

IN FAIRYLAND

Outfits and Fashions for Dolls and Mechanical Toys Found in Minneapolis Shops.

At this season of the year, childish dreams of fairyland seem to have come true as at the wave of a magic wand. No magic word or golden wand is necessary to unfold dazzling visions to the wondering gaze of little folk, for they may wander freely through Toyland, exploring its secrets and enjoying its delights.

Never was there a time as now, when skill and ingenuity so successfully reproduced the great world of things in miniature, its business, its pleasures and amusements, for the enjoyment of little people; never the time when there was such a charming array of dolls for the girls, and a display of mechanical toys that would fill any boyish heart with joy.

The day of rag dolls is long since past, and that of her more modern sister who opens her eyes and says "Mama" is waning. Up-to-date dolls are quite fashionable little ladies, with all the latest styles in clothes and the accessories of the toilette of her little mistress. They wear dainty gowns of silk cut with low neck and square train, and sometimes an evening dress is adorned with a fichu.

One of the prettiest of stylish dresses is a Greek pattern, falling in long, graceful lines and having puffed sleeves. Russian blouses are modish for the lady doll; and these are worn with a "rainy day" skirt, for certainly dolly must go shopping, too; one of these has a pretty plaid skirt and jacket trimmed with fur, with hat to match; and another is fashioned of tan cloth and brown velvet just the shade of dolly's eyes. To make the little dresses fit well there are little boned corsets.

But not all doll clothes are made of silk and velvet, by any means. There are cunning little girls in gingham dresses and white aprons, with dainty little sun-bonnets, and these are most appropriate when dolly makes mud pies and tumbles out of the swing.

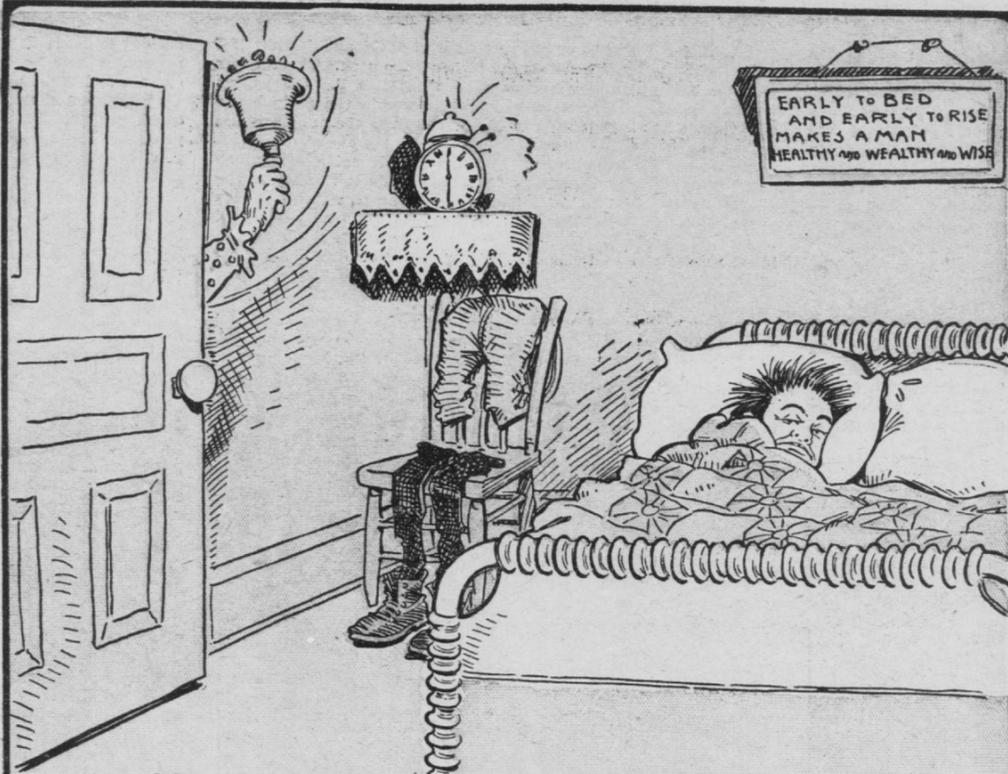
Such an array of hats to choose from! There are felt hats trimmed with plumes and velvet, and straw ones, with flowers and ribbon; bonnets of straw and gingham, and poke bonnets for Sunday best, the prettiest of which is of white straw with the front filled with pink chiffon and big pink ties under the chin. Dolly must be kept warm, so there are golf capes and the very latest little boxcoats. A most becoming little suit has a boxcoat of blue cloth, trimmed with white fur and big buttons. There are the daintiest of kid gloves, tiny mittens in several colors and knitted white wool muffs with boas to match.

