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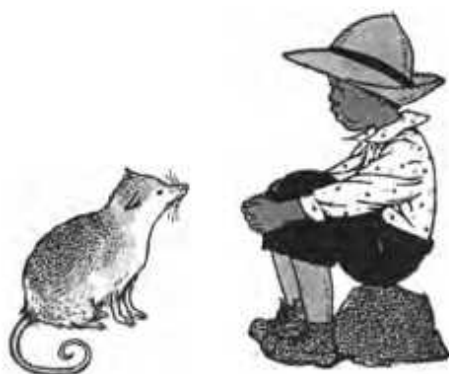
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THE MAGIC FLOWER

I

Switzerland is one of the most beautiful countries in the world. It has lofty mountains, fertile valleys, wonderful lakes, and beautiful streams that flash and foam as they rush down the mountains to the sea.

It is said that long ago the mountains of Switzerland were full of fairies; that the hills swarmed with dwarfs, elves, and gnomes.

In those days, on the side of one of the mountains, lived little Arnold and his mother. The father died when Arnold was a baby, and left the poor mother with only a little plot of land and a few goats.

When Arnold grew older, he faithfully guarded the goats on the mountain-side through the day, and when the sun set, he guided them home again.

He had no time to play, for in the evening the wood was to be cut, the goats milked, and the garden weeded.

When Arnold was about ten years old, his mother became very, very ill. An old woman who helped care for her, said, "There is only one thing that will cure your mother, Arnold. It is a little brown herb, that grows at the top of the mountain, but now the mountain is covered with ice and snow."

"I care not for ice and snow," said little Arnold. "If the herb is there, I will find it." Then he

kissed his mother, strapped his snowshoes on, took a stout stick, and started up the mountain-side.



Oh, how cold it was! The wind whistled through the bare tree-tops