

Story for Kiddies at Bedtime

By Martha Martin

"I AM GOING to marry a buidler," said Miss Betty Beaver.
"And a fine buidler he is, too," she added. "He has asked me to be his mate, and I have consented. He gave me a handsome twig for an engagement present. Oh, it was delicious."
"I ate it at once. We so love to eat twigs and bits of bark," Miss Beaver continued.
"All Beavers do, but my Mr. Beaver picked out such a nice one on his engagement day."
"We shall be married this very day and together we shall make our home."
"Of course," Miss Betty Beaver added, and the other Beavers listened. "Beavers are all famous for being fine builders, but I think my Mr. Beaver stands at the head of his trade."
"Yes, I do not think any Beaver is so fine a buidler."
"Not so very polite to us," said the other Beavers, "but still Miss Betty Beaver is in love and she naturally thinks her Mr. Beaver is the best of all in every way."
"It would be very strange if she didn't think so, very strange indeed. And the nice part is that she will always think so, for Beavers do not change their minds."
"And they are devoted to their mates throughout their lives."
"Then, too, her Mr. Beaver is a fine Mr. Beaver and one of the best of Beaver builders."
They talked almost as though Miss Betty Beaver could not hear what they were saying, but of course she heard,

and she, too, was pleased that others thought as she did.

"Mr. Beaver has started our home," said Miss Betty Beaver after a few moments.

"He is going to have it so that floods will not overtake our dwelling



Her Mr. Beaver Was One of the Best Beaver Builders.

and so people will not see it and come and disturb us.

"He says he doesn't like to be disturbed and I quite agree with him."

"We all agree to that," said the

other Beavers. "We don't like to be disturbed by peop'e."

"They're so apt to be rude and hunt us. Yes, they're apt to be very rude and try to get us in their horrible traps."

"So your Mr. Beaver is very wise."

Then Miss Betty Beaver saw Mr. Beaver coming to get her, and they went off together while the other Beavers wished them well and said they hoped to see them soon again.

So Miss Betty Beaver became Mrs. Beaver, and they built one of the finest homes ever had in Beaver Meadow, where these Beavers lived.

All the other Beavers admired it and said it was one of the most perfectly built homes they had ever seen.

"It was Mr. Beaver's splendid work," said his mate. "He just comes by building naturally."

"But it was Mrs. Beaver," her mate added, "who gave it the lovely touch of home. She has done that."

Beaver building, Beaver building, Beaver building is fine:

Of clever brains and skillful ways is this a certain sign:

But the best of homes we've ever seen, or, rather, almost ever,

is this home of the Beaver pair whose love will never sever.

This was what the Beavers recited for Mr. and Mrs. Beaver, and then one of them added before leaving:

"When we said your love will never sever we meant that it would never be parted from you, and that we know you would keep your love for each other and wouldn't let it run away!"

"We might have chosen another word, but never did so beautifully for the rhyme!"

And Mr. and Mrs. Beaver laughed happily as they said good-by to their guests.

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A FLOWER MISSED

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

MANY the songs they sing you, mothers of men.
Many the flow'rs they bring you, mother of men.

But think, if you see and know,
There is a fairer blossom, though,
Just a daisy of long ago,
Mothers of men.

Once from a wilder garden, mothers of men,
Asking your praise and pardon, mothers of men,
Came a child with a little fist
Bearing a daisy, that you kissed,
Just a flow'r that the reader missed,
Mothers of men.

Soon will our blossoms perish, mothers of men,
But there is one you cherish, mothers of men,
Never long will the flowers last,
Flowers wither and fade so fast,
But there is one that the reaper passed,
Mothers of men.

One you will wear in heaven, mothers of men,
One in our childhood given, mothers of men,
Once a child with a little fist
Brought you a daisy, that you kissed—
There is one that the reaper missed,
Mothers of men.

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The Lipstick Age

Managers of Atlantic City hotels say that their maintenance costs have increased enormously because women use so much lipstick and other cosmetics. The women, according to the managers, not only use napkins, bath and face towels to wipe off the lipstick, but also employ tablecloths on occasion. And the lipstick is so strong that bleaching agents are necessary to restore the goods to their pristine whiteness.

DATE OF THE EARTH'S BIRTH

By F. A. Walker

IF WE knew just the date of the earth's birth we could add another holiday to the ones we now celebrate.

Professor Moreaux of the observatory of Bourges in France, while he has not attempted to fix the exact birth of the earth, issued a statement that his study and investigations establish the age of the earth at not less than 500,000,000 years and the period of life on this planet at about 250,000,000 years.

