



# Kiddies' Korner

By MADREEPENN



### THE OCELOTS.

"Let's go hunting," said O. Ocelot. "All right," said O. O. Ocelot. So they started off, their yellowish bodies and their black spots, their long tails and the stripes around their necks and backs making them look much like their distant cousins, the leopards.

"We have another name," said O. Ocelot.

"Have we?" said O. O. Ocelot. "It doesn't make much difference to me, for we can't eat another name."

"Not unless we should eat ourselves," said O. Ocelot, "and that would not do."

"No, that would not be pleasant," grinned O. O. Ocelot. "What is our other name, by the way?"

"We are also called the tiger cats," said O. Ocelot. "And if we should eat tiger cats we would be eating ocelots and that would be very foolish."

"Very," agreed O. O. Ocelot.

"Of course," said O. Ocelot, "we are sometimes like tigers, and we are sometimes like cats, and we are decidedly of the enormous cat family."

"Why do you say the enormous cat family?" asked O. O. Ocelot. "Cats aren't all enormous by any manner of means, and even then, the biggest members of the cat family aren't enormous, such as I've heard giraffes and elephants and camels were."

"That's so," said O. Ocelot, "but I wasn't speaking about the size of the different members of the family. I meant that there were a great many



"I Love the Night."

different cats and a great many of each special family, like the ordinary domestic cats, and the tiger family, and so forth.

"There aren't so many of us as there are of some of the others, because we only live in a few places, and they

can find us all out sooner or later, probably."

"Don't they like us?" asked O. O. Ocelot.

"Well," said O. Ocelot, "they aren't so very fond of us. You see, we go after the poultry farms, and that makes them mad.

"We hunt at night, and so it is hard to get us, and that makes them mad. We will go great distances, too."

"Ah, yes, the night time is the time for hunting," said O. O. Ocelot. "And I will go any distance for a good meal and a good, satisfactory night, killing lots of creatures."

"How I do like birds, and rabbits, and mice, and rats of the wooded places."

"Then, too, I like snakes, I really love snakes."

"So do I," said O. Ocelot. "A good snake, a delicious, big one, is very fine for dinner, and then one can have it again for breakfast and for lunch and again for dinner."

"Haven't some of our relatives gone to zoos?" asked O. O. Ocelot.

"Yes, they have been caught and taken to the zoos, where they could be looked upon by boys and girls and men and women," said O. Ocelot.

"How have they taken to zoo life?"

"They've liked it, for, you know, we are rather bored if we are caught. We don't get as angry as folks might think."

"But let us be off," said O. O. Ocelot, "for I feel an empty place in my tummy which could be filled nicely by a piece of snake or a chicken or two. I would feel better after a meal."

"Yes," said O. Ocelot, "so would I. I must get my meals at night when all is dark, for I love the night time, and when it is bright and folks can see me, I like to hide away in the thick, dark woods, where I can't be seen, and where I can eat and sleep."

"We must be off," said O. O. Ocelot.

"Off for a night hunt," said O. Ocelot, "and may we meet only chickens and snakes and mice and rats, and no people! We don't mind if the chickens and snakes and mice and rats are found to be asleep, and we don't care if they don't speak to us when we speak to them. No, we're not going hunting for conversation or talking or chatting, no, no, indeed."

### How Sun Radiates Energy.

The amount of energy that our own little planet earth receives from the sun is one and a half horsepower per square yard, or 230,000,000,000,000 horsepower for the whole earth. The amount of the solar energy that is intercepted by the earth must be infinitesimal compared to the total amount poured forth from the surface of the sun. It has been estimated, in fact, that all the planets together receive less than one one hundred millionth (0.0000000001) of the total radiant energy of the sun & the form of light and heat, the remainder passing on to the stars beyond at the rate of 176,000 miles per second.

## The KITCHEN CABINET

### WAYS OF SERVING POPCORN.

Happiness is the natural and the normal; it is one of the concomitants of righteousness, which means living in right relations with the laws of our being and the laws of the universe about us. No clear-thinking man or woman can be an apostle of despair.

First pop the corn. Corn should be popped over a hot fire, but care should be taken not to scorch the grains. If a wire popper is used, hold it far enough from the heat to prevent burning. The right degree of heat should make good corn pop in about a minute and a half. Too strong heat will cause some of



the kernels to pop sooner, but many will not pop at all. If corn pops well the bulk should be increased 20 times.

Do not throw away the "old bachelors" (those that won't pop), but put them through the coffee mill or meat grinder and serve as a breakfast food; they give variety and are far superior to many breakfast foods.

Well popped corn, with cream and sugar, makes a most appetizing breakfast dish. When served in this way they may be ground or served whole. As a garnish for corn soup a tablespoonful or two of well-buttered corn on top of the cupful of soup adds to its appearance as well as food value. For chocolate lovers the popcorn coated with chocolate is relished. Take two cupfuls of sugar, half a cupful of cornstarch, two squares of chocolate and a cupful of water. Cook until the sirup hardens when dropped in water. While hot, pour this sirup over four quarts of freshly popped corn and stir well to insure a uniform coating of the kernels.

Sugared popcorn is another nice confection. Make a sirup by boiling together two cupfuls of sugar and one of water until the sirup hairs or hardens in cold water. Pour this sirup over six quarts of popped corn and stir until the grains are well coated.

Popcorn Balls.—Take a pint of molasses, a pint of water, two tablespoonfuls of butter and a teaspoonful of vinegar. Cook till the sirup will harden in cold water; add half a teaspoonful of soda dissolved in a little water. Pour over four quarts of corn, stirring until all the kernels are covered, then press while hot into balls, with buttered hands.

A handful of fluffy white kernels of well popped corn will add to many desserts or entrees.

### Nellie Maxwell

#### Trinket for the Workbasket.

A quaint and useful little novelty for a workbasket can be made with a tiny doll, half of a colored birthday candle and a quarter of a yard of baby ribbon. It represents a dressed doll, whose skirt of wax is meant to serve a familiar purpose in the workbasket. Melt the candle in a small tin and pour it while hot into a thimble. When the wax is almost hard, press the tiny doll into it, feet first, and hold it there until the wax hardens. Next, place the thimble in hot water for an instant, and pull until the molded wax comes out wrapped round the doll in the form of a skirt. To finish the trinket, cross the ribbon over the doll's waist and tie it at the back.

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By Eleanor Schorer



I am sure it has often seemed strange to you that Black Sheep should give the third bag of his wool to the boy in the lane just because he cried. But you will understand why when you hear this story, which began on a night when Jack Frost was busy making a blizzard, and Blacky loitered behind the flock watching the billions of pretty white flakes fall



When he wanted to go home the whole world about Blacky looked like a huge sheep herd, so soft and white it had become, but the real sheep were nowhere to be seen. Blacky was lost! Poor frightened little fellow. He started off in the direction that he thought his home was when a blast of wind coming from behind carried to his ears the sound of a child's crying.



Blacky recognized it as the little boy who lived in the lane. The lost sheep turned about and followed the sound until he came to the boy's house. The door opened to Blacky's tap tap. Blacky saw that it was because he was poor the grate was fireless, and the wind howled outside making his house bitter cold, that the little boy cried so much.



Blacky fetched his third bag of wool for the little lad, saying: "I promise that you will never be cold if you will promise that every stormy night when the wind whistles and snow falls you will cry out loud so that, hearing you, we sheep will be guided home just as I was," and the lad promised.

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