

**by Thornton W. Burgess**

**LITTLE MITE STEALS AN EGG**

**I**F PETER RABBIT could have known how Reddy Fox had been sitting so close to little Mite, the lost baby of Danny Meadow Mouse, that his tail was over him and that he did not know it at all, Peter would simply have laughed in his sleeve instead of being angry and anxious as he saw Reddy coming in his direction. Not that Peter was afraid for himself. Oh, my, no! He had seen Reddy in plenty of time and he knew that his long legs would take him to safety. What made him anxious was the thought that Reddy would be sure to poke around and try to find out what Peter had been doing.

Now, you know Peter had been trying to find the lost baby of Danny Meadow Mouse so as to take him back home, and what he was afraid of now was that Reddy's keen little



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black nose might find what Peter's eyes had been unable to find. So Peter didn't hurry away as fast as he would have otherwise. In fact, Peter took chances. He actually tried to tempt Reddy to chase him so that he might lead him away from that place. He made faces at Reddy and called him names. But Reddy had found out from one of the Merry Little Breezes, who had been thoughtless, the secret of the lost little Meadow Mouse, and he paid no attention whatever to Peter. Instead he began to run this way and that way, with his nose to the ground, sniffing and snuffing for some trace of Meadow Mouse, and all the time he was going farther and farther from where little Mite was.

Now, just as soon as little Mite thought it was safe to move, he began to run in the opposite direction. He wanted to get just as far as he could from that dangerous neighborhood. It was hard work pushing through the grass, for there were no little paths there, but he was too frightened to mind the hard work and kept right on. One thing he had learned, and that was the wisdom of keeping perfectly still when an enemy was near and hadn't yet seen him. It was one of the most important lessons he would ever learn, though he didn't know it at the time.

After what seemed to him like a very long time he came to a tiny path. It wasn't as good a path as the private little paths that Danny Meadow Mouse makes, but still it was a real little path, and, of course, that meant easier going. He hurried along it and then quite unexpectedly he came to a little house hidden in the grass. He stopped short and eyed it suspiciously. It looked something like his own dear home in the middle of the pile of old cornstalks, for it was made of dried grasses. It wasn't quite so big and it had no roof. Little Mite looked this way and looked that way. He couldn't see anyone about, so he crept up and peeped into the little grass house. Inside were four little, speckled, shiny things. They were the queerest things he had ever

seen and he didn't know just what to make of them.

With another hasty look to see that all was safe, little Mite crept in and touched one of the queer, speckled things. It was very smooth and rolled a little when he touched it. He wondered if it was good to eat. The only way to find out was to bite it and find out. At first it slipped away from his sharp little teeth. He clutched it in both hands and tried again. This time his teeth went through, and inside was something simply delicious! He sucked it all out and it seemed to him that he never had tasted anything quite so good. You see, he was very hungry.

He had just reached for another of the little speckled things when without any warning at all something sharp hit him on the head. "Ouch!" cried little Mite and started to run. And then it seemed as if a hundred enemies were striking at him from all sides, and the air was filled with shrill, angry cries. Somehow he couldn't fight back. All he could do was to run and run. At last the terrible blows stopped. But little Mite didn't. He wanted to get as far away as he could. So he ran until he could no longer hear the angry voice behind him. It was the voice of Little Friend, the Song Sparrow, for it was Little Friend's nest that he had found and one of Little Friend's eggs that he had stolen.

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**Collarless Type**



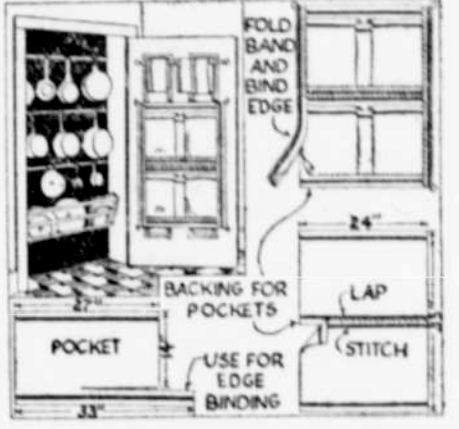
Interesting contrasts in suits continue to be a fashion highlight. Here is a suit presented at a style clinic held in the Merchandise Mart in Chicago, which is particularly noteworthy in that it tops a black skirt with a color-drenched tweed jacket. A most likable feature about the jacket is that it is of the simply styled collarless type.

