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This popular Ladybird series of books now looks at COVID-19 and asks:

Isn't it just the flu?

Does owning 96 loo rolls really prevent it?

Did nobody wash their hands before this?

COVID-19

To stop people using public transport during the COVID-19 crisis, the government have reduced the number of trains.

Cramming everyone into the carriages like this is the best way to reduce the spread of the disease.





The government has also said that people must stop going to cafes and restaurants.

Tessa knows that this only really applies to other people, not to her.

The military have been brought in to help transport patients from around the world.

Everybody feels much safer now that the RAF are involved.





Tom is a senior military officer. He has come up with an excellent idea to divert UK shipbuilding work into constructing hospitals.

Here, the yard is converting a frigate into an isolation ward.

Tom is confident he will get a CBE for this.

Paula is a RAF Reservist.

She was very pleased to be called up to provide assistance to the government under MACA.

Somehow her tasking doesn't seem as exciting as she had hoped.





Hannah is on day 3 of self-isolation. Fortunately, she had stocked up on alcohol before the crisis began.

She is now comparing the intoxicating effects of sniffing vodka versus sniffing gin.

Makeshift field hospitals have been set up to deal with all the casualties.

Here, the Mayor is visiting one of them. It is important that he goes to as many places as possible to reassure people.

This is totally different from social contact. Everyone knows that government officials can't be super-spreaders.





The schools have been closed for two days. Heather has come up with a full timetable of productive activities for the children.

She posted this photo of them cooking on Twitter so all her friends could see how good a parent she is.

Several hundred complete strangers have abused her online for wasting food.

Heather has deleted her Twitter account.

Sophie has gone out to buy a few essentials to get through the next couple of days.

The bakery has just stocked up on bread and there is a large queue behind her.

“I’ll take it all,” says Sophie.





Sophie is very excited to discover that her local corner shop has a stock of miniature bottles of hand sanitiser.

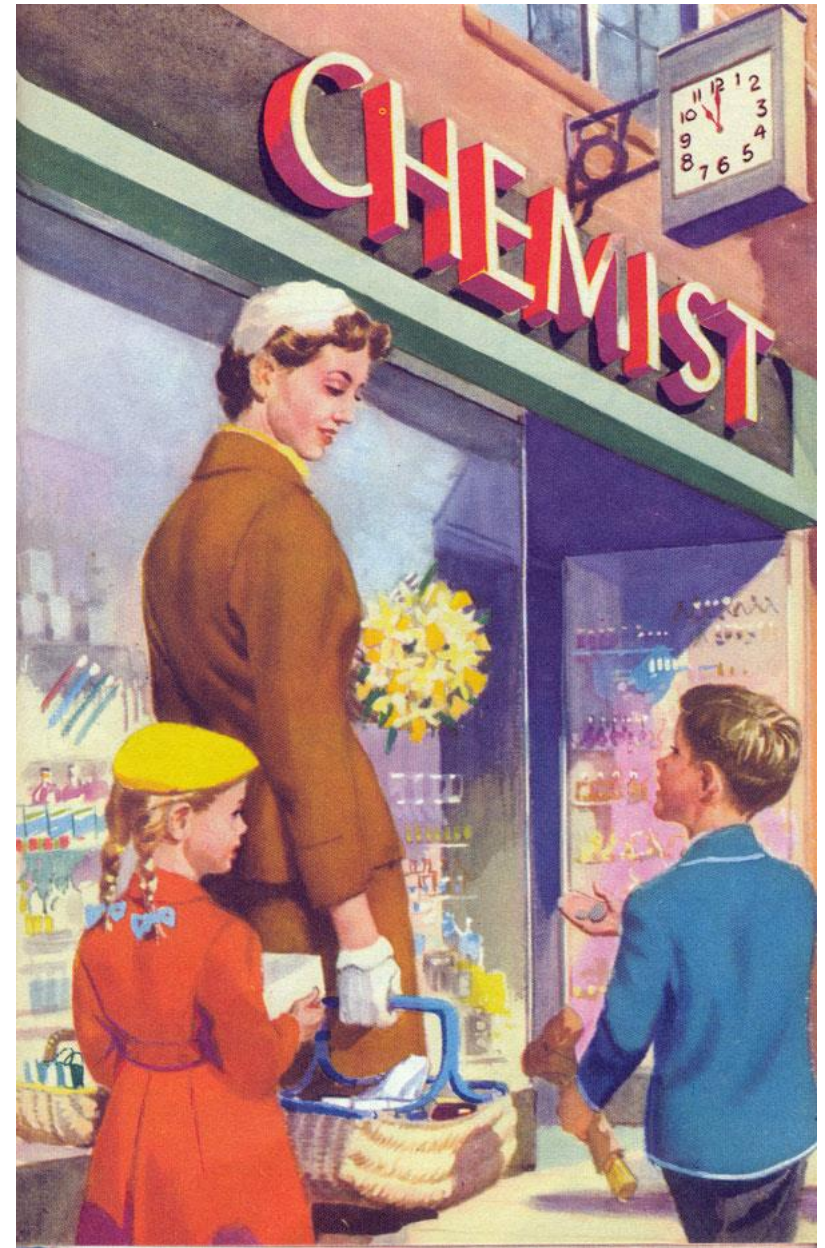
Sophie thinks she'd better get some, as she is down to her last dozen at home.

