

ARISING STARS

Me In Wonderland

by Mahdeen Ahmed

I Dreamt
ONE day after I went to a party I came home, washed up and went to sleep. That night I dreamt the weirdest of dreams. First my walls melted and turned into a very nice forest, with lots of trees and I was walking through the path in the middle of it.
 There I met a snail on which I almost stepped. I picked it up and it said hello. I was amazed to see and hear a snail talk. The snail wore glasses and was like an old man. I took him on my journey, and when I came to a cottage the snail jumped and ran away.
 A rabbit came gave a bow and said welcome to Dreamland. He took me into his house and told me to have tea so I said okay he called in his servant and gave the orders. I sat down and had the tea and biscuits then I thanked him for his kindness and left on my way. A cunning wolf who stopped me asked where I come from I said that I come from Earth. The wolf tried to eat me but I ran down hill and fell into a hole and that was the end of my dream for I fell from my bed and woke up.



My Island Adventure

ONE day my parents told me that we were going on a river cruise. I was very excited. I went to school and told my friend Sabik and he wanted to come along as well. He asked permission from his parents and joined us on Saturday aboard the S S Mary Anderson and from there by a hired steamer we were to go to a place where there were lots of islands.
 I got ready at six in the morning and then we went to my friends house and picked him up and started for our trip. We were all so excited. As a precaution I took my knife and a canteen full of water. I also told Sabik to take his canteen. We then got on the S S Mary Anderson and asked that if they had an available boat or not, they went in and asked the caretaker and he answered yes. The people took us to a brand new boat which had a special room where there were games like carom and chess. We had lots of fun but we were bored too. So we decided to venture out on a rubber lifeboat and go explore the islands ourselves. We wore life jackets, tipped on to the deck and got a boat and oars and hurriedly started rowing. After fifteen minutes we finally got to an island, we then went to the forest and started roaming around. It was so beautiful.
 There were lots of flowers and plants. The best thing was the huge parrots which were swanking and calling loudly. Sabik found a big stick and made it into a bow with some string which he brought from his home. Then I got some sticks and cut those into sharp arrows and gave them to Sabik, we then aimed at the coconuts and shot at them. We cut them with my knife and had the water from it. It was the most tasty coconut water I had in my life! I then saw that it was almost time for us to leave so I told Sabik that we've got to leave. We went to the coast and saw that our boat was drifting away so Sabik quickly jumped into the water and got the boat and then we got into it and rowed until we got to the main boat, quickly changed into dry clothes and arrived at the dining room and had lunch with the rest of the people and no one knew that we had such an adventure!

Digital Stuntman

IN the movies we see a lot of the heroes and villains performing dangerous action and stunts. However, these sequences in reality are performed for them, by other people exclusively known as Stuntmen. But nowadays using computer techniques it has become possible to present the minor actions in an exaggerated way. For example a three foot jump by the hero can now be seen as a thirty foot awesome leap.
 All this is possible due to the use of computer technique. No doubt these scenes enchant the audience, and thus stuntmen are in business. This application of computer technique is called the digital stuntman. "Acclaimed entertainment" a US organisation is in the business of making action video games along with Warner Brothers, and are making thrilling action scenes for the films such as "Batman Forever" by applying the digital stuntman technique. This film uses sixteen cameras are used from different angles to capture the minor actions of the hero.

Diamond Chip

DIAMOND rings and necklaces are the precious treasures for one who collect this gem, which can also be used as a glass cutter. But computer chip from diamonds that's a different story altogether? Many scientists and technicians say that the chip can be made from the thinnest sheet of the diamond that can increase the efficiency of the computer. Because, diamonds are chemically inactive and possess four times more conductivity than bronze.
 A technician can place comparatively more transistors on a sheet of diamond than on a sheet of silicon. And the excess heat generated from this process will not create any problems. The main problem that hinders increasing of the efficiency of a computer, by placing excess transistors on a chip, is the heat. But diamonds can relieve heat very fast, this is due to its high conductivity. Moreover it has been observed that the speed of electrons in diamonds is faster than those of the silicon. The technicians of Cuioburne Applied Science Technology Corp have made a circuit board with ten square cm diamond wafers which will be used to make a mini super computer.

