

Fairy Tale for the Children

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

"Am I not more sweet-tempered than you?" asked Mr. Polar Bear.

"You are," agreed Mrs. Polar Bear. "You don't seem to mind admitting it," said Mr. Polar Bear.

"Of course not," said Mrs. Polar. "I do not consider it any honor to be sweet-tempered."

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a glorious, cold, icy winter by sleeping—no, never!

"And whether in the zoo or out of it, the smart, wise old polar bears won't go to sleep for any length of time, no indeed they won't."

"So I haven't much use for the other foolish bears and their silly ways."

"But oh, what I do love, what I love most devotedly, is cold, cold weather and ice, ice, ice."

"This summer business is the worst of all!"

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ly before and the black bears foolish—you told me so."

"No matter," said Mrs. Polar Bear. "They both deserve both names. They're both silly and they're both foolish."

"Well, as I was saying, or, as I was about to say, they would have slept for the winter if they had been free and would have wasted a good winter."

"But we sensible polar bears would not have gone to sleep for the winter even if we had been free."

"We wouldn't waste what we had of

PECTIN ADDED TO STRAWBERRIES

Strawberries make good jam or preserves, used whole, but the juice alone will not "jell" like many other fruit juices, because it is deficient in pectin.

There is a way of remedying this difficulty, if you are fond of the delicious flavor of fresh strawberries in every form. Pectin may be added, the bureau of home economics says. You can extract the pectin yourself from apples or citrus fruit, or you can buy the commercial kind. If the berries are especially lacking in acid, one teaspoonful of lemon juice may be added for each cup of strawberry juice just before the jelly test is reached. The lemon juice also helps to keep the bright red color. Directions for making the necessary pectin may be obtained by writing to the United States Department of Agriculture.

plums. Some fruits which we have with us all the year such as limes, lemons, oranges and grapefruit, add their zest to the other fruits as well as serving various marmalades.

For dinner on a hot day have a cold meat platter. Arrange thinly sliced chicken left from the previous day, thinly sliced ham and a few slices of cheese. Garnish with lettuce of hard-cooked eggs, small yellow tomatoes, peeled, hollowed out and filled with mayonnaise, placing each on a heart leaf of lettuce.

Ice cream is always enjoyed as a dessert, but when the weather is hot it is particularly desirable.

Bananas are delicious served with crushed fresh currants or currant juice well sweetened poured over them.

Spiced Prunes.—Wash a pound of prunes and cover with three cups of cold water. Let stand over night. In the morning simmer gently in the same water until tender. Remove the pits, add to the liquid the juice and rind of a lemon, one-half cupful of vinegar, a cupful of sugar, a teaspoonful of ground cinnamon and one-half teaspoonful of cloves and allspice. Simmer for five minutes, drop in the prunes and cook five minutes. Remove the fruit to sterilized jars and boil down the syrup for five minutes. Pour over the fruit and seal while hot. This is an excellent standby as it can be made at any time.

Celery and Shrimp Salad.—Dissolve two-thirds of a teaspoonful of gelatin in three tablespoonfuls of boiling water, add one-fourth teaspoonful of lemon juice. Add a tablespoonful of cold water to the gelatin to soften before adding the boiling water.

quisite French enamel, and these may be used on the dressing table when the journey is over.

Natural pigskin and creamy tan cowhide are the two aristocrats among leathers for these four-piece ensembles, and cream-white linen or beige moire are used exclusively for linings, in place of colored textiles of former seasons. The travel-wise will order fabric covers for the four pieces, also in matching color, and harmonizing with the leather. These covers are snapped on easily, and may be laundered as often as necessary. They are particularly desirable for motor travel, as they provide complete protection against dust and scarring.

The shoe case in this ensemble is worth special mentioning because it may be opened up and hung flat on the closet door as an ideal storage place for shoes when not in use for traveling. It is made in two sizes, to carry twelve or eighteen pairs of shoes, and with a special compartment for hosiery. The fitted dressing case in the ensemble may be replaced by a small dressing case without fittings, for the woman who prefers to pack this type of bag with her own particular lotions, creams and toilet articles. The dressing case or the fitted case may or may not match the other pieces. Some women choose them in blue, green or red ecru, snake or lizard, and have them covered with the cloth snap-on covers so that they will harmonize with the other pieces.

By the way, the lovely bride pictured in miniature is gowned in medieval manner, in shimmering rayon satin of a deep creamy white tone, with a long court train and standing collar of Duchesse lace.

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Don't Stoop Over to Beat Eggs or to Do Other Household Tasks.

over a table vigorously using an egg beater. It's too bad, however, for any woman to assume such a bad posture for doing any of her frequently recurring household tasks, for by repeti-

How to Fumigate Clothing



Closet Prepared for Fumigation Against Moths.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

If you have a roomy closet with a tight-fitting door and smooth uncracked walls, you can use it for fumigating wool garments before storing them over the summer. Fumigation with carbon disulphid or carbon tetrachlorid will free clothing from any moth infestation that may have occurred be-

fore the garments were given attention. If the closet is not needed the clothing, after being fumigated, may be left in it until wanted again. Or the fumigation may be done as an extra precaution and the clothes then wrapped in tight packages or placed in trunks or cedar chests for safe keeping.

The bureau of entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture gives the following directions for fumigating a closet:

Since the gas formed by evaporation of either carbon disulphid or carbon tetrachlorid is heavier than air, fumigation is done by placing the liquid in a shallow dish on a shelf of the closet, as shown in the illustration. For a closet 2 by 5 by 7 feet, use about three-fourths of a cupful of carbon disulphid or about one and a half cupfuls of carbon tetrachlorid. As soon as the liquid has been poured into the dish shut the door and seal cracks about it with gummed paper, or paste on strips of firm paper, using a flour paste. Sealing the door prevents the gas from escaping rapidly and keeps clothes moths from crawling into the closet by way of the cracks and offsetting the good of the fumigation.

