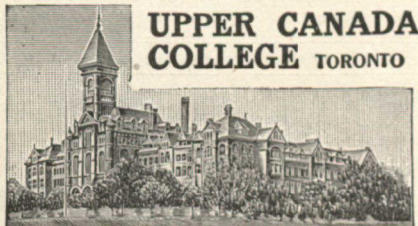


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For I'll tell you about them as well as I can;
Very truthful is youthful Miss Nanny, I've heard,
Yet you'll find that her fancies are fairly absurd.

She's sure that the yardsticks buy shoes for their feet,
That the limbs of the trees must be agile and fleet;
For the clock to claim gloves for its hands must be right,
And the soft lady-fingers with rings must be bright.

The canals must have brushes and combs for their locks,
The necks of the land are encircled with stocks;
There are certainly sleeves for the arms of the sea,
And a veil for the face of the deep there must be.

The legs of the table can merrily dance,
The lip of a bowl can curl proudly, perchance,

The lid of a kettle can waver and wink,
And the throat of a bottle can easily drink.

In the eye of the wind there are tears to be seen,
And a stovepipe, with grace, on its elbow may lean.

The teeth of a harrow can bite, it is clear,
And the ears of the corn can quite readily hear.

The tongues of the wagons must warily wag,
And the spirits of flagons quite frequently flag;

But now, I suppose, it might be a good plan
To drop the nonsensical notions of Nan.

—Martha Burr Banks.

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Fish: "What queer things we see when we're not hungry!"—N. Y. Life.

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WHEN DAD KEEPS HOUSE.

By E. T. B.

When Mamma has to go away,
And Dad keeps house,
The little children romp all day,
No lessons interfere with play,
And things begin to come their way,
When Dad keeps house.

We have the nicest things to eat,
When Dad keeps house;
He buys us cake and cookies sweet,
And every day a special treat;
And doesn't try to keep us neat
When he keeps house.

We needn't stop to put things right,
When Dad keeps house.
The nursery is a perfect sight,
Our Daddy doesn't care a mite—
But oh! how lonely 'tis at night,
When Dad keeps house!

—B. C. Saturday Sunset.

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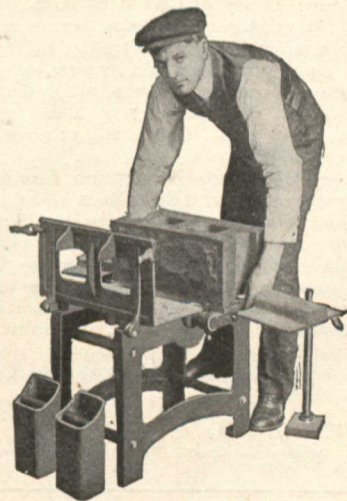
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