Electronic navigator

THE Jexel organisation of America has made an electronic navigator for the cars. The machine is elevated by the "Olds Mobiles". The guidance system in this device shows the location of other cars on the front and on the back, the guidance system also indicate important points of the road on the screen. With this system the driver can drive easily and more safely. This device costs two thousand dollar.

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This Years Cricket League : Really Unpredictable

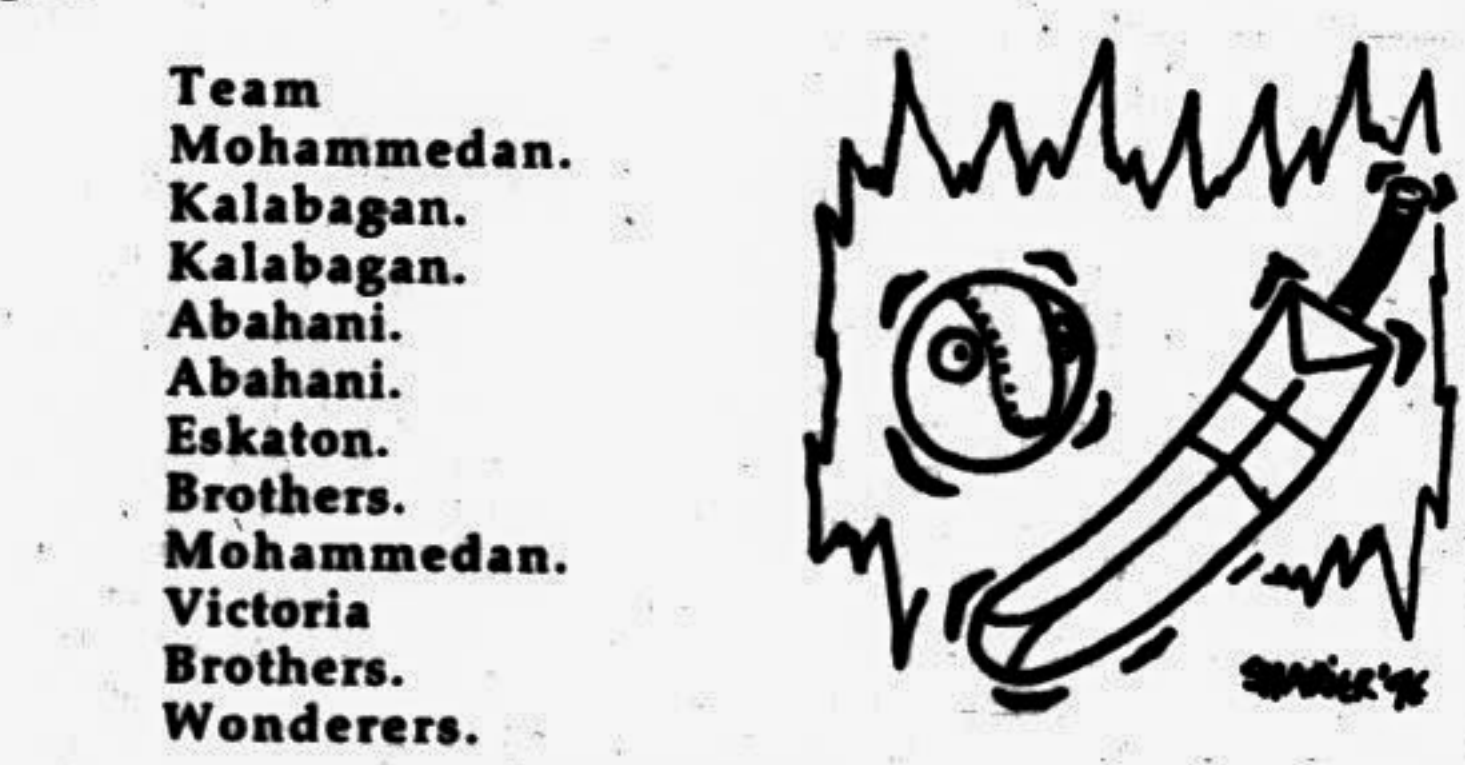
by Ishrak Ahmed Siddiky

JUST after two to three weeks the World Cup Cricket is going to start. Everybody's eyes are on Pakistan, India and Sri Lanka. Fans are just counting their days for the big event.
 When the World Cup is going to start nobody will be interested in the cricket league that is going on in Dhaka. However with each day passing the premier division cricket is becoming more and more interesting. After the synthetic turf placed in Dhaka Stadium our cricket level is reaching its apogee. This turf for Bangladesh players is a good practise since in 1997's ICC cricket, which will be held in Malaysia, will be played in this sort of turf.
 The premier division cricket is now in its highest entertaining form. Everyone

is thinking who will win the most prestigious of all cups. Abahani initially was in a very good position, but after losing two consecutive matches they are now on the backseat. They lost both the matches due to inexperienced Durjoy.
 Durjoy who is a young but talented player became captain in place of Akram Khan, who was absent. The match against Victoria in which Abahani lost for 20 runs in the last over, was because Durjoy let Dulo bowl the last over, instead of a more experience bowler.