"That'll be £50," says the shopkeeper.

Sophie also wants to make sure she is stocked up on medicines so her family don't get ill.

She is now going to queue up for half an hour with a lot of sick people to try to buy a packet of paracetamol.

Sophie doesn't yet know that there is no paracetamol left in the whole of Highgate.





The schools have now been closed for a week. Heather has sent Lauren and Toby to do some reading.

They are mainly looking through their father's art books for naked pictures.

Duncan and Katie are on day 7 of self-isolation.

They are worried about running out of alcohol.

Duncan isn't sure his homebrewed lemon vodka is working as well as he had hoped.





Mary is a medic and therefore one of the most important people in battling the COVID-19 crisis.

She knows that she has a vital role to play and is making sure her knowledge is up to date.

Here, she is busy reading about critical care pathways, hoping that nobody will realise that she is actually a dental assistant.

Frank is critically ill with COVID-19.
Here, his family have gathered to make
sure that he has remembered them in
his will.

“I wouldn’t be here if you lot had any
concept of social distancing,” says Frank.





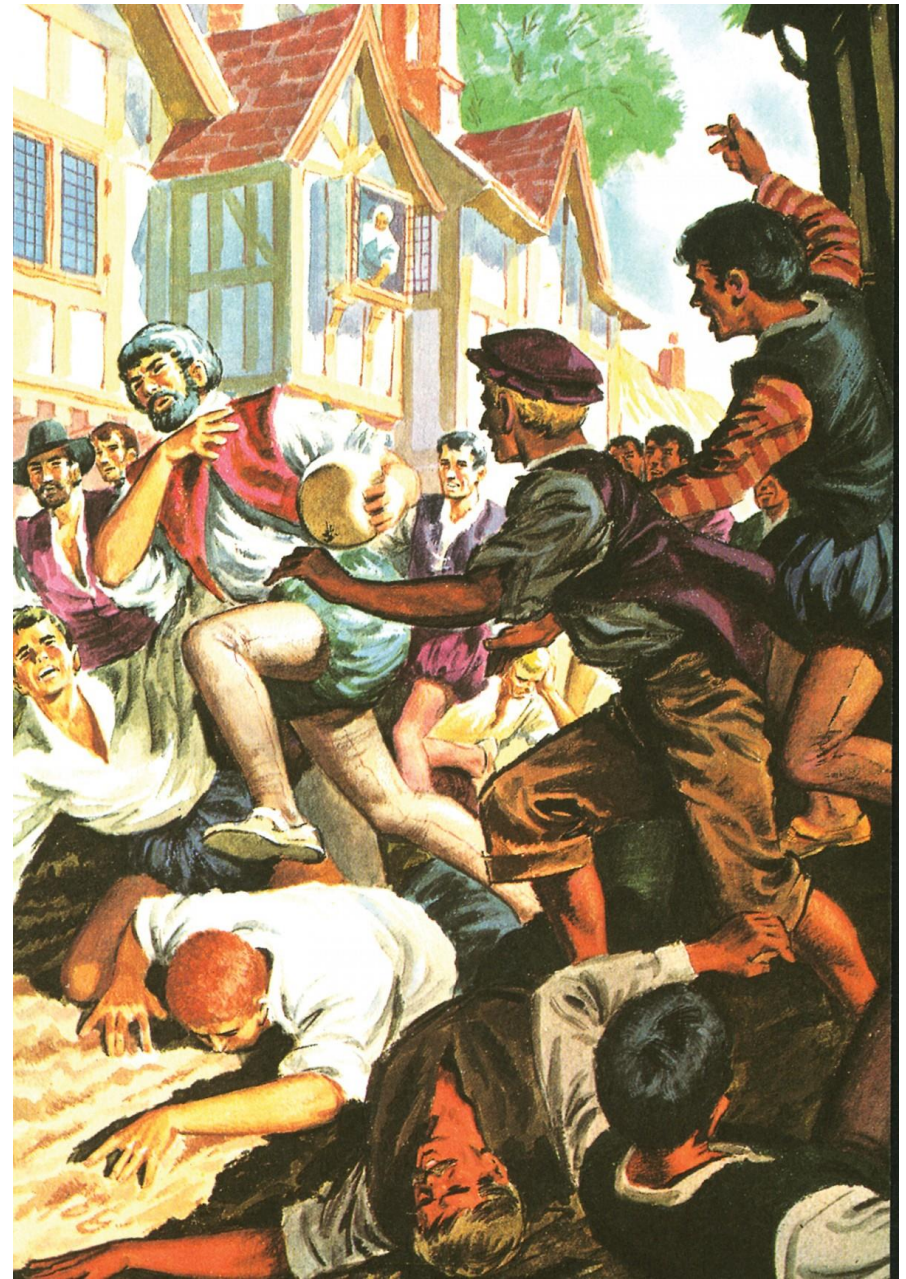
Mark is working from home while his son's school is closed.

