

The Milkmaid and Her Pails

An Adaptation of Aesop's Fable

A farmer's daughter was carrying her pails of milk from the field to the farmhouse when she started thinking about all the things she would be able to buy after selling the milk. "The money from selling this milk will buy at least 300 eggs. The eggs, accounting for those that break or never hatch, will produce 250 chickens. By the time the chickens are ready to be sold at market, they will fetch the highest price, so by the end of the year, I shall have money enough from my share to buy a new gown. In this dress, I will go to parties, where all the young fellows will propose to me, but I will toss my head and refuse them, every one." At this moment, the girl tossed her head in unison with her thoughts, and down fell the milk pails to the ground. All her imaginary plans vanished in a moment.

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