



# Kiddies' Korner

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## DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

### THE RIBBON SEALS.

"Well, good-day," said Mr. Ribbon Seal to Master Ribbon Seal.

"Why, how do you do," said Master Ribbon Seal. "I've not seen any friends or relatives for a long time. I'm not so friendly with my friends and relatives, though I like you, and you're a relative."

"I feel the same way about it," said Mr. Ribbon Seal. "I do not object to relatives and friends, but I am always perfectly happy alone; that's the reason why I don't see them more."

"That is the same reason I have," said Master Ribbon Seal. "I believe it is the same reason which all the Ribbon Seals have."

"You see," he continued, "they say that we're not a friendly lot, so we're not in the least unusual."

"I guess that's right," said Mr. Ribbon Seal. "We're usually by ourselves, and only once in a while do any of us go together—that's usually when we happen to meet and have a little talk."

"Oh, well," said Master Ribbon Seal; "it is a good thing that we are fond of ourselves, or rather that we don't care more for company."

"We are alone most of the time, and anyway, one has to be more with oneself than anyone else. It is well and wise and sensible and excellent to be fond of oneself."

"You must not make us out to be conceited," said Mr. Ribbon Seal.

"Oh, I don't mean to do that," said Master Ribbon Seal. "We're not conceited. We don't think we're the finest things or animals or creatures in the world; we think we're a happy, contented lot, because we're satisfied with the ways we've always had."

"They say that we are greatly admired," said Mr. Ribbon Seal. "Don't you suppose that there won't be so many of us after a time? Won't they go after us, as they have after our cousins, the harbor seals, and as they still go after them?"

"It is a little different with us than it is with them," said Master Ribbon Seal. "My grandfather told me about it. I met him one day when I was out."

"Tell me what he said," urged Mr. Ribbon Seal.

"He said," commenced Master Ribbon Seal, "My grandson, hearken to me."

"I will hearken to thee, grandfather," said I.

"Very well, my grandson," he said, "for I have something I would like to tell you, and whenever you happen to



"Not So Friendly."

meet any of the relatives or friends, you can tell them the same story. It's a true one, too.

"We are very handsome because of the broad bands which are part of our markings—that is, they're part of the markings of all the Mr. and Master and little boy Ribbon Seals."

"We are about the size of the harbor seals, and we're relatives, as you know; but there is a reason why we'll be safer from harm than they."

"In the first place there aren't so many of us," continued my grandfather, "and though we are beautiful and unusual, folks can't get so many of us if there aren't so many of us to get. Can they?"

"I shook my head."

"But there is another reason why we aren't caught so often," said my grandfather. "We live far away from other creatures. We're not sociable. We live in waters where people rarely travel. They know so little about us. And they can't capture us for they don't know where to look for us."

"It's like playing hide-and-go-seek," continued my grandfather, "except they cannot find our hiding places! We're off, far away, in waters they don't know and can't discover."

"That's the truth," ended Master Ribbon Seal.

"It's the truth," repeated Mr. Ribbon Seal.

**Poison Gas to Fight Squirrels.**

Experiments in the use of poison gas in exterminating grain-eating ground squirrels are under way, according to a report of the county horticultural commission to the Los Angeles board of supervisors.

At the same time it was announced that Los Angeles county has sold its surplus stock of saccharine and strychnine to Orange county in order that the neighboring county can join in the campaign being waged against the destructive ground squirrels.

According to Horticultural Commissioner Ryan, the use of poison gas is necessary at this time because the squirrels, which have been practically eliminated from the worst affected regions in the county by the use of poisons during the past few months, fall to eat the poison at this time, preferring the new vegetable growth.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Life, or rather life in a continually expanding form, is after all a business, and they who are the most in earnest get from it the most and in turn give the most back to the world again.

Experiments show that cooked rhubarb added to such fruits as strawberries and raspberries makes a preserve of fine quality. Rhubarb being common and cheap, while the berries are not always so, it is a suggestion worth noting. This mixture may take place after the fruits are cooked, but of course the results will be better if both are cooked together when fresh. Use one part of the berries to two parts of rhubarb. The rhubarb is not at all noticeable, as the flavor of the other fruit is so much higher.

Save all juices from canned fruit, if but a tablespoonful in the jar; mixed with two or three of some other flavor, one will have enough to flavor a pudding sauce, lemonade or baked apples.

Put the last few spoonfuls of horseradish left in the glass into the pickle jar to keep the vinegar in good flavor. Sprinkle dried bread crumbs over string beans cooked for the table, then add paprika and celery salt for seasoning.

When half an onion has been used, turn the cut side down on a small plate, and it will keep fresh for days.

A bunch of parsley, if washed and put into a mason jar, sealed air-tight, will keep fresh and crisp for two weeks. Leave enough water clinging to the leaves to keep them moist.

Apple juice and pulp combines well with many fruits and berries, extending the delicate flavor of choice fruit and reducing the cost which might otherwise be prohibitive.

A slice of pineapple will flavor a large dish of milder fruit; so will quinces and oranges combine with apples for marmalade.

Apple juice with peach or cherry, strawberry or other fruits which are hard to thicken, makes very good jelly which would otherwise be sirupy.

Cranberry juice is another good fruit extender; added to fresh strawberries it makes a beautiful and tasty preserve. Strawberries, when canned, often lose their color, but with cranberries this is overcome.

**THE CHEERFUL CHERUB**

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## THE MOTHER GOOSE FAIRY BOOK

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By Eleanor Schorer



The reason that each shearing time Black Sheep gives the second bag of his woolly coat to his Dame is this: When Blacky was a tiny baby lamb none of his kinfolk cared for him because he was not white, as they were. Dame, finding him lying curled up in a corner very sad and neglected, wrapped Blacky in her apron and put him in her own house, near the fire.



Dame went to Oak, King of the Forest, told of Blacky's sad plight and asked for wood to make the baby lamb a cradle. This kind King nodded his great crowned head and all his leaf-trimmed arms, and said, "Yea, yea." So Dame helped herself to enough lumber to make a bed for Blacky.



Next Dame visited the birds and told Blacky's story. They gave as much down as they could spare and made a nice soft pillow. "Now we ought to have woolen blankets," thought Dame. Only sheep have wool, so she went to their leader. He turned his back upon her and (as sheep all follow the leader, no matter how cruel or stupid he may be) the whole flock did likewise.



But the coals and matches struck up such a warm acquaintance that Blacky, who kept close to their fire, grew into a healthy sheep anyway. When old enough he made up for the white sheep's selfishness, giving HIS wool to make blankets. Dame and he have since made many ill and neglected animals, and birds and even kiddies very happy.—  
Saturday's story is of the third bag of wool.

CUT OUT AT THE MARGIN AND PASTE IN BOOK OR THE CUT CARDBOARD THROUGH THE HOLES INDICATED IN THE MARGIN.