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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD  
By Mrs. Tom Carter  
(with illustration #1)

Did you know that map makers, or cartographers, begin revising their maps as soon as new ones are completed?

If you want a real surprise, compare a new highway map of your state with one that is five years old. Or compare a recent world map with one issued before Hitler's campaign or the Korean war.

Even though they may appear very much alike as to continents, coast lines, mountains and rivers -- you'll find many changes.

Maps are revised and recharted as our physical world changes. Not only does the internal stress of heat and gases within the earth cause a change, but there is the change of the earth's contour and terrain caused by the elements -- winds and ocean waves, floods and soil erosion. Such changes may be slow, gradual, or violent, when mountains shift and erode.

Wars change maps, for they not only result in changes of ownership of territories, but they destroy cities, towns, and villages.

Closed industries result in the disappearance of towns and post offices from our maps. New towns spring up around new oil fields, mining locations, research centers like Oak Ridge, Tennessee, etc.

Map makers are vitally concerned with all change, whether it be in the deep seas, the wrinkled crust of the earth, or among communities of people. Through their continuous revision of maps we are able to identify a particular part -- or the whole of the earth's surface.

Christ in our hearts brings about many changes. Our Bible tells us in II Cor. 5:17, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."

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A SENSIBLE DECISION  
By Alice W. Norton

If I but lived in old Japan,  
Perhaps I'd own a painted fan,  
And with gay costumed Japanese  
Would play beneath the cherry trees;  
I'd sleep upon a bamboo floor,  
And leave my shoes outside the door.

And when the New Year came about,  
With other youngsters I'd step out,  
And on the breeze a kite I'd sail --  
A kite with graceful, flowing tail --  
And sure I'd win a handsome prize,  
If mine sailed closest to the skies.

But since I own no painted fan,  
Nor live in far away Japan,  
I guess I'll sleep within a bed,  
With feathers underneath my head,  
And prouder grow each passing day  
For my own native land -- Hoo-ray!

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WHERE ARE THE ANIMALS?  
By Lois Snelling

An animal is hiding in each of the words. Can you find them?

1. Clambering
2. Camellia
3. Prattle
4. Trampled
5. Scowled
6. Location
7. Spigot

Answers: 1. Lamb; 2. Camel; 3. Rat; 4. Ram; 5. Cow; 6. Cat; 7. Pig.

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