



BEAR CUBS.

They Cause Mother Brain a Great Deal of Trouble.

Many hunters of wild animals are great admirers of them and rarely if ever kill a mother save in self defense, though they often catch if they can the little ones and care for them. Bear cubs are a great deal of trouble for their mother, because they will insist on straying away into places where she must often risk her life for their sakes. Recently a hunter while on a pleasure tour through the Sierra Nevada mountains of southern California, becoming weary from climbing over rocks and logs, sat down to rest in a grove of pine. He had not been sitting there more than a few minutes when a commotion began in the bushes a few yards in advance. Suddenly out came two cute little black bear cubs. Their shiny coats were rather discolored by their conduct, for they were racing and tussling and biting each other, rolling over and over. Having watched their antics for awhile, the hunter decided to change the game, so, picking up a small stick, with a whoop he flung it at them. Immediately they took to their heels, uttering sharp cries as they ran.

To the hunter's consternation, however, from the bushes to his right stepped Mother Bear, not in the best of humor, for she had heard her babes' cries. Advancing with mane up and mouth wide open, she came to the log lying between her and the hunter. Placing her front feet on the log, she did some very fierce growling. Not wishing to receive any harm and also not wishing to kill Mother Bear, the hunter raised his rifle to his shoulder and replied to the animal's growling by telling her to advance no farther and he would do her no harm. Between her threats Mother Bear kept looking for the cubs. Seeing them no more, she uttered a fiercer growl than ever before and followed after them. She knew they would escape to safety in a short time, as she had probably taught them to do in case of danger.

Jumbo and I.

Jumbo and I have the greatest of fun—We're together each day when it's hardly begun. And we play and we play till the day is all done.

When I sit at the table and eat up my mush, Dear Jumbo sits by me as quiet as "Hush!" But when I have finished he makes a mad rush.



THE PLAYMATES.

And then there's no peace in the family at all Till Jumbo and I have a mad game of ball. And when we are through we're so tired we just fall.

Old Jumbo and I had our pictures drawn once By a man who's an artist—I call him a dunce. For who cares for backs; I always like fronts!

—Philadelphia Times.

The Guinea Pig.

A small boy who got a present of a guinea pig was boasting to his playmates about it, and they caught him with a "sell" about the little animal.

He felt so bad about it that he started in turn to "sell" some one else. His father was the victim.

"Did you know, papa, that if you hold a guinea pig by the tail its eyes will drop out?"

His father laughed outright. "Why, who in wonder told you such stuff, Louis?"

"The boys all say that," answered Louis, sober as a judge, "and it's so; yes, sir."

"Oh, nonsense!" said his father, still laughing.

"Well, you go to the cage and hold one up, and you'll see."

Just to humor the boy the father went out. In a moment he came back looking—well, looking just like a man that's been badly sold.

"The little rascal got me that time," he remarked to a friend.

"But I don't see the point," said the friend.

"Don't you?"

"No."

"Well, guinea pigs have no tails."—Topeka Capital.

Flower in a Soap Bubble.

To make a flower inside a soap bubble pour a soap solution into a plate or tray until the bottom is covered with liquid to the depth of one-eighth of an inch. In the center of the tray place a water lily or other flower and over this a tin funnel.

Then blow gently through the funnel while you are slowly lifting it at the same time. Continue blowing until you make quite a large film and then proceed to disengage the funnel, after having first turned it at right angles.

Flowers, spinning tops and other objects may be enveloped in this way. This trick is one which always mystifies and delights.

LAUNDRY LINES.

When washing satens or other cottons with a satin finish, rinse in borax water to give a gloss.

Boil clotheslines for ten minutes before they are used, for thus they are made much more durable.

Always make starch with soapy water, which will give a better gloss to the linen and prevent the irons from sticking.

When washing silk, add a tablespoonful of methylated spirit to each gallon of rinsing water, and the silk will look bright and new.

Wash leathers for cleaning windows, etc., should never be wrung when washed, but squeezed, as wringing breaks and tears the leather.

When ironing starched clothes with fringe, take a basin of rather hot water, dip in the fringe, wring dry and then shake. The fringe will then be ready to iron, and it will require no combing.

To set delicate colors in fancy work place a flannel bag full of bran in a basin of boiling water, allowing it to remain there until the water is cold, then wash the article gently in it with curd soap, and rinse quickly.

Keep a Fire Bucket.

There is a measure of added safety in our homes nowadays because we have running water on each floor. Any slight fire, if discovered in time, might be put out by a pail or so of water from the bathroom faucet. But our bathrooms have now become so daintily pretty that in hundreds of them one would search in vain for any portable vessel larger than a mug. The tiny blaze might become formidable while one sped to the first floor or even to the basement for a pail. Now, this is all wrong. One ought to have in every bathroom some pail which could at any instant be used as a fire bucket.

In a home proverbial for its immaculate neatness the bathroom contains a genuine leather fire bucket. What an excellent idea this is! While not a "thing of beauty," it must be a "joy forever," for not even the reckless maid can spoil the tub with a leather bucket. In case of fire what a boon it would be! The most timid might plead that the pail be not only at hand, but ready, filled with water, especially at night.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Women Should Learn to Laugh.

Laughter is a good, healthy, muscle making, lung developing exercise, and it is as good for girls as boys. And humor can be cultivated in a girl's mind without any abatement of the dignity and modesty and charm of her womanhood; not the unpleasant and constant frivolity evidenced in "smart" speech or quickness of repartee, but the humor that looks at the world with a twinkle in the eye and sees its absurdities, its smallnesses and its fun.

