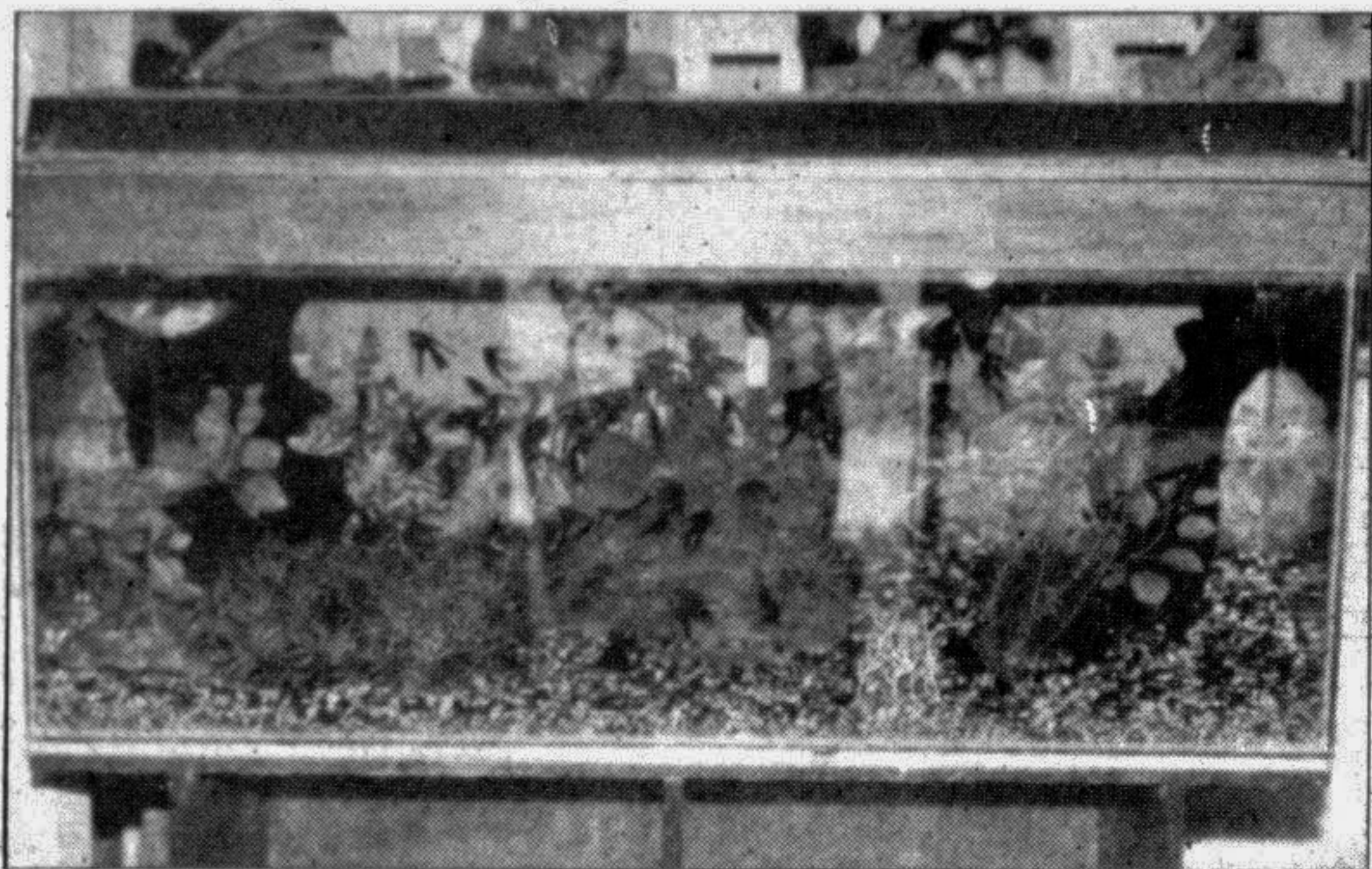


Dhaka Day by Day

Fascination for Aquarium and Aviary

by A S M Nurunnabi



The world of aquarium.

