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GOD'S WONDERFUL WORLD
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Have you ever watched your mother slit the upper crust of a pie before she baked it? Then, later, have you watched the steam and juice escape from the opening when the pie was taken from the oven?

If so, you have a small idea of what takes place when nature slits or fractures the top crust of the earth. Steam and lava, ashes, mud and stones spout out of the opening. When such an earth-shaking eruption takes place, we call it a volcano.

Mt. Lassen, located 270 miles northeast of San Francisco, erupted in 1914-15. It is the only active volcano in the continental United States.

A volcano is nature's way of relieving the great strain and pressure in the earth's crust. It is a sign that the heat inside the earth is greater than the exterior heat.

Any mass as great as that of our earth has an intense heat and pressure at its core. When this intense heat comes in contact with the gases from minerals and living things, it is bound to trigger an explosion or eruption.

Strangely, the richest soil on earth is found near volcanoes. Diamonds, pumice stone, sulfur, lead and zinc are created as a result of their fiery eruptions. The Psalmist must have had a volcano in mind when he wrote: "The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like lambs," and again "Tremble, thou earth, at the presence of the Lord."

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WHAT AM I?
By Ellea Brown

I am a loaf
Yet give you pep,
And I can rise
But cannot step.

I'm made of dough
But you don't spend me,
And on your plate
I'm sure to be.

Answer: bread

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THE AARDVARK
By Ethel E. Mann
(with illustration #3)

I've never met an aardvark
But should I ever meet him,
I wouldn't be able to say his name
In time enough to greet him.

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