

DEVICE is either a representation, an emblem or an hieroglyphick, expressing something that is to be kept in mind, such as the *Egyptians* used instead of writing, which of late have a motto added to them, to explain the signification, which otherwise would be dark or unintelligible; as king *Lewis* XIV. of *France* had for his device, the sun in his glory, with the motto, *nec pluribus impar*, intimating, that he was able to cope with many enemies.

A POEM

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This is an excerpt from Gardner's 1969 book *Never Make Fun Of A Turtle, My Son* (Simon and Schuster, illustrated by John Alcorn).

Pretending

On a cold winter day when his Mom was away,
And the snow tumbled down from the sky,
Tommy said with a smile,
"I'll pretend for a while
It's a warm afternoon in July."

So without any wrap or galoshes or cap,
Thomas Owen ran outside to play.
"How funny," he said,
"To feel snow on my head
On this beautiful sunshiny day."

But soon he was shaking and quaking and aching.
Numb grew his fingers and toes.
He started to freeze,
To wheeze and to sneeze,
While an icicle formed on his nose.

"In this weather," said he, "I'm beginning to see
That it's hard to imagine it's hot.
And how foolish," he cried
As he rushed back inside,
"To pretend that it is when it's *not*!"