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The Widow's Broom

Directions: Read the passage below from Chris Van Allsburg's *The Widow's Broom*. Determine where punctuation (including commas, apostrophes, periods, etc.) should be, and add them. Be sure to make necessary edits to capitalization where necessary.

Not a week passed before the widow's neighbors, the Spiveys, found out about the broom. Their farm was just down the road, the only other place around. It was one of the eight Spivey children who saw the broom first. When the boy told his father, Mr. Spivey ran straight across the road to the widow's house. "Is it true he demanded. Did she really have such a broom?"

"It's wonderful!" Oh yes, Minna Shaw answered. She told her neighbor all about the broom and the witch who'd left it behind. Then she took him around to the back of the house, where the broom was hard at work splitting wood.

"This is a wicked, wicked thing," he said. "This is the devil." The broom stopped working and, still clutching the axe, hopped toward the widow and her neighbor. Mr. Spivey, red-faced with anger, turned quickly and hurried home.