



FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

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Fairies Lure Strange Pair To Adventure

Oliver Elephant and Johnny Giraffe Thwart Cruel Efforts of Wicked Witch.

OLIVER ELEPHANT had been reading fairy stories which Uncle Abner had secured in a rather remarkable fashion. It must have been remarkable, for he said so himself, and fairy books are not common in the jungles of Africa by any means. But if I am to get on with my story I'll have to leave out this remarkable part.

The fact remains that Oliver had begun to believe in fairies and stay up at night to get a sight of some.

"But the only thing that bothers me," he complained to Johnny Giraffe, "is that I'll never see any."

Oliver was a bit short-sighted, and having his long trunk to look down was sort of a disadvantage, too. "Then, I'm liable to scare them," he added miserably, and Johnny was forced to admit that they both were rather big and ugly, according to fairy standards.

But Johnny Giraffe had very sharp eyes and was also on good terms with the birds (having so long a neck), and

Johnny agreed to help Oliver find a fairy. With his head among the tree tops, as he nibbled the fresh young twigs, he kept a sharp ear up for fairy news, and one day from a family of friendly parakeets he learned that the fairies were planning a merry dance for the following night in the quietest little corner of the forest.

Johnny hastened to Oliver with the good news and the two could scarcely wait to get away. Both determined to hide near by and get a glimpse of the wonderful little people. Long before 12 o'clock the two big, little jungle boys stole away from their homes and went tiptoeing through the forest. Cautiously they concealed themselves in the thick trees and waited for the fairy folk to make their appearance.

Someone else was waiting—the old witch of the woods. Grumbling and mumbling, she crouched on the other side of the little clearing. For 50 years she had been working on a spell to destroy the fairies of the jungle and at last—at last she had found the right formula. The little creatures were always trying to keep peace among the animals of the wilds and thwarting the wicked plots of the old witch herself, so that she was determined to destroy them.

A little of the powder she had prepared would turn them all into frogs, and so anxious was she to try it that she fidgeted about and Oliver Elephant's sharp ears caught the crackling of the twigs.

"See what that is!" he whispered to Johnny. Johnny's bright eyes soon spotted the old witch crouched in the hedge and he was just about to tell Oliver when up from nowhere apparently floated the fairies, their little red lanterns twinkling like fireflies in the dark. Oliver could not see them distinctly, but the little, vague dancing forms delighted him. A fierce whisper in his big ear almost made him sneeze.

"Blow," cried Johnny Giraffe.

"Put your trunk higher than the fairies' heads and blow!"

Without stopping to think, Oliver obeyed, and a mighty good thing it was, for just above the fairies flew the witch with her shaker of magic powder.

Away she blew into the top of a tree and the powder was scattered in every direction, not one speck falling on the little fairies, though all of them were blown over.

An old wise man snatched out his spyglass and caught sight of the witch blowing through the air and of the giraffe and the big friendly elephant, and quickly told the queen of their deliverance. And after that Oliver Elephant and Johnny Giraffe often visited the fairies at nighttime and the little creatures perched on Oliver's trunk and flew close, so he could see how lovely they were. As for the old witch, Oliver threw her into the deepest pool in the jungle and she was put out, for witches disappear at the first touch of water—a fact to remember if you ever meet one.

A Fairy Bank



A FAIRY bank is full of gold, much lovelier than ours.

'Tis near a silver-slipped brook.

A fairy bank of flowers!

Buttercups and yellow daisies.

Riches beyond measure.

There are no bars; for fairy folk

Are generous with their treasure!

Animal Heroes

Figures are just beginning to be compiled of animals serving in the great war. Their deeds, their bravery and sacrifices will occupy no small space when the sad history is written. It was not their war, but millions perished for the cause of right and justice. And if we, thinking of the brave dogs, cats and gallant horses doubly serving and dying for us, are kinder and gentler to the animals around us, it will in a measure pay for the sacrifices they have made. It is hard to believe that 8,000,000 horses perished miserably in this war and countless thousands of dogs, mules and pigeons.

Thirteen thousand dogs served in the Alps, and had it not been for the sturdy little army mules defeat surely would have come to our brave allies battling on those perilous heights. Forty thousand camels served with the British army and almost as many patient bullocks. Goldfish were used to test the water and canaries to warn of the approach of poison gas—how much man owes to his animal allies!

Today's Puzzle

The cities hidden in the Forgetful poet's verses last week were: Nancy, Nome and Berne. A ribbon might run if it were a fast color.

Now run up your location bump and see whether or not you can find these cities:

A part of the body
Will give a French town.
A part that the soldier boys
Know up and down.

Another city of fair France
You'll have, sure, in a trice.
If you can find the word that means
Quite pleasant, 'Course it's—

And a name for water rushing
Give the old Dutch town of—
And a maiden's name that's pretty
Gives a large Australian city.

