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## The Radio Auction Sale

*Last night I had a dream; it was not a pleasant theme,  
For everything in Radio Land went wrong.  
I was glad when I awoke to find it all a joke,  
I'll recite it, for it won't take very long.*

*I dreamt that dear Aunt Daisy had grown quite sour and lazy,  
And she ate so many seedes she couldn't walk;  
She said that all the Chirpers were an idle lot of shirkers,  
And she got so tongue-tied that she couldn't talk.*

*Uncle George got rolling drunk and Jumbo lost his trunk,  
And Aunt Molly ran away with Uncle Jim.  
Uncle Jasper six months got for starving poor old Spot,  
And knocking all the sawdust out of him.*

*Then up jumped Old King Cole, who said, "Why, bless my soul,  
The Radio Staff are to be sold to-day;  
Absolutely no reserve, we must bring what we deserve,  
This is going to be the end of 2YA."*

*So then the auctioneer said, "Bring Aunt Daisy here  
And make your bidding pretty brisk and willing."  
Then amid the noise and clamour, down went the salesman's hammer—  
Aunt Daisy had been knocked down for a shilling.*

*Uncle Jasper, out of jail, then stood there, sad and pale;  
The auctioneer said, "Now then, gentlemen,  
This is a special one; he's got one fault—he's dumb."  
A widow lady shouted "Two-pounds-ten."*

*On the platform next to come was poor old Tweedledum;  
He looked just the quintessence of importance.  
Nobody bid for him, so six Chirpers were thrown in;  
A Hindoo woman bought the lot for fourpence!*

*The auctioneer got vexed when Uncle George came next;  
He was so drunk he couldn't stand up straight.  
One bidder said, "He's nice—I've seen him sober twice,"  
A blind woman purchased him for two-and-eight.*

*Then Jumbo, huge and strong, was the next to stroll along;  
No one expected he would be the last.  
Jumbo's enormous weight made the platform creak and shake,  
Then down he crashed with one scryumdumptious blast!*

*When the noise awakened me I was happy as could be,  
For I knew Aunt Daisy would be there to-night;  
When the children hear her say, "This is Station 2YA,"  
They will know there'll be an hour of keen delight.*

*Dreams generally go the opposite, you know—  
The idea of Uncle Jasper going to jail!  
And Uncle George—Good gracious! Why, he will not disgrace us,  
And our Uncles and our Aunts are NOT FOR SALE!*

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[The above verses, cleverly written in a satirical vein, were sent to "Aunt Daisy," of 2YA, with a request that they should be read during her Children's Session. They are, however, more suitable for publication, and so were passed on to us.—Ed.]

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## World Radio News

AMERICA possesses both the oldest and youngest radio transmitting amateur in the world. The "baby" is Charles Beard, of Asheville, North Carolina, who owns and operates W4ZM at the age of ten. At the other end of the scale is the venerable Dr. George W. Kirk, who, although in his eighty-first year, is an active and consistent operator of his station, WSARJ.

A GENERAL demand that lady announcers should be dispensed with is the outcome of a plebiscite just conducted by the Austrian broadcasting authorities. Feminine voices, it is declared, are unsuited to the microphone.

RADIO has received the signal distinction of being chosen as the subject for a thesis to be written by candidates for legal posts in the French Administrative Tribunals. The future "legal luminaries" were given six hours in which to draw a comprehensive survey of the present broadcasting situation, the rights of citizens and the use of radio in war-time.

## Right Round the Earth

THE international radiophone service was utilised recently to transmit round the world a gramophone record which was broadcast by the Amalgamated Wireless station, VK3ME, Melbourne, and received back there again after travelling a distance of about 21,500 miles.

The experiment originated with Mr. E. H. Scott, a wireless expert, of Chicago, by whose request the Melbourne station broadcast "The Beautiful Isle of Somewhere," as sung by John McCormack. Immediately the record commenced Mr. Scott, who was in touch with VK3ME by international telephone, remarked: "That's fine; I can hear you perfectly. I will put your transmission back to you."

Mr. Scott then connected his station by land line to New York. Thence the transmission travelled by air line to London, thence to Sydney by air line, and finally by land line back to the point of origin at Melbourne, where it was received with good volume and clarity.

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