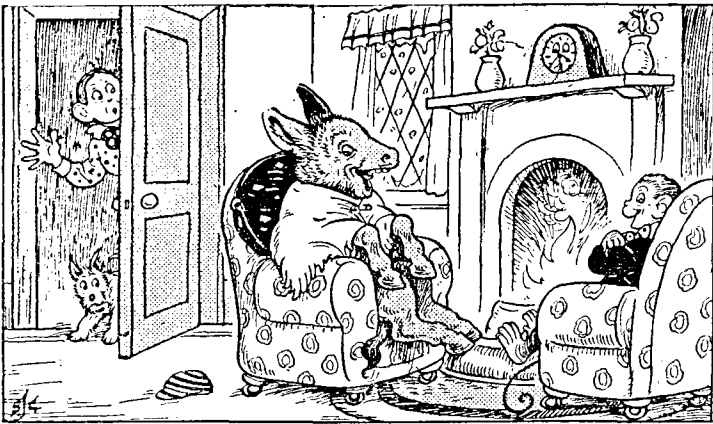


Jacko's Odd "Visitor"



JACKO thought that his donkey had caught a cold through being out in a snowstorm, so he brought him indoors, put a shawl round him and made him comfortable. Soon Mother Jacko was puzzled by hearing braying sounds coming from the sitting-room. "What a queer laugh," she said. "Who can it be; has Jacko brought his schoolmaster home?" She got a shock when she looked in and saw Danny occupying her chair!

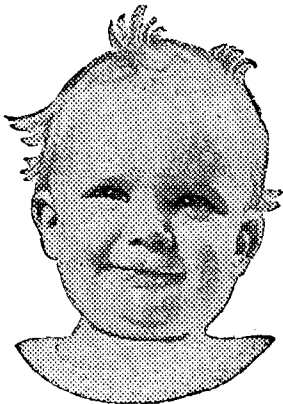
UTILITY SHEEP

TOWN cousin on her first visit to the country, pointing to some sheep in a field:

"What is that funny covering on the backs of those animals?"
 "Wool, of course."
 "I wonder! I'm sure it's half cotton."

For Those Muddy Shoes

A LABOUR saver has been put at every door—remember to use it, and there will be a welcome for you always, although it may not be written on the mat!



Mummy

knows what helps my tummy!

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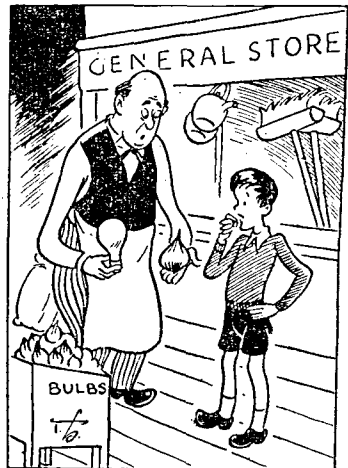
Toeing the Line

THIS makes a good competition at any time of the year, indoors or out.

Put a chalk line along the floor, or mark it with narrow tape or string stretched taut and fastened at each end.

The game is to walk the line while looking the reverse way through a pair of binoculars—that is through the big instead of the correct narrow end—with forfeits for those who miss.

MEET RODDY



"I can't remember whether Mum wants them for the light or the garden."

Not Travelling Light.

THERE was a young hoarder called Dahlia, Who wanted to fly to Australia, But the officials said, No, By sea you must go— No plane could take your paraphernalia.

THE WRONG LESSON

"I'll teach you to fall asleep during my lesson," said the "prosy" professor to the student who was nodding more obviously than the rest.
 "Please don't trouble, sir," was the quick reply. "I've learnt already."

The Children's Hour

BBC programmes from Wednesday, December 4, to Tuesday, December 10.

WEDNESDAY, 5.0 The Toytown Treasure. 5.30 Mavis Bennett's Juvenile Songsters. Northern Ireland, 5.0 Rambling Through Red River Valley—a talk; a story; Londonderry Baby String Orchestra; Young Artists.

THURSDAY, 5.0 Moonfleet (Part 3). 5.40 Operation Wally—the true story of a whale. North, 5.0 Badger's Beech (Part 5). 5.20 The Raiders (Part 3). Scottish, 5.0 Aberdeen Junior Arion Choir. Welsh, 5.30 The Owl and the Pussy-cat (Part 7); Write Down Your Answers; Dagwood Beetle—a story.

