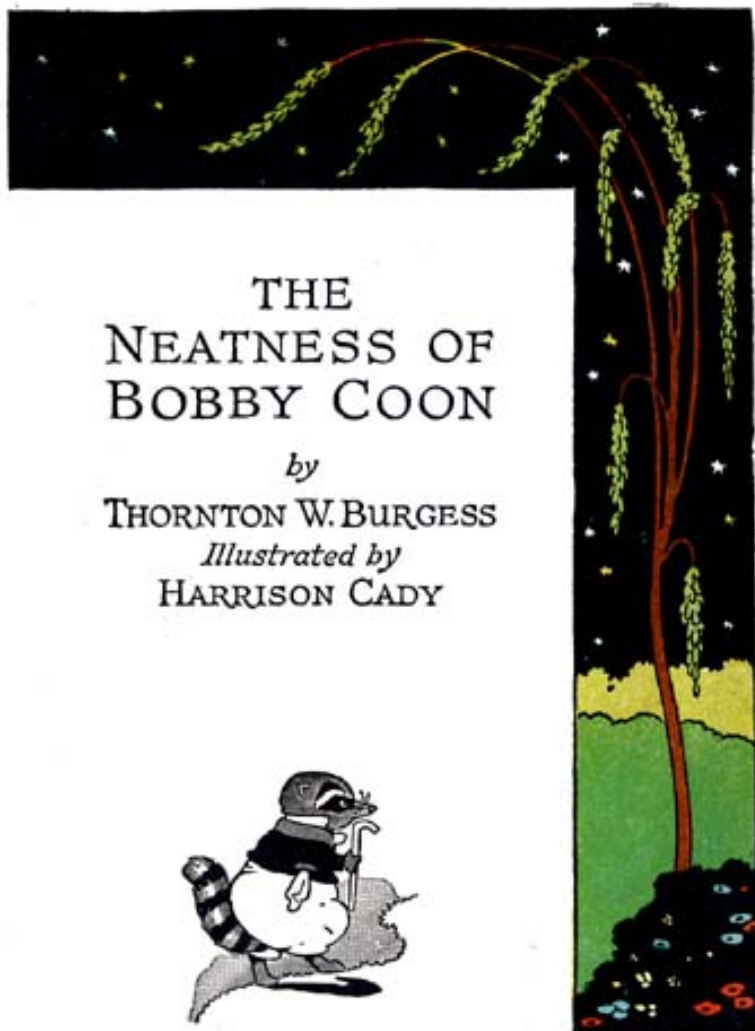
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Bobby Coon was a dandy. So many of the forest folk at the Smiling Pool poked fun at him but it had little effect upon Bobby and his neatness and cleanliness. He never would have been happy to live as some of the other folk did.



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Bobby Coon Stuck His Head Out Of The Doorway

