

CLASSICS
Illustrated
JUNIOR

No. 555

15¢

The 3 Golden Apples



WHAT IS IT?

Solve this puzzle by placing the point of your pencil or crayon on dot number 1 and drawing a line to dot number 2. Then you draw another line to dot number 3 and so on, until you have connected all the dots. After you have done this, you may use your crayons to color this surprise picture.





The 3 Golden Apples

NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE

LONG AGO, WHEN GIANTS AND DRAGONS ROAMED THE EARTH, THERE GREW A WONDERFUL TREE WITH APPLES OF SOLID GOLD. BRAVE YOUNG MEN OFTEN SET OUT IN SEARCH OF THIS FRUIT. MANY OF THEM NEVER RETURNED AND NONE OF THEM BROUGHT BACK THE APPLES. FOR THE TREE WITH THE GOLDEN FRUIT WAS GUARDED BY A DRAGON WITH ONE HUNDRED HEADS.

ONE DAY IN THOSE FARAWAY TIMES, AS THREE MAIDENS SAT TWINING FLOWERS ON THE BANK OF A STREAM, A STRANGER APPEARED.

HOW HANDSOME AND STRONG HE IS!

WHAT A STRANGE CLOAK HE WEARS! IT LOOKS LIKE THE SKIN OF A LION.



CAN YOU TELL ME, PRETTY MAIDENS, WHETHER THIS IS THE RIGHT WAY TO THE GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES?

WHAT? THE GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES?



TURN BACK, STRANGER! THOSE WHO SEEK THAT GARDEN NEVER RETURN.

PRAY, BRAVE TRAVELLER, WHY DO YOU JOURNEY THERE?



A KING, WHO IS MY COUSIN, HAS ORDERED ME TO BRING HIM THREE GOLDEN APPLES FROM THE WONDERFUL TREE THAT GROWS THERE.

AH, THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBLE ORDER TO OBEY.



HAVE YOU NOT HEARD THAT THE APPLES ARE GUARDED BY A DRAGON WITH ONE HUNDRED HEADS?

I KNOW IT WELL, BUT I FEAR IT NOT.



WITH THESE WORDS, THE STRANGER RAISED HIS CLUB AND LET IT FALL ON A ROCK NEARBY.



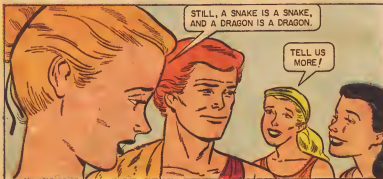
THE GREAT ROCK WAS SHATTERED INTO ONE HUNDRED PIECES.

DO YOU NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH A BLOW WOULD FRIGHTEN EVEN A DRAGON?





"WHEN I WAS BUT A BABY A FEW MONTHS OLD, I FOUGHT A MIGHTY SNAKE MORE THAN SIX FEET LONG."



"WHEN I WAS BUT A LAD, I FOUGHT THE BIGGEST LION IN THE WORLD."



WHAT STRENGTH!

WHAT POWER!



THIS CLOAK YOU SEE UPON ME NOW IS HIS VAST AND SHAGGY HIDE.



STILL, A LION IS A LION, AND A DRAGON IS A DRAGON.

TELL US MORE!



"WHEN I WAS SOMEWHAT OLDER, THOUGH NOT VERY MUCH, I FOUGHT THE TERRIBLE HYDRA WITH NINE HEADS."



THEN YOU MUST BE THE HERO, HERCULES. HIS BATTLE WITH THE HYDRA IS KNOWN FAR AND WIDE.

YES, FAIR MAIDEN. I AM HERCULES.



THEN THEY CROWNED THE HERO WITH WREATHS OF FLOWERS.



AND THEY DANCED ABOUT HIM SINGING SONGS OF PRAISE.



DEAR MAIDENS, NOW THAT YOU KNOW MY NAME, WILL YOU TELL ME HOW I AM TO REACH THE GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES?



YOU MUST GO TO THE SEA-SHORE AND FIND THE OLD ONE.

