

The cold spell in Europe lasted so long that even the animals in the Munich Zoo decided they couldn't stop indoors any longer --- except those whose indoors was outdoors too. ^ Of course, there are some types who never feel better than when there's a real nip in the air; their idea of nice weather for bathing is when you have to break the ice to get in. But for those who are more used to tropical suns, it was most depressing; the shops never seem to ~~be~~ stock the right size in galoshes; and there's no one around to give hot cross buns to a cold, cross elephant.

*MM* But this is the time of year when we are reminded of the fore-sight of Mother Nature; who sees to it that youngsters, whose first glimpse of a cold, hard world is when it's even harder and colder than usual --- are born with a ready-made fur coat. These baby lambs have just arrived on a farm near Ware in Hertfordshire; and as soon as they can manage their first few staggering steps, they go outside to find out what it's all about. / Up till now, they've never met anybody but Mother. / Good gracious!  $\frac{1}{4}$  Is this Father?

With natural good manners, ^ if anybody feeds them, they already know how to say "Thank you!" ^ And feeding takes up nearly all of their time, except for a short pause to work up a new appetite. /

Yes --- life is fun for kids. But --- poor old Mum! Such a backache! /