More interesting even than dolly is her wardrobe. The box is 2 1/2 x 2 feet, and about nine inches high, upholstered in green and lined with pink. The little owner is a golden-haired darling dressed in pink silk all ruffled and tucked, with finest lace-trimmed lingerie. Her trousseau consists of a white silk dress, night gown, cape, two hats, an outing and a best; two pairs of stockings, pink and blue; a pair of kid slippers and another of patent leather; and a dear little silk parasol with a bewitching little tassel and gold handle. There is a set of jewels, consisting of a three-strand necklace, a pair of earrings, brooch, enameled watch and a tiny hand-painted fan with bone handle. But more enchanting is the toilette set in which there is a mirror, brushes, combs and hairpins. She is a most fastidious beauty and in order that she may bathe regularly she is made of indestructible celluloid. Her bath set consists of tub, soap, sponge, towel, robe, pajamas and oiled silk cap to protect her hair. She travels extensively and has a little trunk with separate compartments; when she has it packed she gets into it. One of the novelties is a doll's basket lined with some pretty shade and containing the doll and her wardrobe.

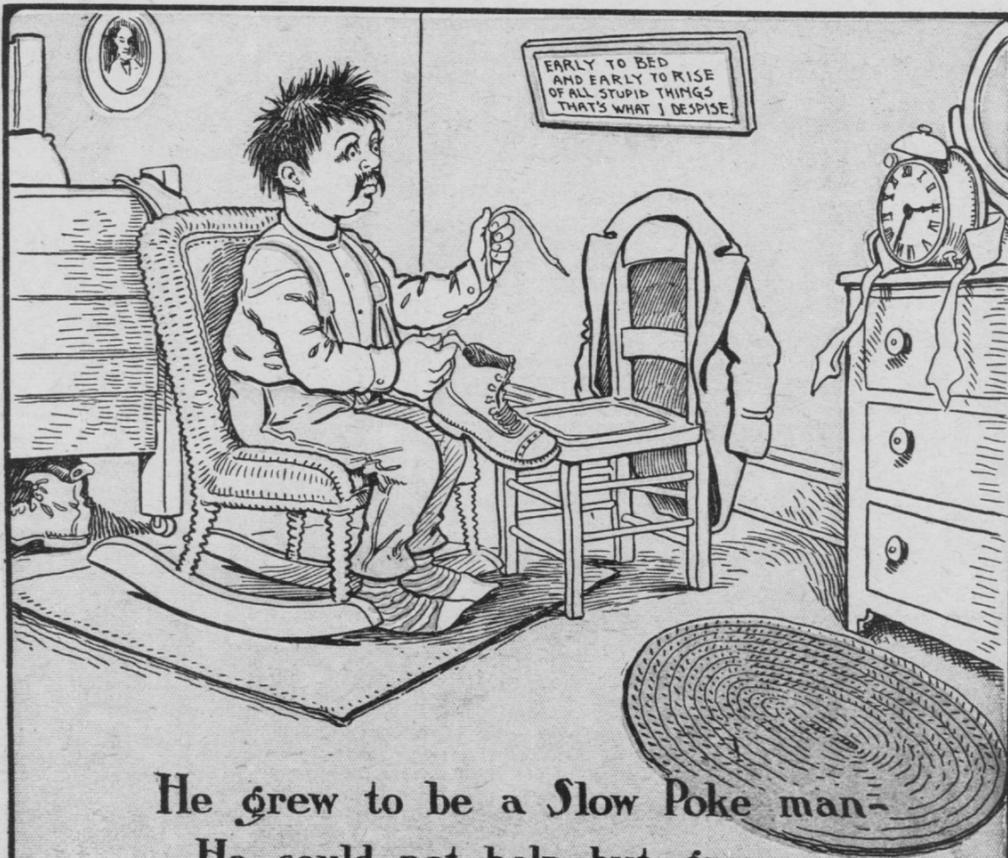
The doll of to-day lives in a perfectly appointed house. She has her liveried servants, maid, butler, chef, etc., and has even a little mechanical hansom with a little horse; when she wants to make her calls the machinery is wound up and off she goes. Her kitchen is up to date in every particular; it is about three feet high and stands on legs. It has china closets, sink, kitchen utensils, stove, table all set with painted food, housekeeping set and all the appurtenances of a modern house. There are all sorts of pretty dishes; but the newest are tea sets in German silver lined with gold. But what will at once capture the little housekeeper's heart is a small gas range that is attached just like a "grown up" stove, with real ovens and German silver kettles and pans. There is an icebox, too, almost as large as some the elders use.