HE AND HE ALONE CAN TELL YOU WHERE THE GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES AND THE GOLDEN APPLES ARE TO BE FOUND.



THE OLD ONE! AND, PRAY TELL, WHO MAY THE OLD ONE BE?

WHY, THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA, TO BE SURE! WHEN YOU FIND HIM HOLD FAST AND DO NOT BE SURPRISED AT ANYTHING HE DOES.



THEN HERCULES THANKED THEM ALL FOR THEIR KINDNESS AND ONCE AGAIN SET FORTH UPON HIS WAY.

REMEMBER, HERCULES, YOU MUST HOLD FAST TO THE OLD ONE, OR YOU WILL NEVER LEARN WHAT YOU WISH TO KNOW.

HERCULES TRAVELLED FOR MANY MILES, OVER HILL AND DALE, FOR THE SEA-SHORE WAS A LONG WAY OFF.



BUT FINALLY HE CAME TO A BEACH.

THAT MUST BE THE OLD ONE LYING THERE, FAST ASLEEP.



HE STOLE FORWARD ON TIP-TOE UNTIL HE STOOD BESIDE THE STRANGE CREATURE.

YES, THIS MUST BE THE OLD MAN OF THE SEA.



HERCULES SEIZED THE SLEEPING STRANGER BY AN ARM AND A LEG.

TELL ME, OLD ONE, WHICH IS THE WAY TO THE GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES?



TO HIS SURPRISE, THE OLD MAN
DISAPPEARED FROM HIS GRASP AND
HE FOUND HIMSELF HOLDING



HERCULES REMEMBERED WHAT THE
MAIDENS HAD SAID, SO HE KEPT FAST
HOLD AND SQUEEZED HARD.



THE NEXT INSTANT, THE STAG
DISAPPEARED FROM HIS GRASP AND
HE FOUND HIMSELF HOLDING



THE STRANGE BIRD FLUTTERED
AND SCREAMED AT HERCULES, BUT
HE KEPT FAST HOLD AND SQUEEZED
HARDER THAN BEFORE.



THE NEXT INSTANT, THE SEA BIRD DISAPPEARED AND HE FOUND HIMSELF HOLDING . . .

A THREE-HEADED DOG!



THE DOG GROWLED AND BARKED AT HERCULES, AND SNAPPED AT HIM WITH ALL THREE HEADS. BUT HERCULES KEPT FAST HOLD AND SQUEEZED EVEN HARDER THAN BEFORE.



THE NEXT INSTANT, THE DOG DISAPPEARED FROM HIS GRASP AND HE FOUND HIMSELF HOLDING . . .

A SNAKE!



THE SNAKE TWISTED AND TWINED ABOUT HERCULES, BUT HE KEPT FAST HOLD. AND THIS TIME HE SQUEEZED SO HARD THAT THE SNAKE HISSED WITH PAIN.



THE NEXT INSTANT, THE SNAKE
DISAPPEARED AND HERCULES FOUND
HIMSELF ONCE MORE CLUTCHING . . .

THE OLD MAN
OF THE SEA!

WHO ARE YOU? WHY DO
YOU SQUEEZE ME SO
HARD? LET ME GO
THIS MOMENT, OR I
SHALL THINK YOU A
VERY RUDE PERSON!



MY NAME IS HERCULES
AND YOU WILL NEVER
GET OUT OF MY CLUTCH
UNTIL YOU TELL ME
WHAT I WISH TO KNOW.

AND WHAT
IS THAT?



I WANT YOU TO TELL
ME THE NEAREST WAY
TO THE GARDEN OF
THE HESPERIDES.

YOU MUST
TRAVEL NORTH
BY WEST, TO THE SHORES
OF THE
FARTHEST
SEA.



THERE YOU WILL SEE A
VERY TALL GIANT WHO
HOLDS THE SKY UPON
HIS SHOULDERS. HE CAN
TELL YOU WHAT YOU
WISH TO KNOW.

