

**B**ecause **you** were **kind**...  
I decided to **bake** and made **three dozen**  
oat-meal-nut-raisin-bran **cookies** with  
**healthful ingredients**...

gave half a dozen to **Steve** the convenience-store  
clerk and a half-dozen more to the U.S. mail carrier  
(**Sara**)...

who thus walked her route with a **merrier gait** and  
an extra **abundance** of **energy**...

thus (running early) she **happened** to be at the **right**  
**place** at **just the right time** to observe that a truck  
would have struck the **small child** who was chasing  
his **bouncy ball** over the curb to the street... and  
had she (Sara) been less **alert**...

Well, dear me! As it was, Sara **scooped up** the child  
and delivered him **safely** as well as the **mail** to his  
most-grateful **momma**, and all in the **blink of an**  
**eye**...

**why?**



J. H. Dowd 1933





Above: "If only I had two mousfs!"

James H Dowd was born in 1884. He worked as a draftsman, etcher, and painter. He was a regular contributor to *The Graphic* and in 1906 began to have his work published in *Punch* magazine. In 1925 he created the illustrations for a story which appeared in the *London Evening News* on December 24. The story was entitled "Winnie The Pooh" [and] was later to become the first chapter of A. A. Milne's book (though the illustrations in the book were not drawn by Dowd). He provided drawings for several books including *Important People* (1930) and *People and Importance* (1934). —[www.caerleon.net](http://www.caerleon.net)

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