If the French professor is right Mother Earth is getting old enough to be quite sensible and life has been here long enough to have established pretty substantial evidence of what natural development can accomplish.

The greatest age hitherto ascribed to the earth has been the figures arrived at by the calculations of the time which it has taken the earth to cool from a white hot mass to its present temperature and the retarding effects of the tides on the period of the earth's revolution.

Sir William Thompson, applying the Fourier method of heat conduction, concluded that the earth could not be less than 20,000,000 years old else it would still be too hot to live on and not more than 400,000,000 years old or we would not find any increase in temperature in deep excavations.

The same scientist computing the effects of the tides concluded that the earth was about 100,000,000 years old.

These computations are, of course, largely theoretical, but in geology we have a more direct evidence both as to the age of the earth and as to the time life has been existent.

The study of rock formation and the investigation of fossil remains definitely establish the age of the earth at millions of millions of years and the existence of life to have been of almost equal millions.

Certain it is that the stalactites and the stalagmites in the caves at Luray in Virginia have been millions of years in formation for this is proven by direct computation from the present rate of increase in size.

It is certain that man, or at least a being endowed with reason, has been in existence since before the age of the mastodons and while the horse was still a four-toed animal no larger than a good-sized dog.

Man as he then existed knew of fire and its uses and had already devised for himself simple weapons of offense and defense, and the remains of human skulls such as the Skull of Engis or that of Cro Magnon would evidence that even at that remote time the human race was high above its animal associates and had established its dominion over the lower forms of life and intelligence.

Slowly we are learning something of the history of the globe on which we live. More slowly man is developing and advancing.

The next 500,000,000 years of the earth's existence should be worth living, the next 250,000,000 years of the development of life should bring forth some human beings who will have a genuine excuse for existence; who will accomplish something well worth while.

So far the human race has not been

He Is Taking Flying Lessons



Assistant Secretary of the Navy Warner has decided to try his wings and is now taking flying lessons at the Anacostia naval station near Washington.

SEASONABLE RECIPES

By NELLIE MAXWELL

Oh! suns and skies and clouds of June,
And days of June together,
You cannot rival for one hour
October's bright blue weather.
—Helen Hunt Jackson.

THE fall months when the nuts and games are in season, we turn to some of the cherished dishes which so many enjoy.

New York Chestnut Bread.

Take two cupfuls of unsifted graham flour, one cupful of pastry

flour, two-thirds of a cupful of brown sugar, one teaspoonful of salt, three teaspoonfuls of baking powder, two cupfuls of buttermilk, one and one-eighth teaspoonfuls of soda, one cupful of finely chopped chestnuts. To the flours add the sugar, salt and baking powder; when well mixed add the remaining ingredients. Turn into a buttered pan, cover and let stand twenty-four minutes. Bake in a moderate oven for forty-five minutes.

Old-fashioned Gingerbread.

Take one cupful of butter, two cupfuls of brown sugar, three eggs, one tablespoonful of ginger, one cupful of milk, one teaspoonful of soda and seven cupfuls of pastry flour. When the butter and sugar are well creamed, break in an egg and beat well; repeat until all the eggs are used, then add ginger, salt, soda with the latter dissolved in the milk. Now add the sifted flour. Put a small cake of dough on a well greased baking sheet and roll out to a quarter inch in thickness. Bake in a rather hot oven until brown. Remove from the oven, cut in squares or oblongs, lay on a cake cobbler and frost if desired. These gingerbread cakes will keep for a long time if kept in tin boxes.

Chestnut Stuffing for Turkey.

Remove the shells from as many chestnuts as needed, then boil in their skins in salted water. When they are soft, remove the nuts and peel them. Now mash as thoroughly as potatoes. Take equal portions of fine bread crumbs, sweet mashed potatoes and chestnuts, mix well, adding butter and, if too dry, a little cream. Season with fine herbs, finely chopped onion and pepper to taste. Some prefer all chestnuts, omitting the potato and crumbs.
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Thoughtful Children

"Are our children thoughtful of you?" asked the neighbor.
"Oh, very," beamed the mother.
"When they get home in the morning they always bring in the milk and put it in the icebox for me."