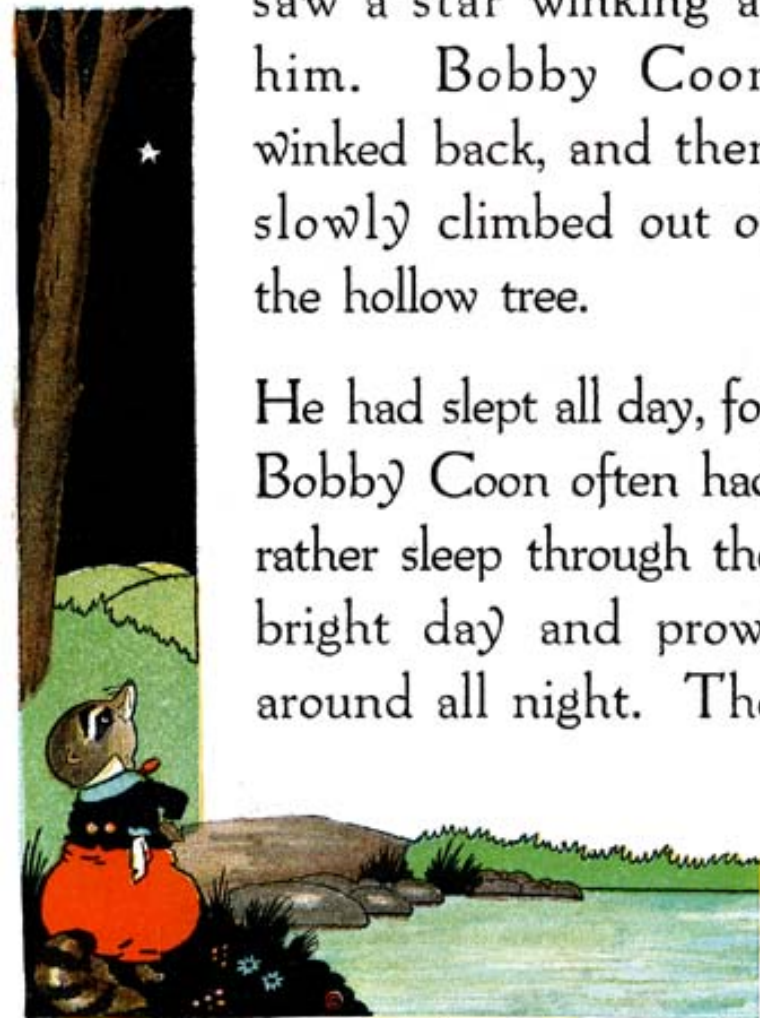
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BOBBY COON yawned and stretched lazily. Then he climbed out of bed and stuck his head out of the doorway in the hollow tree which was his home. The Black Shadows had already crept far out from the Purple Hills, and looking up through the tree tops he

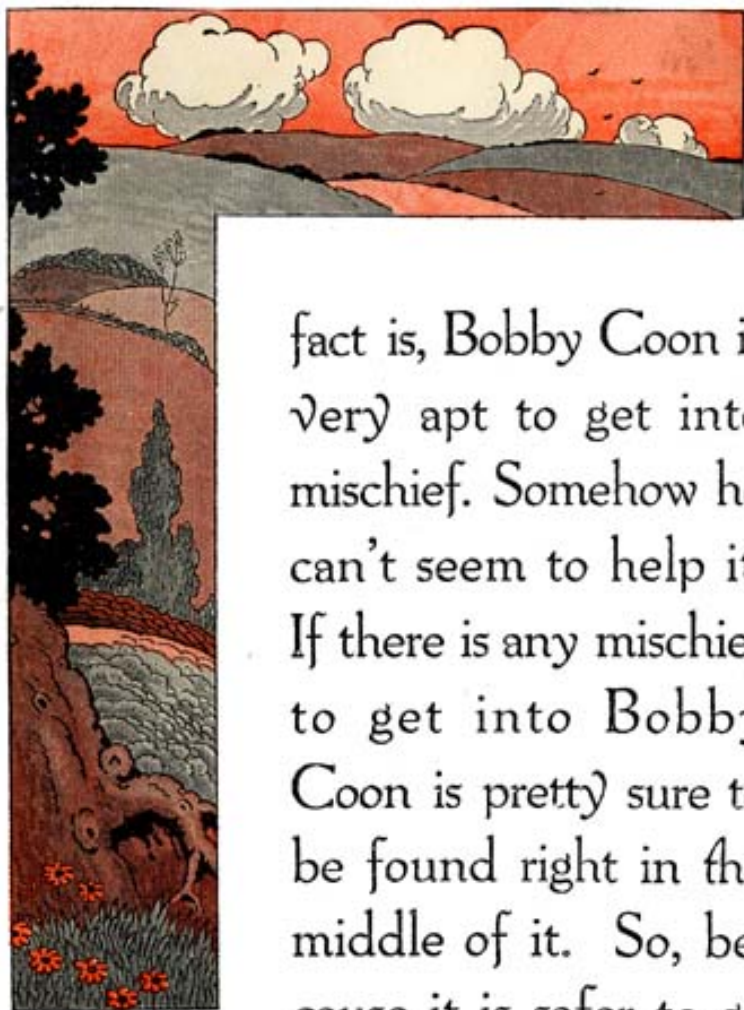


saw a star winking at him. Bobby Coon winked back, and then slowly climbed out of the hollow tree.

