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GOD'S WONDROUS WORLD

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One day, take time to examine the smooth pebble you found at the sea shore -- or in your back yard. Where did it come from? How was it made? Did God have a part in the making?

Yes, God had a part in the making of even the small pebble. Our Bible tells us in Genesis 1:1, that "God created the heaven and the earth." Our whole wonderful natural world is His design.

Pebbles are small rock fragments broken off of large rock formations. And large rock formations are born when sand, clay, lime, decaying plant and animal matter are subjected to heat and pressure within, or upon the surface of the earth.

Large rock formations are worn thin by the elements, wind and rain. And the intense heat of the sun, causing large rocks to expand and then cool at sundown, is likely to crack rock formations into fragments.

The pebble in your hand may have traveled thousands of miles. People who make a study of our earth tell us that the Mississippi River carries into the Gulf of Mexico every day over a million tons of coarse gravel -- or rock fragments. These are rolled along the bottom in swift currents, the coarser gravel is dropped along the way, and the other carried out to sea.

Wherever water carries rock fragments, they go bounding along, grinding against other rocks and solid matter, their sharp edges and corners are worn off and rounded.

Thus, we have the smooth pebbles -- at the sea shore, along the rocky stream -- in our back yard.

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UPS AND DOWNS

By Ethel E. Mann

I walk up-stairs and I slide down quick.

Stair rails are shiny; stair rails are slick;

If I could slide up, it would be quite a trick --

I tried it once and came down like a brick.

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THE SHOWER
By Elsie Simon

I started to go out in rain,
Was sent back by a flower,
She waved me back and said, "Please wait,
The earth's taking a shower!"

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