

FOR YOUNG FOLKS

Sleepy Time Story About Something That Grows in the Earth.

THE LITTLE GIRL'S DREAM

Strange Thing That Happened as She Sat Before the Fire and Watched the Bright Flames Glow and Quiver Some Other Things of Interest.

Well, youngsters, said Uncle Ben to little Ned and Polly Ann, I am going to tell you about

THE COAL FAIRY.

A little girl had been watching the coal fire blazing in the grate and wondering where the coal came from.

When her father came in she asked him. He told her it was dug by men in mines way down deep in the earth.

and hoisted by machinery to the surface, where it was loaded on freight cars that brought it to the coal yard in the city and from there to our cellars by horse and wagon or motor.

Somehow the little girl seemed to get sleepy as he told her the story, and putting her head on a cushion, she watched the flames till all at once she saw a pretty flame colored fairy step out of the grate and heard her say.

"Little girl, I am a coal fairy. I've lived in that black lump of coal for centuries. At one time that piece of coal was part of a fern, yes, a big fern, large as any oak tree or tall spruce more.

There were lots and lots of those ferns growing in the sandy soil when the earth was swamplier than it is now. They would live and grow days but finally die and fall down where the shifting sand and earth would slowly cover them. Their tiny roots would grow hard like a stone. In some pieces of coal you can see the very print of the fern leaves.

"Well, my dear, there I've lived shut up all these years till my lump of coal was burned, when I could escape in the shape of ash—up to the chimney. I shall look like smoke and disappear in the air to fly to my fairy home.

Just then the little girl heard her father say "Come, wake up." She had been sleeping but when she told him her story he told her it was true.

Conundrums.

What nation produces the most iron rages? Fanshation.

Why is a clock the most modest piece of furniture? Because it covers its face with its hands and runs down its own works.

Why is a horse like the letter O? Because the G goes makes it go.

Why is the letter B like fire? Because it makes all hot.

What has found room for the greatest number of people? A hotel.

What have you to expect at a hotel? Attention.

Put In, Pull Out.

Put in, pull out, is a jolly, romping game for the young boys and girls. It is played in this way. Roll back the rug from the center of the floor and on the boards make a small ring outline with chalk. All then join hands in a circle around it. The music begins, and the children dance around in a ring to its measure. As they dance they gently try to draw some member of the circle into the ring. Any one stepping inside the chalk boundary is out of the game, which continues until one player is left.

A Bavarian Prince.

The young gentleman here pictured is Albert, son of Prince Rupert of Bavaria, one of the leaders in the German army. Albert is the only surviving son of Prince Rupert and perhaps will one day be king.



Photo by American Press Association. PRINCE ALBERT OF BAVARIA.

HER TUB FROCK.

Fascinating Model That is Also Easily Duplicated.

Striped voile, white and king's blue is the fabric used for this gown. Three tucks are the only trimming on the skirt, which is only moderately full.



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OLD FASHIONED SHORTCAKE.

A Genuine Recipe For What Grandmother Used to Make.

This is the season for good old fashioned strawberry shortcake. The kind grandmother used to make, with crisp, moist, sweet biscuit crust and the sweetness in sugared berries and their sweet cream to add the finishing touch.

If you are one of the unfortunate ones who bond and are unable to get the modern sort—made with yeast cake—with a few lumps, whole berries—served on top and between the layers.

For the biscuit crust mix a cupful of flour with a pinch of salt and a teaspoonful of baking powder. Add the fat, mix in a hoopsanful of butter until the flour and butter are thoroughly blended. Into the center pour half a cupful of milk and cut in the milk with a knife using an over and over curve, though you were buying the dough over the mill.

Put the dough on a floured board and pat it right with the hands until just its a small square or oblong looking pan. In half an hour it will be a crisp, moist, crumbly brown—sprinkle the crust and spread on it hot with butter. The holes— Mash half a box of strawberries in a pulp and sweeten to taste. Pour over the buttered layer the other half on top and press the remainder over the top of the short cake piping hot again and serve at once with a pitcher of thick, sweet cream.

Table Covers.

Chintzes and French cretonnes come in charming colors and in old fashioned designs. When squares or rectangles of these materials are bound in heavy gold gables to smarter effect, they are called squares. Strips and squares of heavy crush bound with linen of a plain color or with a linen border but finished on one or two sides with a good looking fringe or tassel are called table runners.

The blue and white Japanese towel is fresh looking and equally serviceable for summer table covers. The blue and white or red and white striped linen toweling, when finished with a white cotton fringe, makes smart covers for water tables when out of door teas and luncheons are served.

Blackberry Jelly.

One quart of blackberries, one lemon one cupful of sugar, one and three fourths tablespoonfuls of granulated gelatin, water.

Wash berries carefully, crush and put in a sauce pan with the sugar, allowing them to simmer for five minutes to draw out the juices. Rub through a fine sieve, add the juice of the whole lemon and the grated rind of half. Add enough water to make three cupfuls of liquid, heat without boiling and stir in the gelatin, which should be previously soaked in two thirds cupful of cold water. Pour into individual molds, let stand till the next day and serve with sweetened whipped cream.

Around the House.

Epsom salts has been found by many to be excellent for setting the color of a delicate fabric. Just add a teaspoonful to each gallon of water, and your garments, even those made of serge and other woollen materials, will wash easily without losing their color.

Cleans Brass.

To clean brass chandeliers, jewelry or anything brass and make them look like new use gasoline on a flannel cloth, rub hard, then polish with a dry flannel.

PACKING TRUNKS.

What to Put In When You're Off For a Vacation.

AN EXPERT TELLS US HOW.