He had slept all day, for Bobby Coon often had rather sleep through the bright day and prowl around all night. The



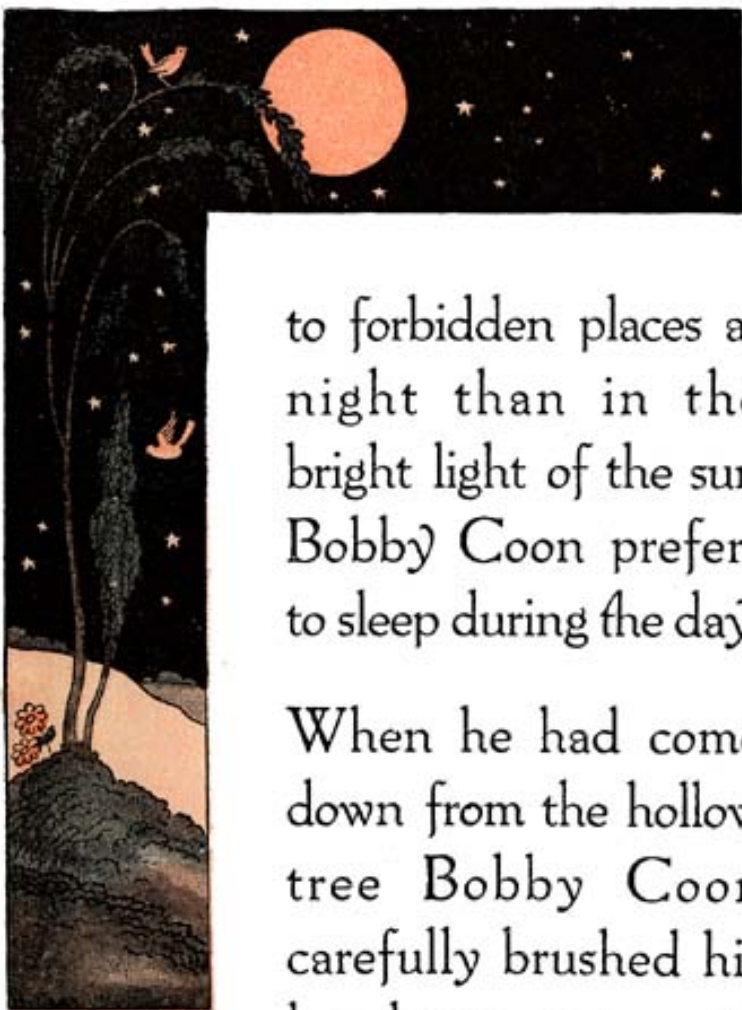
He Would Rather Prowl Around At Night



fact is, Bobby Coon is very apt to get into mischief. Somehow he can't seem to help it. If there is any mischief to get into Bobby Coon is pretty sure to be found right in the middle of it. So, because it is safer to go



He Washed His Face And Hands



to forbidden places at night than in the bright light of the sun Bobby Coon prefers to sleep during the day.

