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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD
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Deep-sea treasure hunters once thought the ocean floor was studded with hulks of old sunken ships and perhaps treasure chests. But surprisingly this is not true.

The greater part of the ocean floor is formed of fine red mud made up of shells and millions of small sea creatures constantly dying in the water above. Only a few mud-swallowing sea animals are found on the ocean bottom.

If you were to examine a scoop of mud brought on ship deck, it would look clean, but if warmed by the sun, it would give forth a most offensive smell. Nets dragged for two or three hours over the sea floor usually bring up less than a handful of animals and shells.

The real treasures of the sea, like sponges, coral, pearls, etc., are found near the surface of the ocean.

Like the deep-sea hunter, who looks for treasure on the ocean floor, we look for treasures in life that really don't exist. Our Bible tells us to "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33.

Salvation by faith in Christ is our greatest treasure! The things added are our family, friends, church, health, and above all, our opportunities to grow in our Christian life.

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THE REINDEER
By Frederick Brewer

The Reindeer lives in Arctic climes,

Amid the ice and snow;

He is a very useful beast,

As all statistics show.

He pulls and hauls, just like a horse;

His meat to eat is fine,

And, from his hide, are made the clothes

The Lapps hang on the line.

His horns make pipes and fishhooks too.

And sharp heads for a spear.

In Lapland, wealth is counted by

The numbers of one's deer.

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HIGH-LEAP FROG
By Margaret Evelyn Singleton

A frog leaped so high once that he
Came down on a nest in a tree,
But the bird was polite
In spite of her fright
And asked him to join her for tea.

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