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A frog, a chick, a mouse, an ant,  
and a lady-bird, all went out for a walk.

Soon they came to the bank of a stream.



“Let’s have a swim,” said the frog,  
and jumped into the water.



"But we can't swim!" called out the chick, the mouse, the ant, and the lady-bird.

"Croak-Croak-Croak!" laughed the frog. "What good are you all?" And he laughed till he nearly choked.



The chick, the mouse, the ant, and the lady-bird felt bad. They thought, what can be done about it? They thought, and they thought, and they thought. And this is what they did.

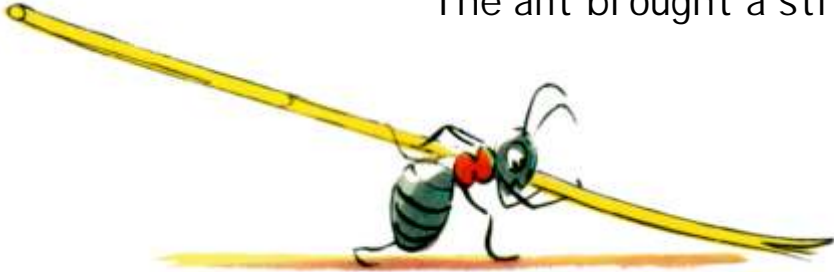


The chick went away  
and soon came back  
with a leaf.

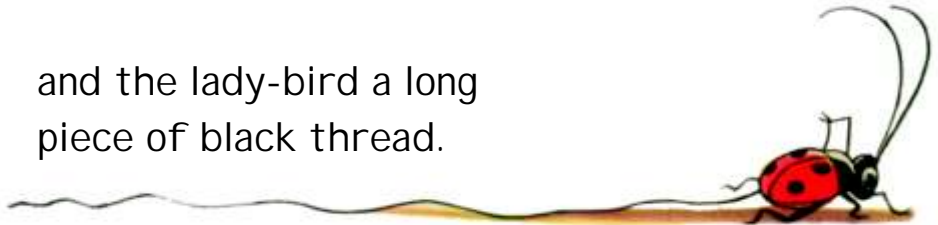
The mouse fetched  
half a walnut shell.



The ant brought a straw,



and the lady-bird a long  
piece of black thread.



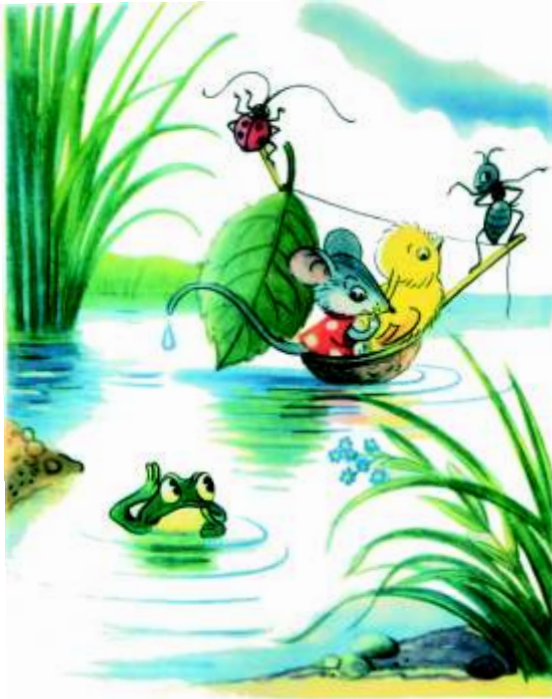




Then they all set to work. They stuck the straw into the bottom of the shell, and tied the leaf to it with the thread, and in a minute they had the prettiest little sailing boat you ever saw.



They pushed it into the water, jumped on it, and off they sailed!



The frog stuck its head out of the water, and was going to laugh again, but the boat was far, far away.

Much too far  
for the frog to  
catch up  
with it.



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