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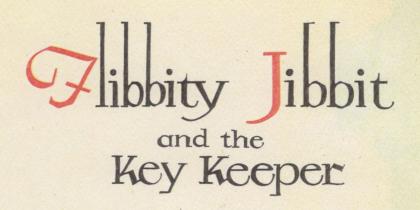
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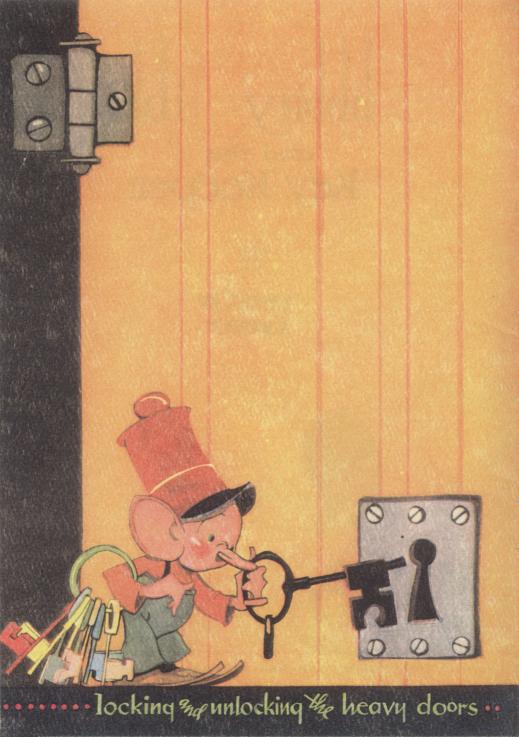
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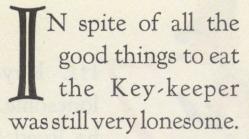




HE Key-keeper was lonesome. Even though he lived in the King's castle, and was liked by everyone, he was still lonesome. All day he would go about the castle with his big keys, up and down the long stairways. He would go winding through the crooked halls, locking and unlocking the heavy doors for the King and the King's helpers.

After everyone had gone to his room and the doors were locked for the night, the Key-keeper would go alone to his room to eat his supper.

He was lonesome.



Early one morning when the Key-keeper went to the

tower to unlock the bells so they could ring, he saw a funny little bird. The little bird was huddled way up high on a window sill.

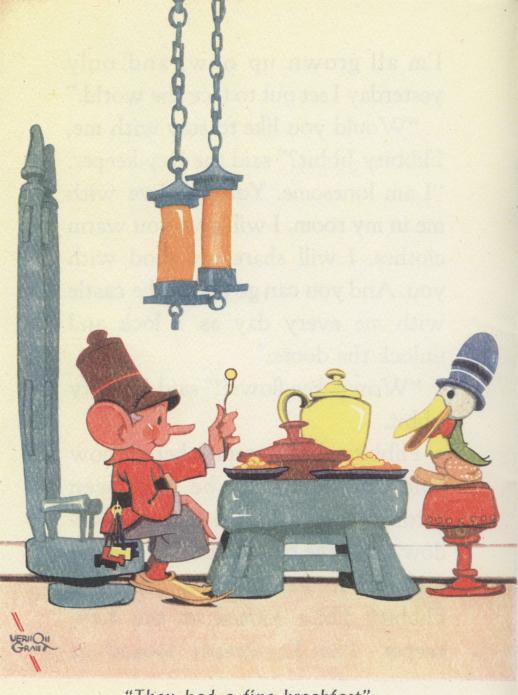
"What are you doing there, and what is your name?" said the Key-keeper to the funny little bird.

"My name is Flibbity Jibbit," was the answer. The little bird perched on the window sill, blinked his eyes, and wiggled his fuzzy little tail. "I'm looking for a home. You see I'm all grown up now, and only yesterday I set out to face the world."

"Would you like to stay with me, Flibbity Jibbit?" said the Key-keeper. "I am lonesome. You can live with me in my room. I will give you warm clothes. I will share my food with you. And you can go about the castle with me every day as I lock and unlock the doors."

"Wowie-kee-flowie!" said Flibbity Jibbit.

Flibbity Jibbit remembered how cold and lonesome he had been through the long night on the window sill in the bell tower. His tummy told him it was time for breakfast. Flibbity Jibbit looked at the Keykeeper. The Keykeeper looked at



"They had a fine breakfast"



Flibbity Jibbit. They both smiled.

In a few minutes Flibbity Jibbit and the Key-keeper were chatting like old friends as they sat at the Key-keeper's own little green table. They had a fine breakfast.

Flibbity Jibbit liked his new home very much. The Key-keeper was so jolly, and so kind.

