



Ned's Red Patch



Ned the bear cub was going to the fair today.
He wanted to wear his best vest, the blue one
with the brass snaps.



He put it on and ran down the stairs. But the vest got stuck on a peg. Rip! Now there was a long split down the side.



Ned sat on a chair and stared at the rip. "I can not go to the fair like this," he said. "I do not have a spare."



Jane came by to walk with him. She saw his sad face. "Let me take a look," said Jane. "I think I can repair it."



Jane found an old red cloth in her bag. She cut a square patch with care. Then she put the patch over the rip.



Ned held up the vest. The red square looked like a little flag. "I like it even more than before!" said Ned.



At the fair, Ned and Jane shared a pear and played games. Lots of kids stopped to stare at the vest.



"Where did you get it?" asked a fox. "I adore that red patch!" Ned grinned at Jane. His best vest was even better now.