When he had come down from the hollow tree Bobby Coon carefully brushed his handsome coat, waist-



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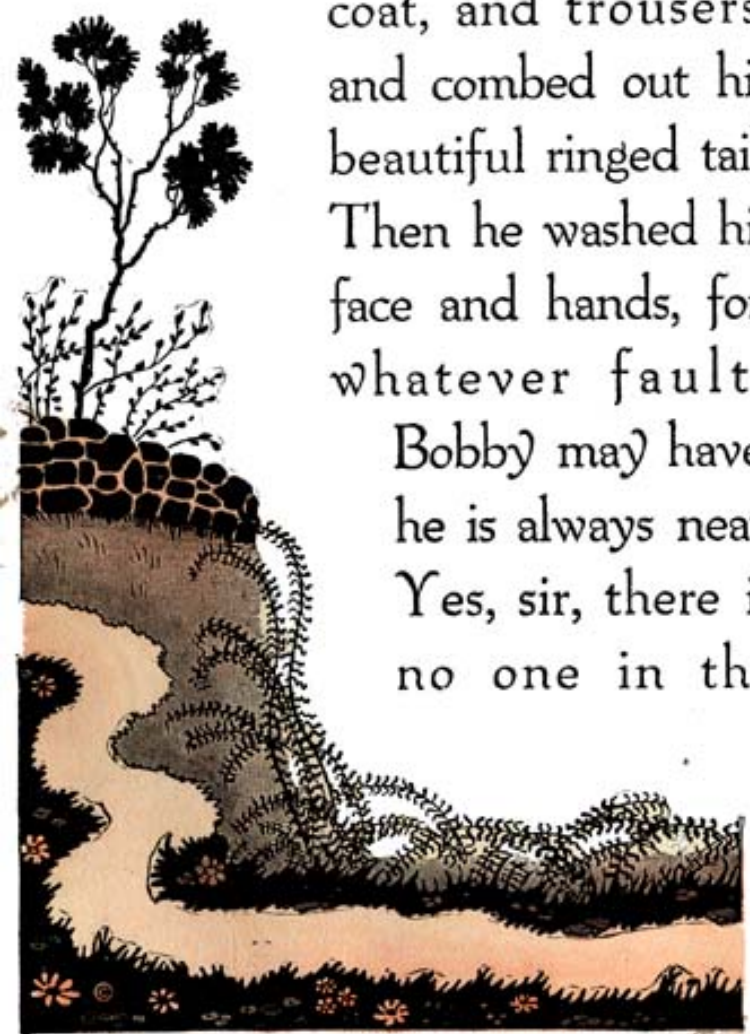


Bobby Coon Is Always Neat

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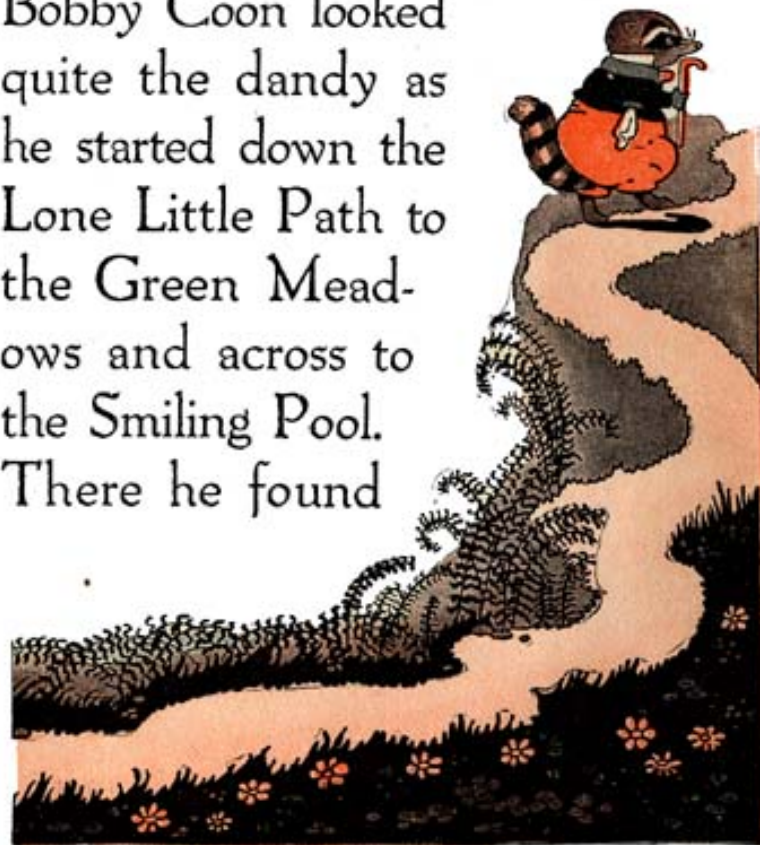
He Started Down The Lone Little Path