One evening as they were going across the bridge to the castle, they

stopped to look down into the water. They were having fun counting the fish, when—ka-plunk! Something fell into the water just below them.

"Wowie-kee-flowie, what was that?"

"It must have been a key."

"Let's count them and see."

"One—two—three—four—five—six—seven—eight—nine—ten—eleven—twelve—NO THIRTEEN

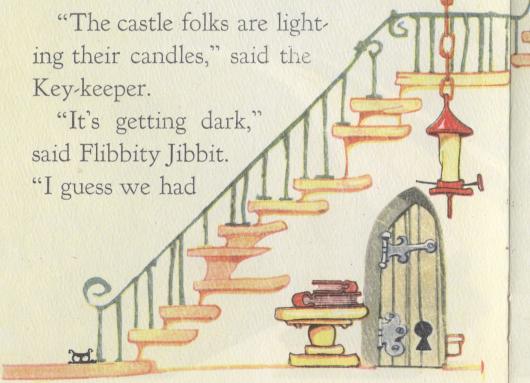




So they sat and thought until it was almost dark

—and that's the key to the King's own rennet-custard refrigerator. The door is locked. What shall we do?" said the Key-keeper.

"Let's sit down and think," said Flibbity Jibbit. So they sat and sat, and thought and thought until it was almost dark.



better lock up and go to bed."

"Yes, my friend," said the Keykeeper. "Our thinkers are tired now. Maybe in the morning we will think of a good plan."

So they went up the long stairway, through all the crooked halls to their room. The Key-keeper had nothing to say. Flibbity Jibbit had nothing to say. They just couldn't think.

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As soon as it was light, Flibbity Jibbit and the Key-keeper were wide awake.

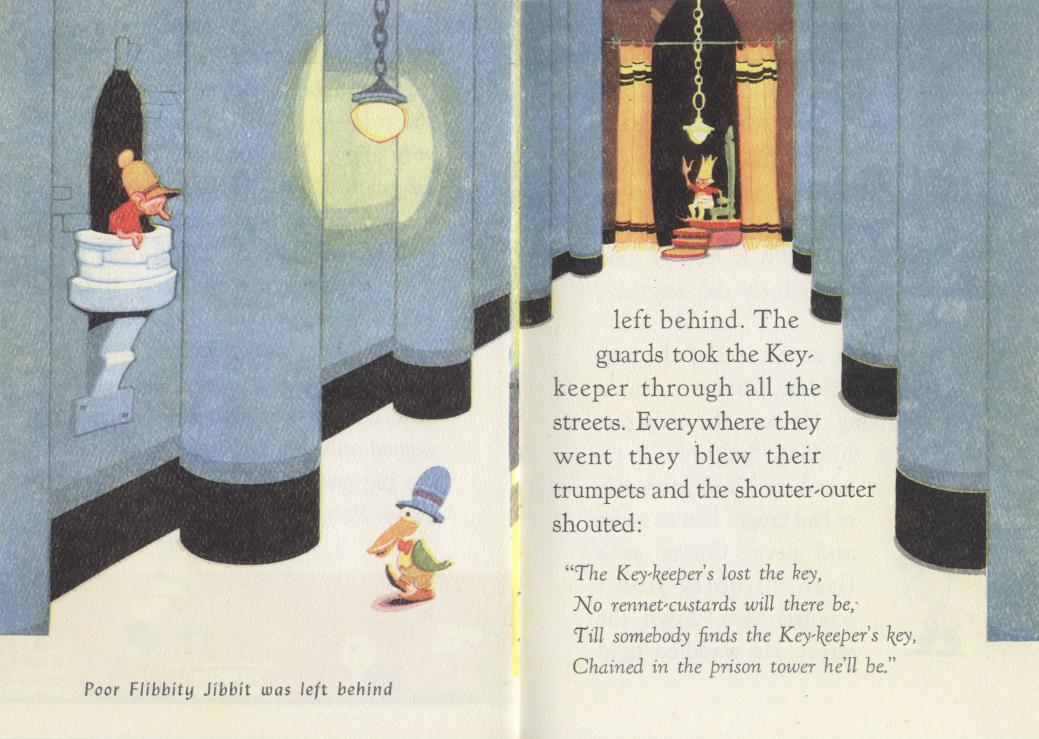
"We had better go to the King and tell him just what happened," said the Key-keeper. "I am sure he will understand."

"Wowie-kee-flowie!" said Flibbity Jibbit, as he looked at the Key-keeper. The Key-keeper looked at Flibbity Jibbit. Their knees shook because they were afraid. But finally they both shook their heads—"Yes"—the upand-down way. So they told the King just how they lost the key.

