



## BETSY VISITS GRANDMA'S HOUSE

Last Saturday morning Daddy dropped the twins and me at Grandma's so he and Mommy could go shopping. You'd love Grandma's house: Her attic is filled with toys that McCall children have played with for zillions of years. Kerry headed straight for his favorites: a train with a *steam* engine; an engineer's cap with goggles and moustache attached; and a huge, shabby Teddy bear that was Daddy's bedtime toy when he was small. Merry never has enough dolls—and Grandma's are *fabulous!* Wood dolls from olden times . . . French dolls, with real hair and quaint dresses that my little sister loves to button and unbutton, just as I used to. My favorite thing isn't a toy but the huge green plush family album filled with

friends and members of the McCall family. It sits on a round table with a matching cover down to the floor—"Your Daddy used to hunt African lions under that table, with good old Teddy bear to save him from the natives," Grandma said. "Well, we have time to do the album before your parents get back for lunch." She opened it and put on her reading glasses: "This is my grandfather shaking hands with President Roosevelt—*Teddy* Roosevelt, that is. Here's Uncle Seth, the Silent, who never said much but loved to hear *us* chatter . . . and we loved the pencils

he brought from his pencil factory. Here's me as a Christmas angel . . . and me as a bride." She turned page after page, with something funny or sad or friendly to say about everyone. I was so entranced that I didn't hear Daddy and Mommy come in! "We're starving!" Daddy cried. "Good! Lunch is ready," Grandma said. Daddy called up to the attic: "Kerry! Merry! Lunch!" Merry came down: "Kerry's not there," she said. Dad tried the storeroom, the sun-porch—still no Kerry! "Mother, where could that kid be?" he asked. Grandma smiled mischievously—"Just where *you* were at his age," she said, lifting the plush table cover. And there was Kerry, sound asleep, with Daddy's old Teddy bear under his cheek!



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