

still an' the people was all lookin' at me.

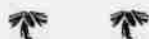
My struggles was awful; I worked an' worked tryin' to open my jaws till I could feel my eyes startin' out o' their sockets, an' the sweat pourin' off me. Bimeby a man in the audience sung out "Give your whiskers a pull!" So I took hold of my chin whiskers an' giv' 'em an awful yank—an' it's lucky I did, fur it woke me up, an' not a wink too soon—fur thar lookin' in through the knothole, with his forepaws restin' on the edge, was Mr. Bruin. Far a second or so I rubbed my eyes, fur the early daylight was behind him, an' the smoky flare o' my lamp made him look like a nightmare, but I didn't wait long, fur I got one whiff of his breath, smellin' o' roots an' honey—you know a b'ar's got the sweetest breath in the world—any of you ever smell a b'ar's breath?" Here Grizzly paused and looked around.

No one in his audience seemed to have had that experience, but an interested listener remarked: "Next time I meet a bear I will take notice."

"Well" Grizzly continued, "even in the flash that it took me to seize my rifle and fire it gave me a spasm of pain to think that I had him too close, an' at such an awkward range. Howsomever I sent a ball crashin' through his jaw, an' up into his head, an' he fell back with a grindin' snarl. Then I scrambled up an' got my hand an' shoulders an' rifle out o' the hole an' fired down on him, an' put a ball through his heart. If I'd had a bayonet I could 'a' stabbed him instead. So unsportsmanlike! But what was I to do? I hadn't hunted the b'ar—he'd hunted me. Then I laid down an' went to sleep ag'in, an' I've wore my whiskers long ever since."

"And how about Mr. Hawkins?" inquired a bystander.

"Oh, he's alive yit," answered Grizzly, shuffling off.



Bre'r Rabbit and the Tar Wolf.

A long time ago there was a season of dry weather among the Cherokee Indians. No more water remained in the rivers and ponds, and all the animals were terribly worried to know what they were going to do about it.

Finally they called a council and it was decided they should dig a well which should belong to all of them.

Everybody was willing, except the rabbit, who was so idle that he couldn't bear the thought of having to work even for his own comfort.

"I won't join you," he said, because I get all the water I want from the dew, so that I don't need a well."

The other animals didn't like this, but nevertheless they dug the well without the rabbit's help. After it was dug they noticed that the rabbit looked very comfortable and quite as if he had all the water he wanted to drink.

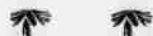
For this reason, they suspected the rabbit was taking the water out of their well at night. So they made a wolf of pine gum and tar and put it by the well to frighten the rabbit.

When the rabbit came to get the water that night he saw the tar wolf and asked who it was.

But, naturally, the tar wolf made no answer. Then the rabbit became very

courageous, and said: "Go away from here or I'll kick you." The tar wolf, of course, made no reply, whereupon the rabbit kicked him with all his might, and his foot stuck fast to the tar wolf, so that he could not get loose.

He tried and tried, but he was unable to free himself, so that next morning, when all the other animals got there, they made all the fun of him that they wanted to. But the rabbit was so clever that as soon as he was freed from the tar wolf he got away from them anyhow.



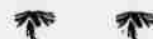
Beheadings.

1. Behead a certain kind of knowledge gained from tradition and leave that which men dig from the earth.

2. Behead the most necessary requisite of a good soldier and leave a verb indulged in by quarrelsome people when out of humor.

3. Behead that which every human being carries about in his head and leave a certain form of moisture.

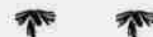
4. Behead that which often adds beauty to a landscape, and which acts as a mirror, and leave an English bird that inhabits old belfry towers and ruined buildings.



Letter Enigma.

My first is in sick, but not in well;
My second is in whisper, but not in tell;
My third is in iron, but not in gold;
My fourth is in market, but not in sold;
My fifth is the same as my fourth, you see;
And my sixth is the same as in my three;
My seventh is in hand, but not in arm;
My eighth is in burglar, but not in alarm;

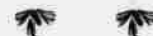
My whole spells a word
With a meaning most dear
To children who love
Summertime each year.



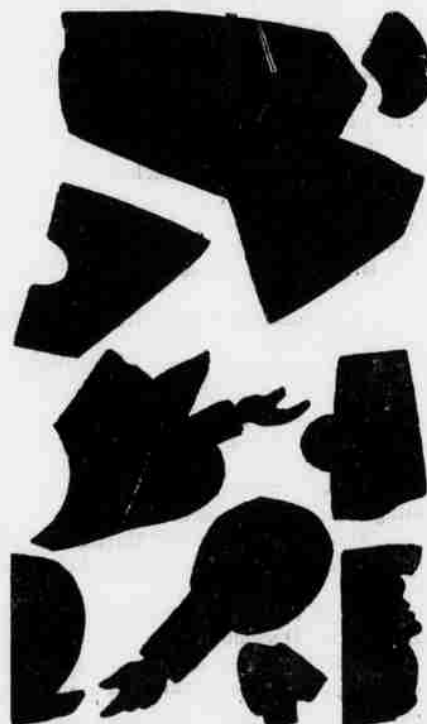
Riddle.

Formed long ago, yet made today,
I'm most employed while others sleep;
What none would like to give away,
Yet no one likes to always keep.

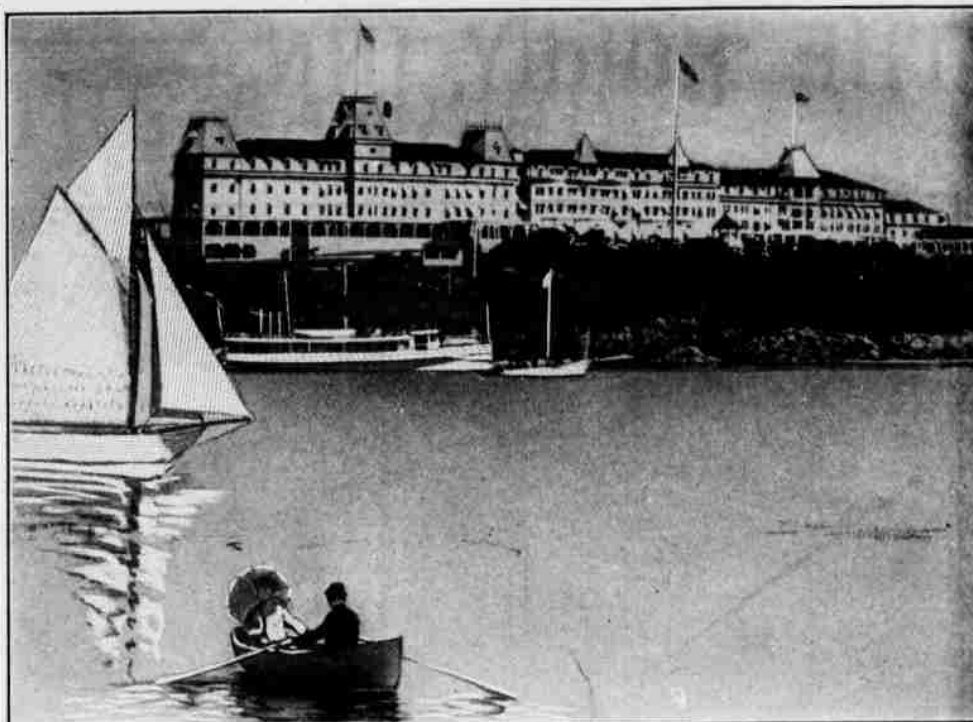
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