ROBERT AND PEGGY

IN A CENTURY OF PROGRESS

THEY ARRIVE IN CHICAGO

Ever since Robert and his sister Peggy were big enough to understand pictures and to listen to stories about Chicago they have wanted to visit the city of wonders on the shores of Lake Michigan. They wished to visit Chicago this year especially, because of the World's Fair being held there: so imagine their delight when their Uncle Jack and Aunt Emma, who live in Chicago, invited the children to pass the summer with them.

Robert and Peggy are very happy, and we want you, too, to enjoy their visit. Every week a picture and story will appear in this section telling about the many things the children saw in Chicago.

Their father had told Robert and Peggy about the interesting sights they would see on the trip. He told them how Chicago had grown from a small Indian trading post to the fourth city in the world, explaining how this miracle had happened in the brief period of one hundred years.

In 1804 Fort Dearborn was built at the mouth of a river which the Indians called “Cheekagou.” At that time there were only a few people living in the little village about the fort. All of the country round was a wilderness of sand dunes, swamps, prairies, and forests. Savage Indians lurked in the forests and made war upon the white settlers.

The little settlement began to grow, and in 1833 it ceased being a mere village and was called a town. There were only 500 people living in Chicago a hundred years ago, yet today it is the second largest city in the western half of the world, and nearly three and a half million people dwell within it.

The great World's Fair of 1933, called "A Century of Progress," is being held just a hundred years after Chicago became a town. What amazing changes have taken place in Chicago and in all the world in that hundred years!

Never in all time has a single century brought about so magical a transformation in the growth of a city. On almost every page of this series of stories it is stated that Chicago is the greatest in this, or in that, in all the world. And every statement is true.

The picture today shows the children arriving in the city by airplane. The pictures and stories which will follow will show and tell about some of the wonderful sights discovered by Robert and Peggy on their visit to Chicago. You will want to know about and enjoy these wonders whether you are a visitor or whether you live in Chicago all the time. Keep the pages, and at the end of the summer you will have a valuable souvenir of the great city of Chicago and of "A Century of Progress."