The Alley Ball Club

by Gene Carr



THE HOLD OUT

Throwing Old Shoes After Bridal Couples

By H. IRVING KING

THE custom of throwing an old shoe after a bridal couple is regarded by most authorities as the survival of a very ancient custom connected with the transfer of property. Among the peoples where the custom is first found existing women were regarded as a species of property and in some ancient civilizations, that of the Jews especially, the removal and giving of the shoe or sandal confirmed an exchange or sale; a custom asserted to have been derived from the Egyptians

or some other peoples with whom the Jews were brought in contact.

A superstition with regard to the worn shoe was very widespread and existed even among the barbarous races. Some have even tried to ascribe it to the time when the bridegroom carried off the bride by force and the bride's family threw things after him as he decamped. In old Saxon marriages the bride's father handed the bridegroom the bride's shoe and he touched her with it on the forehead in token of authority.

The idea of luck which attaches to the throwing of the shoe would indicate that originally it had to do with some religious rite—the propitiation of some god or goddess.

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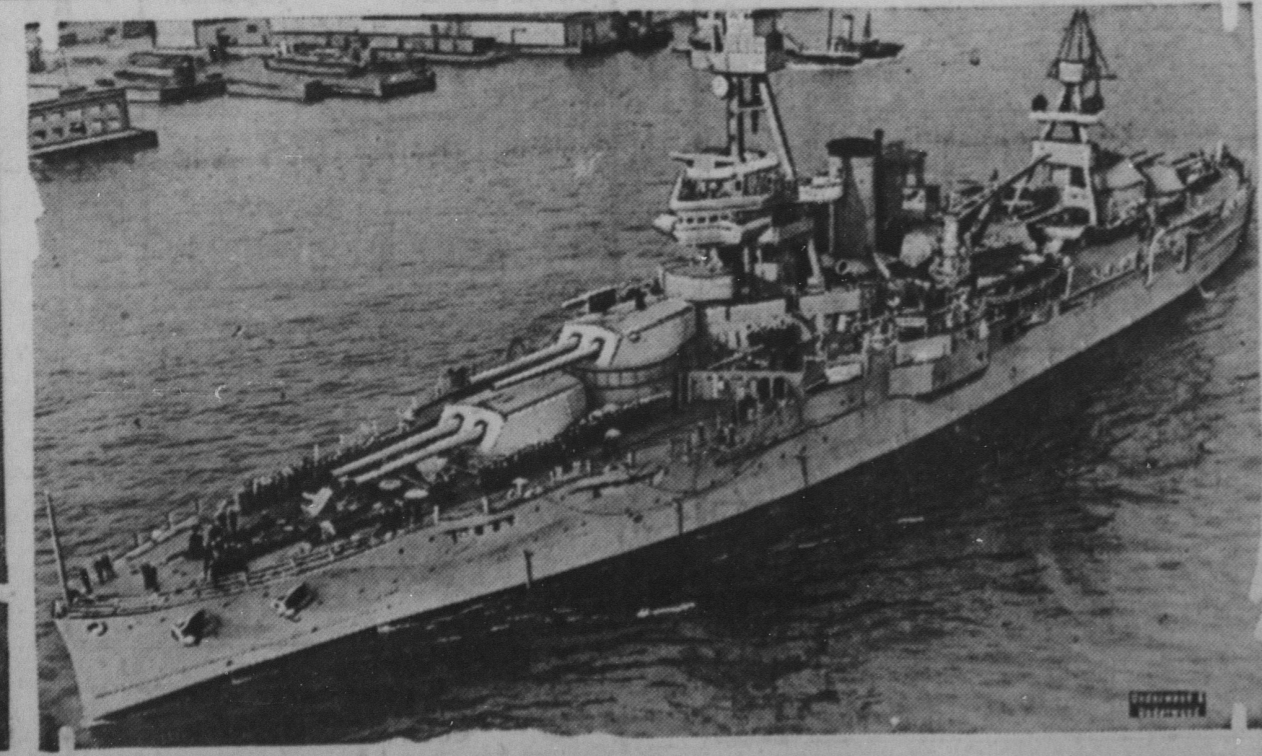
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The United States battleship Texas passing under the Manhattan bridge, New York, on her way to take her place as flagship of the United States fleet, replacing the Seattle. The Texas has just passed through a long process of reconditioning, at a cost of more than \$2,000,000. She has been converted from a coal burner to an oil burner and fitted with bilge keels for protection against torpedo attack, and also provided with a new deck armor to give additional protection against bombs from the air. Her masts have been changed; the old foremast, of the "cage" type, has been altered to a tripod, resembling the British masts, and the other mast has been converted from the "cage" type to the ordinary type.