FRIDAY, 5.0 The Greenstone (Part 4). 5.40 Pigeon Post.

SATURDAY, 5.0 Matilda Meets a Young Friend; Dobson and Young.

SUNDAY, 5.0 Mary Queen of Scots—life of the tragic Scottish Queen.

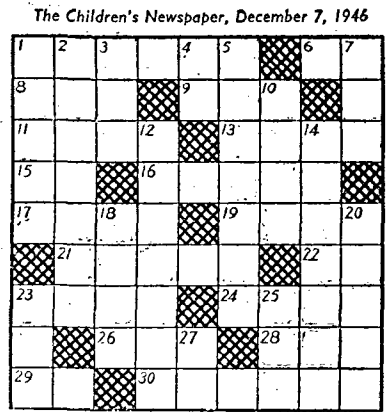
MONDAY, 5.0 Winnie-the-Pooh (Part 9). 5.25 Music at Random. 5.40 Films Talk by Eric Gillett. Midland, 5.25 Paper and Cobbler's Wax—a talk on Brass-rubbing; Harry Engleman and His Players. Northern Ireland, 5.40 A talk about Christmas Parties. Scottish, 5.0 The Hutman. 5.15 Dudley Stuart, White (songs); Laura Black (violinist); Round the Zoo (No 3). West, 5.25 Presents from the North Wind.

TUESDAY, 5.0 Fairfax—the story of a squirrel; Folk Songs. 5.25 Nature Parliament, with Uncle Mac, L. Hugh Newman, and Peter Scott. Northern Ireland, 5.0 Rathina (Part 6); Important to Us; Gramophone records specially for sick children.

Cross Word Puzzle

Reading Across. 1 Helps one to rise. 6 Father should know this abbreviated American State. 8 On ponds perhaps this month. 9 Washes the coasts of France. 11 A Squad. 13 In rear of the front. 15 Hydrant. 16 Fragrance. 17 A British duck. 19 The Soviet Union. 21 This big fruit is an anagram of a smaller fruit. 22 Company. 23 Encircles a cycle wheel. 24 One-eighth of an apothecary's ounce. 26 Source from which metals are obtained. 28 Her name reads the same both ways. 29 Royal Artillery. 30 Farmers.

Reading Down. 1 Knowledge. 2 A place of learning. 3 A cave. 4 A printer's measure. 5 To spring back. 7 British swimming bird. 10 Batters. 12 Often contains paintings. 14 A waterfall. 18 Pertaining to the air. 20 Citizen of a former great Empire. 23 High pointed rock. 25 A sheep. 27 Early English.



Asterisks indicate abbreviations. Answer next week

Tongue Twister

BETTY beats a better batter with a bit of better butter.

MUSICAL BOUQUETS

IF there is a big crowd at a party, musical bouquets is easier than musical chairs.

While the music is playing, everyone skips round the room, then when it stops call out "Seven roses in this bouquet," and the children have to gather together in bunches of seven. The bunch which has not enough flowers is out.

Vary the number and the kind of flower every time. Just at first a number which divides out equally may be hit upon, but as the crowd thins, a glance round will enable the right number to be chosen.

Jumbled Test Cricketers

OUR Test cricketers in Australia are not a bit confused really. But the names of six of them are here. Can you make them out?

HOT NUT RING GLADE
 NAVES RAP DOLL
 CHIDER DAY LYRE

Answer next week

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

Insect Homes. "What a lot of Oak-apples!" exclaimed Don, pointing upwards, where, on the leafless branches, were clusters of brown marble-like balls.

"They are not Oak-apples," answered the farmer, "although they are frequently miscalled by that name. They are Marble-galls, one of the numerous types of galls found on oak trees. They are made by quite a different insect from the one responsible for the true Oak-apple. If you were to cut a Marble-gall open when it is green and unripe you would find it contained a solitary larva. The true Oak-apple would contain several."

Balancing Feat?

MURIEL was determined that when her big brother was demobilised from the R.A.F. she would be able to talk sensibly to him about flying, so she read all she could find about the plane and its history.

"What was the monoplane like?" was one of her first questions to him.

"An aeroplane with one wing." "Which side was it on?"

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