

Class-7

Sub.-English

Chap - Story Writing

Write and learn the following stories.

Belling the Cat

Once the mice living in a certain house were very unhappy. The cause of their worry was that there was a cat who used to kill them regularly. At last they held a meeting to see how they could get rid of the cat. One mouse said they should leave the house. Another said that they should not come out of their holes.

Then a young mouse stood up and said, "Let us tie a bell round the cat's neck. Then when the cat comes, we shall hear the bell and can get out of its way*."

All the mice shouted "Good!" They all thought it was a very good plan indeed. Now an old mouse stood up and said, "The plan is, no doubt, good, but who will tie the bell round the cat's neck?"

No mouse offered to do it. Suddenly the cat appeared, and all the mice ran into their holes.

The Hidden Treasure

A peasant had several sons. But they were all lazy and did not help him in the farm. One day the peasant became ill. He knew he was dying. So he called all his sons together and said to them: "A treasure lies hidden in my fields. But to find it you shall have to dig hard for it."

The peasant died. At once his sons went to the fields, and dug every bit of die land, but they found no treasure.

They were very sad. Soon the rains fell and, as the earth has been well dug,, they sowed the corn.

There was a very fine crop that year. The sons now learnt what their father meant by treasure.

The treasure could be got only by hard work.

