

Answers

5. Falls. (About 80 percent of the accidental deaths of persons 65 years of age or older are due to falls.)



6. Keep all medicines and cleaning substances in secure containers, out of reach of young children, plainly marked as to content, and preferably in locked cabinets. Never take medicine in the dark. Always make sure of the contents of the container before taking any medicine.

Know the antidote for each poison kept in the house.



7. Fasten rugs to prevent slipping, or use nonslip underpads.

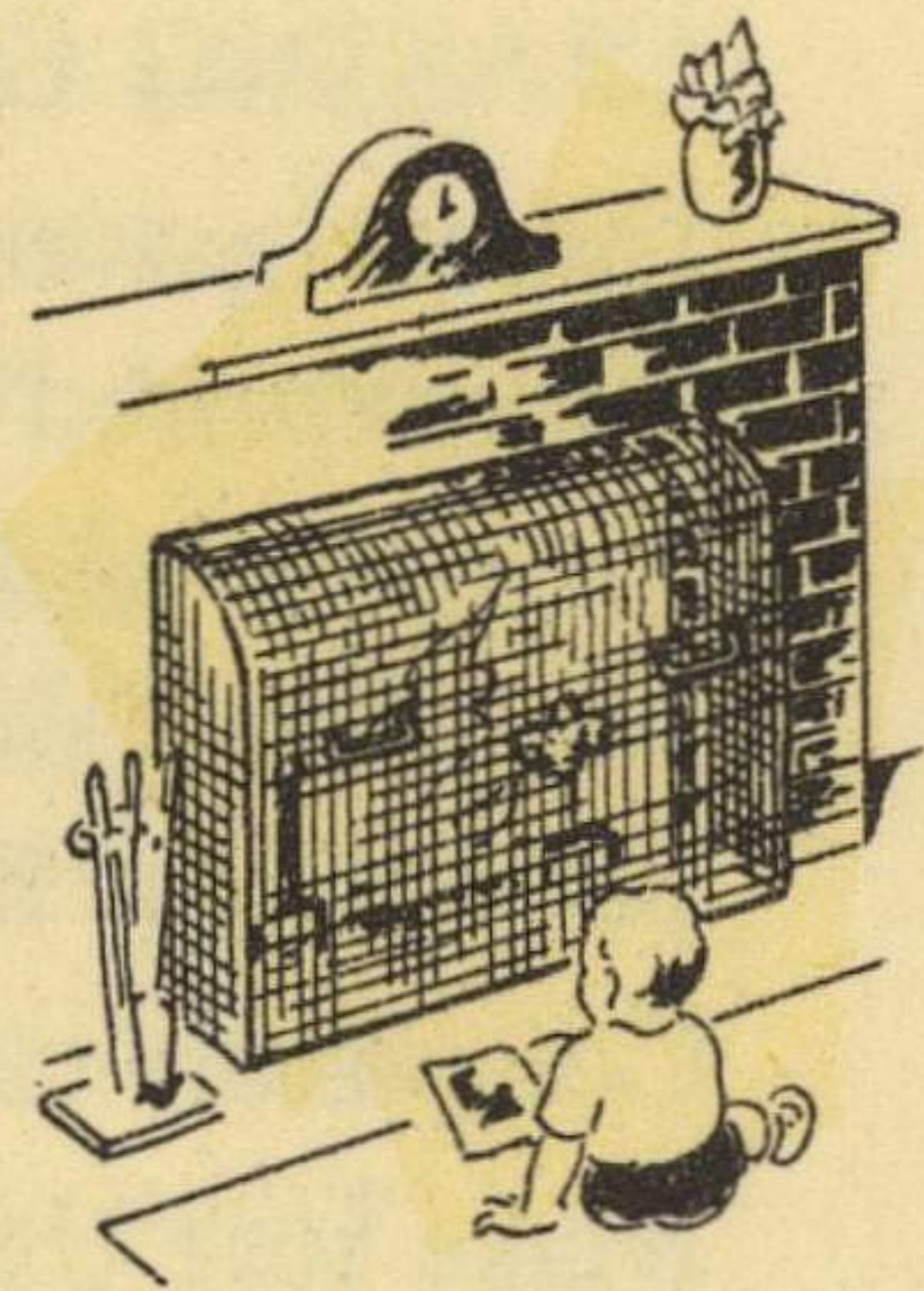
Before turning out the light, make sure that all articles of furniture are in their customary places to prevent stumbling over them in the dark.

Extinguish cigars, cigarettes, and matches after use, and place them in proper receptacles.

Keep a screen in front of an open fireplace whenever a fire is burning.

Keep draperies, decorations, and other inflammable materials away from open lights or from close contact with electric bulbs.

Keep small objects such as buttons, marbles, and pins off the floor and away from small children.



8. Make sure that household wiring is adequate for safely conducting the current to operate electrical appliances, and that circuits are protected with proper fuses.

Use only "U L" approved outlets, fixtures, and cords; have repairs made promptly.

Teach members of the family not to touch anything electrical when the hands are wet or when any portion of the body is in water.



9. Burns and suffocation. (About one third of the home accident deaths of children under 5 years of age result from burns and scalds; about one fifth from mechanical suffocation, chiefly smothering under bedclothes.)

