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THE INQUISITIVE CUB ON THE 1936 FINLEY CALENDAR

The black bear is perhaps the most human of all animals. He is a happy-go-lucky fellow, always with the attitude of having a lot of time to kill, and seemingly he cannot figure out just what to do; so he sits down and swings his head aimlessly from side to side. In the wild, a bear has to hunt for a living, but he does it in a lazy way. He meanders along, eating a little grass, turning over stones, digging into old logs and raking in a few berries.

At birth a bear cub is a very immature baby. Mother Bruin may weigh three or four hundred pounds, while one of her cubs may weigh only twelve ounces. It is thirty or forty days before he gets his eyes open and another month before he is restless to get outdoors.

A bear cub is decidedly full of curiosity, the same as any intelligent child. When hungry or in trouble, a cub has a cry that sounds very much like a human baby. It might be taken as the connecting link that is missing between the savage and the human.