

Strange But True

By F.H. MacArthur

Very small fish bones can usually be dislodged from the throat by swallowing some hard bread, such as crackers, crusts of dry bread, etc.

Swallowing foreign bodies such as small coins, buttons, stones, ought not to be taken seriously as they usually reach the stomach and all is well.

Pins and needles swallowed often work their way to the surface of the body years afterward, when they can be safely removed.

There's a palm tree of South America that produces real buttons — yes, these ivory-colored buttons are in common use, though few persons know they are actually vegetable matter.

According to reliable statistics office workers live one-eighth longer than industrial workers.

No matter what illness you suffer from in four out of five cases it started as the result of some emotional upset.

About 50 per cent of all people have a difficult time getting to sleep.

If you've borrowed money from a loan company, odds are 1 in 6 you borrowed it to pay doctor or hospital bills.

The average person worries about 1,600 things that he is never likely to come by.

Six out of every 10 persons believe that they'll reach the rainbow's end and find the pot of gold before they die.

Most couples going to the altar believe that their matrimonial venture will be an entire success.

One clergyman in every hundred thousand turns criminal, and one doctor in every fifty thousand follows the same course.

The Church of England is revising its Church laws, and among other matters of importance, has recently considered the support of cremation and the subsequent disposal of the ashes of the dead. The \$64, question was: Should the ashes be scattered in consecrated ground or merely in any place directed by the wish of the deceased or his relatives?

A compromise was finally reached, namely: That no mention be made of ash-scattering in the new church laws. The Church neither recommends nor forbids the practice and it won't make a bit of difference to the dead person whether they scatter his ashes or leave them lie in peace in some graveyard.

Although only in the experimental stage as yet, Jet-driven planes are the most important war weapon used in today's fighting in Korea. For one thing, their terrific speed makes marksmanship difficult.

Another new war child is the "basooka," which fires a 3.5 inch rocket weighing 8 pounds, the claim is put forward by military experts that his shell can penetrate eleven inches of armor. What next?

Scientists have just come up with a product called Aureomycin which actually makes animals grow faster. First fed to chicks, it was hoped the vitamin B12 contained in it might be beneficial to their growth. They were in for a big surprise when they learned that it was the dash of aureomycin in the product and not the vitamin that did the trick.

The same results have been attained with turkeys, hogs, and sheep, stepping up their growth by as much as 50 per cent.

Medical science may yet be able to produce a race of supermen.

It is a well known fact that nitrogen fertilizer will make plants grow more rapidly. While this is all to the good the thing can be overdone. And too rapid growth often results in weakened plants which in turn may be vulnerable to many diseases. However, there's a remedy.

Namely, by using poisons to harden the stock thus enabling them to stand up better.

A woman in London, Ont., spent the night in a drug store because the owner of the place did not notice her in the telephone booth when he locked up. By the time she was released in the morning she had almost finished her talk.

Whatever else may grow scarce in the years ahead, there'll never be a shortage of advice. Small towns or large cities, villages or out of the way places, you'll constantly bump into people who are free with their advice. If all those who go about giving advice on how to bring up children were married and raising families, there would be no speakers to go out giving advice on how to raise children.

The fellow who invented the alarm clock has done more towards arousing the working class than any other person I could mention.

You who enjoy your daily visits in your column might help materialize by sending in odd happenings from your neighborhood. Others want to share your news — so do write me about the interesting things that happen out your way so I can pass 'em along through Strange But True. If lack of space prevents my including your items immediately, they will appear at a later date.

John Hodge of Halifax, may again accept aid from good Samaritans, but not when he's driving his own car. Last month, while he and a friend were pushing his stalled car to start the motor, a smiling pedestrian happened along and offered to help them. The stranger got into the driver's seat and drove off with the gas buggy when the engine started.

The game warden at Wainwright, Alberta, felt sure that poachers were stealing beaver from the colony at Battle Creek but only the imprint of cows' feet could be found in the sand. This puzzled him greatly until one day he surprised a poacher and gave chase. The fellow got away but left enough evidence behind to later convict him. The

BULLETINS FROM BIRDLAND

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THE HOSPITABLE CLOTHESLINE

From the featherweight Hummingbirds to the heavyweight Robins, all the birds nesting on our property appreciate the clothesline.

Barn Swallows and Bluebirds are particularly fond of perching on it, but various kinds of Sparrows, Catbirds, and even Thrushes are given to this habit. When anything as small as a Wren alights, the line barely moves, but the weight of a

thing left behind was a cow's hoof which had been cleverly attached to the poacher's foot.

Speaking of smart poachers, I want to tell you about the little chap at Cardigan, who caught so many trout last summer. The boy was a frequent visitor to the trout hatchery just outside the village.

For a long time nobody paid much attention to the youth's coming and going. But one day it was discovered that the boy had a concealed line and hook inside the leg of his overalls. By standing close to the water's edge, he could hook a trout, pull it up his pants leg, and then slip it into his pocket with his other hand.