FAREWELL,
THEN, OLD
ONE, AND
THANK YOU.
I AM SORRY
I SQUEEZED
YOU SO HARD.



HERCULES JOURNEYED
FOR MANY DAYS UNTIL...



HERE I AM, AT THE SHORES
OF THE FARTHEST SEA, BUT
NO GIANT DO I FIND. CAN IT
BE THAT THE OLD ONE
TRICKED ME?

JUST THEN, HE NOTICED SOMETHING
GLEAMING IN THE DISTANCE.

IT SEEMS TO BE A HUGE CUP
MADE OF GOLD. AND IT IS
FLOATING CLOSER AND
CLOSER TO SHORE.

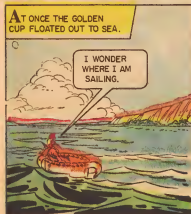


THE WAVES PUSHED THE GIANT CUP
AGAINST THE VERY ROCKS WHERE
HERCULES STOOD. QUICKLY HE
CLAMBERED INSIDE.

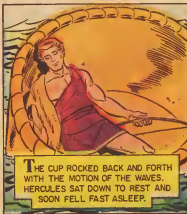


AT ONCE THE GOLDEN
CUP FLOATED OUT TO SEA.

I WONDER
WHERE I AM
SAILING.



THE CUP ROCKED BACK AND FORTH
WITH THE MOTION OF THE WAVES.
HERCULES SAT DOWN TO REST AND
SOON FELL FAST ASLEEP.

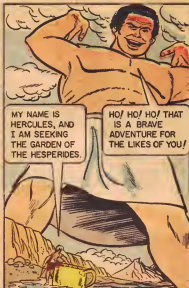


AFTER A TIME, THE
VESSEL CAME TO
SHORE. HERCULES
OPENED HIS EYES
AND SAW . . .





WHO ARE YOU,
DOWN AT MY FEET
THERE? WHY DID
YOU COME HERE IN
THAT TINY GOLDEN
CUP?



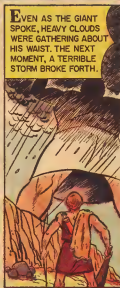
MY NAME IS
HERCULES, AND
I AM SEEKING
THE GARDEN OF
THE HESPERIDES.

HO! HO! HO! THAT
IS A BRAVE
ADVENTURE FOR
THE LIKES OF YOU!



AND WHY NOT?
I HAVE NO FEAR
OF EITHER MAN
OR BEAST.

WE SHALL SEE
ABOUT THAT, MY
LITTLE FRIEND.



EVEN AS THE GIANT
SPOKE, HEAVY CLOUDS
WERE GATHERING ABOUT
HIS WAIST. THE NEXT
MOMENT, A TERRIBLE
STORM BROKE FORTH.



RAIN LASHED DOWN WITH
A TERRIBLE FURY, AND BOLTS
OF FIERY LIGHTNING WERE
LOOSED FROM THE SKIES.
BUT HERCULES STOOD
UNAFRAID.

THEN ALL AT ONCE THE STORM STOPPED.

WHAT, ARE YOU STILL THERE?

I AM WAITING FOR YOU TO TELL ME WHAT I WISH TO KNOW.

THE GIANT WAS ANGRY THAT HERCULES SHOWED NO FEAR.

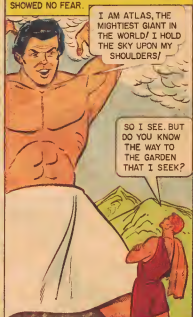
I AM ATLAS, THE MIGHTIEST GIANT IN THE WORLD! I HOLD THE SKY UPON MY SHOULDERS!

SO I SEE. BUT DO YOU KNOW THE WAY TO THE GARDEN THAT I SEEK?

WHAT DO YOU WANT THERE?

I WANT THREE GOLDEN APPLES FOR THE KING.

THERE IS NOBODY BUT MYSELF THAT CAN GO TO THE GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES AND GATHER THE GOLDEN APPLES.



