



## ALBUM [WHO NAMED MY BEAR TEDDY?](#)

### Album Description

In late fall we do a unit on hibernation. As a culmination of our unit we have the children bring in a "teddy bear" and we have a hibernation celebration. The bears are placed in a cave (a large box) and allowed to sleep until the spring.

For a bit of added interest, I thought it would be fun to explore how our cuddly stuffed bears came to be named Teddy.

I am including the original cartoon depicting the story of how Theodore Roosevelt refused to shoot a bear while on a hunting trip. This led to the popularity of stuffed bears which were then called the Teddy bear. We can discuss the growing demand of Teddy Bears over other toys. I am also including an illustration from *The Roosevelt Bears* along with an excerpt from a poem in the publication. I could use this in a language arts lesson and discuss rhyming words (integrating our content areas).

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They were well supplied with hats and boots,  
And leather coats and cowboy suits,  
And pots and pans and whips and strings,  
And guns and horns and a hundred things  
Lost on the trail by hunters bold  
When driven home by the winter's cold.

The bears were tired of the life they led;  
They wanted to see the world, they said;  
To visit New York and Boston, too;  
And perhaps Chicago and Kalamazoo;  
To go to theater and church and school,  
To see a banker or broker, and fool  
With money a little and try a hand  
At running a paper or leading a band.

They had heard of things bears never see:  
Golf and weddings and afternoon tea,  
Trolleys and trains and buildings high,

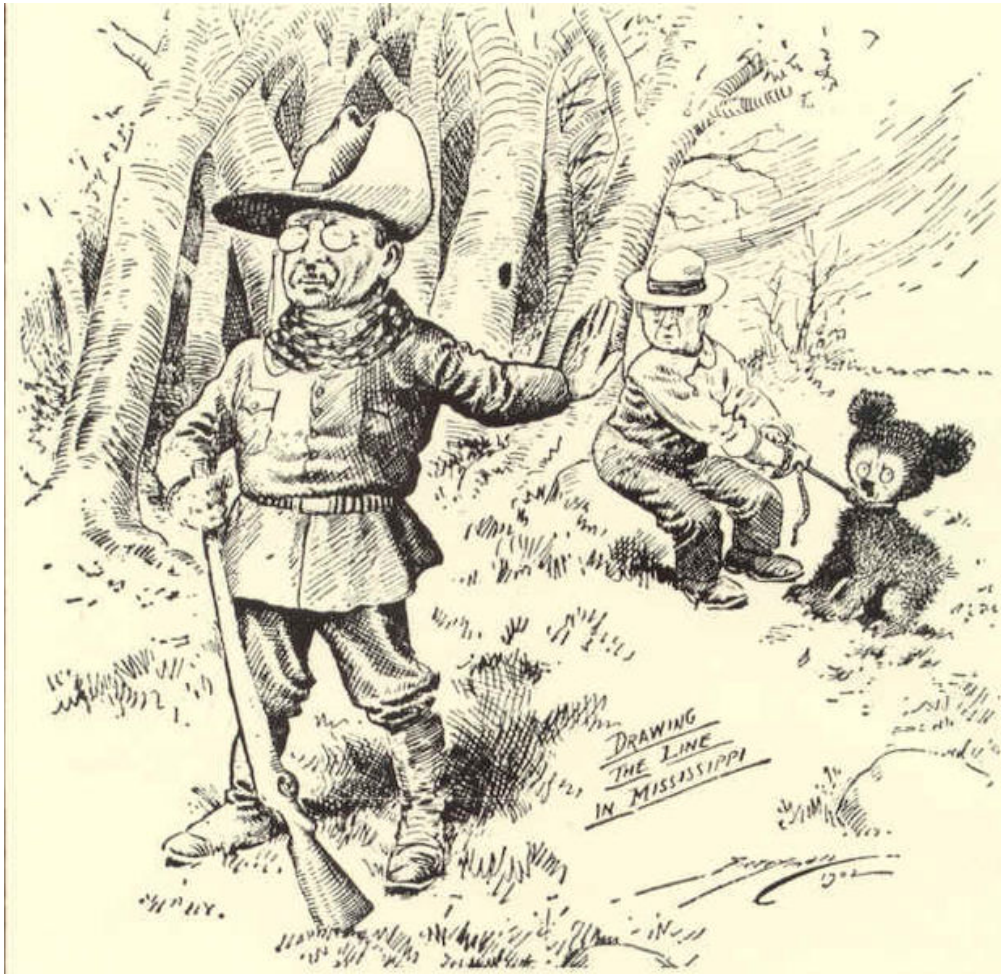


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"With bags on backs and sticks in hand they started their tramp across the land."