There are so many charming things for girls that boys seem hardly to have a fair show; but mechanical toys for boys and girls, too, are legion. The newest is a speaking picture book; on every page is a little rhyme about some animal—cock, donkey, lamb, birds, cow, etc.—and as each page is turned the child pulls a little bone knob. Immediately one hears a tiny squeak representing the natural sound of each animal; and the show winds up with a very lifelike "Mama," "Papa." Another is the smallest doll in the world—a tiny, jointed doll one-half inch long, enclosed in an egg the size of a dove's egg.

Toy railway systems are striking in variety and completeness. There is the busy station with its ticket offices, its real clock and its large electric light; the freight depot with its vans all loaded with trunks; there are the scientifically constructed tracks, switches, bridges, signal system, and the roundhouse; there is even the most charming of scenery, mountains, canyons and lakes. There are romantic castles, with towers, moat and



He was a little Slow Poke boy
And he was always late.
Each morning he was called at six,
At seven and at eight;
But even then he seldom rose
Till past the breakfast hour.
Then loudly he came clumping down,
All cross and glum and sour.



He grew to be a Slow Poke man—
He could not help but grow—
And you may quickly understand
Why all he did was slow.
He slept till late and slowly dressed—
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That, by the time his clothes were on,
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drawbridge and a fort from which, when a crank is turned, soldiers march erectly to the time of tinkling music. For the boy who loves horses, there is a stable with several chargers pawing in their stalls, currycomb and brush upon the wall, a wagon, farming implements, and even a tiny lantern. For the budding merchant there is a tiny store, with labeled drawers and cans, and a stock of coffee, eggs and cereals; it has a money drawer, too; and not the least remarkable fact is that it contains money—gold and silver and paper. A school has tiny students at their desks, maps and everything except the teacher, who happened to be in the workshop for repairs; but, contrary to tradition, the pupils were as good as could be. A greenhouse, with glass windows and potted plants awaits the prospective gardener. But the height of mechanical skill is reached in a theater four feet high, which has curtain, footlights, three sets of scenes and actors. These are the newest and most attractive toys designed for the amusement of the young people; but in this land of strange, delightful things the variety is so great that every one may have his choice, and that is the beauty of fairyland. —Mina B. Price.

WASP NESTS OF PASTEBOARD.

One kind of wasp in Brazil and Guiana makes its nest of a brilliant white pasteboard, suspending it from the highest branches of the trees, so as to escape the attention of the monkeys, which, in those regions, have a troublesome habit of investigating everything, even a hornet's nest.

INVINCIBLE FLY.

A fly is almost invincible. It will survive long immersion in water, will sustain the odors of sulphur and other disinfectants without apparent injury. Only turpentine, chloroform and ammonia and washing can get the better of a fly.

AN ELECTRIC PLANT.

A plant that grows in India called the philotacea electrica emits electric sparks. The hand which touches it immediately experiences a shock.

TO UNEARTH POMPEII.

It has been estimated that it will require eighty-five men working every day until 1947 to unearth the entire ruins of Pompeii.

PERFUMES FROM HERBS.

The United States manufactures extensively perfumes from wintergreen, sassafras and several other woods and herbs.

PERFUMES IN SPAIN.

Perfumes were introduced into Spain by the Arabs, who brought many recipes for making them from the east.

POWER OF NIAGARA.

The total undeveloped energy of Niagara falls is estimated by electrical experts to be 8,000,000 horse power.

EARLY CULTURE OF TUBERS.

Potatoes were first cultivated on what is now the border of Peru and Chile in the Andes mountains.

NO WILD SUGAR CANE.

It is said by botanists that sugar cane is not found growing wild in any part of the world.