

Aunt Julia's True Stories

THE IMPORTANCE OF WATER

You have learned how important air is to man, animals, and plants. Water is another thing that is very important to us. Try going without drinking for a whole day.

The great part of water on the earth is found in the oceans, lakes and rivers. Water is also found under the ground. The water that falls as rain is fresh but the water in the ocean and some lakes is salty. Rain water is fresh because it is pure. When it falls on the ground, it flows through the earth. The earth contains salt and other minerals. They are dissolved in the water that flows through the earth. Thus the rain water becomes salty. This water finally reaches the ocean. This salty water makes some lakes salty also. If a river flows out of the lake, the water of the lake becomes fresh because the salt is carried to the sea. If there is no river flowing out of the lake, the water of the lake is salty.

Much rain water remains under the ground. It forms large underground seas. From these underground seas comes the water that feeds many lakes and rivers. This water also feeds plants.

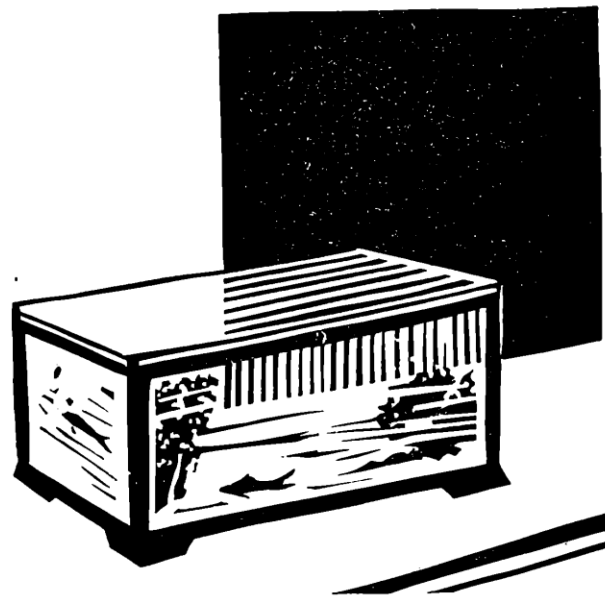
Where does the rain water come from? The sun makes the water in the ocean warm. It also makes the air over the ocean warm. This warm air can carry a load of water from the ocean. It then moves toward the land. Because this air is warm, it rises. As it rises, it becomes cooled. When the air becomes cool, it drops its load of water. This water is what we call rain. When you are older you will learn more about how rain is formed.

We drink water. We use it in cooking our food. We need it for cleaning purposes. Tell other uses of water.

MY AQUARIUM

It looks just like a plaything
A box of four-walled glass,
With water clear as crystal
And fishes of rainbow flash.

With gravel at its bottom,
I planted two green twigs
Of Tulips and Singapore
And among them scattered shells.



A zebra pair chased each other,
A gaping Goldfish flirts,
With the Swordtails and the Blue Moons,
And the graceful Angel Fish.

Oh, I love to watch my fishes,
To feed them water fleas,
They fill my heart with envy,
When I see them live in bliss.

—Lulu de la Paz