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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD By Thelma Carter

Did you know that nature is continually building new housing areas for insects and other small creatures under fallen logs?

A microscope, focused upon a log city, will reveal a thriving community of insect farmers, military forces, parents and children, along with their fungus and mold gardens, communication centers, storehouses and nurseries.

Many of these log-city residents burrow into the rotted log, making their homes in the heart of the fallen tree. If you look closely, you'll find endless tunnels into fallen logs.

Log-city dwellers enjoy a social life not too unlike our own. Devoted parents care for their young, rushing here and there, bringing food home in the form of leaves, twigs, berries and roots.

Sentinel insects guard these tiny settlements. There's always the enemy at hand! Ants are the scouts of the insect world, constantly on the alert -- warning their neighbors of the approach of the enemy.

Log-city climate is just right for thousand-legged worms, centipedes, beetles, wireworms, snails, locusts -- even some toads and frogs.

Always, there are the ants on the alert! For birds, perching on tree branches, are deadly enemies to insect cities.

All nature speaks of God. "Every living thing that moveth upon the earth:" is a part of His divine creation.

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(Is there something about God's Wondrous World you would like to see described in this column? If so please send your suggestions to Baptist Press Syndicate, 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville 3, Tenn.)

IT'S TIME FOR VALENTINES!

By Rowena Cheney
(with illustration #2)

We like to make our Valentines --
It's such a pleasant task to do;
And all the folks we make them for
Are happy when they get them, too.

So, Valentines bring happiness
To many folks in many ways;
And that is why we call this date
One of the winter's nicest days.

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MOTHER'S BUSY HANDS

By Elsie Simon

Her busy hands I'll always love,
For me they hold real beauty.
They do so many kind things
Beyond a mother's duty.

They're busy helping others,
They work for folks with love,
I think my mother's hands must be
The tools of God above!

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