



UNCLE REMUS AND THE LITTLE BOY

One evening Miss Sally missed her little seven-year-old son. She was looking for the boy in the house and in the yard. Then she heard voices in the old house where Uncle Remus lived. She looked through the window and saw her son. The boy was sitting near Uncle Remus' arm and listening to the man with a great interest on his face.

This is what Miss Sally heard,

"One day Brer Fox was running and running after Brer Rabbit and wanted to catch him. And Brer Rabbit was running and running away from the Fox," said Uncle Remus.

"It's enough. I stop the game," said Brer Fox.

Brer Fox said those words and a plump and fat Rabbit appeared on the road.

"Wait, Brer Rabbit," said the Fox.

"I don't have time," answered Brer Rabbit.

"I want to talk to you, Brer Rabbit," continued Brer Fox.

"All right, Brer Fox, but it is better for you to stand at your place. I have a lot of fleas today," said Brer Rabbit.

"I saw Brer Bear yesterday, and he scolded me that we live nearby and don't make friends. I promised him to talk to you."

Brer Rabbit scratched his ear with his paw, then stood up and said,

"Well, Brer Fox. I invite you to my house to have dinner with me. We don't have great food at our house, but my wife will find some food to treat you."

"With pleasure," answered Brer Fox.

"Well, I'll wait for you," said the Rabbit and galloped away.

Next day Mr. Rabbit and Miss Rabbit got up early in the morning and went to the garden. They took cabbages, carrots, sparrowgrass, and cooked a great dinner. One of the little rabbits, who was playing in the yard, ran into the house and said,

"Oh, ma! Oh, ma! I saw Mr. Fox. He is coming!"

At that moment Brer Rabbit set down his children at the table very quickly and was waiting with Miss Rabbit for Brer Fox near the door.

They were waiting and waiting, but Brer Fox wasn't coming. And then, Mr.

Rabbit came to the door and opened it. He saw Brer Fox' tail around the corner. Brer Rabbit closed the door, put his paws on his ears and started to sing,

*"If you drop the plate,
You will break it.
If you see Fox tail,
You will find Fox Brer."*

Next day Mr. Hedgehog came to Brer Rabbit's house. He had some words from Brer Fox,

"He was sorry that he didn't come at the dinner. He was too sick and invites Mr. Rabbit to come to his house and have dinner with him," said Brer Hedgehog.

The sun was high in the sky. Mr. Rabbit got up and ran to Brer Fox' house. When he ran to the place he heard the groaning. He opened the door. Brer Fox was sitting in the rocking