coat, and trousers,
and combed out his
beautiful ringed tail.
Then he washed his
face and hands, for,
whatever faults
Bobby may have,
he is always neat.
Yes, sir, there is
no one in the

Green Forest who is neater than
Bobby Coon.

Bobby Coon looked
quite the dandy as
he started down the
Lone Little Path to
the Green Mead-
ows and across to
the Smiling Pool.
There he found





"What's Good Enough For Us Isn't Good Enough For Him," Broke In Billy Mink



Little Joe Otter and Billy Mink just returned from a fishing trip. They were just preparing for a feast as Bobby came along.

“Hello, Bobby Coon!” cried Little Joe Otter. “Come have some fish with us.”



Billy Mink didn't look at all pleased at Little Joe Otter's invitation, for Billy is inclined to be selfish. and what he cannot eat himself he hides away. But he said nothing, merely reaching out for the largest fish for himself.

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Little Joe Otter And Billy Mink Were Fishing

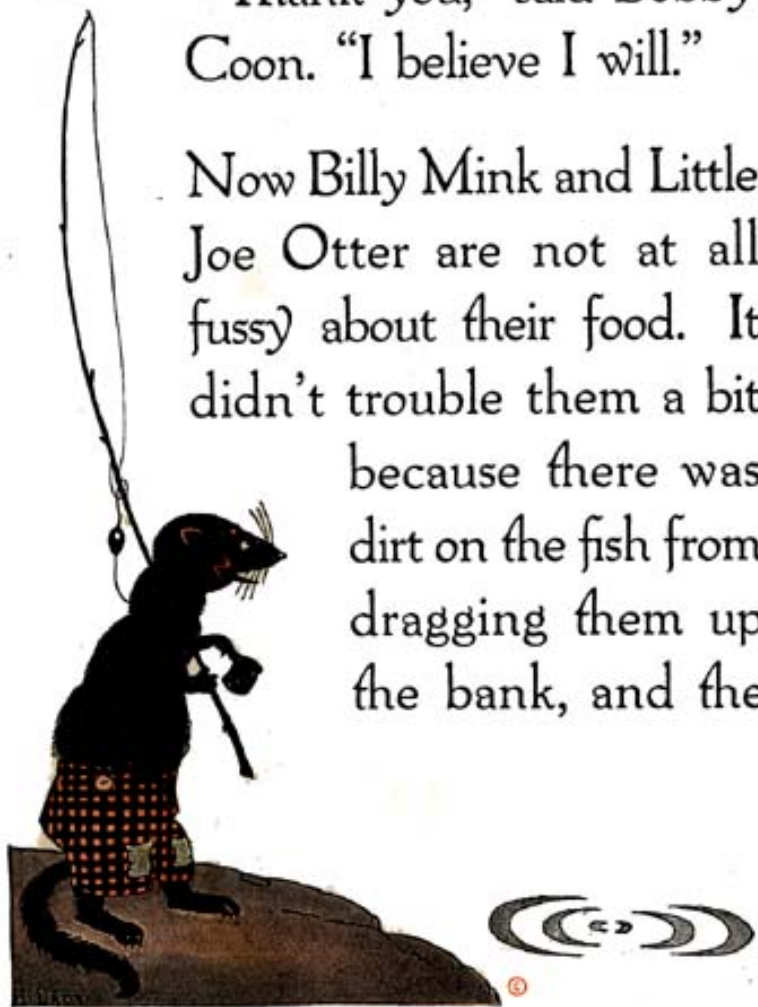
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Billy Mink Reached Out For The Largest Fish

