

## *Mystery of the Jewels*

Uncle Brown's house had one kitchen, which was connected to the dining room, four bedrooms, eight closets, two big living rooms, the upstairs one connected to the dining room and the downstairs one connected to the fourth bedroom and lastly, the laundry room. It took a long time to dust all those rooms!

Half an hour later, Natalie started to dust the first bedroom, her bedroom. She usually did it quickly because Uncle Brown didn't care about how dirty it was and Natalie was all for saving her hands because they were a little sore after all that dusting! Natalie's hands would usually be sore at the end of the day because she had mowed the lawn the day before and since Uncle Brown was so picky. Once Natalie was finished with her room *and* the bathroom, it was time for Uncle Brown's bedroom, which he was real picky about.

"Always dust under things," Natalie remembered Uncle Brown saying.

"Even if they are never looked at," Natalie liked to add in.

Natalie walked over to Uncle Brown's nightstand and picked up his treasured coin collection box. Natalie almost dropped the coin box and she held it with her left hand even tighter. *Click-ping!* Natalie almost dropped the coin box *again* when she heard the startling noise. "What was that?" Natalie wondered aloud.

It didn't take her long to find out. The bottom of Uncle Brown's coin box had popped out and a secret compartment was revealed!