

Four Little Blossoms and Their Winter Fun by Mabel C. Hawley

"Where's Mother?" Meg and Bobby Blossom demanded the moment they opened the front door. It was the first question they always asked when they came home from school. Twaddles, their little brother, looked up at them serenely from the sofa cushion.

"Mother and Aunt Polly went into town," he informed his brother and sister.

"They're going to bring us something nice. They promised."

Meg pulled off her hat and unbuttoned her coat. "I'm starving," she announced. "It's awfully cold out. What are you doing anyway, Twaddles?"

"Sliding down the banisters," answered Twaddles calmly. "See, we spread down sofa cushions so that we wouldn't hurt ourselves. It's Dot's turn now!"

"Here I come—look out!" With a swish of a pink, spotty skirt a small, plump little girl came flying down the banister to land luckily on a red, satin sofa cushion.

"Well, I must say," announced Meg, "that's a fine way to use Mother's best cushions! Where's Norah?"

"Gone to the movies," replied Dot, smiling cheerfully. "She waited until she saw you turn the corner because she said she couldn't leave us alone."

Twaddles, who had been pressing his short nose against the glass in the door panel, hoping to see his mother coming with the promised gift, suddenly started to jump up and down. That was Twaddles' way of expressing delight. "It's snowing!" he cried. "Oh, I hope it snows all night."



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Accept either of the following:

- He starts to jump up and down in delight.
- He cries out that 'It's snowing!'

4. What do you think that the children did after Twaddles said that it was snowing?

Accept any reasonable answers relating to the child's knowledge of anticipating snowy weather.

E.g.

- The children ran outside and began to play in the snow.
- The children excitedly ran to the window to look outside at the weather.
- The children looked for their scarves and gloves.