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IT WAS a beautiful day, tho a little cool, and the four little Respectable Mice thought it was too nice to be in school. They decided to visit the dump where the big people throw away their trash. The dump is an exciting place for the little mice, because the big folks throw away many interesting things. After peering into various bottles and tin cans, the little mice found a jar that contained quite a bit of jam. They climbed in and ate all they could hold and, of course, smeared themselves from head to foot with jam.

When the mice failed to appear at the half gallon sirup can that the Teenie Weenies use for a schoolhouse, the Lady of Fashion became worried and sent the Policeman to the tin can bungalow where the mice live to find out what had kept the little ones from school. When the Policeman told Mrs. Respectable Mouse that her four little mice had not come to school she set off with the Policeman to search for the truants.

After scouring the neighborhood, they found the mice at the dump. Mrs. Mouse was terribly angry about the little mice playing hooky, because she is a most ambitious mouse and wants her children to get an education. After giving each of the mice a sound paddling, she whisked them off to the creek for a bath.

"Won't the water be a bit cold in the creek?" asked the Policeman.

"It will do them good to shiver a little after skipping school," Mrs. Respectable Mouse replied.

She scrubbed each of the squealing mice with a Teenie Weenie scrubbing brush and then she dried them with a couple of Teenie Weenie towels that the Cook supplied.

After each of the shivering mice had been dried, Mrs. Respectable Mouse marched them to the schoolhouse and turned them over to the Lady of Fashion, who is the teacher. The Lady of Fashion decided the mice had had enough punishment and she did not scold them for skipping school. The four little mice were very good students during the rest of the day and it is quite certain that they will not play truant again or get into jam bottles on a cold day.

The TEENIE WEEENIES

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