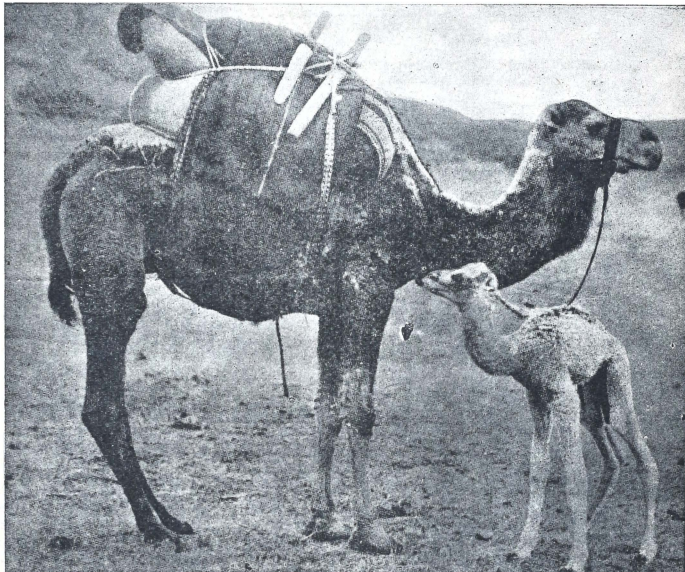


MOTHER CAMEL AND HER BABY

THE BABY CAMEL in this picture is only five hours old. He can stand on his four legs and hold his head up. It will take five years for him to grow up. When he is grown he will have a hump like his mother. The hump is made of fat. This hump helps to feed the camel when he can get no other food. At the end of a long journey the hump will be nearly gone.

Camels have pads on their feet. These pads keep them from sinking in the sand of the desert. They have long eyelashes which keep the blowing sand out of their eyes.

The camel can go a long time without water. They have a place in their stomachs to store water.

Camel's milk is used for food.

The camel with one hump, like the one shown in the picture, is called a dromedary.

Camels live in warm countries. They are used to travel. We are told that each of the three Wise Men who went to see the Baby Jesus soon after He was born in Bethlehem rode on a camel. So we often see pictures of camels at Christmas time.