IF IT WERE NOT FOR THIS
BUSINESS OF HOLDING UP
THE SKY, I COULD EASILY
GET THEM FOR YOU.



CAN YOU REST
THE SKY UPON
A MOUNTAIN,
JUST FOR A
LITTLE WHILE?



NONE OF THEM IS
QUITE HIGH ENOUGH.
BUT IF YOU WERE
TO STAND UPON
THE HIGHEST OF
THE PEAKS, YOUR
HEAD WOULD BE
LEVEL WITH MY OWN.



WILL YOU TAKE THE SKY
UPON YOUR SHOULDERS
WHILE I FETCH THE
GOLDEN APPLES FOR YOU?







HERCULES CLIMBED
UP THE MOUNTAIN . . .



. . . AND THE SKY WAS
CAREFULLY TAKEN FROM
THE SHOULDERS OF THE
GIANT. . .



. . . AND PLACED ON THE
SHOULDERS OF HERCULES.

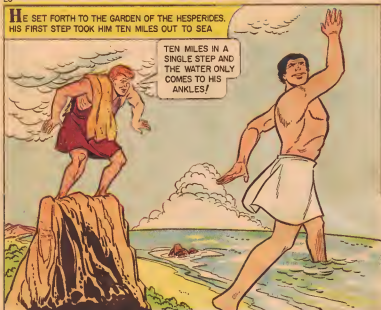


THE MOMENT HIS BURDEN
WAS REMOVED, ATLAS BEGAN
TO LEAP AND DANCE FOR JOY.



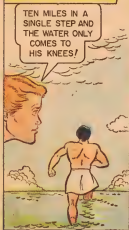
HE SET FORTH TO THE GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES.
HIS FIRST STEP TOOK HIM TEN MILES OUT TO SEA

TEN MILES IN A
SINGLE STEP AND
THE WATER ONLY
COMES TO HIS
ANKLES!



THE SECOND STEP TOOK
HIM TEN MILES MORE.

TEN MILES IN A
SINGLE STEP AND
THE WATER ONLY
COMES TO
HIS KNEES!



THE THIRD STEP TOOK HIM
TEN MILES MORE, TO THE
DEEPEST PART OF THE SEA.

TEN MILES IN A
SINGLE STEP AND
THE WATER
ONLY COMES TO
HIS WAIST!



THE FOURTH STEP TOOK
HIM TEN MILES MORE.

TEN MILES IN A
SINGLE STEP AND NOW HE IS
COMPLETELY OUT
OF SIGHT!

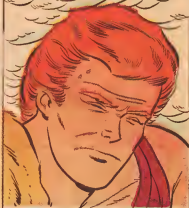


NO SOONER WAS THE GIANT OUT OF SIGHT,
THAN HERCULES BEGAN TO WORRY.

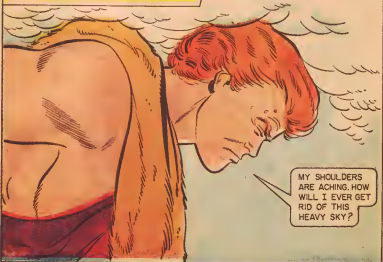
THE SKY IS BEGINNING
TO FEEL HEAVY ALREADY.



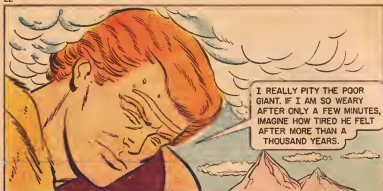
WHAT IF ATLAS DOES
NOT COME BACK?



TIME PASSED VERY SLOWLY FOR HERCULES.



MY SHOULDERS
ARE ACHING. HOW
WILL I EVER GET
RID OF THIS
HEAVY SKY?



THE WIND BEGAN TO BLOW, RAW AND COLD, CHILLING HIM TO THE BONE.

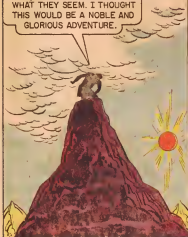


THEN THE WIND CEASED, AND THE SUN BLAZED FIERY HOT.