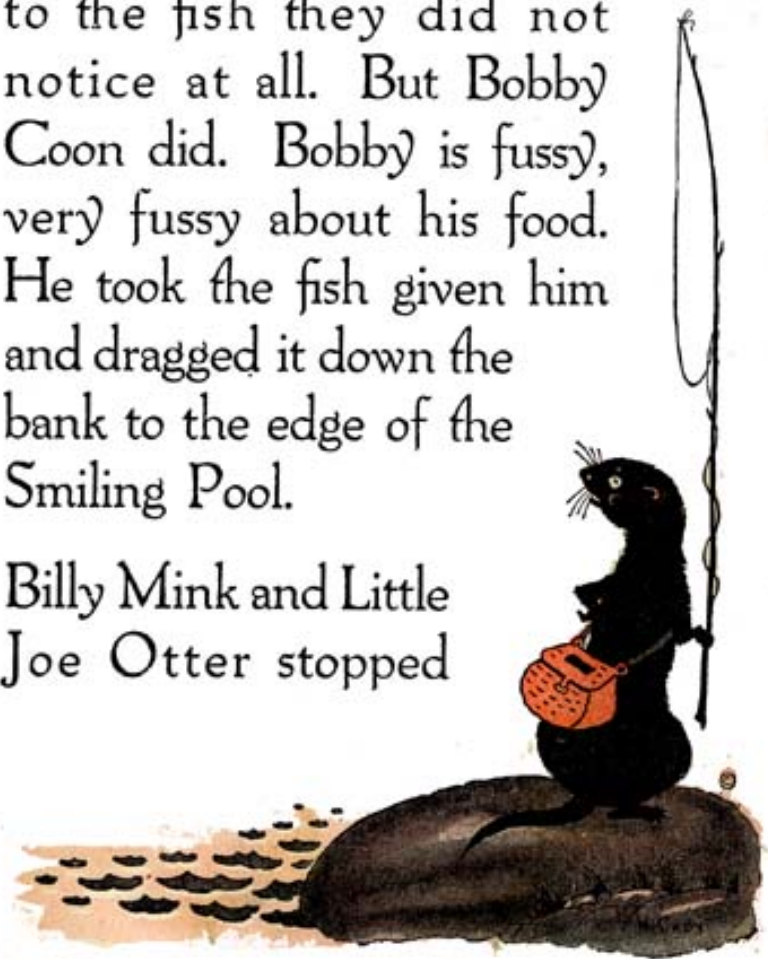
"Thank you," said Bobby Coon. "I believe I will."

Now Billy Mink and Little Joe Otter are not at all fussy about their food. It didn't trouble them a bit because there was dirt on the fish from dragging them up the bank, and the



bits of dead grass and bark sticking to the fish they did not notice at all. But Bobby Coon did. Bobby is fussy, very fussy about his food. He took the fish given him and dragged it down the bank to the edge of the Smiling Pool.

Billy Mink and Little Joe Otter stopped





eating to watch him. When he had found a comfortable place on the edge of the Smiling Pool Bobby Coon began to eat, but before he put it in his mouth each piece of fish was carefully washed.

“My, aren’t we nice?” jeered Billy Mink.

“Did you think that fish was poisoned?” demanded Little Joe Otter, scowling down at Bobby.

“What’s good enough for us isn’t good enough for him,” broke in Billy Mink.



