


Kiddies' Korner

By
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DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

THE PITCHER PLANTS.

"It was a rainy day," said Daddy, "and inside the botanical houses it was raining too!"

"Oh, Daddy," said the children, laughing, "please tell us what botanical means." And what hard work it was for them to say "botanical!"

"Botany," said Daddy, "is the study of plants and flowers, and botanical houses are where the plants and flowers are kept that belong to the city park. All winter long there were flowers and ferns and bushes in these houses. And it was always warm in there.

"When spring came a great many of the plants were put out into the park, but still a number of the big green shrubs and plants stayed inside.

"This day was very rainy, and as of course the rain couldn't get in on the plants the keeper had given the flowers and shrubs an extra watering so they wouldn't feel bad, seeing the rain dropping outside.

"They were feeling very fresh and happy and they were looking very handsome.

"There were great, tall bushes, and some of them were strange looking. You see, in these botanical houses they had many flowers and plants of other countries which they treated and looked after in just such a way. But many of them were plants that could not have grown out in this climate and so they were always inside. Many people used to come and admire them.

"Of course on this rainy day the plants and flowers were pretty much alone. A few people had wandered in to see them, and one little boy and little girl had walked all around.

"But they had paid a great deal more attention to the goldfishes swimming in a make-believe brook than they did to the plants.

"I am so handsome," said the fern tree.

"You are indeed," said the maiden hair ferns. They were so beautiful themselves that they could well afford to admire the others.

"It really is quite remarkable the way ferns grow all over me, and yet I am a tree!"

"Yes," said the maiden hair ferns, "it is really quite astonishing. You look so very peculiar and so very fine with the ferns coming out all over you. And yet, at the same time, as you say, you are a tree. If ferns grow out of the earth or in the tiny places in rocks it is not so surprising, but on a big tree such as you are, it is very magnificent."

"All the other shrubs and plants began to talk and there was a great deal

of whispering going on, when from quite high up, on some hanging ferns, the pitcher plants began to talk.

"What in the world are the pitcher plants?" asked the children.

"They are plants that are shaped just like pitchers and they really can do the work of pitchers. That is, they can hold water, and I suppose they could hold milk too, though they are not given that to drink."

Both the children laughed, and Daddy continued.

"We are so interesting," they said. And all the other shrubs and bushes nodded their heads and agreed.

"When any strangers come in here," continued the pitcher plants, "they always ask what we are. They think we are quite the most unusual things they have ever seen. And it is true, for we are!"

"But what is the point of being so proud because you can hold water?" asked the others.

"Point indeed!" said the pitcher plants proudly. "You might as well go and ask a pitcher what is the point of being able to hold anything. We can hold water. All the rest of you have to let the water run right off. We can hold it, and have our own little supply. We are a private, special dining room for fresh water drinking. See? We are still full of water and you are all only damp because you were watered a little while ago. And we're strong. We are not hard to look after. We just are so happy and proud that we can hold water that we grow stronger all the time. And the greatest honor of all is our name—the pitcher plants, because we are like pitchers—far finer than cups and saucers or plates!"

"And none of the shrubs could think of a thing to say!"

HASTINGS, NEB.

Mrs. Kinkaid of Grand Island spent Sunday visiting Mrs. George Gates Jr.

Mr. Hudson left for St. Joseph, Mo., last week on a visit.

Miss Florence Bridges returned to Omaha after spending a few days with her brother's family.

Mr. Harry Bridges returned home Monday evening from Camp Funston where he received his discharge from the service.

Mr. George Gates Sr., who was taken ill at his home, south of town, was removed to the home of his son, George Gates Jr., in town. He is resting somewhat better at this writing.

Mrs. Noble Simmons and daughter, Dorothy of North Platte, Neb., are spending the week-end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Huff.

Mr. Arthur Gates, who was struck by an automobile one day last week, is reported to be resting somewhat better at this writing.

Mrs. Arthur Horton has returned from Wichita, Kas., where she has been on a visit to her daughter.

Mr. C. E. Briscoe, Charlie Harris and James McKenzie spent the latter part of last week visiting in Grand Island.

PALESTINE, TEXAS.

Sunday was a high day at all the churches, and good services were held at all the churches.

The Rev. E. M. Jones, field secretary of the Sunday schools of the Methodist Episcopal church, was at St. Paul M. E. church and made things hum while here.

Rev. S. M. Bolden preached the graduating sermon Sunday at St. Paul M. E. church to a crowded house.

The health of the people is getting alright now that we are having some fine weather.

Dr. W. R. Roberts is preparing to go to Dallas for the grand lodge of the K. of P.'s.

Rev. A. W. Keith was a visitor at the office recently.