Don't try it, young feller, the fish warden knows that one!

Cedar Waxwing makes it away gently like a bough. Kingbirds sit there to watch for flying insects; strangers, passing through, rest on it for a few moments. Rose-breasted Grosbeaks, White-throated Sparrows, and Least Flycatchers prefer the top of the pole. But Goldfinches make the best possible use of the clothesline itself, from the time they start nest building about mid-July, until they leave for warmer climates in late September.

It is the custom of Goldfinches to nest much later than most birds, because they line their cup-shaped compact homes with thistle-down, or milk-weed, and this is not ready before July. In a fork of a small tree, they make their nests of moss, grass, and shreds of bark; then, if the correct lining material is not available, a substitute must be found.

And so, just as we turn to kapok when feather pillows are impossible, the Goldfinches come to our clothesline, and pick at the knot in order to get fluff from the loose ends of rope. The gold male and his green wife take turns at it, hanging upside down, Chicadee fashion, the better to reach the :ize. This is a slow business, and many trips must be made back and forth, between line and nest, carrying little bunches of the precious fluff in their pink bills. "Per-chic-o-ree," they say, as they make their flight to the line, bouncing through the air. They talk incessantly, except when their mouths are full on the return trip, or he is sitting on the line, singing just like a Canary.

While the little pale blue eggs are hatching, and later, when the babies are being fed weed-seeds (or bits of our lettuce), father Goldfinch sings a gentle, two-syllable lullaby for his wife and children.

He is an excellent family man. Then one day towards the end of

Importing Two Young Sires From Jersey Island

Two young sires from Jersey Island are expected to arrive in the Province about the middle of July for the Island Jersey Breeders.

The sires are South View Dreamer, 15 months of age and a calf that was dropped on December 7, 1950.

South View Dreamer is said to be a beautiful animal from South View Lady, one of the finest show and producing cows of the breed.

She was a silver medal winner last year as a senior yearling with 8,095 lbs. of milk in 305 days, 514 lbs. of fat for an average test of 6.36%.

This cow accompanied her son to Canada and was purchased by the Valleyanna Farms.

The dam of the calf, Design's Just Dreamer, is Devon April Justice, a first prize winner in August 1949 at the Royal Jersey Show.

Both sires coming to the Province are from the same sire, Design's Royal Jester who has been Grand Champion on Jersey Island on several occasions.

The local breeders were warmly complimented this week by Mr. James Bremner, Secretary of the Canadian Jersey Cattle Club on their work particularly in the last two years. The results you

August we suddenly hear even more talking than usual. One by one, the youngsters are leaving home, and disappearing into nearby bushes. But the next morning we see the entire family sitting in a row on the clothesline.

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have achieved here have attracted attention all over the continent, he said.

DARLINGTON W. I.

The May meeting of Darlington W. I. met at the home of Mrs. Nell Campbell. Meeting opened with Ode followed by the Creed. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and adopted. Roll call was responded to with an exchange of seeds and flower slips. A donation of \$1.00 was given by a member.

The school committee reported that school had been cleaned and paper towels purchased. One sick call was made by sick committee and one pair of pyjamas passed in to Red Cross.

The correspondence was read

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and it was moved and seconded that \$10.00 be given to the Salvation Army and \$2.00 to the Drama Festival. It was decided to send for several boxes of mixed cards. Plans were made to invite Kingston players to come to Wiltshire Hall. Each member was to make fudge. A discussion followed concerning a panty sale.

Collection amounted to .50; programme consisted of contests by

Mrs. Angus MacPherson and Mr. Neil Campbell. The meeting was adjourned and lunch was served by the hostess.

ZURICH, Switzerland, July 2 — (Reuters)—A bulletin on Sir Stafford Cripps, former British Chancellor of the exchequer ill with a tubercular infection, said today that his condition was slowly improving.

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NOTICE

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The route chosen is as follows—commencing at 2.00 P.M. forming up in Victoria Park—will leave the Armouries and go east on Kent to Rochford, south on Rochford to Water, east on water to Queen, north on Queen to Kent, then east on Kent to Great George, then south on Great George to Grafton, then east on Grafton to Prince, then south on Prince to Water, then east on Water to Hillsboro, then north on Hillsboro to Euston, then west on Euston to Spring Park Road, then north on this road to McGill Avenue, then west on McGill Avenue to Greenfield Ave., then South on this Avenue to North River Road, then west around the Park to starting point.

Residents and others along this route are requested to refrain from parking along the residential streets of this route between 1.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. and to use these streets as sparingly as possible.

NO CARS WILL BE ALLOWED IN VICTORIA PARK DURING THIS PERIOD.

DO NOT DRIVE IN THE CITY WITH BRIGHT HEADLIGHTS. KEEP YOUR LIGHTS LOWERED.

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