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### Bride-To-Be Showered

On Friday evening, July 27th, a number of friends from DesSable gathered at the home of Mrs. Grace Inman, Argyle Shore, to tender a miscellaneous shower to her daughter Linda, whose marriage takes place in the near future. Mr. Harold Gould escorted the bride-to-be to a decorated chair and little Margaret Walton and Harvey Inman carried in a prettily decorated basket laden with gifts.

The gifts were opened by Mrs. William Campbell and Mrs. Robinson MacFadyen. Victor Campbell read the accompanying names and good wishes while Mrs. Borden Walton and Mrs. Russel MacLean arranged the gifts on a table.

After Linda thanked the donors and the singing of "For She's A Jolly Good Fellow", she received a merry bouncing. A delicious lunch was served by the ladies. The remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in social chat. At a late hour all departed for home after wishing Linda much happiness.

### LONG TERM

William F. Massey, New Zealand Prime Minister in the First World War, was a member of Parliament from 1894 until death in 1932.

### Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

By working along with Mother Nature, Luther Burbank, the famous plant breeder, was able to step up the potato yield from 200 bushels per acre to 500 bushels per acre, or an annual increase of 25,000,000 to the agricultural output of the U.S.A. and Canada.

In 1880 Burbank started crossing blackberries. Four years later he had 80 hybrids, the first ever produced. From hybrid seeds of the 3rd generation he grew black, red, pink and yellow raspberries; white, red and pink blackberries; widely varying in size, flowers and qualities.

To Burbank goes the honor of producing the seedless apple, the plum which is a cross between a native variety and a Japanese type and known by the name of "Dulse".

His achievement with flowers was no less amazing. For instance, he produced a daisy that would flower in every climate; a cactus which provided plant food for man and beast. This was Burbank's greatest achievement because of its prospective influence upon economic conditions in semi-arid countries.

In the St. John area of Newfoundland the average full time farmer owns 20 acres of cleared land, about one-third of which he plants to vegetables and the balance for hay. In contrast the average Prince Edward Island farmer owns nearly 100 acres of improved land.

Toronto and its suburbs consume 96,000 gallons of milk a day which arrives fresh each morning from farms within 140-mile radius. To stop hens from eating their eggs, I've found the following simple method a sure cure. Cut up fairly stiff white paper into small pieces, soak in Sloan's Liniment and scatter the treated paper in the nests. The hens, thinking these are bits of eggshell, pick them up—the liniment stings their tongues and pronto they drop 'em and in future leave eggs alone." F. E. B. P. E. I.

Certain animals, like man, are prone to vanity, jealousy, and downright snootiness. The sea lion, for example loves to exhibit its cleverness and is positively miserable if it can't show off before a crowd, whether the crowd be fellow sea lions or people. It is so vain that it applauds itself. The only thing that depresses a sea lion more than not being able to show off is to stand on the sidelines while another sea lion is going through its pranks.

The little weasel is noted for its ugly temper and will fly into a rage and attack animals much larger than itself. The male has an ingenious technique for assuring itself a steady supply of fresh food. Its favorite food is earthworms. If the male killed the worms outright they would soon shrivel and become stale. So, instead of killing the worms, the crafty male simply bites off the head of each worm. This does not kill the worm but renders it incapable of burrowing—and thus escaping.

And skunks bite into the brains of frogs and toads they capture, an act that paralyzes the prey but does not kill. The prisoner, are then stored away so that the baby skunks may have fresh food when needed.

How do seagulls get the meat out of clams? The birds carry their shells high into the air and then drop them on rocks to crack the tough shells open, then swoop down to pick up the meat.

When the giant anteater takes a nap, it curls up in a tight ball and drapes its tail over the body, so that the whole mass resembles a heap of dried leaves.

Nature has endowed the Hell-diver with similar wisdom for whenever it sees an enemy approaching, it pulls vegetation over its nest and submerges in the water. The mat is also pulled over its nest whenever it takes off in search of food.

Perhaps one of the most amazing feats in Nature is the ability of baby spiders to build a perfect cobweb the first time they try, without any instruction.