Billy Mink And Little Joe Otter Stopped Eating

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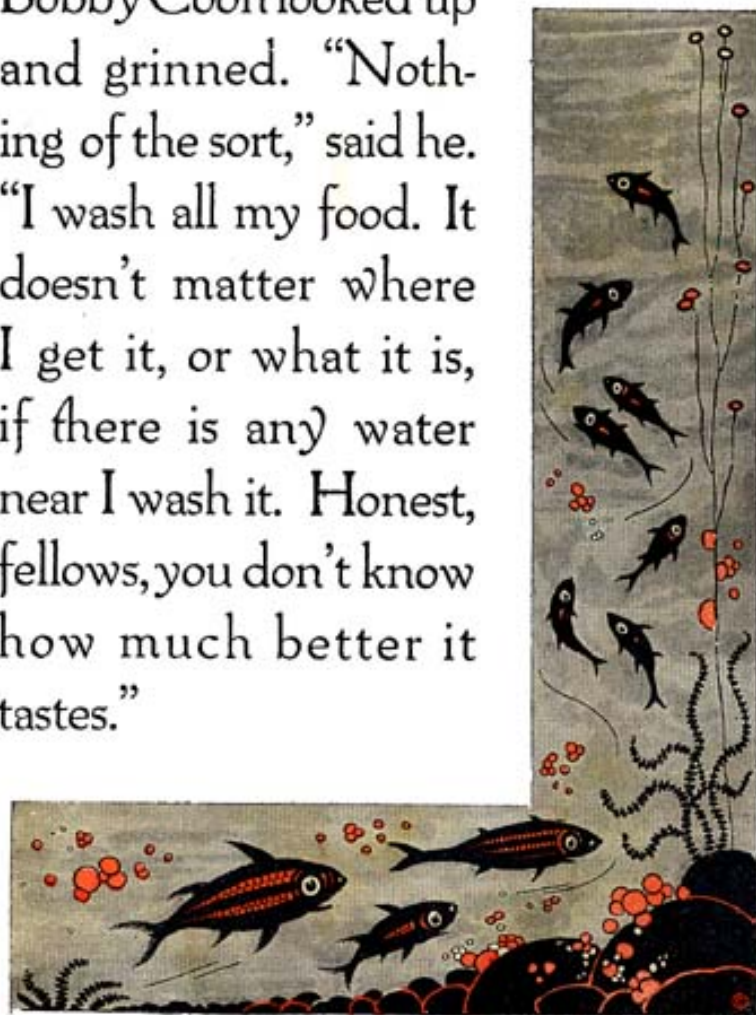


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Bobby Coon looked up and grinned. "Nothing of the sort," said he. "I wash all my food. It doesn't matter where I get it, or what it is, if there is any water near I wash it. Honest, fellows, you don't know how much better it tastes."