HERCULES BECAME MORE AND MORE WEARY.

AH, ME! THINGS ARE NEVER WHAT THEY SEEM. I THOUGHT THIS WOULD BE A NOBLE AND GLORIOUS ADVENTURE.

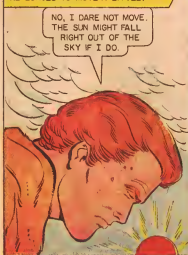


BUT NOW I WOULD RATHER BE A HUMBLE SHEPHERD TENDING HIS FLOCKS, THAN WIN PRAISE FROM ALL THE WORLD FOR HOLDING UP THE SKY.



HIS NECK HURT HIM DREADFULLY AND HE LONGED TO MOVE A LITTLE.

NO, I DARE NOT MOVE. THE SUN MIGHT FALL RIGHT OUT OF THE SKY IF I DO.



WHERE, OH, WHERE IS THE GIANT? WHAT CAN BE KEEPING HIM SO LONG?



THEN, TO HIS GREAT JOY . . .

ATLAS! THERE HE COMES AT LAST.

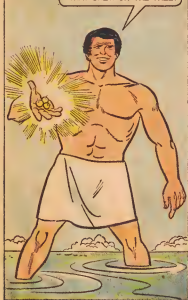


I AM VERY GLAD TO SEE YOU AGAIN! HAVE YOU BROUGHT THE THREE GOLDEN APPLES?

CERTAINLY, CERTAINLY. AND VERY FAIR APPLES THEY ARE.



I TOOK THE FINEST THAT GREW ON THE TREE.



THAT IS GOOD NEWS, INDEED. BUT CAN'T YOU WALK ANY FASTER? I AM ANXIOUS TO BE RID OF THIS TIRESOME TASK.

PATIENCE, MY LITTLE FRIEND. PATIENCE!



ATLAS APPEARED TO BE IN NO HURRY TO TAKE BACK THE SKY.

AH! IT IS A BEAUTIFUL SPOT, THAT GARDEN OF THE HESPERIDES.

YES, SO I HAVE HEARD.

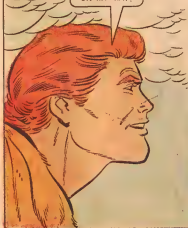


AND THE DRAGON WITH ONE HUNDRED HEADS IS A SIGHT WORTH ANY MAN'S SEEING.

SO I HAVE HEARD.



IF YOU PLEASE, ATLAS, I AM RATHER IN A HURRY. WILL YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO TAKE BACK THE SKY NOW, SO I CAN BE ON MY WAY?



HO! HO! HO! I HAVE NO FANCY TO TAKE BACK THE SKY JUST YET.



WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YOU MUST TAKE BACK THE SKY! IT IS YOUR JOB, NOT MINE.



YOU ARE MOST IMPATIENT, LITTLE FRIEND. IF THE KING IS IN A HURRY FOR THE APPLES, I CAN TAKE THEM TO HIM FASTER THAN YOU.



AT THIS, HERCULES GAVE A SHRUG, AND TWO OR THREE STARS FELL.

HO! HO! HO! THAT WILL NEVER DO!

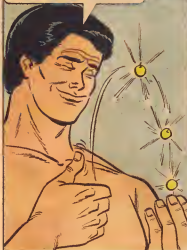


BY THE TIME YOU HAVE STOOD HERE AS LONG AS I DID, YOU WILL LEARN TO BE CALM.

WHAT? DO YOU INTEND TO MAKE ME HOLD UP THE SKY FOREVER?



WE WILL SEE ABOUT THAT. PERHAPS, IF I FEEL INCLINED, I MIGHT TAKE IT BACK IN A THOUSAND YEARS OR SO.



IN THE MEANTIME, IT GIVES YOU A SPLENDID OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE YOUR STRENGTH TO THE WORLD.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT PROVING HOW STRONG I AM! ALL I WANT IS TO BE RID OF THIS HEAVY BURDEN!