By the end of the week he will have given his son responsibility for administering his firm's accounts department, while Mark takes over drawing trees.

John has managed to secure the last four pack of loo roll from the Tesco Metro in the high street.

Now he just needs to get home.

John has never been more glad that he was in the 1st XV at school.





Rachel is on day 9 of self-isolation.

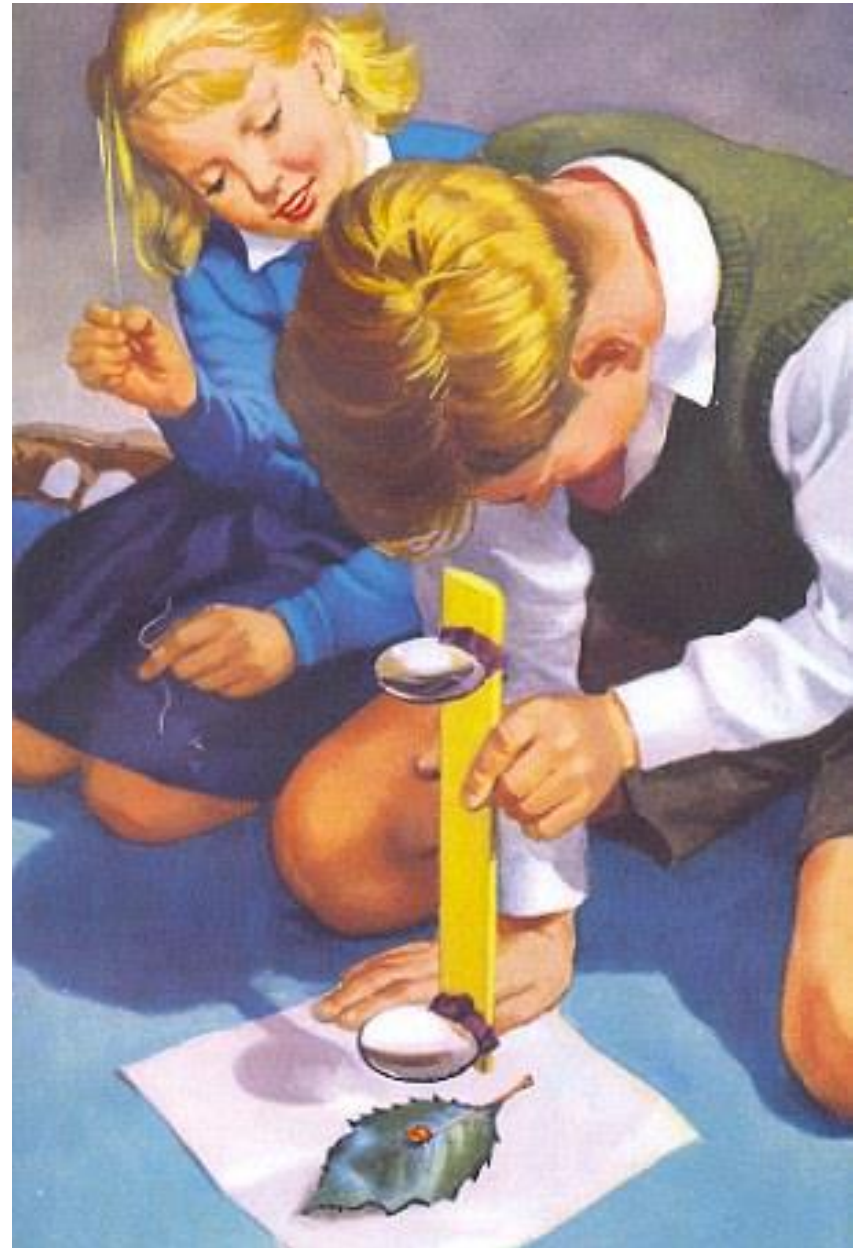
She has decided to deep clean the entire house and everything in it.