Carbon tetrachlorid has the great advantage over carbon disulphid that its gas is neither explosive nor inflammable, hence there is no risk of fire in its use.

When cool add one-fourth of a cupful of broken shrimps and one fourth cupful of finely cut tender celery, salt to taste. Mold and chill, serve with any good dressing.

When muskmelons are overripe and have lost some of their flavor, cut the peeled fruit into cubes and heap in tall glasses, pour over a lemon or a ginger syrup with a few bits of Canton ginger, chill and serve.

Salad Sandwich Loaf.—After removing the crust cut a whole loaf of bread into four slices, lengthwise. Put together with any desired sandwich filling, using the different fillings. The following are suggestive:

Rub hard-cooked egg through a sieve, season with salt, pepper and melted butter.

Take one-fourth cupful of chopped olives and pickles, two radishes, a bit of chopped green pepper or parsley, salt and pepper, bind with thick salad dressing.

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Should Keep Good Posture

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At this time of year when eggs are plentiful and many good dishes are being made with them, there is nothing unusual in seeing a housewife bent



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tion she trains her muscles and bones into whatever position she habitually takes. It would be an easy thing for her, in the first place, to stand with back straight and still beat eggs, if she simply thinks about how she is standing. She might help herself to maintain a good position while at work at the kitchen table if she had a set of blocks made to put under the legs of the table and raise it to a more effective and comfortable working height.

Extension workers among farm women in many states have recently been stressing the importance of good posture and working levels suited to the individual. The illustration, taken by the United States Department of Agriculture, shows a woman in Hampshire county, Massachusetts, demonstrating the effect of having to bend over a work table. Other demonstrations have included correct and incorrect posture while washing dishes, mopping floors, handling food at the oven, and other common activities in the ordinary farm household routine labors.

Attention must be given to posture no matter what work is being done. The reward of any effort to improve the height of working surfaces and household equipment generally in order to assure good posture at work is a noticeable lessening of fatigue and often a reduction in the time spent on a given task. The net result is of course greater leisure and increased ability to enjoy and use it to advantage.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

By Mary Graham Bonner

A RARE CREATURE

"It was funny," Mrs. Indian Elephant used to say, as she told the other zoo animals about the experiences she had had in a circus, "but I would think to myself:

"Now, in this town we're coming to surely there will be no children. Surely some towns won't have a supply of them."

"But there always were children, in every single town."

"Yes, friends," Mrs. Elephant would say, "I have never been in a town where there weren't children."

"I imagine a town must be rare, very, very rare, and ready to be put into a museum, where there were no children."

"I don't really believe there is such a place. It wouldn't be worth visiting—I know that much."

"Why, no one would want to perform in a circus if children weren't there, for children know enough to appreciate a circus—and while grown-ups may, too—well, they don't like to laugh right out loud just as much as children do."

But one day Mrs. Indian Elephant was feeling quite sad. She had been thinking of something else, and though later on she cheered up and forgot about it, I must tell you what she said.

"It does seem a pity," she said sadly.

"What seems a pity?" the others asked her. "Tell us, Mrs. Indian Elephant, what seems a pity?"

"It seems a pity," said Mrs. Indian Elephant, "that we aren't appreciated."

"That is, we aren't so interesting as the Mr. Indian Elephants, and we aren't so interesting as the African Elephants, but we would like to be thought so just the same."

"Yes, we would like to be thought just as interesting. We most certainly would."

"And it seems a pity that they don't care for us so much. They think we're very common and usual. And so we are."

"But it's a pity they think it, yes, it's a pity we don't fool the keepers better."

"It is a pity," said Miss Indian Elephant. "It is a pity" she said, waving her trunk.

"But it's the truth," said Mr. Indian Elephant.

"There, there, don't rub it in," said Mrs. Indian Elephant.

"I'm not rubbing anything in," said Mr. Indian Elephant.

"I mean," said Mrs. Indian Elephant, "that it's rubbing the truth in when you say it is the truth, and I know it is, but I don't like to have people think so—and yet they do!"

"Oh, I see," said Mr. Indian Elephant.

"That's a fine way of looking at things," said Mr. African Elephant.

"Now, be kind, be kind," said Mrs. Indian Elephant, "for you're a rare creature and a fine creature, and I hate to admit it, I do."

For the African Elephant was so much more rare a creature—and he knew it and they all knew it!

CONUNDRUMS

What railroad accident is an everyday occurrence? Running over frogs.

Why is an egg too lightly boiled like one boiled too much? Because it is hardly done.

What does an envelope say when it is licked? Just shuts up and says nothing about it.

Why is a whisper like a forged banknote? Because it is uttered but not aloud (allowed).

What street in London puts you in mind of a tooth which has pained you for a long time? Long Acre.

Why can you never expect a fisherman to be generous? Because his business makes him self-fish.

Why is a policeman on his beat like an Irishman rolling down a hill? Because he's patrolling (Pat rolling).

What is a penniless state of things the cause of rejoicing in a poor man's family? When bread is a penny less a loaf.

Why are dunes no longer imported into this country from England? Because a Yankee dude'll do (Yankee doodle do).



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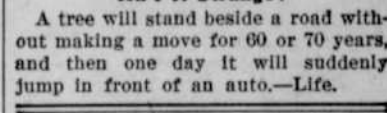
All Is Forgiven

A girl has as much right to try to stay young as a man has to try to stay solvent. It is the same instinct and is prompted by the same necessity.—Woman's Home Companion.

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Isn't It Strange?

A tree will stand beside a road without making a move for 60 or 70 years, and then one day it will suddenly jump in front of an auto.—Life.



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