# LITTLE STORIES FOR LITTLE PEOPLE

#### A VISIT TO GRANDFATHER

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TRINIDAD AND EPIFANIA wanted to see their grandfather.

They said, "Mother, may we visit Grandfather out at the farm? We have not seen him for two months."

"Yes," said Mother.

So Trinidad and Epifania went to the farm to visit Grandfather. They went in the bus. They were glad to see Grandfather and Uncle Simeon. They were glad to be at the farm. They could play in the sunshine and see the farm animals.

Grandfather and Uncle Simeon were glad to see the children.

Grandfather said, "How happy I am to see you! I am glad you came. You must run and play in the sunshine while you are here."

So every day they played out in the sunshine and had a good time.

In the farm-yard they saw some little yellow chicks with old Mother Hen.

Mother Hen was busy taking care of her babies and finding food for them.

Mother Hen said, "Cluck! Cluck! Play in the sunshine. Sunshine is good for you. But do not go very far away. Do not go out into the road. An auto might run over you."

So the little chicks said, "All right, Mother. We will play in the sunshine, but we will stay near you."

Grandfather had told Trinidad that there were ten little chicks. So Trinidad counted them to see if all were there.

"Dear me!" she said. "One of the little chicks is missing. There are only nine. I wonder what has happened to the other one. Let us go and look for it."

The children looked for the missing chick, but did not find it. Then they went into one of the farm buildings nearby. There they found the little chick which was missing.

After a short visit with Grandfather and Uncle Simeon, it was time for the children to return to their home in the city.

Grandfather gave each one a present to take home. What do you think it was? A little yellow chick for each of them.

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#### MAKING A SHELL BOX (Continued from page 315)

a thin layer over the entire box-lid, sides, and ends. The whole box, except, of course, the bottom, was covered with this material. While the putty was still soft, I stuck the shells and the seeds in it.

I arranged my shells and seeds so as to form an attractive pattern. I took some small, hard, red seeds, which are plentiful in the Philippines, and placed a row of them around the top and bottom of the box, as well as the corners. Then I placed a flat shell in the middle of the top, and in the middle of each end and the front of my box. Around these I arranged small but pretty shells in a pleasing design.

Then I set my box aside. In a week or two the putty had dried and was hard. The shells and red seeds had stuck fast in the putty, and so I had a very nice shell box in which to keep my handkerchiefs.

### REARRANGED LETTERS (Answers from page 311)

- Dear DAME
- 2. Left 6. SAW
- 3. Net TEA
- 8. Bear 4. NAME

### MAYON BY AIRPLANE (Continued from page 315)

were on our way to Legaspi.

Pretty soon I could see Mayon volcano. There was no eruption from the main crater at the time, but from one of the sides, smoke or steam-I do not know which—was coming forth.

The pilot of the airplane changed his course a little, and flew over the volcano so I could look down upon it. I think he flew somewhat on the side of the crater, but even so, I got a good view of Mayon volcano from an airplane, and I shall never forget it.

Soon we landed at the airport of Legaspi. While my father was taking care of his business. I went in an auto to see the ruins of the church which was destroyed more than a hundred years ago by an eruption of the volcano.

I consider my airplane trip to Mayon volcano a very interesting experience.

#### SALT 15. Meat 10. LEAP Rose 11. Tops VASE Horse 18. SHUT

13. **NEST** 19. TALE

14. NAP Pot

# GROWING PANSIES

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ware flower pots. I put two or three plants in each pot. After some weeks, they began to have beautiful flowers on them. The flowers were of different colors, and I liked them very much.

I had to watch the plants because sometimes I found small caterpillars on some of them. These I picked off and destroyed.

Any girl who lives in the Mountain Province of Luzon, where it is cool, can easily raise beautiful pansies, just as I did.

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"You must give them food which they like and water," said Grandfather, "so they will grow and become strong, healthy chickens."

"Thank you," said Trinidad and Epifania. will take good care of our little chicks."

And then Uncle Simeon took them to the bus which would carry them home.

# QUESTIONS

- 1. Where did Trinidad and Epifania wish to go?
  - Tell of their visit.
- 3. What did they bring home with them?