The kitten is not impressed.

The schools have now been closed for two months.

Heather remembers why she didn't go into teaching in the first place.

She no longer cares that Lauren and Toby are setting fire to things with a magnifying glass.





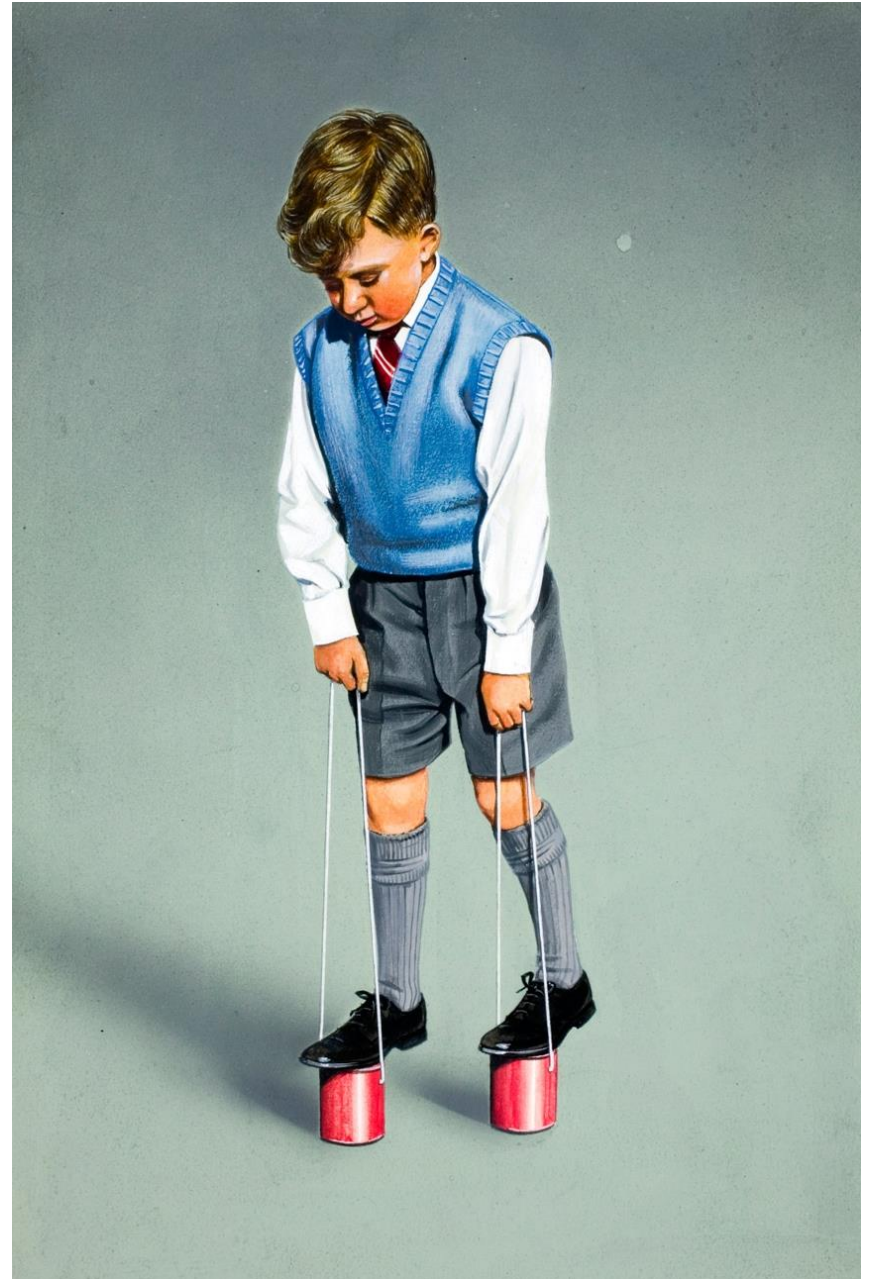
Simon is singing “Happy Birthday” to himself while washing his hands, for the twenty fifth time today.

Simon’s hands are red, scaly and slightly sore.

He now understands why he never bothered with hand washing before.

Hugo is on day 13 of self-isolation.

Fuck knows what he is doing.





Ellie and James have been happily married for 5 years. Now they are working from home together while self-isolating.

Ellie has never before noticed James's irritating tendency to click his tongue while he is thinking.

James asks Ellie if she has to keep tutting all the time.

Ellie googles "online divorce."