**Hat Shapes Most Important Item**

This spring the shape of a hat will be more important than its trimming. Straws are spreading out, enormous brims in odd shapes—palletes, or shovels or fans. Others, halo style, are tied on with bandanas, mammy style. Doll hats—if you still like 'em—in straw with stiffly starched veils; the inevitable school girl sailor; felts, their crowns blocked in odd shapes; straws with brims like royal crowns, will all be good.

**HOW to SEW** By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

**T**WO pockets on the inside of this pantry door are used for fish towels—the upper for clean towels; the lower for soiled ones. The pockets themselves are made from four dish towels with bright red borders and are hooked onto the door with brass rings. All the dimensions for cutting, and directions for making are given here in the sketch. If toweling by the



yard is used, 3 3/4 yards will be required.

These directions are not in either Book 1 or Book 2, so be sure to cut them out for reference. Each of the books contains complete directions for making dozens of other useful things for yourself, your home and to use for gifts and bazaars. Many readers are also making scrap books of these articles and when they are combined with the two books, they have a treasure house of ideas

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**SAFETY TALKS**

**Driving Ability**

**T**HE National Safety council reports that automobile drivers reach the peak of their skill and ability after 20 years of age.

Recent studies, said the council, indicate that drivers under 20 years of age have the highest accident rate. This rate decreases quite steadily to the age of about 50, and then increases sharply.

**Good Counsel**

No man is so foolish but he may give another good counsel sometimes, and no man so wise but he may easily err, if he takes no other counsel than his own. He that was taught only by himself had a fool for a master.—Ben Jonson.

**ASK ME ANOTHER ?**

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. What is meant by the Roaring 40's?
2. Who had the "face that launched a thousand ships"?
3. How fast could Walter Johnson throw a ball?
4. Is there such a thing as a double-jointed person?
5. Has anyone ever seen the other side of the moon?
6. What is the difference between a thief and a robber?
7. How much oil does the Queen Mary burn?
8. What is the origin of the Sicilians, and are they Italians?
9. How much does the Empire State building sway?
10. What country formerly required that a man waving a red flag should precede every automobile?

- imately 225 barrels of oil in a 24-hour day.
8. Sicily, a department of Italy, has a population of about 4,000,000. The island has been colonized by various peoples including the Phoenicians, Greeks, Romans, Saracens, Spaniards, French, etc., in its history but the Sicilians of today are regarded as Italians.
9. The building is constructed to withstand a maximum sway of 12 inches but tests show that the sway is rarely greater than two inches. In the storm of September 21, 1938, in a 110-mile wind, the building swayed four inches.
10. England thought so little of the value of the new machine and considered it such a dangerous agent that a law, enforced until 1896, forbade automobiles to speed at more than four miles an hour, and required that a man waving a red flag should precede every power-driven vehicle.

**The Answers**

1. The streets of New York between Fortieth and Fiftieth, especially the Times Square district.
2. Helen of Troy had the "face that launched a thousand ships."
3. A test made at the Remington Arms Co., showed that Walter Johnson threw a ball at the rate of 122 feet per second.
4. No. Loose or stretched ligaments give the appearance.
5. Inhabitants of the earth cannot see the other side of the moon, because the moon rotates on its axis at the same rate that it revolves around the earth. Therefore, it always keeps the same face towards the earth.
6. A thief is one who deprived another of property secretly or without open force, as opposed to a robber who uses open force or violence.
7. The Queen Mary uses approx-

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Here's good advice for a woman during her change (usually from 38 to 55), who fears she'll lose her appeal to men, who worries about hot flashes, loss of pep, dizzy spells, upset nerves and moody spells. Get more fresh air, 8 hrs. sleep and if you need a good general system tonic take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made especially for women. It helps Nature build up physical resistance, thus helps give more vivacity to enjoy life and assist calming jittery nerves and disturbing symptoms that often accompany change of life. **WELL WORTH TRYING!**

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