Pompadour leads to Diverree
Chicago, Feb. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Because he "slept with a stocking pressed over his head to preserve the splendor of his

George Washington

IN HONORING George Washington today let us in our small affairs show some of his courage and steadfast devotion to right doing.

George Washington laid the corner-



stone of liberty on which we have built this great republic. Had Washington been ambitious for himself he would have been king and not president, and our government would have been modeled on the old systems abroad. But Washington was a man in, greatest sense, and with the same fine courage and keen mind and faith in right for its own sake that had marked his career as a soldier he brought the young republic through its first perilous years, and America can justly say that in George Washington we have one of the world's sublimest patriots.

pompadour," Mrs. Alice L. Owen, an actress, filed suit for divorce here against Harry O. Owen, wealthy hide dealer of Gary, Ind. Mrs. Owen in her divorce bill also objected to her husband's use of "excellent cologne."



THE lakes are mirrors of pure ice—The trees, in ermine, stand Hung with the jewels of the frost. A sparkling fairyland.

King Winter's made of Sposyville. And Supposes all together Enjoy his gifts and make the most Of February weather.

The sleigh bells tinkle jollily And skates and sleds and skis Work overtime, and iceboats skim

Like birds before the breeze. A royal snowball battle's held Twist young and old. At night They dance on skates upon the lake By glowing lantern light

And no one groans about the cold, For everybody there Has lovely woolen frocks and suits And snug fur coats to wear.

And heaters, thanks to Solomon T. Wise, are put together

In such a way they never play Mean tricks in frigid weather.

Fires never once go out, and so, With fun and exercising, They find upon the coldest days Their temperatures arising!

Ho! give three cheers for winter then, The old dear has his points, What though he's hard on pocket-books,

On noses, ears and joints!

under her arm. Her leather handbag swung from her left hand.

"Give me that money," commanded a man at her side as she turned the corner to enter the office. He pointed a revolver at her.

"Money? Why certainly," answered Miss Holmes coolly. "It's all in here," and she handed the bandit her bag,

which contained \$83. The bandit fled. Miss Holmes triumphantly entered the office and placed the \$800 on the manager's desk.

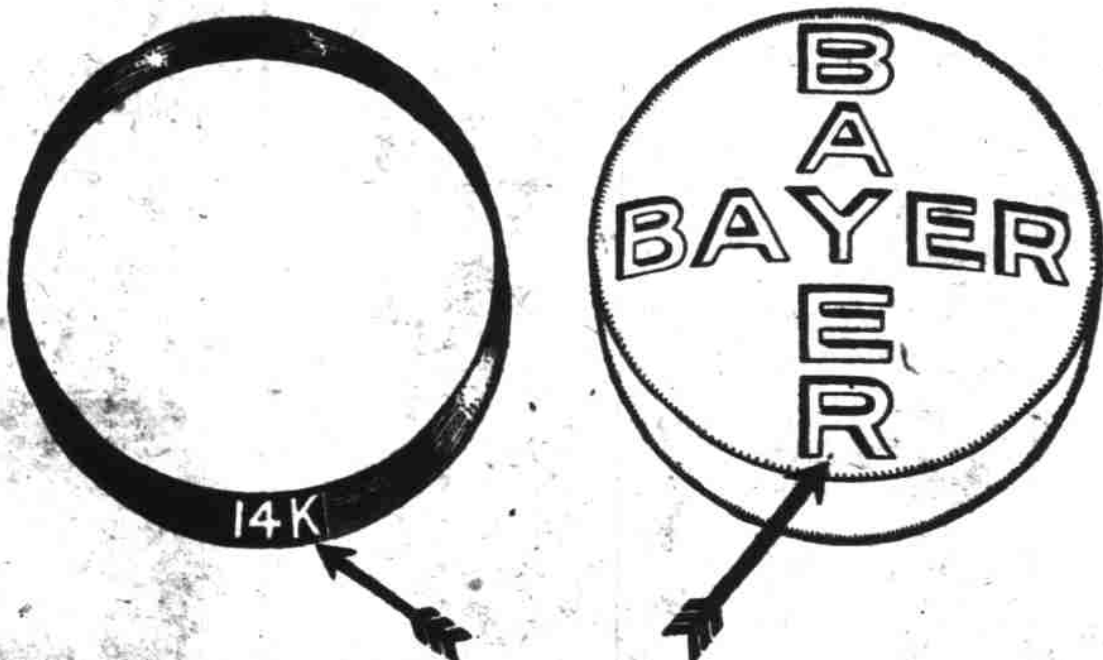
A sanitary drinking fountain that can be attached to the top of a fire hydrant without interfering with the use of the latter is the idea of a Californian.

Girl's Wit Wins

Miss Celia Holmes, cashier, for the Whittaker Manufacturing company of Chicago, was on her way to the offices of the company this morning with a package containing \$900, the payroll,

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