



JUNIOR TREASURE CHEST

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WHAT ANIMAL IS IT?

Ruth Dixon

Here is an animal only three-and-one-half feet long and only 20 pounds in weight, who fights successfully with forest creatures several times his size. He can leap from tree to tree and run fast.

His scientific name is *MUSTELA PENNANTI* or *MARTES PENNANTI*, but can you guess his everyday name? He lives with his wife and four babies high in a hollow treetop. He is particularly fond of eating frogs, fishes, and porcupines. Hunters like the fur of these fearless animals and hunt them in the forested parts of Canada and the United States. There aren't too many of them left.



THIS ANIMAL IS A _____

MY NAME _____ AGE _____

STREET _____ CITY _____

ZONE _____ STATE _____

MY NEWSPAPER IS _____

Twenty-third Color Contest (Dec. 30, 1956)

Solution: Yellow-bellied Sapsucker. Color: Scarlet crown and throat; black coat with white markings. Black on breast, yellowish belly. Winners: Alice Schwalbe, Ennis, Tex.; John Cicacella, New Haven, Conn.; Davy Davis, Elk Grove, Calif.; Mary Ann Stutsman, Rogersville, Mo.

Rules for Contest

Guess the animal's name and color the picture neatly in its true colors. Send within one week to Ruth Dixon, Junior Treasure Chest, Family Weekly, 153 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago 1, Ill. Be sure to send your name, age, and address with your page. Prizes will be awarded to two boys and two girls for the best entries. Try your luck! It's fun.

Rain Relay

Shirley Deneen

Here is a hilarious relay race to play indoors—maybe on a rainy day. Have the players form two lines. At the opposite end of the room place two folding chairs and two buckets, each containing a pair of canvas work gloves and an umbrella.

At the word "go," the first ones in each line run to the chairs, unfold them, sit down, put on the gloves, open the umbrellas, put their feet in the buckets and say, "It ain't gonna rain no more, no more. It ain't gonna rain no more!" Then they each step out of the bucket, remove the gloves, close the umbrella and fold up the chair before returning to their teams. They go to the end of the line and the next two players repeat this until one of the teams has finished. The first to do so, wins!

Janie's Jumbles

Jane McHenry

Now's the time for April showers! Let's make words from rain by adding a letter or two. Here are the clues: (Answer to No. 1 is brain.)

1. You think with this.
2. Water runs down this.
3. This travels on rails.
4. This is full of holes.
5. This is made into food.
6. They say this has a pot of gold at its end.
7. This is part of a song.

Answers: 1. brain, 2. drain, 3. train, 4. strainer, 5. grain, 6. rainbow, 7. refrain.

Riddle Corner

1. Where does Sunday come after Monday?
 2. What animal carried the least onto Noah's ark and which one carried the most?
- Answers: 1. In the dictionary. 2. The rooster only carried his comb, but the elephant carried his trunk.

Name the Toys

Ruby Bradford Murphy

This is an old game that has been played by grownups, but it can be enjoyed by children, too, if toys are used instead of household articles.

The hostess asks the players to sit in a circle. Then she leaves the room and returns with a large tray filled with toys which are covered with a cloth. She places the tray in the center of the circle (on a table or on the floor) and hands each guest a slip of paper and a pencil. She lifts the cloth from the tray and gives the players a full minute to look at the toys. Then she covers the tray again and tells each player to write down the names of the toys. The game can be as hard or easy as you wish by choosing more or fewer toys to put on the tray.

The player with the most complete list wins. If any player writes down the name of a toy that is not on the tray, he must sing a song or recite a poem or perform some other stunt.

What Did They Like to Eat?

Patricia W. Boyd

Do you remember what your favorite nursery-rhyme folk liked to eat?

1. Who ate broth without any bread?
2. Who ate curds and whey?
3. Who ate Christmas pie?
4. Who ate strawberries, sugar, and cream?
5. Who could eat no fat?
6. Who was eating bread and honey?
7. Who ate pumpkin?
8. Who liked roast beef?

Answers: 1. The children who lived in the shoe. 2. Little Jack Horner. 4. Curly Locks. 5. Jack Sprat. 6. The queen in "Sing a Song of Sixpence." 7. Peter Peter, Pumpkin Eater. 8. The third pig in "The Little Pig Went to Market."

THE PLAYHOUSE

by Nancy Clinton

My brothers climbed up in a tree and built a little house for me.

It has a window and a door

and a rug upon the floor with a table and a stool

and I play here after school with my friends

I pour them and the birds all sing

for me—till my comes to stay—then the concert flies away.

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