The Art of Taking What You Need Without Crushing Perishable Things and the Wisdom of Not Lugging Enough to Be Burdensome.

There are some fortunate mortals whose vacations extend over a period of sixty days or more, and there are those who count themselves lucky to be able to pass a week end now and again far from the madding crowd.

Just now more attention is given to outfitting clothes than to any other sort. It is necessary to include several separate skirts, an equal number of blouses and at least two coats for day time wear.

Since fashion has heartily endorsed the use of heavy cotton materials for the sport skirt it is not difficult for the going away girl to provide herself with these at a very small cost. A good pattern and three or four yards of material, plus a little sewing intelligence, will evolve the garment for a infinitely less than it can be bought ready made or for what it would cost if turned out by a good dressmaker.

Before buying the skirt fabric it is just as well to decide upon the color of the sweater or coat. If one elects to wear orange, for instance, then the skirt should show a cream or tan ground, striped with brown, black, dark blue or dark green, as taste may dictate. If one cannot get too far in color, in her mind apparel the skirt may be of any canvas, with yellow and white stripes.

Wool jersey in dull rose or white is an admirable and practical thing for the vacationist's wardrobe. All it needs is a way of carrying it—a belt of patterned leather and collar and cuffs of natural toned or white linen or pongee. If one must have contrasting color, then it can be infused in the neck and sleeve finish of crepe-line or art linen which may be as spruce and as feminine as one likes.

The kn-kn-kn coat for traveling for motor rides, for long boatings and other outing uses, should be of some practical fabric, such as tweed or cheviot, simply but smartly cut. Collars and cuffs may be of soft kid in contrasting color, or of dark silk may form the fringes for both neck and sleeves.

For afternoon wear the patterned romcoments used because it is at once dressy and practical. One may choose the inevitable dark blue, gray, beige, blue and rose or one of the new green shades. The last named should be a brilliant emerald hue or of softer tone which best comes under the name of jade.

A simple cape of cloth, of satin or velveteen lined with a contrasting color is a useful thing for any length of time at hotel or cottage. The cape with capelin hood will be found convenient since the latter can be slipped over the head in lieu of the usual collar or veil.

For beach wear is the fascinating new long cape of gay, soft rubber.

GOOD ENOUGH.

Modish Model For the Small Girl's Tub Frock.

Combined with a plaid, rose white and buff gives this attractive frock for eight-year olds.



MOTHER MADE IT.

The skirt is killed, and the short sleeved top has a cutaway coat effect. Fullness smocked at the neck, and white pique collar and cuffs are quite the right finish.

Grape, Plum or Cherry Conserve. Six pints of drained fruit, eight cupfuls of granulated sugar, two pounds of seeded raisins, four oranges and one cupful of English walnuts.

Grate the orange peel and extract its orange juice. Chop the raisins and nuts together, combine all ingredients and cook gently for forty minutes. This will make twelve glasses.

MOTOR GAR3.

Modishly Severs Lines For a Youthful Topcoat.

This practical coat, which is also so good looking, is put up in best quality of navy blue mohair. The flare is confined by a narrow belt held by ball button.



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Another interesting detail is the stock collar and tie of mohair. A steel gray straw hat has a large white ostrich pompon on one side.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS.

Interesting Ways to Do Your Work Easily and Well.

Never let a gas stove. Instead rub the outside frequently with a cloth dampened with kerosene which will remove the grease. About every four weeks wipe it with an oily cloth, and then rub briskly with a woolen one. The inside of the stove should be wiped with cottonseed oil every fortnight or so.

To keep parsley fresh for a week or so wash it thoroughly and place in a tightly covered fruit jar.

The old method of scalding tomatoes to peel them, sometimes renders them soft. A better way is to scrape them carefully with the back of a knife, which loosens the skin and allows them to be peeled easily. Never use too much salt in cooking vegetables. It toughens the fibers, destroys the delicate flavors and helps to extract the valuable mineral contents.

Never cook as the small ones are sure to be overdone by the time the larger ones are cooked.

Most vegetables, except cabbage, cauliflower, kale, brussels sprouts and other members of the cabbage family, should be boiled in as little water as possible.

Boiled potatoes, to be light and flaky, should be served immediately after draining. Every housekeeper knows their soggy state if dinner is delayed. If a dry cloth is stretched tightly over the kettle holding the potatoes it will absorb the moisture and keep the potatoes in a palatable condition for at least half an hour.

It is always safe to prevent cream of tomato soup from curdling a pinch of soda should be added to the tomatoes before mixing with the milk or cream. If this precaution does not always prove efficacious try mixing the soda with a scant teaspoonful of corn starch and add it to the cream before pouring into the tomato mixture.

For the Baby.

Get a store box about three feet square and eighteen inches deep. See that inside and edges are made very smooth. Make easily laundered pads for bottom from an army blanket or table felt.

Place a baby and his playthings inside. If he is inclined to throw them out fasten by springs or ribbons to edge of box so that he may haul them in again if he likes.

By holding to edge of box he will learn to walk and will be protected meantime from cold and drafts to which a crawling baby on the floor is always exposed, also from fire, hot liquids and many things of which the little child who has the range of the house is always in danger.

If the baby has not previously been spoiled he will be happy and contented in his little pen.

Household Helps.

If you would clean your grass rug before laying them try sponging with a weak salt and water solution. Brandy water also is excellent.

Do you know that if a brick is used for an iron stand your irons will retain their heat just twice as long? A piece of cloth dipped in spirits of wine and rubbed upon soiled leather will remove every spot on it.

Jewelry Note.

Silver rings with designs of peacocks, their tails studded with jewels, are among the most interesting of recent jewelry modes.

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