The High school had its commencement at the city hall and had a good house.

One of the graded schools had its commencement on Monday night at the city hall and another of the graded schools had its commencement at the Antioch Baptist church Tuesday night.

The kids will be loose on the town for awhile.

Everybody is preparing to go to

Cuney on the 19th of June for a big time. Remember that Cuney is a Negro town about two years old, and is coming to the front. Nothing but Negroes at this place where there is a nice hotel, two grocery stores, one drug store, a real estate man and one doctor.

Mrs. H. L. Price was in town today and returned to her home.

Lincoln Department

A very interesting meeting was held last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Margaret Williams. Fourteen members being present. Being purely a business meeting, plans were discussed for the holding of the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs in Lincoln this year. The date for the conference will be June 24, 25, 26. At the close of the meeting a delicious luncheon was served by the hostess.

A play entitled, "The Sunbonnets," was given by the Camp Fire Girls at McKinley Center last Thursday evening. Just preceding the play itself a dance of the camp fire was given by the junior Camp Fire Girls. A solo was rendered while they danced by Miss Mattie Smith. The play was of two acts and was introduced by Miss Mary Nelson. Miss Gertrude Jones took the leading part as Mrs. Butterfield and played her part with as much ease as though she was really accustomed to the stage. Too much praise cannot be given her. Miss Alberta Saunders as Mrs. Dubois was exceptionally good, while Miss Edna Wilford as Emily displayed all the true characteristics of a mischievous child. Miss Eltra Saunders as Miss Sanford, handled her part very well. Miss Edna Carter as Miss Melvina Spinney was very interesting in her refined and yet pleasing manner. The other members of the cast were: Miss Edna Hubbard, Miss Viola Lyone; Miss Erma Easley, Miss Frances Hill; Miss Bernice Lyons, Isetta Easley. The proceeds of this play were given to the Old Folks home.

Mrs. S. Wilford of 902 S street, had as her guest last week, Mrs. R. G. Wells, of Quincy, Ill.

Mr. J. D. Bowen had a very pleasant surprise for his many friends when he returned home last week with his bride, formerly Miss Virgil Gaskin. They were married in Cheyenne, Wyo., June 3, at the home of the bride's parents. Immediately following the ceremony, they left for a short tour about Denver, Colo., and Kansas City, where they were met by Mr. Bowen's sister, Mrs. Lulu Abner, who returned home with them. The bride is a very charming young lady and an accomplished musician. She is no stranger to the people here as she visited here two years ago, making many friends. The groom is one of Lincoln's most industrious young men. They both have the heartiest congratulations of the community. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen are now at home to their many friends at 1600 North 22d avenue.

Children's Day was observed at the A. M. church Sunday with a large attendance both morning and evening.

The men's rally day which was not closed last Sunday because of the bad weather, was closed Children's Day with a favorable report. All of the cards being turned in totaling a collection of something over \$400.

Mr. Arthur Bell, formerly of Lincoln, but now of Plainfield, O., is visiting old friends here. Just before Mr. Bell made his departure from here a few years ago, he was in the employ of the Burlington, but he now favors us with the report that he is a member of the board of directors of the Union Savings and Loan Association of Plainfield.

Mrs. Lorene Dorsey entertained at her home 714 South 11th street last Friday complimentary to Mrs. R. G. Wells of Quincy, Ill. The out of town guests were Mrs. J. D. Bowen, Cheyenne, Wyo., and Mrs. Leon Prewitt of Arizona.

TOPEKA DISTRICT—LINCOLN CONFERENCE M. E. CHURCH

- 1919—Second Round
- Mound City, Kas., June 12.
 - Ft. Scott, Kas., June 15-16.
 - Grand Island, Neb., June 19, 1-2 combined.
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 - Lincoln, Neb., June 21-22 combined.
 - Bonner Springs, Kas., June 28-29.
 - Rosedale, Kas., June 29-30.
 - Salina, Kas., June 6-7.
 - Alma, Kas., July 8-10.
 - Topeka, Kas., Mt. Olive, July 12-13.
 - S. S. and E. P. L. Convention Bonner Springs, Kas., July 16-18.
 - Topeka, Kas., Aabury, M. E. Wichita, Kas., July 23-25.
 - Manhattan, Kas., July 26-27.
 - Clay Center, Kas., July 26-28.
 - District Conference—Dunlap, Kas., July 31-August 3.
 - Pueblo, Colo., August 9-10.
 - Colorado Springs, Colo., August 16-17.
 - Denver, Colo., August 23-24.
 - Omaha, Neb., August 29-31.

South Omaha, Neb., August 30-31. Have quarterly conference business arranged for before the date above. The Centenary payments are now the big job. The Southwestern must be in the home of every member.

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