 In the case of Mohammedan, it is another story. They went down for to Gulshan youth and Wari. Mohammedan showed very poor batting against this two teams. While Abahani, and Mohammedan are fighting out for the cup, pressure is coming from Blman, Kalabagan and Brothers Union. They are keeping a constant pressure against this two teams. Most of the time Dhaka league is full of international players like - Arjuna Ranatunyo, Samara Sakera, Ashok Mathorn, Wasim Akram, Neil Fairbrother and many others.
 This year there is a lack of international players because of the world cup, and many other reasons. Now let us see the problems concerning the Dhaka league. The first problems are with the umpires. Nobody is happy, the way the Umpires are handling the matches. That's why two Pakistani Umpires are coming to Bangladesh to direct important matches.
 The pitch of Dhaka stadium is a batting pitch, that's why many big scores have been made here. We should not forget our destination the 1997 ICC Cup Cricket where we must win to keep our hopes alive in going to the world cup.
 After a few weeks the super league is going to start with six teams. There the main championship fight will take place. In February the MCCI of Australia (which has produced some of the best cricketers of Australia) will come to Bangladesh. Here it is worth to mention that they are an extremely strong team, and they are not like West Indies under 19 team. They will play some matches against our local hits, and if Bangladesh can win, the people can only their say yes our country has really improved.

Cricketers who made centuries in this years premier league:-

Runs	Name	Team
141	Nadium Yunus	Mohammedan.
102	Athar Ali	Kalabagan.
104	Shahisayed	Kalabagan.
102	Naimur Rahman	Abahani.
106	Harunul Rashid	Abahani.
100	Majed Hanif	Eskaton.
113	Amir Hanif	Brothers.
112	Minhazul Abedin	Mohammedan.
120	Chetansharma	Victoria
113	Amir Hanif	Brothers.
104	Mahirul Haq	Wonderers.