THEN HERCULES DECIDED TO PLAY A TRICK ON THE GIANT.

IF I MUST HOLD UP THE SKY FOR A THOUSAND YEARS, I WILL NEED A CUSHION FOR MY HEAD.



WILL YOU TAKE BACK THE SKY FOR A MINUTE, WHILE I MAKE A CUSHION OUT OF MY LION'S SKIN?



THAT'S NO MORE THAN FAIR. I WILL TAKE BACK THE SKY JUST FOR A MINUTE OR TWO.



SO HERCULES SHIFTED THE SKY BACK TO THE SHOULDERS OF THE GIANT.



THEN HE PICKED UP THE THREE GOLDEN APPLES AND TOSSED THEM INTO THE AIR.

HO! HO! HO! NOW IT IS MY TURN TO REJOICE AT MY FREEDOM.

YOU HAVE TRICKED ME! TAKE BACK THE SKY THIS VERY MINUTE!



BUT HERCULES ONLY LAUGHED. OFF HE WENT WITH THE THREE GOLDEN APPLES, LEAVING THE GIANT WITH THE SKY UPON HIS SHOULDERS. AND THERE ATLAS STANDS TO THIS VERY DAY.

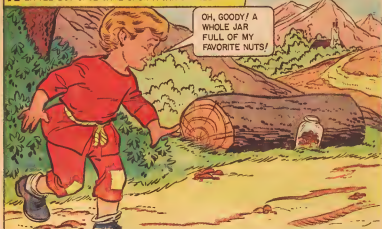


THE
END

AESOP'S FABLES

THE BOY AND THE FILBERTS

A LITTLE BOY ONCE CAME UPON A JAR OF FILBERTS.



WHAT BIG NUTS THEY ARE, TOO! I WONDER IF THEY WILL BE HARD TO CRACK.



HE GRABBED AS MANY AS HE COULD. BUT WHEN HE TRIED TO PULL HIS HAND OUT . . .

OH! OH! MY HAND IS STUCK.



HE PULLED AND PULLED, BUT HE COULD NOT GET HIS HAND OUT WITHOUT LETTING GO OF THE NUTS.



AT LAST HE BEGAN TO CRY.



JUST THEN A MAN CAME WALKING ALONG THE ROAD.

WHAT IS THE MATTER, LITTLE BOY?

MY HAND IS STUCK INSIDE THIS JAR. I CAN'T GET IT OUT WITHOUT LETTING GO OF THE FILBERTS.



BE SATISFIED WITH HALF AS MANY AND YOU WILL GET YOUR HAND OUT. REMEMBER, HALF IS BETTER THAN NONE AT ALL.



THE
END

THERE WAS AN OLD MAN WITH A NOSE

By Edward Lear

There was an Old Man with a nose,
Who said, "If you choose to suppose
That my nose is too long, you are certainly wrong!"
That remarkable Man with a nose.



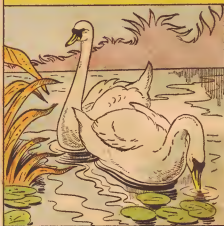
THE ANIMAL WORLD

THE SWAN

THE SWAN IS CALLED THE ROYAL BIRD. IN ENGLAND, UP TO THE TIME OF QUEEN ELIZABETH I, THE OWNER OF A SWAN HAD TO HAVE A LICENSE TO KEEP IT.



SWANS ARE VERY LARGE AND HAVE VERY LONG NECKS. THEY EAT SEEDS, ROOTS AND WATER PLANTS.



WILD SWANS BREED IN THE ARCTIC REGIONS AND COME TO WARMER CLIMATES IN THE WINTER. THE SWAN MAKES A NEST FROM REEDS AND WATER PLANTS.



IN NORTH AMERICA, TRUMPETER SWANS ARE THE LARGEST WILD FOWL. THEY HAVE A GREAT MANY CALLS FROM THE HIGH-PITCHED NOTE OF YOUNG BIRDS TO THE DEEP NOTES OF THE OLDER MALES.