"So my rennet-custard refrigerator is locked!" said the King gruffly. "I am having a party today. All the castle folks are invited. If my rennet-

custard refrigerator is locked, the party will be a failure. No rennetcustards - no fun!" The King was very angry. He stood up. He called his guards. "The Key-keeper has lost the key to my rennet-custard refrigerator," he shouted. "I will have no rennet-custards for my party today unless the key is found. Take the Keykeeper's keys away! Chain him in the prison tower. Keep him there until the lost key is found." Then he rapped on the table with his fist and the big guards took the Key-keeper away. Poor little Flibbity Jibbit was





The Key-keeper hung his head and trudged along. He was ashamed.

The good people felt sorry for the Key-keeper and followed him up the long black walk to the prison tower.

"We must find the key and set him free," they said. "WE MUST find the key." But nobody did anything about it.

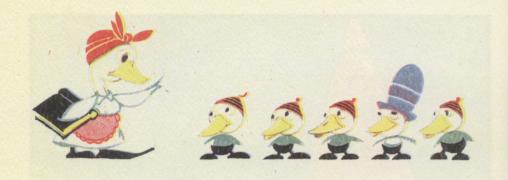
Way back at the end of the procession was Flibbity Jibbit . . . thinking, thinking. He was the only one who was thinking. Suddenly he re-



membered how his mother had taught him to swim and dive. Quick as a flash, Flibbity Jibbit scooted back down the street. He waddled right



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over to the waters edge. He undressed. He took a big breath. Splash! Down into the water he went. Down—down—down. Nobody in the whole kingdom could dive like Flibbity Jibbit. As he came near the bottom he could see the shiny key. "Wowie-kee-flowie!" he thought. Down, down, he swam, until he had the key firmly in his bill.

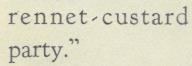
In a few minutes Flibbity Jibbit waddled right up before the King, and laying the key on the big red cushion said: "I have found the key



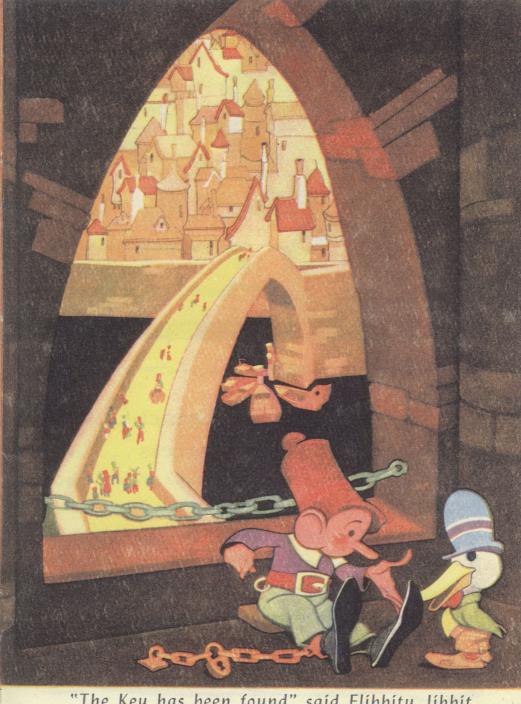
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to your royal happiness." The court cheered. The King smiled. Flibbity Jibbit curtsied and said, "Excuse me, O King, I can't wait to run to the prison tower to tell my friend, the Key-keeper, the key has been found."

"Okey-Dokey," said the King, "Tell the Key-keeper I will send my guards at once to unlock his chains and give him back his keys." The King stood up. "And furthermore, I hereby invite you, Flibbity Jibbit and your friend the Key-keeper to join my



"WOWIE." KEE.FLOWIE!" said Flibbity Jibbit.



"The Key has been found" said Flibbity Jibbit



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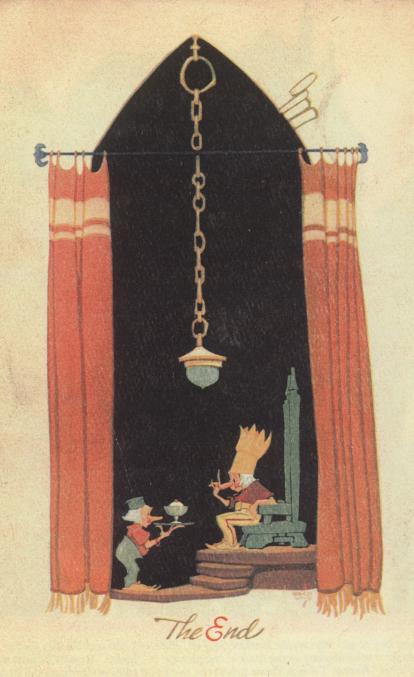




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