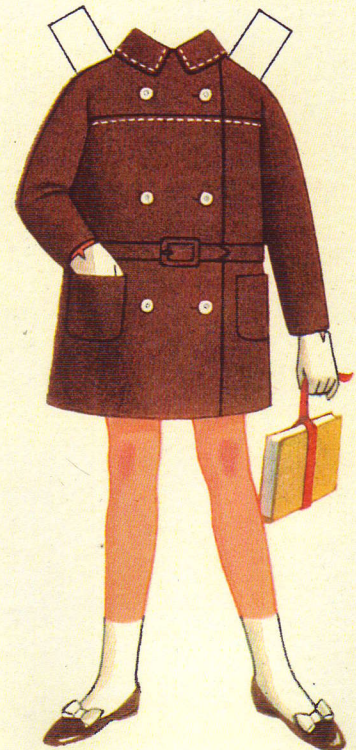


## Betsy McCall Goes to the Planetarium

During my spring vacation, Daddy took me to New York, and we went to the Planetarium. It was the most exciting thing EVER. The lights went out in this enormous auditorium, and I felt as though I were right in the sky, with the stars and the moon and the planets. The astronomer who explained everything was Dr. Hess, and he was once Daddy's teacher. You know what? He said that if we were in a spaceship going thousands and thousands of miles an hour, it would take us about three months to reach Mars, and that is the *nearest* planet! I learned the name of the brightest constellation in the sky right now. It's Leo, and it means *lion*, but you really have to *imagine* you see a lion. Anyway, *this* is the most exciting part: All kinds of wonderful things will be happening in the *real* sky this very month. April 22 there will be a shower of meteors. And April 23 there will be an *eclipse of the moon*—but we'll see only the beginning of it. If we lived in Africa or some place like that, we'd see all of it. After the show was over and the lights went up, Daddy took me to meet the astronomer, and I was so flustered that all I could think of saying was "Some-day I'm going to the moon." And Dr. Hess said, "Maybe you will, at that, Betsy." Wouldn't that be *something*?



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