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Miz Fannie Mae's Fine New Easter Hat
by Melissa Milich



Use the words to fill in the blanks below.

MIRACLES DOVE BROWN SUGAR GEOGRAPHIC WONDERMENT
MILK-DELIVERING CAP MILLINERY SHOP FIVE-POUND CAN OF COFFEE

1. Daddy took Mama's new hat and hung it next to his

2. Tandy was surprised to see a starling on top of Mama's hat instead of
a _____
3. _____ was the family's horse, who
took them to Meridian City.
4. One lady on Easter Sunday wore a hat Tandy said was shaped like a

5. When the baby birds hatched on Mama's hat, Mama said it reminded
her of the true meaning of Easter, a time for believing in

6. Daddy and Tandy drove all the way to Meridian City to visit a
_____ to buy Mama's Easter hat.
7. Tandy describes some of the hats in the store as looking like a

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Answer the questions in complete sentences.

1. What did Tandy's mother always say about the hat you wear on your head?

2. Tandy describes the trees in springtime like a lady doing what?

3. Why was buying a hat for Mama at the Millinery Store so special?

4. How did Tandy describe her father's hands?

5. What did Daddy do to make Mama keep the hat?

6. During the Easter service, what surprising thing happened on Mama's hat?

7. What did the church congregation shout when the mother starling flew down?

8. After church, what did Mama do with her hat?

9. Where did Mama put the Easter hat when she got home?

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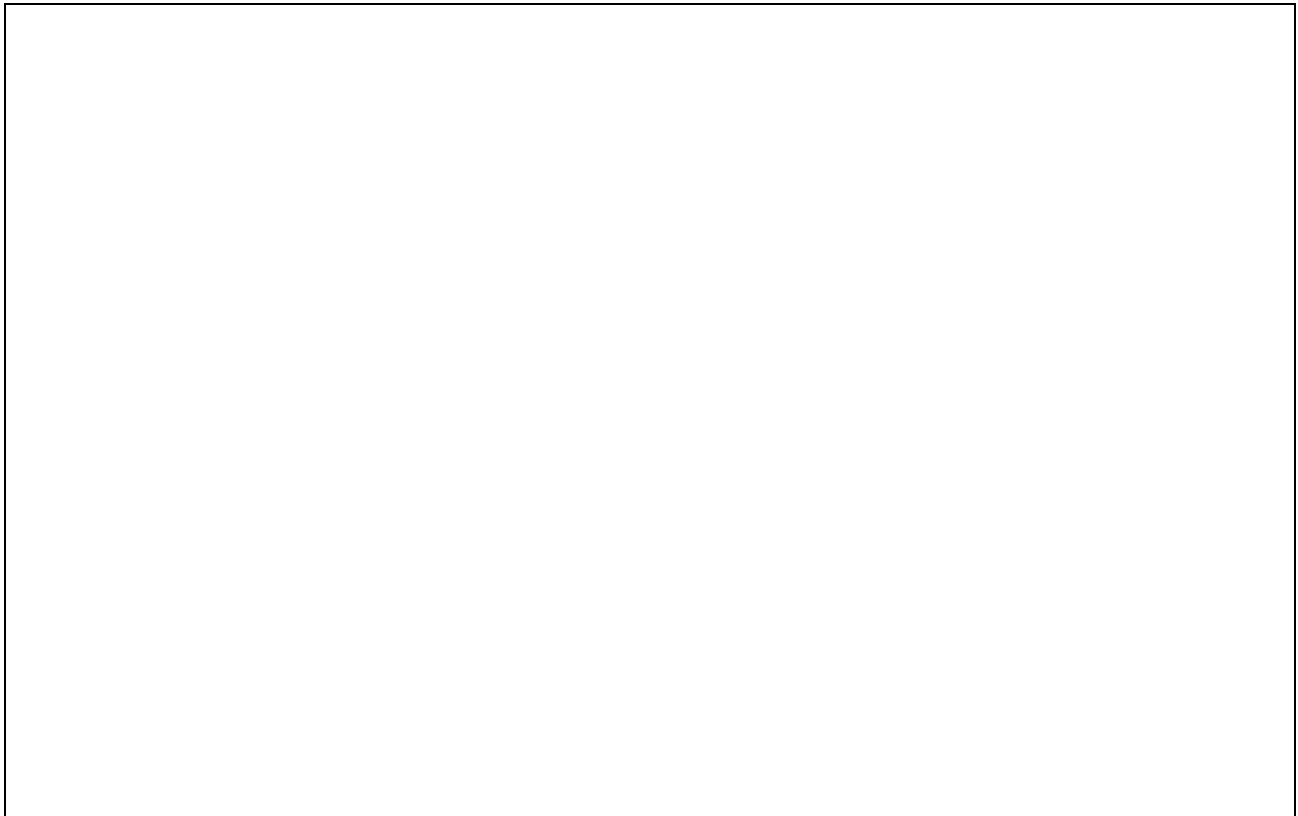
10. Was Tandy happy or sad about Mama's decision?

11. What finally happened to Mama's hat?

12. What did folks call out to Daddy?

Design a Hat

Daddy wanted to buy a special Easter hat for Mama. To many people, Easter is the time to buy a new "Easter bonnet" –the fancier the better. Use the space below to design your own Easter hat. You can make it pretty, or elegant, or as silly as you'd like. You can draw a hat like Miz Fannie Mae's, a top hat, a cowboy hat, or a new design of your own!



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Answer Key

Fill in the Blanks

1. milk-delivering cap
2. dove
3. brown sugar
4. Five-pound can of coffee
5. miracles
6. millinery shop
7. geographic wonderment

Reading Comprehension Questions

1. Mama always said the hat you wear on your head is not so important as the thoughts inside it.
2. Like a lady putting on her gloves.
3. Most mountain folks bought hats at the General Store or ordered from the Sears catalog. Daddy wanted Mama to have an extra special hat.
4. He had hands like bread baked too long.
5. Daddy delivered his milk route wearing Mama's hat so she couldn't return it to the store. It had already been worn.
6. The speckled eggs began to hatch on Mama's hat.
7. Miracle, miracle, miracle.
8. Mama carried the hat carefully home with the mother bird following her.
9. Mama made Daddy get the ladder and put it against the tallest apple tree. She climbed all the way to the top and fit it snugly on a branch.
10. Tandy was disappointed at first because Mama couldn't wear her hat. Then she was happy with Mama's choice because the baby birds were safe.
11. Mama's hat stayed in the tree a long time. The eggs hatched and then another family of birds used the hat for a nest. Other birds took parts of the decorations for nests and over time it was all gone except for a few threads.
12. "Fine hat, Hayman!"