



# Kiddies' Korner

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## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

### THE SEA GULLS.

"Ah," said Mother Sea Gull, "there are some creatures who think they're lucky, but no creatures, to my sea gull mind, are as happy as we are."

"Why is that?" asked the little Sea Gulls.

"Oh, my children, don't you know? Haven't you been flying long enough to know?"

"Yes, we do believe we do know," said the little Sea Gulls, "but still we'd like to hear of all the joys which will come to us and of the happy, happy days ahead."

"I'll tell you of them," said Mother Sea Gull.

"Do," said the little Sea Gulls.

"There are creatures they call boys," said Mother Sea Gull.

"They play baseball and if their ball goes as far as the river here—they don't like it at all and they don't know how to get it.

"Of course we can't get it for them, but we wouldn't mind if anything we owned dropped in the river, for quickly, so quickly, we'd swoop down and get it.

"Boys fly kites but they run and walk themselves. They go in swimming but they don't rest on the top of the water and then go soaring up into the air again.

"There are other creatures known as girls. They're much the same as boys, much the same. Boys may be a little bit more daring than girls, but not much, not much.

"They're both rather absurd, both boys and girls. Then there are animals—animals that live in the ground. Think of that, little Sea Gulls.

"There are creatures who wrap themselves up in mud and go to sleep! Yes, there are! And there are other creatures who always live under ground who have their homes there.

"Fancy living under ground when there is the whole sky for them to live in. I believe, though, if they should try to live in the sky they couldn't for they haven't wings.

"There are creatures who live by crawling along the ground—snakes they call them, and lizards, too. There are other creatures who live in barns—horses I believe they're called.

"Of course many of these creatures could not live in the air. I don't suppose any of them could, or I should think they'd be doing it.

"But oh, little Sea Gulls, "just think how fortunate you are to be born so as to fly.

"The whole great sky is yours, and the water, too. Just think how we fly and how we coast in the air, right in the air. And then we swoop down and rest on the water of the harbor and of the ocean.

"Then we fly out to sea and taste the salt of the water and whisper to the great and mighty old Mother Ocean all sorts of wonderful secrets.

"She tells us things, too; she tells

us of the great ocean life and she tells us of our relations who have been there before and how happy they were, just as we are.

"Of course, little Sea Gulls, other creatures are happy, I suppose. In fact I've heard people on boats talking of the happiness of the creatures who lived on the land. That was when the boats were ready to leave the docks and the people were on the decks, looking over at me and at my family that I heard them talking.

"But think how horrible it would be for a sea gull to be a horse with four legs, to have to wear a harness and to carry wagons and people on the ferry boats across the harbor.

"Think how horrible it would be if we were dogs who ran about and who never, never went high into the air.

"How still more horrible it would be if we were the creatures who lived underground, and even as bad would it be if we were the creatures who crawled.

"And so while we're so happy, flying, resting on the waves, coasting in the air, shrieking glad, gay, happy shrieks, we must too be thankful, oh so thankful, that we're sea gulls, great free happy sea gulls."

"We're happy about it, very, very happy," said the little Sea Gulls.

### Served Too Hot.

Grandpa's little weakness was for a specially strong peppermint sweet, and recently he gave one to four-year-old Muriel, and waited to see what she would say.

A little while later, he saw her slip the peppermint out of her mouth, and place it on a table by the open window.

"What's the matter, dear?" he asked. "Don't you like the sweet?"

"Yes, thank you," said Muriel politely. "I'm only letting it cool a little."

### More Than Two Sexes.

Teacher—How many sexes are there?  
Little Boy—Three.  
Teacher—What are they?  
Little Boy—The male sex, the female sex and the insects.—London Tit-Bits.

### The Reason.

Teacher—Many of the presidents were lawyers, but the first one was not. Why was this?  
Smart Pupil—Because he couldn't tell a lie.

### Buried Treasures in Arizona.

What is believed to be the first clue to the reputed buried treasures of the padres of the Tumacacori mission, built by the Spanish Jesuits high up in the Tumacacori mountains, less than three hours' journey from Tucson, Ariz., has been discovered by Frank Pinckley, custodian of the ruins. It is the gateway to the mission cemetery. From this gateway, it is said, the plans and maps left by the padres start to outline the way to the buried gold and silver.

The Tumacacori mission was built near what are believed to be the ruins of one of the Seven Cities of Cibola. The center region is said to show evidences of rich mineral deposits, which, declare those who have inspected the mountains, doubtless led the padres to build their mission there.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

If I could write as I can cook,  
How joyfully you'd read my book,  
I'd pepper faults and salt down facts.  
Pick and preserve important acts;  
I'd roast the critics to a turn  
(So nothing but their ears would burn);  
I'd have free verse and rimings true  
Served up in one grand Irish stew.  
You'd have your fill of solid meat,  
And finish off with something sweet.

I repeat—  
If I could write as I can cook  
How joyfully you'd read my book.  
—By Iris.

### EMERGENCY DISHES.

One of the earmarks of a good house-keeper is to be ready for any occasion. If her emergency shelf is a corner grocery, even a car full of friends arriving within an hour of meal time will not disturb her serenity. The hostess who urges her guests to remain to a meal which she is wildly planning in the back of her head, will lack the ring of true sincerity, no matter how carefully worded.



With a well-stocked emergency shelf which is constantly replenished, if she lives in the country or too far from a grocery store an impromptu guest will bring no panic, but on the contrary will be welcomed and enjoyed. The list of staples to be kept for such occasions will vary with the taste of the householder. There are some things which are necessities, such as crackers, cheese, pickles, olives, jellies and preserves. With canned fruit which is found in every well-regulated home, desserts and salads of various kinds may be quickly prepared. A few frills like a box of marshmallows, a bottle (small one) of marischino cherries and coconut will dress up an otherwise plain dish.

Canned salmon, tuna or sardines, with some home-canned chicken if you are a farmer, as well as other home-canned meats like tongue, chops and beef.

If the woman who lives in the country would serve her friends with the farm food—eggs, butter, cream, chicken, vegetables and berries, and not try to prepare something fancy, both she and her guests would be far happier.

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