

### Strange But True

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If you get plane sick, tummy sick, or seasick from rough motion, you will be interested to know that a new drug called Bomaine will put you in travelling fettle again.

One dose of the drug is usually sufficient to protect the average traveller against motion sickness for one day.

Human beings love the unknown and the mysterious, which is why every people has its own collection of folklores and other strange and startling tales.

Believe it or not, but at the age of eighteen no females are unmarried in India who are not prostitutes or persons afflicted with leprosy or blindness or some bodily affliction. An old maid is the rarest of phenomena.

In pioneer days in this province cattle and pigs enjoyed the benefit of common pastures and had also the free run of the forests, so that the maintenance of these animals cost their owners practically nothing.

Most Hindus will not drink filtered water. Instead they carry to their homes the polluted waters of the sacred Ganges. Filtering they say takes the holiness out of it. They believe also that a bath in the Ganges will cure any disease. This disregard to public health is one of the chief reasons why so many millions of Indians have so many thousands of maladies.

Among the Beduins of Arabia, camels are known and valued after their teeth, and with regard to the hump. They are named by the teeth till the coming of the calf in this manner: a calf of one year of age is called a hawwar; of two, libny; of three, hej; the fourth, jitha; the fifth, thenny; the sixth, Rofia; the seventh, sides; and the eighth, Shag en-naba wafita, muffer. Strange but true!

Water buffalo have no sweat glands, and needless to say they suffer severely if exposed to the hot sun.

The only known specimen of its kind in the New World is an albino black snake with pink eyes and a snow white body, and 1 1/2 feet long.

This amazing creature may be seen in the zoological park in Washington.

After a person reaches the century mark, winding the family clock and putting the cat out at night will provide just about the right amount of exercise.

Did you know that the month of December 1952, boasted a couple of full moons? There was one on the first of the month and a second on the 31st!

Sign on one of the main highways of our big neighbor: "It doesn't pay to speed—but you do!"

Superstitions beliefs give rise to

faith in the power of objects, birds, animals and incidents to produce unusual effects for good or evil.

In Ireland, if a robin enters one's home it is considered a sure sign of frost and snow.

In Kentucky, the flight of a bird into a house means bad luck, particularly an omen of death.

In Prince Edward Island, the pecking of a blue bird at a window pane is an omen of a death of a member of one's family. The common dragon fly gets its name of "devil's darning needle" from an old belief that this insect would sew up children's ears and mouths.

For this fantastic reason I was terrified of dragon flies when I was a child.

Among the negroes in the South it is regarded as an omen of ill luck for a rabbit to cross his path from right to left. If the crossing is the reverse good luck will follow.

The reverse of some pets upsets mortality tables. Admiral Togo, a horse, lived 35 years. Laddie, a dog belonging to John Coles of Dilke, Saskatchewan, and a former resident of Milton, Prince Edward Island, chalked up 33 years before it had to be killed of old age.

Today I want to take my readers to Hinsdale Animal Cemetery just outside of the city of Chicago. This burial grounds for pets was established in 1926, has over 2,300 graves, with an acreage for over 6,000 more.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Younker of North River, P. E. I. visited this unique cemetery the latter part of last summer and were amazed to see so many costly headstones and to read so many curious inscriptions on them.

A monument in memory of a dog named Prince bears this inscription from owners Mr. and Mrs. John B. Olson, of Hobart, Indiana.

"Our darling little boy, our dearest faithful friend, we are so empty and lonesome for you. He was loyal to us while on earth. He bid us goodbye before he left. We are heartbroken."

Mr. Younker informed me that many tombstones include a picture of the pet. And strange but true, some animals, especially dogs and cats, are buried with favorite toys and leashes. A few graves are guarded by a bottle containing favorite toys of the deceased pets. And over the grave of a trick dog may be seen the hoop used in its tricks. From inscriptions I have gleaned the following facts about this refuge for deceased pets.

Hinsdale animal cemetery is the oldest in the state of Illinois. Interments ran as low as \$20. There is no limit on the top price.

All pets are interred with heads facing east. Some owners purchase silk lined caskets, a few cement vaults. Many adorn tombstones with costly and with loving sentiments.

Care can cost a minimum of \$10 annually or may reach four figure proportions as in a \$1000 perpetual care trust fund.

Who are the people and from what walks of life do they come who seek a heaven in death for

## Royal Journey - By Train - Follows Familiar Pattern Down The Years

By MURIEL NARRAWAY  
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LONDON, (CP) — The Royal Family, much the most-travelled in British history, still uses the rails to get around the kingdom, even in this jet age.

The Queen may fly occasionally and the Duke of Edinburgh prefers to roam by air or auto. But trains still figure largely in duty or holiday trips through the realm.

Queen Victoria became Britain's first railroading monarch in 1842 when she clambered aboard the latest thing in rail luxury, a padded, tasseled and gilded coach, for a 25-minute spin to Windsor Castle. There was a question next day in the House of Commons about this

their pets? Among the group are doctors, lawyers, merchants, laborers, priests and ministers and what have you.

One family boasts 23 plots for its cats and dogs. They started burying them at Hinsdale in 1932 and the last burial stone the Younkers saw was dated 1953.

"Perhaps the most striking memorial in the cemetery is that owned by Miss Bernice Clifton, 132 N. Humphrey Ave., Oak Park. Karla was the oldest Seeing Eye dog in years of service at the time of his death. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Carl S. Winters, pastor of the Oak Park First Baptist Church.

Pet lovers who have animals buried here will tell you that animals are put in the world by God the same as you and me.

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right spot as what the Queen's lights in front of reception committees.

### RAILWAY PROPERTY

The royal train has always been the property of the railway companies and the Queen is billed for use of it.

However, the train's interior is a question of personal royal taste. In keeping with the Queen's simple choices in furnishings, the present royal compartments — including lounge and bedroom for both the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, accommodation for the children, household and guests — have the up-to-date ease and comfort that characterize the royal suite at Buckingham Palace and the royal yacht.

The present trains — one was built in 1941 — are startling in their simplicity compared with the compartment made in 1869 for Queen Victoria.

One standard feature of royal family travels remains constant. The royal children love trains and Charles and Anne, like the Queen and Princess Margaret as children invariably trip around to say hello

to the engineer before departure. "It's a new engine," Princess Anne said excitedly before one of her most recent journeys. "I'm afraid not, Your Royal Highness," said the stationmaster. "It's just been repainted."

### PROCEDURE THE SAME

Procedure hasn't changed a great deal down the years for handling a royal journey to the holiday homes at Sandringham or Balmoral or to duty tours throughout the country.

The palace calls up the state-owned British railways and outlines the outing. From the stock of two royal trains and a collection of individual royal sections, officials choose the appropriate units for a day journey, a night trip or simply a short haul.

The departure may go like this. Fifty minutes before royalty arrives at Euston — station chosen for a northern journey — the train is shunted to the platform, a red carpet is laid and flowers, on loan and later sold to the public, are placed liberally about.

Or Princess Margaret may arrive secretly to take a late-night train to, say, Liverpool. The station manager sees her aboard a special section, with her maid and luggage, and the train leaves smartly.

There are certain security regulations. The locomotive, for instance, has four headlamps instead of the usual two. Progress is controlled by a special code of signal bells. A staff of seven picked train men are aboard a full train to cope with "emergencies," and high speeds are out. A split-second schedule is maintained. The engine driver, chosen from a number of senior railway engineers, makes sure the train halts at the



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