If you proceed along the Elephant Road towards Shahbagh Avenue and take a turn to the right at the junction of the Katabon Mosque towards Nilkhet, you will come across a long row of shops on the left hand side of the road known as the Babupura Road. There is a special feature of the shops standing on this side. Most of these shops deal in aquariums and aviaries. The aquarium shops mostly dominate the scene. It was a revelation that so many people in the city are devoted to the hobbies of aquariums or aviaries. The concentration of so many shops in this line of business is striking. It is estimated that the total number of such shops range between 206 to 300 with a sprinkling of aviary shops.

A quick survey of the place shows that the ready-made aquariums on show for sale can be of various shapes and designs. If you want a design to be in harmony with the setting of the place where you want to keep your aquarium, that can be arranged. Much of this artistry is devoted to the bottom half of the wooden frame holding the aquarium. If you want your aquarium to be placed in your library, the frame can be so fashioned as to look like a bookshelf. There are other models with appropriate embellishments and decorations to make them a fit adjunct for a drawing room.

Talks with the salesmen, give the impression that proper looking after a aquarium takes much care and attention. The hobby is expensive too. Most of the species of fish kept in an aquarium are imported and the food they are given to eat are mostly imported. The brand names of the dry food that is imported are varied, such as Tokyu, Osaka, Sakura, Tropical, etc. Some items of local food such as small worms are sometimes given but experienced people in this line advise against their use because of potential risks of diseases from them.

To keep them in good health, vitamins are also administered to them. The water in the aquarium also needs change every two or three months and a kind of blue tablet is used to effect purification of the water.

The popular kinds of fish that are kept in an aquarium include gold fish, gaffi, angel, pommet, sucker, etc. The real beauty of an aquarium lies in the decorations one endows it with. Such decorations may include multi-coloured lamps and stone chips.

An aquarium is a source of great pleasure to children. If you want them to be free from their naughty doings, give them an aquarium and see how they are kept diverted. There are perhaps few persons who in their childhood were not bewitched by the play of local species of small fish kept in a bottle. The memory of such happy moments perhaps bestir the hearts of grown-ups in their choice of aquarium as a hobby.

Keeping a small aviary is another kind of popular hobby. Like an aquarium, it also requires careful maintenance. The kinds of birds that are normally found in our aviaries include Bajirika, Star Finch, Red Finch, Munia parrot, parakeet, etc. The spaciousness of an aviary adds to its charm as it allows fuller display of their intrinsic charms. If you have a parrot in your collection, your pleasure will be heightened if it is trained to utter a few catch words.

After all, these hobbies, be it an aquarium or an aviary, are an expensive affair, and as such, as said by salesmen of the shops, these are mostly limited to upper class people. Apart from money, these hobbies pre-suppose the existence of sophistication and culture among those who go for them. From the numerous existing shops, it can be concluded that there is no dearth of patrons in these lines.

Report on pulp from jute submitted to PM

Industries Minister A M Zahiruddin Khan submitted a full report on pulp — making from green jute — to Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at her office Wednesday, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister was told about the different kinds of industrial paper which could be produced by using pulp made from green jute.

Begum Zia showed keen interest and said this would help increase jute production in the country and benefit the farmers.

The Sylhet Pulp and Paper Industry has successfully produced various kinds of paper from green jute pulp.

Experts said this success will have a far-reaching impact on the country's growing economy and help make multi-farious uses of jute — the 'golden fibre'.

Commemorative stamp

Bangladesh Post Office Thursday issued a commemorative postage stamp of Tk two denomination and a first day cover valued Tk 5 marking the beginning of 15th century in Bengali era, reports UNB.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia formally released the stamp at a simple ceremony during the inauguration of a week-long Baisakh Mela at Dhanmondi Club ground in the afternoon.

Minister for Post and Telecommunications Tariqul Islam and senior officers were present on the occasion.

The stamp and first day cover will be sold simultaneously from all head post offices, including GPOs.

