Directions for Staging Plays with the

FAIRY TALE THEATRE KIT

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Putting on a play can be almost more fun than anything, and a puppet play is the most fun of all! The first step is to decide which play you are going to do. Let's pretend you have chosen "The Snow Maiden".

Have a "Dress Rehearsal" for Mother and she can tell you if each player looks right from the audience.

As you use each player, put the sticky end of the stick against the back of the puppet about two inches from the bottom. (If the adhesive seems a little dry, hold your thumb against it for a minute or two, and it will soften right up).

Let us say you have Ivan, Marie, and The Snow Maiden all prepared for their performance. Now you are ready to read the Prologue, which tells the audience what the story is all about. When it is time for Ivan to enter, tip him, head first, in through the slot in the curtain and then straighten him up. Do the same when it is Marie's turn. When it is time for the Snow Maiden's appearance, hold the sticks for her and Marie in your right hand and slip them in together.

After a little practice, you will be able to operate your puppets easily; the other plays will be done in the same way. After you have had "Dress Rehearsal" with each of them, you will find that besides having fun yourself, you will be able to entertain your friends. You might even want to charge admission!