

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Most of us have heard of bottled sunshine—cod liver oil—but how many are aware of the fact that sunlight has been captured and preserved like jam in sealed jars by being absorbed in luminescent powder and then frozen, and thus rendered inert. In liquid air canned sunlight was first presented to the general public at the opening of the Florida Exhibition Bldg., at New York World's Fair in 1939.

On May 14, 1939, Linda Medina gave birth to a child in Lima, Peru. Linda was only 5 years and eight months old, the youngest child ever known to give birth to a baby. And believe it or not, both mother and daughter attended the same school, the mother when sixteen and the child 10.

A reader wants to know what percentage of an average chicken's weight is lost in dressing it. You almost stumped me on that one, Larry, but here's the answer: A quarter to a third, but the larger the bird, the less percentage is lost.

How would you like to live on an island where everything is free? No taxes to pay, no food or clothing problems. No civil laws to observe. Indeed, nothing but absolute freedom from the cradle to the grave.

This Utopia is not in the South Seas, or in some far-flung corner of the globe, but right here in Canada. It's named Borden, for Robert Borden, the then prime minister, was discovered by Dr. Stefansson, and is the most northerly known land in this part of the Canadian Archipelago. What is still stranger, Borden Island is inhabited by a small group of Eskimos some of whom are almost white, with blue eyes and blonde hair. Where did they come from? Nobody knows exactly, but as good a guess as any is that they are descendants of a group of Colonists planted in Northern Canada by Eric the Red in the 11th century, or over two centuries before Columbus set foot upon this continent.

The T. O. Dey Co., 509 Fifth Ave., New York, employ a group of skilled shoe doctors who can make old shoes look like new ones. They use 17,000 lasts and carry on a large mail order business. Their motto is: "Perfect fit, unsurpassed workmanship."

For the angler who likes his fish fresh, a United States firm is marketing a brand new gadget in the form of a refrigerator bag made from seven layers of rubber laminated between two sheets of durable fabric. This unique bag has zipper closure, sticked and cemented seams and a small drainage hose. The gadget weighs less than two lbs. and keeps ice for several hours. We have a hunch that ardent anglers will really love it.

The peculiar and popular super-

stition that a wife will become pregnant if a baby sleeps in her bed and "casts a spell over it" used to be held among pioneer wives in this Province. So she invited her friends to bring along their infants for afternoon naps until she achieved her purpose. The Prince Edward Island Railroad has more crooks than a cork-screw. Why? Because the contractors got so much a mile for laying down the track. One third of the distance could have been saved, to say nothing about the cost, had the line been built over the most direct route. Robert Lemon won 20 or more games in each of his first three years as a full-time Cleveland pitcher. His 1950 record of 23 victories topped every other pitcher in the majors.

P. T. Barnum was known as the "Prince of Fakers" but George Hull of Binghamton, N.Y., put one over on the famous showman and fooled the whole scientific world back in the 1860's when he amassed a fortune from a block of gypsum. Hull's brain child was born while attending a revival meeting and hearing the Rev. Mr. Turk quote from Genesis: "There were giants on the earth in those days. . . . All that night he lay awake. By daybreak he had evolved a scheme for monetizing the public belief in giants. Hull got his stone from the quarries at Fort Dodge and had it removed to Chicago. His next step was to hire a stonecutter and have the piece of gypsum sculptured into a naked giant. This done he gave his stone man a liberal coating of liquids which gave

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Butch Bouchard Benched To Get Into Shape

HALIFAX, Oct. 25 — (CP)—Dalhousie Tigers swept into first place in the Halifax Canadian Football League yesterday when they defeated Stadacona Navy 23-15 here.

NEW YORK, Oct. 25 — (AP)—Lil' Arthur King of Toronto carried out a split 10-round decision over Teddy (Red Top) Davis of Hartford, Conn., last night before a small crowd at St. Nicholas Arena. King weighed 134 3/4, Davies 132 1-2.

BOSTON, Oct. 25 — (AP)—Boston Red Sox yesterday gave veteran catcher Warren (Buddy) Rosar, 37, his unconditional release. Rosar, who began his big league career with New York Yankees in 1939, came to the Sox from Philadelphia Athletics after the 1949 season in a deal which sent infielder Billy Hitchcock to the A's.

Makes Plea For Six Major Leagues

By ARTHUR EDSON
WASHINGTON, Oct. 24 — (CP)—The long Congressional hearings on baseball wound up today with Larry MacPhail, former New York Yankee president, calling for six major leagues.

MacPhail didn't explain how, or where, his six major leagues would be set up. And the members of the House judiciary subcommittee apparently were too surprised to ask.

MacPhail, now a gentleman farmer at Bel Air, Md., insisted this would solve many of baseball's most pressing problems. He said "there isn't any reason at all why we couldn't have six major leagues."

The sub-committee is studying whether baseball violates anti-trust laws. In addition to his idea on six major leagues, MacPhail gave these views during his two hours on the witness stand:

That the major leagues, by flooding the country with their radio and television broadcasts, are killing minor league baseball. That the farm system, whereby a major league club owns several minor league teams, should be restricted.

That Branch Rickey, general manager of Pittsburgh Pirates and father of the farm system, was wrong yesterday when he testified that farms were the savior of baseball.

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Sport Briefs

RELATED LESSON
CLINTON HILL, Surrey, England — (CP) — When she was 87 Elizabeth Allen learned for the first time to cook by gas instead of on an oil stove. Now 90, Miss Allen still does her own housework and can even run after a bus. The local vicar describes her as a "wonderful old lady."

RETURNS TO KOREA
COPENHAGEN — (CP) — The Danish hospital ship "Jutlandia" is returning to the Korean war front after bringing wounded European soldiers home. Special "Jutlandia" paper money for the use of the crew and the hospital staff is being introduced aboard the ship.

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