Cissy Macfarlane-Grieve Sketch Book Four commentary - work in progress!

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E Macfarlane-Grieve, Impington park, Cambridge June 28th 1907

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The Love Letter June 29 1907. Two maids, one who has received the letter.

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Styles of people I have met June 29 1907

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Town Mouse and Country Mouse

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Young man playing piano with old man sitting behind

Text of “Sing me a song of a lad that is gone …….”

This is a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson.

<https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poems/45949/sing-me-a-song-of-a-lad-that-is-gone>

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A Little Peach In An Orchard Grew

This is the first line of a poem by American poet Eugene Field

<https://poets.org/poem/little-peach>

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Aug 1907 A School Treat going to the Sea

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Aug 1907 text of ‘Oranges and Lemons’

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Ring a Ring of Roses

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Text of ‘There was a jolly miller’

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Text of ‘See this pretty little girl of mine’

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Text of ‘Waly Waly wallflower’

<https://www.traditionalmusic.co.uk/folk-song-lyrics/Water_Water_Wallflower_2.htm#google_vignette>

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Five Stages in a Girl’s Life I

[Girl of school age with hoop]

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Five Stages in a Girl’s Life II

[Young woman, possibly nurse, with three small girls]

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Five Stages in a Girl’s Life III

[Young woman washing up at a sink]

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Five Stages in a Girl’s Life IV

Woman in servant’s dress taking delivery

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Five Stages in a Girl’s Life V

Woman with baby on her lap

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Superstition for June 23rd.

On the Eve of the Nativity of St John the Baptist any person who fasting waits in the church porch at midnight will see the spirits of those to die in the ensuing year come and knock at the door in the order in which they shall die.

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On All Hallows Eve go alone into the garden and while the clock strikes twelve pluck nine sage leaves, one at every strike up the ninth, and if you are to be married you will see your future husband, if not, a coffin.

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Superstition for January 20th. On St Agnes Eve eat raw ham or red herring without drinking, and go upstairs in silence backwards and put a glass of water by your bedside, and your future husband will appear at midnight and give you a drink.

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A Shroud in the Candle is a Death Omen. A Superstition. Jan 22nd 1906

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[Unfinished sketch of woman in long dress]

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Text of ‘Sow peas in the wane of the moon’

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The Debutante

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Man in chair reading book (coloured)

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Superstition for January

Count the reflections of the first new moon of the year in a pail of water, and as many moons as you see, so it will be years before you are married.

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Man working with lathe

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When you first hear the cuckoo, take off your left shoe and stocking and you will find inside the latter a hair of the same colour as that of your future husband. A Superstition.

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[Woman mending with girl]

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They also serve who stand and wait [waitress] Oct 1909

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Mary Jane 26th 1908

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Folkestone passengers arriving off the Boulogne steamer July 10th 1908.

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Goodbye! Sept 1908

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[Woman in servant costume and two girls]

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A Rainy Day Sept 1908

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Text ‘Mary had a little lamb’ Nov 13 1908

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Waiting for Daddy

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A Superstition. Sewing done on Good Friday will never come undone.

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Entering the ball room Nov 1908

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Monday’s child is fair of face

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Tuesday’s child is full of grace

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Wednesday’s child has far to go

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Thursday’s child is full of woe Oct 22nd 1909

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Friday’s child is loving and forgiving Oct 24th 1909

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The child that is born on the Sabbath day, Is happy, bonny, Blythe and gay. Oct 18th 1911.

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Winter 1909

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A Superstition. Look at the weather cock on St Thomas’ day at twelve o’clock and see which way the wind is, as there it will stay for the next quarter.

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A Superstition for St Valentine’s Day

Gather five bay leaves on St Valentine’s Eve, and put one on each corner of your pillow and one in the middle as you go to rest, repeating: “Sweet guardian angel let me have, What I do earnestly most crave, A Valentine endowed with love, Which both kind and constant prove.”

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A Charm. Notch three notches in a five bar gate for nine nights successively at 12 o’clock and on the ninth you will see your lover. Feb 18 1911.

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A Superstition. If you look fixedly into a mirror for fifteen minutes you will see the Devil leering at you from the glass.

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Text of ‘Little Polly Flinders…’ Oct 19th 1911

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Text of ‘Polly put the kettle on…’ Nov 1911

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Text of ‘Cutting the Nails’ Feb 18th 1912

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A Charm. Lay your garters cross wise at the foot of the bed, and a looking glass under your pillow, and in this glass you will see the image of your future husband appear. Feb 18th 1912.

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Unfinished sketch of girl standing on a stool

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Unfinished pen and ink drawing of group of girls in front of a woman on a stool.

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Unfinished sketch of woman in front of a sink