Plastic surgeons at Ganoshasthaya

By Staff Correspondent

A team of plastic surgeons from Bombay's JJ Hospital is now conducting operations at the Ganoshasthaya Kendra at Nayarhat, Savar.

The experts led by renowned physician and medical advisor to the Indian President Prof N H Antia has already treated 600 patients since arrival on April 2. The team will attend patients till April 18. Patients could contact at telephone numbers 500720 and 500406.

Biswas, Khaleda greet Queen of Denmark

President Abdur Rahman Biswas yesterday greeted Queen Margrethe II, Queen of Denmark on the occasion of her birth anniversary, reports BSS.

In a message President Biswas extended his best wishes for the Queen's health, happiness and long life and the friendly people of Denmark continued peace, progress and prosperity.

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia also felicitated Queen Margrethe II, on occasion of her birth anniversary.

In a similar message she said, 'I am confident that the excellent relations which exist between our two friendly countries will continue to grow in the years to come to the mutual benefit of the peoples of the two countries.'

Hajj flights begin Apr 27

The government has arranged 21 Biman flights for the intending Bangladeshi Hajj pilgrims from April 27 to May 12 for carrying them to Saudi Arabia for performing Hajj this year, reports BSS.

The pilgrims will be carried back home from May 24 to June 8.

All valued Hajj applicants are being informed through letters about their flight to Makkah, return from there, classes of accommodation in Makkah and reporting to the temporary Hajj camp information regarding these are also being sent to all deputy commissioners for onward transmission to all concerned TNOs under them.

The interested Hajj pilgrims have been requested to contact the office of the Deputy Commissioners, TNOs for collecting the said information.

102 held in city

Police rounded up 102 people from different parts of the city in last 48 hours ending yesterday on various charges, reports UNB.

Of the arrested, 22 were wanted criminals, one was held under the Anti-Terrorism Law, two accused of arms case, one for dacoity and seven for stealing.

All the arrested people were produced before court.

Two black stone statues seized

Police seized two black stone statues of Lord Vishnu worth about Taka three crore from a house in Khilpara village under Tongibari in Munshiganj district Tuesday, reports BSS.

Acting on a secret information, the operation squad of the Special Branch raided the house of one Abdul Hamid, son of Tamizuddin Dhalil, and recovered two statues believed to be of 11th and 12th century.

US team meets Abul Hasnat

By Staff Correspondent

A delegation from the US National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) Wednesday met Jatiya Party leader and former Dhaka mayor Abul Hasnat at his residence, says a press release.

They discussed the country's present political situation arising out of the Magura by-election in March.



The Fifteenth Century Observance Committee brought out a colourful procession led by Mayor Mohammad Hanif from city's Bahaadur Shah Park on Thursday. — Star photo

Programme shifted

The two-day long 9th general conference of the Bangladesh Philosophical Association scheduled to be held on April 25 and 26 has now been shifted to October 27 and 28 due to some unavoidable circumstances, says a press release.

Workshop on rural women

A two-day workshop on 'Transfer of Small Scale Productive Technologies and Encouragement of Entrepreneurship among Rural Women' begins in the city tomorrow, reports UNB.

The workshop is being organised by the Micro Industries Development Assistance and Services (MIDAS) in collaboration with the Asian and Pacific Centre for Transfer of Technology (APCTT), an outfit organisation of UN/ESCAP.

Muhammad Enamul Haq, Secretary of Women's and Children's Affairs Ministry, will attend the inaugural function.



4.30	Opening announcement, Al-Quran Programme summary
4.45	Programme for children: Shoregole
5.10	News in Bangla
5.25	Cartoon show: Peterpan and the Pirates
6.00	Shiddhanganon
6.30	Shamacher
7.00	Musical programme: Banbari
8.00	News in Bangla
8.30	Agricultural programme: Matto-O-Manush
9.00	Drama: Biswanatak
10.00	News in English
10.30	Drama series: Dynasty
11.30	Khabar/The News
11.40	Tomorrow's programme

Weather

Thundershowers likely

By Staff Correspondent

Rain or thundershowers accompanied by temporary gusty to squally wind may occur over the regions of Bogra, Pabna, Tangail, Mymensingh and Sylhet during the next 12 hours commencing from 6 am today (Saturday).

