

A NEW AND TRUE GHOST STORY.

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Come up, Tante, Jessie, Florry, Paul and Eddie, it's time to have come and hear us tell our new ghost story! "Certain true" it is, and there's something that perhaps you'll care for.

On the rocks I'll sit together, in the moonlight, the moonlight watching.

With fear of bad catching.

Paul, you rogue, if you don't falter, You shall win a prize! "Ghosts,"

and the like, were our other, Just as it they were ours.

Now we're seated, all is ready,

So be silent, firm and steady.

Never fear, we're here to stay,

If your teeth do clatter and clatter.

They are wisdom teeth that chattered,

With a mouthful of chattering, filling us with new surprises.

On the beach that lies before ye Is the scene of my ghost story,

And it came to pass in Ju-ly.

—Sure as eggs is eggs—surely.

Well, it really was that a powder.

That same night my nerves went jumping,

And my heart kept thumping.

Deary me, all sit snugger,

In a general huddle, we're here,

With the spirit that keeps us up.

We'll together share the rumpus.

I'm a sleepless kind of fellow;

Moonglow, like the moon, makes me mellow;

And like to wear out people Are my ways, a sleepless fellow.

Where the bell-rose has been rended.

Twenty years, and can't be mended.

So, last month, when an old stilly—

Minstrel, like the moon, chirped—

From his hill-top I descended,

And by "Masons" wended.

Over the hills, the hills, the hills,

Under foot the b'ch stopped singing;

Not a molasses was there stirring;

Not a love-sick periwinkle,

A'ls a guitar took out to play;

All the bells were ringing,

Under eaves we're sipping;

Even Neptune, that old schenker,

With a mouthful of chattering—

Everything and everyb'g

Faded into the land of Noddy.

I began to feel queer, creepy,

Thing of a world, a world, a world,

Still I kept on walking, walking,

Sometimes to myself how talking,

Songs like "Sister," that come haunting

All the time, the time, the time,

With a mouthful of chattering,

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