Psychologists are ever testing animals. At Yale an experimenter put a couple of white rats in identical cages side by side. By pressing a tiny iron bar, a food pellet would drop into its cage. One had nothing to eat for some time previous to the test. The other had just had a full meal.

The hungry rat, eagerly nosing about the pan in search of food, soon accidentally stepped on the



PHILIP NOEL-BAKER

Claiming that U. S. industrialists have a stranglehold grip on Alberta's new oil fields, the Daily Mail of London, England, cited this situation as "deplorable," and "Iran in reverse." Conservative members in England's House of Commons have urged British investment in the 250,000,000 barrels of potential oil in Canada's Athabaska oil sands, twice the known world reserve. In reply, Britain's fuel minister, Philip Noel-Baker, above, declared that Canada's oil industry is being "developed as fast as it can possibly be."

He eagerly ate the pellet without realizing what had happened, and kept chasing around the cage, hitting the bar and getting more pellets. Then he got the idea he stood in front of the bar and emptied his food machine in quick order.

The rat in the other cage was dozing after its big meal and paid no attention to what was going on in its chum's cage. But wait, there's more to the story. This second rat's den had a metallic bottom that could be electrified. Given a mild shock it got to its feet and danced a lively jig on the electrified floor. Accidentally its body came in contact with a little iron bar and the circuit was cut. Several such shocks taught the rat to press the iron bar and shut off the juice.

Experiments with male birds brought out their great jealousy. The experimenter placed a strange, handsome male in a nest with one cock's lady friend before the male's very eyes, then took the frantically jealous husband rooster to a point some miles away and turned him loose. He returned home in record-breaking time!

All movie fans are familiar with Roy Rogers and his famous horse Trigger, that can do some amazing things. Trigger's managers claim the famous horse can actually open and close doors, untie knots, walk 125 feet on his hind legs, count to 25 and write X on a hotel register. Well, that's mighty smart we must agree, yet I.Q. tests have proved that horses are often stumped in tests that pigs can pass with ease.

A coon will often spend hours teasing roosters by pulling feathers out of their tails, and swallows seem to get a lot of fun teasing the family cat. Most everyone has been a witness to the swallow-cat episodes.

### The Jade God

By Mary Inlay Taylor

(Continued)

There was a moment's silence; in it they both heard Mark's hard drawn breath.

"I picked up the jade god and put it in my pocket. God knows why! I've never got rid of it since; it's been there grinning at me. Then, by chance, Barton's nephew was accused." Burleson turned to Mark. "You were a boy; there wasn't evidence enough to hang you—my wife and son were alive."

"Yes," said Mark slowly. "I've known fifteen years of your silence! And you meant to let it go on—I'm sure of that!" He turned and stood looking down at the old man, his youth splendid now in the flush of its vindication. "I'm innocent; you'll have to make it good now," he cried; but why—do you admit it?"

"Burleson smiled weakly; he was like a man who had escaped something—put something away; he was detached, hard, unafraid. Fosdick stared at him. "He's mad!" he thought.

"You can call it conscience," Burleson said, answering Mark. "or you can call it loss of nerve. I always planned to do something about it; a deathbed confession, I suppose; something dramatic! Of and on I've asked about you in prison; I was playing for time; for years I haven't been a well man, and now the doctors give me two years at most. I'm going to die, that's certain. I thought you could wait, but—I've heard something about that!"

"I'll be ruin, Burleson! My God, why didn't you speak then—or not at all?" Fosdick cried.

Burleson, handing him a paper, looked at him oddly.

"They can't send me to the chair?"

"They won't; it's second degree," said Fosdick dryly. "It's up to me to get it light for you—but this silence—the other fellow suffering!"

"Insane temper, temporary aberration—no end of money for attorneys; Fosdick saw a hundred lawyer ways of fighting it for months—he mustn't die in prison!" "I'll make a big fight, but—" he stared at Burleson bleakly—"man, it's the disgrace—it'll ruin you all! The country'll ring with it; you're known everywhere."

Burleson's gray face twisted; he turned and glanced at Mark.

"This young man here would say it was fair and that I had my share," he remarked dryly; "not that I've escaped—I've had a liv-

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