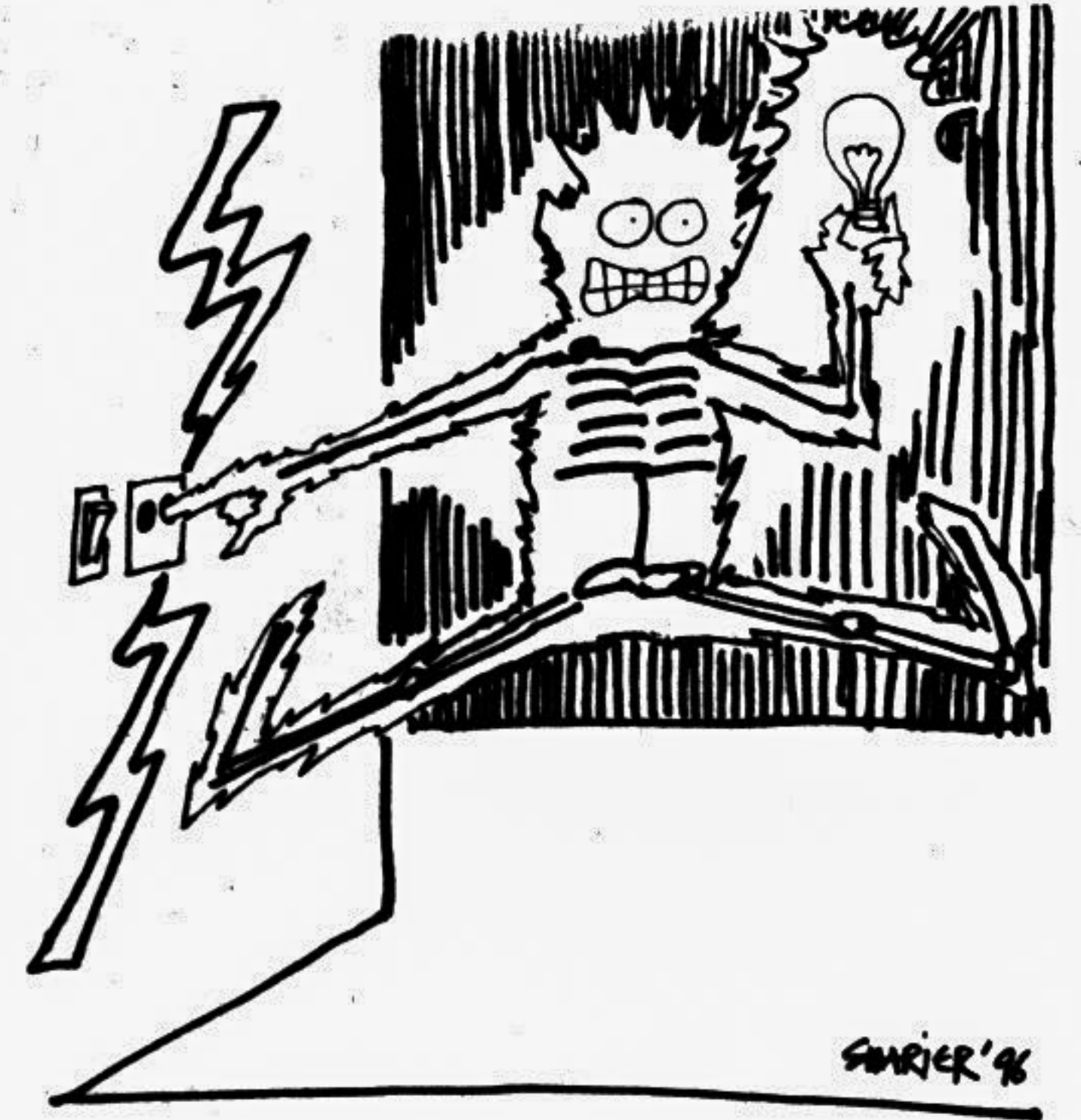


Electricity

by Tyseer A Khaled

DOES your little brother or sister cry when the light is turned off at bed time? Do you use an alarm clock to wake up in the morning? Do you like toast for breakfast? In all of these cases electricity is the common factor. Did you know that electricity travels almost at the speed of light: 186,000 miles a second? In this report, I have researched answers to some important questions on electricity. I hope that they will help you to know more about it.

What is electricity?
 Electricity is a form of energy. It is produced when tiny atomic particles move from one atom to another. The word "electricity" is originally taken from the Greek word "elektron", meaning amber. More than 2500 years ago, in Greece, Thales of Miletos discovered that amber attracts cork or feather when it is rubbed. The knowledge of how electricity is produced has been around for about one hundred years.



What does it mean when we say electrical charge?
 In nature, materials have an equal number of positive and negative charges. However, should such a material lose or gain electrons, then, accordingly, the material is said to have become positively or negatively charged. For example, if a balloon is rubbed with a piece of cloth, electrons pass from the cloth to the balloon. So, the balloon becomes negatively charged, while the cloth becomes positively charged.

