




# Kiddies' Korner

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## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

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### THE HIPPOPOTAMUS.

"There are lots of us in the zoos, lots of us," said the hippopotamus, "but that does not make us any the less interesting."

"Of course not," said Mrs. Hippopotamus, "for we will always be interesting. We are queer looking, very queer looking, and children like queer looking objects."

"They don't like everyone to be alike. There was a time when I didn't like to be thought queer looking," continued Mr. Hippopotamus.

"I wanted to say to the children who looked at us:

"See here, young creatures, we may seem queer looking to you, but don't you see how queer looking you are to us?"

"You have two silly legs and two silly feet apiece, and you go walking around in such a hurry instead of splashing and resting."

"You have funny short hair, boys, and you girls have most peculiar long hair which you tie with ribbons."

"Whoever saw a hippopotamus with hair ribbons or with long dangling hair, braided, or any way at all?"

"Braids seem silly, curls seem silly, straight hair seems a little bit more sensible."

"Oh, boys and girls, when you look at us and think our big heads and



"Don't You See We Think You Are Funny?"

bodies are funny, don't you see that we think you are funny with your little bodies, your little faces and your small heads?"

"Don't you see that, boys and girls? I am sure you will see what I mean if you stop to think."

"You aren't used to us, so you think we're funny and we're not used to you, so we think you're funny."

"Just the way I used to think," said Mr. Hippopotamus.

"But I like children so much that I don't mind it if they do think I'm queer," said Mr. Hippopotamus. "I like to have them look at me and enjoy me."

"Yes," agreed Mrs. Hippopotamus, "I too, like to be in the zoo where I am sometimes worth seeing. It's like being a beautiful picture in a picture gallery to be an animal in a zoo, but it's even more interesting, for an animal is alive, and does things, and a picture can only stay the same way (unless some one else moves it). And a picture has to always look just the same way."

"I feel sure children will always want to look at us," said Mr. Hippopotamus.

"Yes," said Mrs. Hippopotamus, "and I like the zoo so well that I like to have beautiful hippopotamus children come to the zoo."

"My handsome son, over yonder, was seven years old the other day. He weighs a good deal, not too much, but about the right amount. He's a good, healthy hippopotamus lad."

"About how much does he weigh?" asked Mr. Hippopotamus.

"Oh, about four thousand pounds, I think," said Mrs. Hippopotamus.

"Yes, he's a healthy lad," said Mr. Hippopotamus.

"There are a number of the family still living in Africa, aren't there?" asked Mrs. Hippopotamus.

"Yes," replied Mr. Hippopotamus, "there are. In fact I think the world, the zoo, Africa, all places where there are any of the hippopotamus family, are most fortunate."

"I think the same," said Mrs. Hippopotamus.

"I'm a lazy sort of creature," said Mr. Hippopotamus, "and I'm nice and pleasant as a rule—that is I don't bother to be cross. I like to be quiet and not do too much. But if I am made angry I can bite hard, and I can do a great deal of harm."

"But I seldom get angry; seldom, only once or twice perhaps in a lifetime. Ah, the hippopotamus is a fine beast, a fine beast," he ended.

And Mrs. Hippopotamus splashed and said:

"I agree."

## THE KITCHEN CABINET

If you were busy being true  
To what you know you ought to do,  
You'd be so busy you'd forget  
The blunders of the folks you've met.  
—Rebecca Foresman.

### HELPFUL HINTS.

When baking a cake, set the alarm clock, so that no matter how busy, the attention will be called to the kitchen.

Old stocking legs slipped over the sleeves will keep a gown fresh, when working in the kitchen. A stocking leg slipped over an old whisk broom makes a fine brush for the stove.

Obstinate stains of almost any kind may be removed by using soap with peroxide, then placing the stain in the sun. Sometimes several applications of the peroxide will be necessary. Iron rust is easily removed by a solution of salts of lemon in water applied to the spots, and then the bright sunlight to act upon it.

Candles for use on the table will burn clearer and longer if kept on ice for a day before using. A ring of salt put around the wick will give a soft, steady flame and will burn all night.

Cracks and splits in furniture may be filled with melted beeswax and then varnished, so that they will hardly show.

Swiss chard and chinese cabbage are two vegetables which should be found in every garden. The chard may be canned for winter use, making a most acceptable addition to the vegetables for winter.

