

THE MISSING MISS.

Returning home at close of day,
Who quietly hides my long delay?
Who greets me in a cheerful way?
Nobody.

Who caters to my every care?
Who makes me take the easy chair?
Who puts my cosy slippers there?
Nobody.

Who has my dinner steaming hot?
Who for my welfare cares a lot?
Who feeds if I am sick or not?
Nobody.

But who will presently do this?
Who's going to give me cheery bliss?
Who—Must you know? Well, it is Miss
Somebody.
—Wayside Tales.

AFRICA LOSING WILD GAME

Unless Speedily Afforded Protection
Many Species Will Shortly Be-
come Utterly Extinct.

South Africa, which has long been regarded as having an almost inexhaustible supply of wild game, is threatened with extinction of several of its most valuable species, animals for which explorers and hunters like Colonel Roosevelt sought in moderation, and which others have slaughtered wantonly for their hides, horns, or merely for the pleasure of killing. In an article in the Zoological Society Bulletin, A. K. Haagner, director of the National Zoological Gardens of South Africa at Pretoria, says that many wild animals may soon be as scarce in Africa as others are in the United States.

The white rhinoceros, the graceful nyala—a species of antelope—the bontebok and the mountain zebra, a quaint little animal with the stripes in which children at the zoo delight, are rapidly vanishing from the South African hills and plains, and those interested in their preservation are finding great difficulty in arousing the people of the country to the necessity for protecting them in preserves.

EXPLAINING KNOTS ON TREES

They Mark Spots Where the Branches
Have Left the Parent Stem
or Trunk.

Trees are formed of three parts—the roots, the parent stem or trunk, and the branches. When the trees are cut up into lumber, the first of these parts is useless, and generally is left in the ground to be salvaged later for other purposes.

The branches of the tree are also comparatively useless, but the trunk produces a number of valuable planks in proportion to its diameter.

In spite of the fact that the branches have been lopped off, they leave their mark upon the parent stem in the shape of hard, round or oval spots, which we call "knots." Each of these knots shows where the limb of the tree was growing, because the limb had its beginning in the heart of the trunk, drawing its sustenance directly from the central source of supply.

The hardness of knots is due to the fact that more strength is required at the base of the limb than farther out.

Weasel Displayed Cunning.

A fair example of cunning was afforded by a weasel at a sawmill in Bruce county, Ontario. The animal took on the job of killing a number of rats. After exterminating the lot excepting one large fellow the weasel dug a hole under the corner of a lumber pile and then tacked his heavier antagonist, which chased him into the hole. When the spectators thought the weasel was "done for" he came out the other end and went in after the rat. It was not long before the ingenious weasel came out with the dead rat. On investigation it was found that the weasel had made the hole small at one end so that the rodent could not get through, and it was then attacked from the rear.



MEASURED UP

Aunt Lucy—I'm afraid you are getting too familiar with Mr. Huggins. You know I told you he should be held at arm's length.

Vera Philippe—Yes, I held him at arm's length, all right and the length of my arm was just enough to reach around his neck.

Two Trees in One.

At Greenspond, Newfoundland, there is the rotted remains of an old tree, still standing. A new tree has grown up right through the heart of the rotten tree.

Oh, You Naughty Daddy!

Little Pansy Peavish says the reason they didn't have brandy sauce on their Thanksgiving pudding was because papa got into the kitchen while mamma was sweeping the porch.—Dallas News.

Wonderful Alpine Plant.

One of the most wonderful little plants to be found in the Alps is a little Alpine Soldanella. This plant can melt ice with its own bodily heat.



PGYMY HIPPOPOTAMI

"When a person wishes to speak of a number of little people the person says 'children,' but when only one is spoken of the person says 'child,'" said Mrs. Pygmy Hippopotami.

"But when any one wishes to speak of two of us they say 'Hippopotami,' which means more than one hippopotamus."

"I do hope I have been clear."

"I think so," said Mr. Pygmy Hippopotami, "but let us call each other Hippo for short."

"A good idea," said Mrs. Hippo. "There is your brother in yonder tank home," she continued. "He likes his lonely ways and is happy all by himself. Now, I would not be happy like that. I am sociable."

"So am I," said Mr. Hippo, "and I wouldn't be in the least happy living by myself."

"I want companionship. I want some one to talk to, and to eat my meals with. Lonely meals I could not endure."

"But meals with me you like very well," said Mrs. Hippo with a grin.

"I know why you are grinning," said Mr. Hippo, "and that is because you think I like my meals so well."

"Do I merely think that?" asked Mrs. Hippo. "Or am I correct? Is it not true that you like your meals?"

"Quite true," said Mr. Hippo, "quite true. I like my meals immensely."



It is a Pleasure.

but it is a pleasure for me to have my meals with you."