How do we use electricity?
 Electricity helps us in various ways, whether in flash lights, running cars, using cellular phones, ultra sound machines (it is a machine used to check how babies are doing in their mummies' tummies), electronic microscopes, computers, and key boards, to name a few. If a car does not start in winter, it is because its battery is low or dead. We charge flash guns to take pictures indoors. Nurses use electrical probes in our ears to read our body temperatures. Electricity helps us in very many other ways.

How do we generate electricity?
 While in nature electricity is seen in flashes of lightning, people can make electricity in many different ways. Thermal electricity was probably the first way we made electricity. Two pieces of wires made of two different metals are attached to each other at two ends. The ends are placed in the different temperatures. Then electricity is produced in the joined wire. We could call this a circuit. Then there were the chemical cells, like today's batteries, for making electricity. Flowing water in hydroelectric dams, steam in nuclear power plants, and wind power mechanically generate electricity by turning a coil between the opposite poles (that is North and South poles) of two different curved magnets. These are, then, some of the other ways of making electricity.

Did Ben Franklin really discover electricity?
 Ben Franklin did not discover electricity. By flying a kite in a thunderstorm he proved that there is electricity in a lightning bolt.

Does electricity differ from magnetism?
 Electricity does differ from magnetism, even though they are similar in many ways. Magnets and electricity both carry charges. They both have force fields. However, no matter what is placed between magnets the force field still works. On the other hand, there has to be a conducting material between two electrically charged objects for any discharge to take place.
 I am amazed when I think about the various ways we can get electricity and how many different things we can do with it. Surely, many more uses of electricity wait to be discovered in the future. I enjoyed reading my sources on electricity. I hope this report motivates you to read about electricity because my six questions did not tell everything about electricity.

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The Lone Traveller

by Sanjida Shaheed

Born alone
 I grow alone.
 I suffer alone.
 I glow alone.
 In don't seek the forms and faiths
 Others have built, others have bred.
 Even though they say 'tis safer
 To walk along the road
 That is already there.
 Is it safer really
 To see with others' eyes,
 Hear, with others' ears,
 Feel with others' hearts,
 Tread the path that others've paved?
 I'd rather fumble,
 I'd rather falter,
 I'd rather ruin myself
 In search of my self —
 But no, my ancestors' brains
 Will NEVER be my shelter.
 Born alone, I grow alone.
 Alone I walk
 Along the precipice
 In sheer glee and haughty aplomb.
 The old weary earth does tremble
 Under my heavy footsteps.



Media for the Mass

by Raiyan Islam

FINDING out information about any point on this globe nowadays needs nothing more, than the pushing of a few buttons and utterance of a few words. Slightly knowing about any object or living individual needs nothing more than an international network, money and brains to use some gadgets. Media is nothing but the product of the usage of the brains of great minds like Edison, Graham Bell, Marconi, Fleming etc.
 Mass Media to be correctly defined, is any sort of agency or channel by which the mass, or the large group of people of a country can gain knowledge, information or entertainment.
 As we all know, Bangladesh is a poor country, it is therefore essential, that the masses, in order to be productive, should at least have access to information, on what is going on and in the outside world and how other countries are being more developed day by day.
 Ever since Radios were introduced in Bangladesh as a form of mass media, they have been very popular. In spite of the fact that most of the people in Bangladesh have very little disposable income, an enormous number of radios have been sold and they are now found in almost in every nook and corner of the country. This shows that there is a great desire in the people to be informed and entertained.
 Bangladesh, in 1964 experienced a revolution in the field of mass media — the instantaneous transmission of moving images along with sound waves only through a cartoon sized cuboid. Yes, you are correct. It is the television I'm talking about. This is something which you and I



watch all the time — Star Movies, Prime Sports, BBC, CNN — what not. Since the television had arrived in the country in 1964, it has proved to be one of the most popular and largest selling electronic gadgets.
 BTV has a programme called "Open University." This programme serves as an open air class for those university students who are unable to enroll in a regular university due to various reasons, however the mass benefit from this programme as well.
 Mass media like journalism, newspapers, periodicals, communication, broadcasting — all play a very significant roles in our daily lives. Without these, life would be pretty dull.
 In an underdeveloped nation like Bangladesh, it is important for the masses to have access to entertainment, knowledge and information in whatever form. Therefore, it is our duty to see that new and inexpensive forms of mass media is introduced in order to create public awareness and bring out the best of this great golden nation — Bangladesh.
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Jokes

