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No doubt there are some who will thoughtlessly laugh
At the trials that come—now we own a giraffe.
Green gingham giraffes who wear yellow bow-ties
Are a source of surprise, if you thrive on surprise—
Which we don’t.

For example, one time when a laugh
Awoke us at midnight, our gingham giraffe
Lay sprawled on the floor in his favorite nook
With his nose in our Hawk-Bergeim Chemistry book.
And once when we told him of Costume Design
And SCIENCE WITH PRACTICE, he tried to combine
All the colors he found with his gray-green complexion.
There he stood by the mirror, and honest affection
Shone in his face. He was wearing cerise!
We thought for a while we would call the police—
But we didn’t.

And once for a day we lost sight
Of our green gingham chum. And not until night,
At the stroke of twelve bells, came our truant giraffe—
And there in his scrap-book was Knute’s autograph.