The country's highest temperature yesterday (Friday) of 39.8 degrees Celsius was recorded in Ishwardi and the lowest of 20.5 degrees Celsius at Srimangal.

The maximum and the minimum temperatures and relative humidity recorded in some major cities and towns of the country yesterday were

Cities/Towns	Temperature in degree Celsius		Humidity in Percentage	
	Max	Min	9am	6pm
Dhaka	37.2	23.9	33	41
Chittagong	34.0	23.3	58	77
Rajshahi	39.6	21.8	56	38
Khulna	37.6	21.4	58	40
Barisal	35.5	22.5	65	60
Bogra	38.5	23.7	59	44

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Md Azizur Rahman
Regional Controller of Food
Dhaka.

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এতদ্বারা সর্বসাধারণকে জানানো যাইতেছে যে, যশোর সড়ক বিভাগের অধীন যশোহর-কেন্দ্রীয় সড়কের ১২তম, ১২তম ও ১৩তম কিলোমিটারে অবস্থিত ৬ (ছয়) টি ব্রেকিং কোটেশনের মাধ্যমে বিজ্ঞপ্তির জন্য জর ইচ্ছক ব্যক্তিদের নিকট হইতে সীলমোহিতকৃত কোটেশন আহ্বান করা যাইতেছে। কোটেশন আগামী ২০-৪-৯৪ ইং ১১-১৪০১ বাং তারিখ কো ১২-৩০ মিনিটে নিম্নাবলি/বিদ্যমান প্রকৌশলী (সওজ), সড়ক বিভাগ, যশোহর/উপ-বিভাগীয় প্রকৌশলী (সওজ), সড়ক উপ-বিভাগ-২, যশোহর/নড়াইল/১ম লাইন কারখানা উপ-বিভাগ, যশোহরের কার্যালয়ে দুটির দিন ব্যতীত সকল কার্যদিবসে আগামী ১৯-৪-৯৪ ইং ৬-১-১৪০১ বাং তারিখ পর্যন্ত প্রতি পূর্ণা টা-২/ (পুই টাক) যার (অফিসঘোষণা) বিধিমতে নদা মুদ্রা পাওয়া যাইবে।