Susie: 'My baby brother's only a year old and he's been walking for six months'
 Annie: 'Really? he must be very tired.'
 'Here, Nick, what's your big brother doing now that he's left school?'
 'He's taking French, German and Italian.'
 'Gosh! That must take a lot of studying.'
 'No — he's a liftboy in the Hotel International.'
 'Doctor, I'm getting very forgetful.'
 'I see. Won't you take a chair?'
 'Thanks — take a what?'
 'A chair. Now, when did you first notice this trouble?'
 'What trouble?'
 'You're late for work again Ravif'
 'Yes, I'm sorry, Sir. I overslept.'
 'I thought I told you to get an alarm-clock?'
 'I did, sir, but there are nine of us in our family.'
 'What's that got to do with it?'
 'The alarm was only set for eight!'
 'Are you writing a thank-you letter to Gradpa like I told you?'
 'Yes, Mum.'
 'Your handwriting seems very large.'
 'Well, Grandpa's deaf, so I'm writing very loud.'
 'A little girl attending the school clinic started crying as the doctor approached her.'
 'I'm only going to take your pulse,' the doctor explained.
 'But don't I need it?' sobbed the little girl.

My Best Friend

by Tapas Mandal

I have a friend whose name is Avik.
 He is a funny boy and laughs like a bell.
 Of all friends, he is my best.
 He loves to steal eggs from nest.
 He loves to read story and comics.
 He loves football and loves to kiss.
 He loves to play in forward.
 In football, he gets many award.
 He is also good in education.
 He loves me and all nation.
 He loves others very much.
 I think — he is a genius
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Sundarban

Sundarban, the forest, is our pride.
 This forest is full of animals' crowd.
 There is a animal called tiger.
 Also a lovely animal which is deer.
 Naughty monkeys are found there.
 There is snake, but lion is rare.
 There are crocodiles and gavial.
 There is Sundarce but not shal.
 There are also different birds.
 We love this forest with our hearts.
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The Generation Gap

by Nowara Munir

TO shape or bend a tree, the way we please the tree has to be young and supple. To attempt to bend the branch of an old tree will probably result in breaking it. So it is with man.
 A young child's values, attitudes and abilities can be shaped and bent under favorable conditions. To make an old man change his values and attitudes is an almost impossible task. His mind is too set and rigid with age and not receptive to new things. He would probably break if we try too hard to change him.
 Our modern world is changing at an enormous pace. New things appear and die like mushrooms that sprout for a day. A new song that becomes a top hit today becomes old and jaded in a matter of weeks. Only young people can handle these accelerated changes. The young sees the world as an exciting place of new things. The old, through the eyes of experience and acquired values, sees the world as a madly changing place full of threats and moral upheaval.
 Nowadays we have rock music, new wave, punk, gays and other social changes. A young person may accept these things without question and treat them as part of life. An older person is profoundly shocked and angered at this "deterioration" of social values.
 This gap between the young and the old seems to be increasing. To shorten such gaps both have a part to play. We must try to co-operate and understand one another. In my opinion the elders are playing their parts, but the youngsters (especially the teenagers) are rowdy and disobedient. You may be wondering why I myself being a teenager am saying this.
 Well truth can never be hidden. When you talk on the phone with your girlfriend for five hours just before an exam or maybe go out even before your fourteen I think it's quite natural for your parents to protest. You misunderstand them and think who are they to tell you to stop doing something when you want to do it. But think again. It is them who brought you up, them who pays for your education and it is because of them that you are still living on the face of this earth. They have all the right to tell you not to do something and when they do so please listen to them, for they care and love you.
 The gap is widening and if we do not stop it from doing so there will only be despair, heartbreak and family conflicts. It is up to the old to accept the young, love them and guide them with their wisdom. It is also up to the young to accept the old, love them and be guided where necessary. Life should continue but the gap must end here.