It should be part of every woman's mental equipment, for women are called upon to bear so many of life's small worries as well as its greater ones. The bringing up of children the care of servants and the many social duties that become a burden—all are made easy and possible to put up with by the woman with an unflinching sense of the bright side of life. It is a sense that lasts through life, through its many ills, its disillusion, its tribulations, even its tragedies.—Woman's Home Companion.

Mistaken Mothers.

Sometimes mothers have a habit of monopolizing masculine attention which is very trying to their daughters.

Women of this type are not necessarily frivolous and flighty.

Often they are motherly persons, with no desire to attach available men to themselves.

But they haven't the tact to let their girls share the honors of hospitality and taste the joys of playing hostess.

Where mothers grasp all the social power their girls are apt to be gauche and awkward in society. She spoils their chances.

The "reproving" type of mother is another terrible stumbling block in the matrimonial path.

However serious a fault a girl commits, she should never be scolded and belittled before young men.

There's a time for all things, and a snubbed girl is sure to show to the worst advantage.

Don't "Show Off" Your Baby.

A baby's brain is naturally active, for everything is new and strange to the little mind; therefore do not allow the child to get excited. Few realize how often baby's brain is fatigued needlessly. Callers come to "see the new baby." The little one is undressed and hurriedly clothed again in its best skirts and frilled and ruffled dress. Then he is taken down stairs and handed about from one to the other, to be duly admired and tossed and trotted and talked to and hugged and kissed. Now, this is all tiring to the baby and is very conducive to nervousness. Keep him as quiet as possible, giving plenty of fresh air, but do not permit this indiscriminate petting and "mauling" even at the risk of giving offense to admiring relatives.—Woman's Home Companion.

Long Skirts Graceful, if Deadly.

Lord Hopetoun has a reputation for wisdom, but he will lose it if he goes on as he is doing. Fancy any one appealing to ladies to wear short dresses on the ground that they are "sanitary." The very word scares a pretty woman at once. A friend of ours talked to a very pretty and very clever woman the other day on this very point.

"Long dresses," he said, "usurp the function of the crossing sweeper. They"—

"Yes, yes, I know," she replied, "but you must admit they're so graceful!" And he had to. That's just it.—London Topical Times.

SHADOW DECORATIONS.

A Charming and Artistic Method of Ornamenting a Wall.

A very charming and artistic way of decorating a wall is that called "shadow ornamentation," and it is one which can be successfully carried out by any one having taste, no special training being needed. Supposing you would like to decorate a room with a fresco in red, yellow or other color, begin by providing yourself with a pot of paint of the right hue and a brush. Now darken your room, light a lamp and proceed to study the outlines of the fresco work you propose carrying out on your wall.

In order to do this place a plant in front of the lamp so that its shadow is



SHADOW DECORATION.

cast on that part of the wall you mean to decorate and turn it about until you have a shadow that is pleasing to your artistic sense. If one plant does not throw a pretty shadow, try another, or if none of your plants is satisfactory try the effect of some branches cut from a tree or shrub.

For "shadowing" it is necessary to use those plants which throw a large and many branched outline in order to obtain the best effect when the filling in is done. The more delicate the tracery work the better, and therefore ferns, palms and branches of horse chestnut are admirable, but there are plenty of others equally good, which may be chosen by the decorator. Having arranged the shadows to your liking, the next thing to do is to outline them carefully and methodically. This is the most important part of the work, and on the way it is done depends the success or failure of the fresco. The filling in is comparatively easy. Go carefully round the outlines of the leaves and branches, following the veins and tracing the flowers and buds. When this is finished, the rest of the work had better be done in daylight, as it is far less trying to the eyes than artificial light.

In painting in the outlines great care must be used to follow the lines correctly. This warning is the more necessary since the shadow of the plant now no longer falls on the wall, and therefore the outlines which appeared quite clear during the first process are likely to now seem somewhat meaningless. But only a little care is needed, and following the lines will be an easy matter.

Some idea of the decorative effect of this fresco painting may be obtained from the accompanying sketch. The walls in this case were first colored pink, and the design upon it was of a good bronze green.—Home Notes.

Danger of Overstudy.

A timely note of warning is sounded by The Medical Record in regard to the danger of rushing young children too rapidly through their studies. It declares that our modern educational system is greatly at fault in laying too much stress upon examinations and in developing the minds of children too often at the expense of their vitality and health. The stress of modern education, it says, has enormously taxed the brains of children by the multiplicity of studies. Children cannot assimilate the ideas in widely differing departments of knowledge at one and the same time. The effort to do so deranges in many instances the entire nervous system of the child. The so-called nervous child is not only normal, but may be the victim of the education methods of the present day.

The Modern Woman.

Lady Warwick has made a very brave defense of the modern woman in a contemporary. The modern woman is always being railed at and compared to her disadvantage with her grandmother, whereas in many respects she is vastly superior to the woman of, say, half a century ago. She may have less agreeable manners, and she may indulge in pastimes and tastes that are not altogether feminine; but, as Lady Warwick points out, she is certainly a far more capable person all around. She does not shirk work. She is generally pretty thorough about it. She is not affected, and her mind is altogether better trained and more logical than that of her predecessors, who were really incapable, from no fault of their own, of doing half the useful work in which their sex now engages.

For the Skin.

A sulphur wash is an excellent remedy for roughness and pimples on the skin. Make it by taking one ounce of sulphur flour and pouring over it one quart of boiling water. Allow this to stand and steep for twelve hours, then apply it to the skin three or four times a week.

Pretty Throats.

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