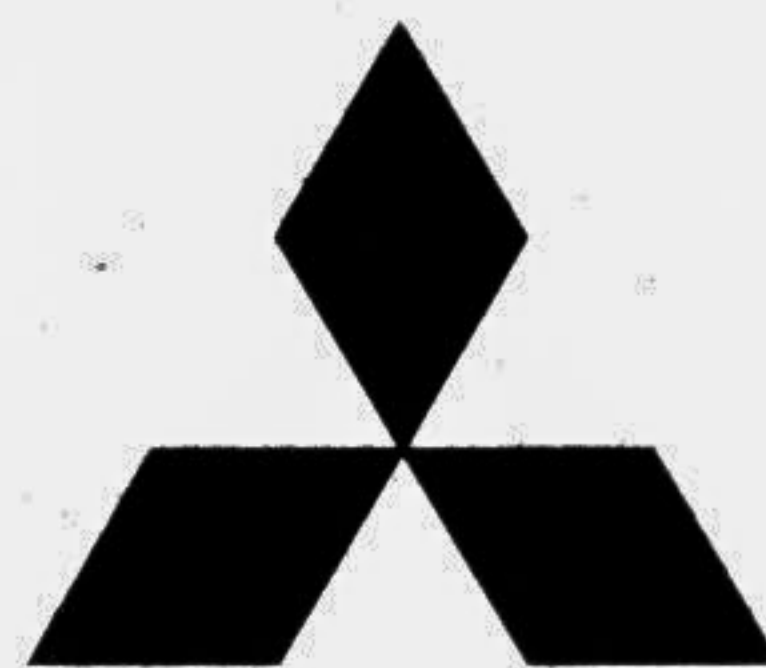
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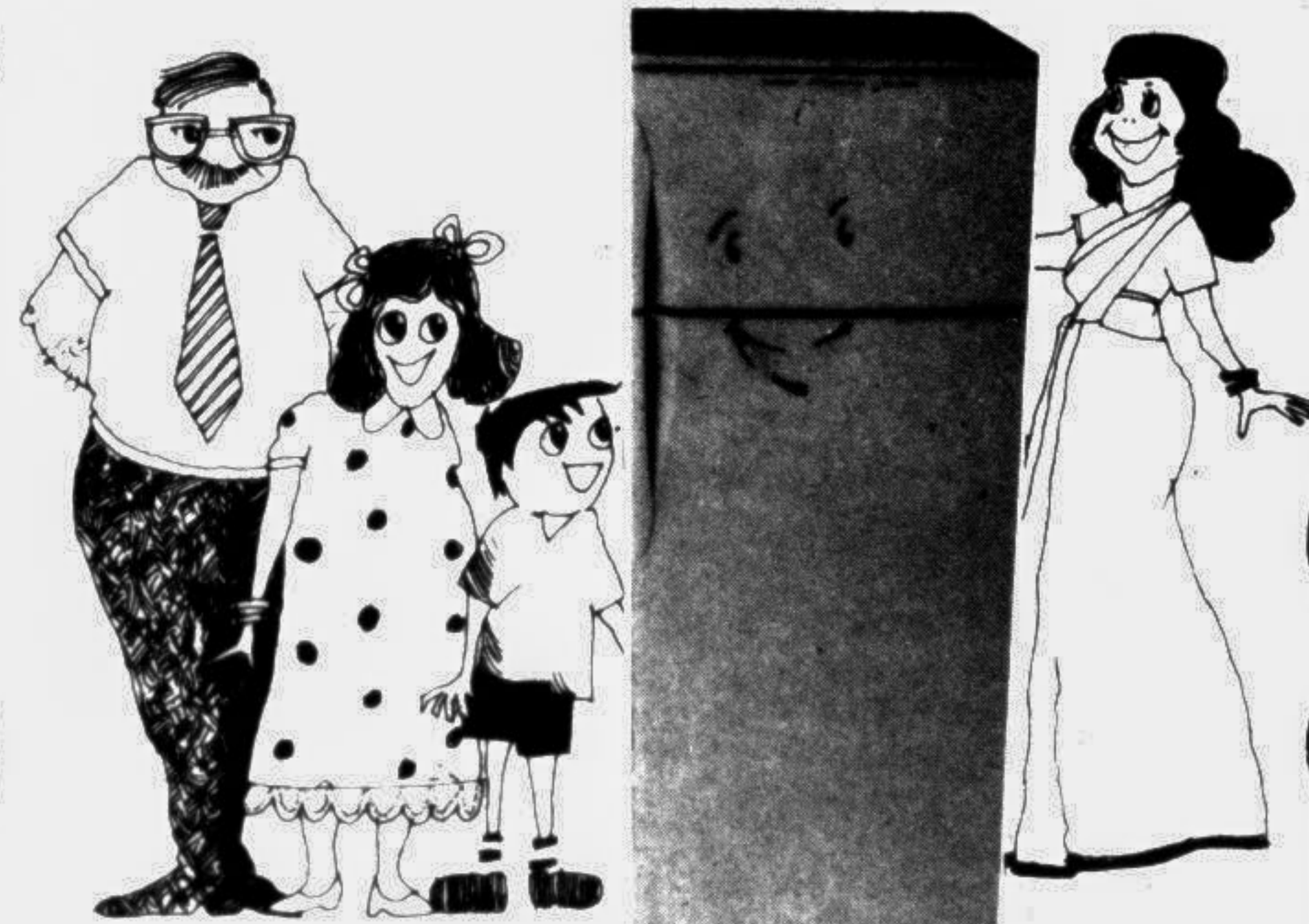
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