"It is a pleasure for me, too," said Mrs. Hippo, with a polite bow.

"I have understood that I have puzzled people because when my mouth is open I show my tusks, and when my mouth is closed no one can see them," said Mr. Hippo.

"Ah, yes, you have puzzled many," said Mrs. Hippo.

"I do not see why I should," said Mr. Hippo. "I am not puzzled because I do not see people's tongues when their mouths are closed and yet catch sight of their tongues when their mouths are open."

"I do not see why they are surprised."

"It is because you look quite gentle when you don't show your tusks, but when you open your mouth and show your tusks you look so suddenly dangerous," explained Mrs. Hippo.

"Well," said Mr. Hippo, "I can be dangerous if people are not nice to me. That is true enough."

"I suppose," said Mrs. Hippo, "that every one knows that a pygmy hippo is a small-sized hippo. But we're a regular kind of animal. By that I mean that we're not simply small-sized hippopotami but that we're a regular family of animals, only people can know us by seeing that we look like big hippopotami and yet are ever so much smaller."

"Some children once thought we looked like chocolate bars made up into animals. That was a funny thought, but there was sense to it, too. We are chocolate colored."

"Ah," said Mr. Hippo, "I am very happy in the zoo. I like the life here. I enjoy the food I have to eat. I am pleased with your companionship and I find no fault with life."

"I feel the same way about life and the zoo and my food and you," said Mrs. Hippo.

"I don't believe in creatures making a fuss all the time. I don't make a fuss. I am pleasant, and I believe that because I enjoy myself so much I don't get sick."

"I never get sick. I don't ever want to get sick."

"The same with me," said Mr. Hippo. "I believe your words are true and sensible ones, my dear mate. How nice it is that we should agree so beautifully and that we should mate."

"Well, I suppose," said Mrs. Hippo, with a quaint smile, "that if we hadn't been so friendly and enjoyed the same things as we did, we would never have been mates in the first place."

"That's the thing," said Mr. Hippo. "You've hit the nail on the head, which means you've struck the right answer in the right way right on time without any delay or floundering around!"

Wasn't Sure of Clothes.
Donald and his mother were out walking when a boy greeted Donald and Donald failed to reply. "Don't you know him, dear?" asked his mother.

"Well, maybe I do. He hasn't got the same clothes that John had when I saw him last, but he's got the same face!"

Highway Employees Seek New Penn State Course.

State highwaymen from Maine to Texas and as far west as Iowa have sent inquiries during the past few weeks to the engineering extension department of The Pennsylvania State College, seeking information concerning the new home study course in highway construction and road building offered by the department. The Pennsylvania State Highway Department is endeavoring to have all of its younger men of limited experience take this work so that the highways of this State may not be surpassed by those of any other State.

Scores of applications are received at the college extension office every week from men wishing to study this highway course. It promises to be one of the most popular of the many courses offered practically free by the engineering extension department, located at State College. The State Highway Departments of Maine, New York, New Jersey, West Virginia, Michigan, Indiana, Tennessee, Illinois, Iowa and Texas have written concerning the Penn State highway course.

Real Estate Transfers.

John E. Miles, et ux, to Clifford V. Quick, tract in Milesburg; \$100.

Andrew J. Lytle, et ux, to Mabel Boyer Parks, tract in State College; \$1,600.

Andrew Lytle, et ux, to Carrie H. Strunk, tract in College township; \$250.

Joseph Reese to J. E. Starrett, tract in Boggs township; \$1,200.

Emma Detwiler, et bar, to Wilbur Runkle, tract in Potter township; \$800.

Adam Krumrine, et ux, to John B. Shope, et ux, tract in State College; \$300.

Adolph Keryeki to William Katures, tract in Rush township; \$1,725.

American Lime & Stone Co. to Whiterock Quarries, tract in Spring township; \$1.

James I. Lytle, et ux, to Daniel B. Lowder, tract in State College; \$65.

Ross C. Lowder, et al, to Eleanor S. Lowder, tract in College township; \$1.

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Julia L. Hale, et al, to Lucy Wood, tract in Rush township; \$325.

Morris E. Klinger, et ux, to Wm. H. Johnstonbaugh, tract in College township; \$2,500.

Winona W. Evey, et bar, to Wm. H. Johnstonbaugh, tract in College township; \$225.

Wm. H. Johnstonbaugh, et ux, to Frances L. Houtz, tract in College township; \$4,000.

Geo. F. Dunkle to Elizabeth M. Dunkle, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

Thomas M. Dunkle, to Elizabeth M. Dunkle, tract in Philipsburg; \$1.

Near East Relief

This space is gladly given to the Near East Relief Committee. No cause makes a stronger appeal to our sympathy. Our Gifts go to helpless little children who, without this aid, would be helpless and friendless.

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