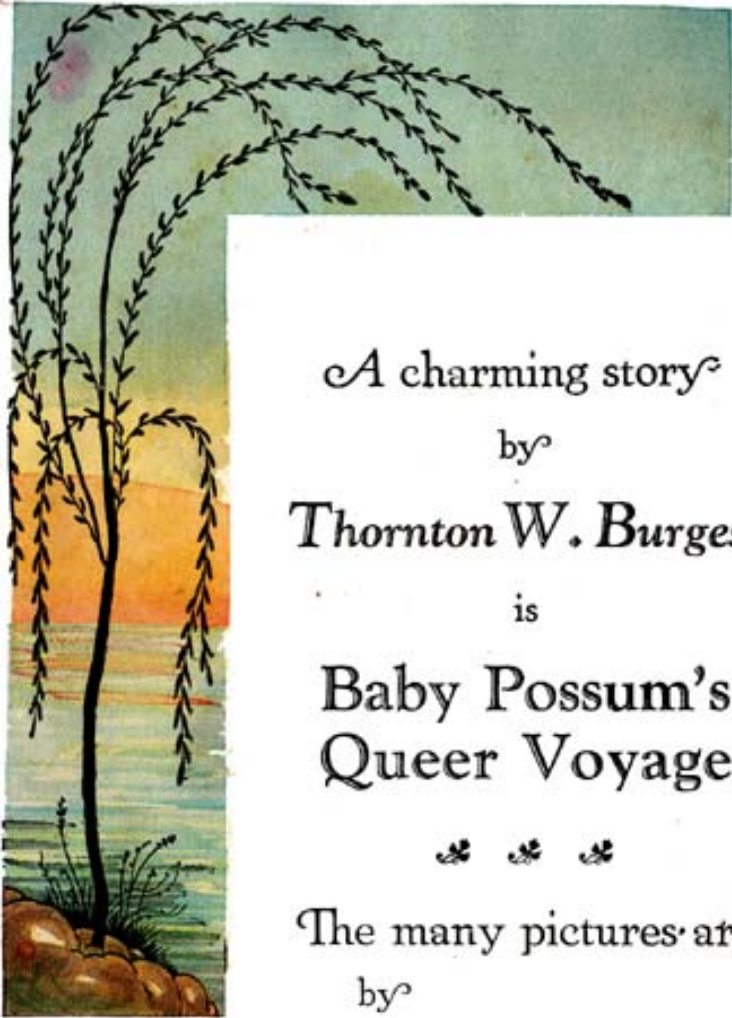


Bobby Just Smiled And Kept Right On Washing

“Too much work,” grunted Little Joe Otter with his mouth full.

Bobby just smiled and kept right on washing his food, and when he had finished he washed his hands and face.





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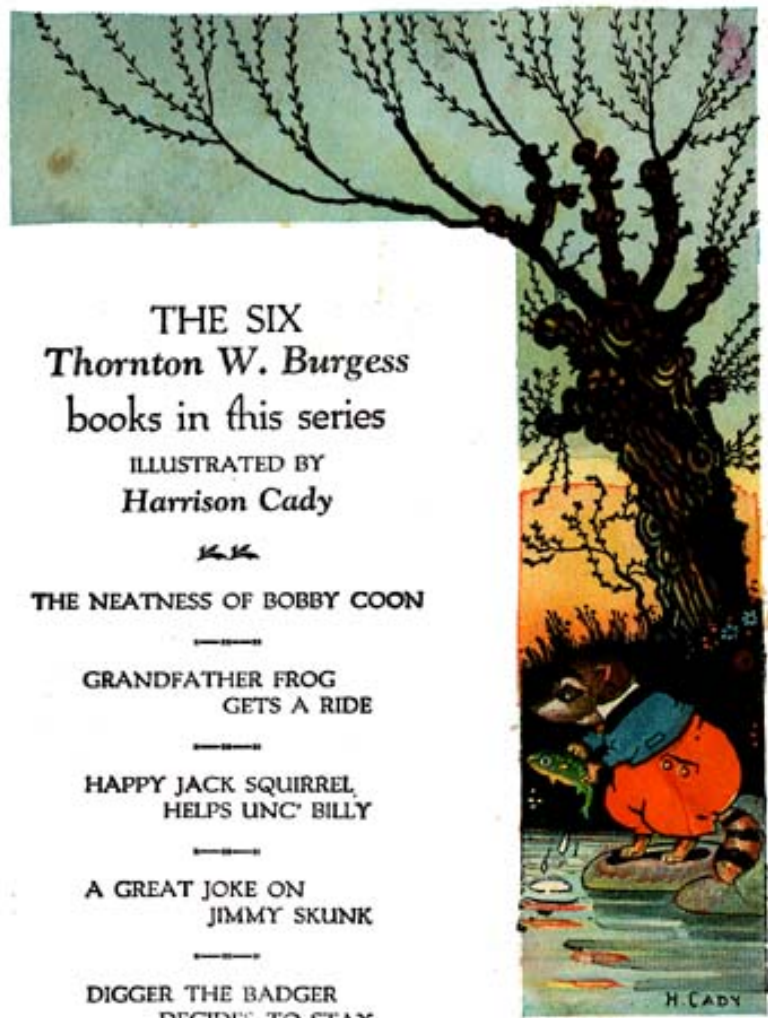


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