COLOR THIS PICTURE WITH CRAYONS



Classics Illustrated Junior

BEST LOVED STORIES FROM THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF FAIRY TALES

Only 15c Each



Endorsed By Educators

On sale at newsstands everywhere
or use this coupon to order by mail

Please add 15c handling charge for each order

Gilberton Company, Inc., Dept. S
101 Fifth Ave., New York 3, N. Y.

Enclosed is \$_____ for the issues circled below plus 15c handling and postage cost. (To determine exact payment, add 1 to the number of copies ordered and multiply by 15c.)

501	510	519	528	537	546	555	564	573
502	511	520	529	538	547	556	565	574
503	512	521	530	539	548	557	566	575
504	513	522	531	540	549	558	567	576
505	514	523	532	541	550	559	568	
506	515	524	533	542	551	560	569	
507	516	525	534	543	552	561	570	
508	517	526	535	544	553	562	571	
509	518	527	536	545	554	563	572	

Name.....

(Please Print)

Address.....

City.....Zone.....State.....

501 SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS
502 THE UGLY DUCKLING
503 CINDERELLA
504 THE FIED PIPER
505 THE SLEEPING BEAUTY
506 THE 3 LITTLE PIGS
507 JACK AND THE BEANSTALK
508 GOLDILOCKS AND THE 3 BEARS
509 BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
510 LITTLE RED RIDING HOOD
511 PUSS-IN-BOOTS
512 RUMPELSTILTSKIN
513 PINOCCHIO
514 THE STEADFAST TIN SOLDIER
515 JOHNNY APPLESEED
516 ALADDIN AND HIS LAMP
517 THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES
518 THE GOLDEN GOOSE
519 PAUL BUNYAN
520 THUMBELINA
521 KING OF THE GOLDEN RIVER
522 THE NIGHTINGALE
523 THE GALLANT TAILOR

524 THE WILD SWANS
525 THE LITTLE MERMAID
526 THE FROG PRINCE
527 THE GOLDEN-HAIRED GIANT
528 THE PENNY PRINCE
529 THE MAGIC SERVANTS
530 THE GOLDEN BIRD
531 RABUNZEL
532 THE DANCING PRINCESSES
533 THE MAGIC FOUNTAIN
534 THE GOLDEN TOUCH
535 THE WIZARD OF OZ
536 THE CHIMNEY SWEEP
537 THE THREE FAIRIES
538 SILLY HANS
539 THE ENCHANTED FISH
540 THE TINDER-BOX
541 SNOW WHITE & ROSE RED
542 THE DONKEY'S TALE
543 THE HOUSE IN THE WOODS
544 THE GOLDEN FLEECE
545 THE GLASS MOUNTAIN
546 THE ELVES AND THE SHOEMAKER
547 THE WISHING TABLE
548 THE MAGIC PITCHER
549 SIMPLE KATE
550 THE SINGING DONKEY
551 THE QUEEN BEE
552 THE 3 LITTLE DWARFS
553 KING THRUSHBEARD
554 THE ENCHANTED DEER
555 THE 3 GOLDEN APPLES
556 THE ELF MOUND
557 SILLY WILLY
558 THE MAGIC DISH
559 THE JAPANESE LANTERN
560 THE DOLL PRINCESS
561 HANS HUMDRUM
562 THE ENCHANTED PONY
563 THE WISHING WELL
564 THE SALT MOUNTAIN
565 THE SILLY PRINCESS
566 CLUMSY HANS
567 THE BEARSKIN SOLDIER
568 THE HAPPY HEDGEHOG
569 THE THREE GIANTS
570 THE PEARL PRINCESS
571 HOW FIRE CAME TO THE INDIANS
572 THE DRUMMER BOY
573 THE CRYSTAL BALL
574 BRIGHT BOOTS
575 THE FEARLESS PRINCE
576 THE PRINCESS WHO SAW EVERYTHING