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## **Mrs. Packletide's Tiger**

### **by-Saki**

- All movements and motives of Mrs. Packletide were controlled by her deep dislike of Loona Bimberton.
  - Loona had a joy-ride in an aeroplane for eleven miles with an Algerian pilot.
  - Loona would not talk of anything else for weeks.
  - Mrs. Packletide was highly jealous of Loona's adventure. She wanted to do something more exciting and sensational than that.
  - She wanted to outdo or outshine Loona Bimberton by killing a tiger.
  - Circumstances proved favourable as a tiger visited frequently a forest of a nearby village.
  - Mrs. Packletide was ready to give one thousand rupees to the villagers if they could help in safe and comfortable shooting of the tiger.
  - The villagers did their best to arrange a safe shooting.
  - They left goats to satisfy the hunger of the old tiger.
  - Mothers hushed their singing lest they should disturb the restful sleep of the old tiger.
  - Mrs. Packletide sat on a platform specially constructed for the shooting with her paid companion, Luisa Mebbin.
  - Louisa Mebbin behaved like an elder sister in money matters. She tried to show that she saved every penny of Mrs. Packletide.
  - When the tiger came out in the open and moved towards a tethered goat, Mrs. Packletide fired a shot at him.
  - Soon the tiger rolled down on the ground dead.
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