Moisten the brush of the carpet sweeper—it will do much better work. Clean soiled plumes in alcohol. Shake, and they will be as fresh as ever.

Pineapple juice is a good cure for indigestion. Pineapple with bananas and an orange, all cut fine, makes a good cake filling. One can of shredded pineapple, three bananas and one orange sliced very thin, will be enough filling for a large cake.

Keep plenty of water in the boiling pots and pans on a damp, rainy day, for the atmosphere absorbs it rapidly.

In cooking rice, use plenty of boiling water, and keep it boiling rapidly at first, so that the grains will be distinct.

Apply soap and ammonia to burns from acid immediately, to allay the pain.

Grated horseradish mixed with whipped cream, salt and cayenne makes a good sauce to serve with fish.

*Nellie Maxwell*

### PROHIBITION TO BRING COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE

Hazel MacKaye Advises Using Buildings as Centers for Drama, Community Sings and Entertainments.

Why not turn the corner saloon into a community playhouse when the law effects the closing of these gathering places, asks Miss Hazel MacKaye, director of the Department of Pageantry and Drama of the National Young Women's Christian Association?

"I went over on the West Side of New York one night recently to attend a community drama meeting," Miss MacKaye says in explaining her theory, "and as I was riding along I noticed how many saloons there were—one on every corner and another in the middle of the block, it seemed, all just blazing with lights. Those lights ought not to go out with prohibition. They ought to shine for something worth while to all of the people, and what better than community drama and sings?"

Miss MacKaye feels that the war has given a great impetus to popular interest in drama and that through pageantry and drama a great deal in the way of Americanization can be effected.

Through the community center, if it be in a district populated largely of one foreign nationality, these people could present pageants of the life in their mother countries, translating them into English, so that Americans and also the younger English speaking members of their household could understand and appreciate their traditions. American art would be greatly enriched thus through the drama of all of the nations whose peoples have settled in this country. On the other hand American ideals, American history and American festivals, even laws such as child labor and minimum wage, could be interpreted to these people by means of pageantry.

"People have been learning not only to work together, but to play together," Miss MacKaye says, "particularly since the war, when the people stood together in drives and large patriotic

community entertainments. The opportunity to build up a great community organization is now at hand, and the time is ripe for it. Why not utilize the corner saloon?"

### DEPARTMENT ADVISES ON PLUMBING AND CURTAINS

#### New Bureau Opens in Y. W. C. A. Overseas Office.

A new department of finance has been organized by the Y. W. C. A. for its work in France. Miss Constance Clark of Pasadena, Cal., is the executive. Miss Clark before her recent coming to France was director of the big Y. W. C. A. Hostess House at Camp Lewis, Washington.

All contracts, leases and rentals for new buildings will be handled by Miss Edith Austin of New York City, an experienced architect and builder,

who will work through this newly created section.

Plans for remodeling and decorating rooms, clubs and hostess houses taken over by the Y. W. C. A. will be in the hands of Miss Mary Buchanan, an interior decorator, who comes originally from Scotland, but who has been working in France for the American Y. W. C. A. since the beginning of its war work there.

In addition, the department is compiling lists, suggestions and general shopping guides for all the buying of the Association in France, including all kinds of building equipment from cretune curtains to plumbing supplies.

A cafeteria expert will have a place in the department to act as general advisor on restaurant and cafeteria projects of the Association throughout France.

In short, the department is to be more than finance plans. It is to be a



Bob Cline of New York and Columbus, Ohio, who is entered in the big Auto Race meet which annually features the elaborate program of entertainment at the Nebraska State Fair on Labor Day. This

year Fred Horey, former world's Champion, and Sig Haugdahl, present Champion of the world, will meet in a match race as one of the Auto Race features of Nebraska's Victory State Fair.

### ALL DRESSED UP FOR THE FAIR



It is hard to tell which is the prouder of the two—the big horse in his go-to-meeting clothes, or the owner who is holding him. Horses

as good as this one are hard to find. There'll be quite a number at Nebraska's Victory State Fair, Lincoln, Aug. 31 to Sept. 5.

### "HOLD YOUR HEAD UP STRAIGHT"



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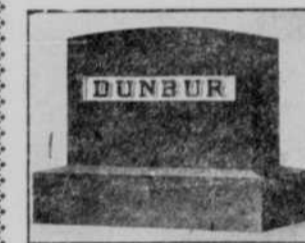
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