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wonders, no two really alike! They may have after the same pattern, but a different expression in the mouth and the whole face, in h Teddy. Instantly the baby ded she liked bears, too, and i, with all her gorgeous silk rocks and her fetching bonnet left lying on her face in the the nursery while the little transferred her affection to

the changeable young on found that she could not being able to borrow Teddy brother, so with the wisdom c she decided that the only o was to have one all for her . And mamma's purse was

really needed work clothes, and the toy man had the most attractive little sets of blue overalls, with a bib in front and straps crossing over the shoulders and buttoning on the back of the overalls. With these go tiny white shirts, made with a turnover collar and tied neatly under Teddy's plush chin with a scarlet cravat. Naturally the boys thought this outfit intended just for their pets and the dainty sweaters for the girls, but little sisters like the whole wardrobe though they usually omit the dangerous looking toy gun that goes with the hunting outfit. Across the bib of the overalls is embroidered the name of the bear, "Teddy G." or "Teddy B."

tractive bodice and quaint features full of expression. It did not take long for older people to fall under the chanting spell of Teddies, and now wonder is where is it going to be Habitués of Central Park asked the selves this question the other s when they were confronted by t sight of a pretty young woman dress in the height of fashion and speed along with the utmost unconcern. s was driving her Columbia electric v toria and by her side was not a g companion, nor a footman, nor a the accustomed pet bull terrier, but small Teddy bear who sat up in sole state. The girl looked perfectly s

**GOING SHOPPING.**



**SOME GO ON WHEELS**



**MAMMA BEAR AND DADDY BEAR**



**IN SKATING COSTUME**



**"LITTLE BREECHES"**



for more Teddy bears. Then, the toy man laid in a stock of Teddy little sister got her new toy, decided whether to choose a a white bear. She felt lost, she were neglecting some of

bear sweaters and Tam o' Shanter and skating caps, and the little girls were delighted, for their dollies' clothes weren't always a good fit for the bears.

He had pink and white sets for the brown bears, "Teddie B." as he is called, and blue and white ones for the white bears, "Teddy G."

Then some one suggested that Teddy

But the Teddy bear fad has not confined itself to children. Though it began with the youngsters, grown-ups have always shown a fondness for these little plush boys, with their at-

conscious that she was doing anything unusual or startling as she rolled by the throngs of pedestrians and threaded her way through the tangle of wheels moving in a long process

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THE SAN FRANCISCO SUNDAY CALL.

# TEDDY BEAR CRAZE IN NEW YORK

**ASTONISHING GROWTH OF THE LATEST FASHIONABLE SILLY GAD.**



**OUT FOR A LONG RUN IN THE COUNTRY**



She instantly became every eye and the thought through the minds of the city was a novel Teddy bear now usurped the pet position as well as the position of the dog.

There he sat, resting against the side of the seat, his head against the head of his mistress, while he gazed straight ahead with a vacant expression, without any undue pride to stir the girl lest she give him an affectionate nod and then as she spoke in a soft voice, some thought might have belonged to a sister, but they were convinced of the reality of the thing.

Among other people who were in the city at that time, a quarter of an hour ago, a young man who was visiting in the city had heard of the fact that a young woman had come down to the city with a teddy bear, and he had placed by the side of the road, a French dog was nursing all alone upstairs. He said that there is of it is a joint, and he is wretched his ridiculous rival will give us more pleasure with his beautiful mistress gone, now she takes whether she is joined by or not.

The next thing, I saw her leaving of Teddy, she shows, and every woman to buy blue ribbon bears, as long as your arm who had seen no less than of pretty girls either driving with their bear pet, or what next?

**The New Flagship The Pacific**

Rear Admiral W. S. Kearsage in the flag-ship in the line, recently arrived on this coast, after carrying State Billon Hood around as far as Panama. The the Charleston, as the

the anticipation of the Christmas trade, her motherly duties, who be dressing department stores are stocking up with and undressing to do. One day they at them, and little out of the way shops family was surprised to see the tiny girls have them for awhile, but not for long, daughter made her appearance around because as soon as the youthful hunt-resses by the inseparable Teddy bears get on their tracks they swoop down and bring them to bay.

The mother of the bears, the little German frau, is almost at her wit's end to know what she is going to do. There is a fear that the supply of brown and white plush will give out, and then what would she do, for they would be getting restless for their bear.

In his new attire, Teddy made an impressive entrance, and the girls were getting restless for their bear.



**Teaching Notes:**

You have such clever ideas. Thanks!



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What a fun lesson! We've added a link to this album on the [Primary Source Spotlight: Teddy Bears](#) post.