



## *#69 The Two Kittens*



*Once upon a time two kittens, a sister and a brother, were visiting with their grandfather. Each morning as they awoke, their grandfather always had the same two questions. First, he would ask, “Are you here?” to which they always answered a resounding, “YES!” without the slightest thought that their grandfather might be asking a facetious question. Then he always asked, “Do you need a toy?” The two kittens always said yes to this, too - for whom do you know that does not want a gift?*

*Then, one day, the two kittens found that they had grown up. The sister became a bootmaker and loved to make presents. The brother became a salesman. He loved to make profits. As they grew old, the sister remembered her grandfather and always stayed present while she worked, answering in her mind, "Yes, grandfather, I am here." She made boots for her customers as if they were the gifts that grandfather had given her. She found great pleasure in her work. The brother, however, did not find such a good life. He looked for the reward of better and better sales. As soon as he had a success, he started thinking that he would not be happy unless the next sale was even greater. Of course, he could not find satisfaction. He remembered grandfather also, but more as a bitter epitaph, than an inspiration.*

*GIVING A GIFT ACTUALLY IS MORE FUN  
THAN GETTING ONE*