

### Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

What American educator and diplomat was born in Prince Edward Island in 1854? His education was completed in London, Edinburgh, and in Berlin and Göttingen, Germany. He was a renowned teacher, speaker and author. He served as U.S. minister to Greece (1912-13). Later he was envoy to China and still later, ambassador to Germany. He passed away in 1942. What was his name?

New York's Fifth Avenue's glittering diamond half-mile is the biggest gem showcase on earth. Here are housed enough famous gems to pay off Canada's and the U.S. national debts. Among this collection is the Tiffany Diamond, a golden yellow sparkler that weighs 128 carats.

The entire display is known as the "glittering half-mile."

Do the big fish in Crosby's Dam at Cornwall die of old age, or does someone net them when they go up stream to spawn in the fall?

Certainly there are plenty of large trout in the pond. We who live near the stream see them every fall, but only one in a hundred fishermen ever catches one of the big fellows. Somebody may have the answer as to what becomes of the big, big ones, but like the proverbial oyster they are keeping mum.

What do the scientists have to say about old fish? They tell us that many fish die of old age instead of being caught by fishermen. Could be, but some of us are of the opinion that someone nets them in the late fall.

Much muskrat meat is canned and sold under the trade names of Marsh rabbit, marsh hare, and terrapin. The secretion of the musk glands is used in the perfume industry.

Some day telepathy may be communicated from one mind to another as easily as we speak to one another. The society of Psychological Research, working over the years, has studied such mind reading and believe that with practice, impressions from one mind to another without recourse to physical (sensory) channels is not only possible but practical. The word was the invention of P.W.H. Myers in 1882.

Did you know that the bookworm (insect) and the death-watch beetle are the same bug? This insect however, is not to be confused with drugstore beetle and the spider beetle which of course also bore through books.

The horizontal, flicked tail of the whale is used as a rudder to propel the mammal through the water. Whales take several deep inflations before diving under water. Some of the larger whales can stay below the surface for 60 minutes. When they come to the top the moist air exhaled through the nasal porphora condenses, causing the familiar "spouting" which is sometimes visible for several miles. Only one cub is produced at birth, and like other mammals, it is suckled. There are gray, white and blue-gray whales. Whales are the largest known living or extinct animals, some of them reaching a length of 100 feet.

Deborah, of Biblical fame, was the only woman who ever held the office of judge of Israel. The triumphant song of Deborah is considered one of the finest poems in the Bible.

Bank tellers at the Florida Bank

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Some diving ducks have extra eyelids which can be used as lenses to correct vision when their heads are under water.

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The words eye, madam, nun, eke, eye, radar, and bib, spell the same forward or backward.

The eight sons of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Bagger, of Paducah, Kentucky, are all in the Marines.

The family even tried to enlist their dog, but he was turned down for sentry duty because he was too small.

An egotist doesn't think too much of himself, his shortcoming is that he thinks too little of others.

Nothing seems to travel as readily as fanciful tales. We know of certain complex tales which cannot possibly have been invented twice that are told in widely separated parts of the world. The examples of such transmission are quite numerous which would seem to prove that the early inter-relation of the races of men was almost world wide. Another proof of the early inter-relation of the various races is the wide distribution of cultivated plants and domestic animals. A third proof—

if such proof be needed—is the use of bronze from Central Asia westward and eastward, all over Europe and over China.

Again, when we read of folk-lore, riddles and proverbs, we are reminded how similar they are in widely separated parts of the earth.

Too, a peculiar type of art, or decorative art, was common in many parts of the new world as it was in the old world, before the higher type of civilizations were developed.

Instead of counting descent as we do, many primitive tribes consider the offspring as a member

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only in the maternal line so that cousins in the mother's side are considered as near relatives, while cousins on the father's side are looked upon as only distantly related. Some tribes consider that the child belongs only to the father's family, not to the mother's, while still others reckon relationship as we do—that is, in both directions.

A study of the evolutionary viewpoint would seem to show that maternal institutions existed prior to paternal institutions and, if this be true, then we are naturally led to assume that at one time no distinct family organization existed.

### Garson Says No Price Tag On Mercy

WINNIPEG, (CP)—There is no price tag on the royal prerogative of mercy, Justice Minister Garson said Wednesday night.

Every year about 10,000 applications for that mercy involving convicted prisoners come to the government, he said. And it costs nothing to ask.

Mr. Garson reviewed the operations of his department's mission service in a speech recorded

for broadcast over a local radio station (CHRC).

### FIVE PER CENT RETURN

He said that of all the prisoners paroled in the last 55 years, only five per cent have had to be sent back to jail for violating the trust placed in them.

The prerogative of mercy was exercised by the governor-general on the recommendation of the full cabinet, in cases of commuting death sentences, or on the recommendation of Solicitor-General Macdonald in other cases.

"We have received applications on the backs of post cards and even on the back of calendar

sheets. A simple letter from a mother asking clemency for her son will start off the same complete investigation as the formal application from some prominent person.

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### NEW LONDON SEWING CLUB

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