



Poppa's New Pants



uproar – noisy excitement and confusion

burst a gusset – to be excited or upset enough to burst

plaid – having a pattern of stripes that cross each other

pattern – a repeated design or decoration

fabric – cloth

draped – hung loosely in folds

hem – to fold back and sew down the edges

plum worn out – very tired

brother-in-law – the man who is married to your sister

arthritis – soreness and swelling in the body

mended – repaired by sewing; fixed

pallet – narrow; hard bed or mattress

crouched – sat low to the ground

wheezed – breathed hard with a whistling sound

rustling – a quick, soft, fluttering sound

mustering – gathering together

dozed off – fell into a light sleep

armadillo – an animal with a hard shell that may roll up into a ball if attacked

limbs – arms and legs

smiling fit to beat the band – smiling very happily

haunting – visiting; appearing to someone

scurried – moved around hurriedly

sanctuary – the main room of a place of worship

knickers – short, loose pants gathered below the knees; the shortened form of the word *knickerbockers*