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By Richard Hill Wilkinson

Mrs. Sothorn was desperately in need of money, and so when Ives print she thought right off that it might be possible to sell the picture to a collector for a considerable sum. The painting she came across the Currier and was dusty and fly-specked and encased in a heavy antiquated gold frame, but she carried it down to the kitchen and cleaned it as best she could, and then called in Burt. "It's been in the attic for years," she explained. "Mother had it a long time ago. And you know some Currier and Ives prints are worth fortunes."

Burt scratched his chin and scrutinized the barely distinguishable signature. He nodded slowly. "You might get something for it at that," he said. "It's a Currier and Ives all right, and it's sure enough old."

"Oh, Burt, wouldn't it be wonderful if we could! Why, it would just solve everything!"

Burt grinned. "Well, there's no harm in trying. More I look at it the more I think it might bring a price. Tell you what I'll do: I'll call Moe Avery. He's a collector and he'll buy it if it's worth anything."

So Burt went to the phone and called Moe Avery. "He'll be here in an hour's time," he told his wife a moment later. "We'd better not get too optimistic though. Probably turn out to be worthless."

"Oh, Burt, you don't think it will! Why—why I'd be satisfied if it brought \$50!"

"Ought to bring that," said Burt. "Ought to bring more. However, no use in getting optimistic."

Mrs. Sothorn sighed. "Fifty dollars," she said. "Think of it. Just think of all the things we could do. But there, as you say, I mustn't get optimistic."

"That's best," Burt agreed. "Even \$25 is a lot of money to us."

They talked about the prospects and possibilities, both pro and con, undergoing various sensations of hope and fear and optimism and misgivings, until finally the door bell rang and Burt admitted Moe Avery.

Moe was a brisk and efficient little man. He greeted them briefly, and then produced his glasses. "How long?" he asked, "has this print been in your family?"

"Oh ever so long," said Mrs. Sothorn. "I—I've lost track."

"Hum," said Moe. "You've been saving it?"

The collector removed his glasses, carefully returned them to his case and put the case into his pocket. His face wore a doleful expression. He sighed heavily. "I'm afraid," he said, "that I can't offer you enough to make it worth your while to sell. I'm sorry."

She said, striving to keep her voice under control: "Just a minute, Mr. Avery. We do need the money, and I've gone to the bother of carrying it way down stairs."

Mr. Avery hesitated. "No," he said presently. "I can't do it. It would be robbery. Tell you what, I'll call a collector friend of mine and send him out."

Mrs. Sothorn felt a little panicky. What if the collector friend couldn't pay them anything? After all, Mr. Avery knew them and was bound to be sympathetic. The collector friend might be merely an excuse.

Mr. Avery looked from one to the other of them. "Well, all right, since you insist. But don't feel insulted at my low figure. I realize what you have here, all right. Don't mistake that. But ready cash is scarce, and it's the best I can do."

Mrs. Sothorn had visions of \$3, even \$2. The suspense was making her nervous. She said: "Well, what is your offer, Mr. Avery?"

The collector took a deep breath. "O. K. Now, remember and don't throw me out. It's a rare print—we all know that—but the best I can offer right now is \$1300. "Thirteen hun—" Burt tried to

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

One of the sledging exploits on record was that of Lieutenant Shackleton, who, on January 9, 1900, reached within 111 miles of the South pole.

Shackleton did not discover the South pole but the honor of discovering the continent of Antarctica should be chalked up to him.

It is interesting to note that all plants with green leaves use them for starch formation under action of sunlight, but special adaptations for certain species to different degrees of light intensity, and as a result one plant is fitted to grow in the open while another will thrive only in shaded places.

There are only a few insects—the butterfly being one—which feed entirely on liquid foods. Their mouths are modified to form a hollow, sucking beak, which can be pushed into the flower nectary pot.

All turtles are protected by strong, bony shields, and the fox turtle is able to close its shield hermetically!

Pilots of planes now use maps which reveal the ocean currents, that resemble reefs of the ocean. These maps or charts include an area of one degree of latitude and longitude. Symbols and colors mark the railways, rivers, etc. With the advance in meteorological science and aviation mechanics, flight through the air can be as safely protected as travel on the sea.


About 8/11 of the earth's surface is depressed below the rest, and taken up by the sea.

It may be interesting to note that the dry land is grouped a-

catch his wife before she hit the floor. But he missed. She was conscious again when the doctor arrived.

"She'll be all right," the doc said, "in a few minutes. Must have got a slight shock. . . . Well, I'll be running along. Merry Christmas."

"Thanks," said Burt. "Yeah, Merry Christmas. Yeah, Merry Christmas. . . . Yow! MERRY Yow! MERRY CHRISTMAS you bet."



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Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, deputy supreme commander at Supreme Allied Headquarters in Paris, will visit Canada next spring. The famed war-time leader will be in Canada from April 16-24 after arriving in New York March 26.

A-THOMASSING WE WILL GO

A saint's day formerly associated with Christmas was St. Thomas' Day, December 21st. The saint had no association with the festival, but the day itself is the Winter Solstice and a Staffordshire rhyme calls it "St. Thomas Grey, St. Thomas Grey, Longest night and shortest day."

Until quite recently women went "a-Thomassing" or "a-gooding", going from house to house to collect wheat with which to make a Christmas batch of cakes and bread. The usual contribution from each householder was a pint or a quart of wheat, which was taken to the miller to be ground into flour without charge. In return for these gifts the donor received a sprig of holly or mistletoe. Thomassing or "curning", as it was called in Cheshire, was kept up until well within living memory.

WEST INDIES MOUNTAIN

The highest mountain in the West Indies is Mount Tina, 10,301 feet, in the Dominican Republic.

CHRISTMAS GREENS

A few well placed Christmas greens can do much to brighten a house at Christmas time. Properly clipped, the branches will never be missed, and might improve the looks of the tree from which they are cut.

Hemlock, red cedar, juniper, yew, pitch pine, white pine, will make suitable material for a spray to decorate a mantle, door, or a spray for a newel post.

In pruning, however, keep in mind the natural appearance of the tree from which you clip branches.

Northward in the northern hemisphere the ocean shallows rapidly and the depth of the Bering strait is not over 150 feet while between Great Britain and Iceland it is mostly under 3,000 feet.

Only God has witnessed the birth of a mountain range, or has seen beds of solid rock crumpled like sheets of paper, yet these things are continually being accomplished in nature's amazing workshop.

That coast lines actually rise and fall over centuries, may be gleaned from the following example: In southern Italy a highway built by the Romans began to sink while still in use. A second pavement was built ten feet above the first one. A volcanic eruption in the neighborhood brought this strange fact to light.

Then on the north coast of Egypt ancient rock-cut tombs are today plainly visible beneath the waters of the Mediterranean, while near Stockholm, Sweden, the remains of an old castle was found intact, 65 feet below the surface.

On the west coast of Greenland sinking is so rapid as to have attracted the attention of the natives living along the coast.

Earthquakes sometimes change the channels of rivers. To prove this we have only to take our own St. Lawrence and trace its ancient channel out through the Straits of Belle Isle.

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ly drawing, Dec. 20th.

MRS. BENTLEY will also be
eligible in our Monthly
drawing for the choice of
Prizes.

Hunter River W.M.S. Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Auxiliary of the W.M.S. met on December 4th at the home of Mrs. J. E. Andrews. The worship service took the form of a Christmas service having as its theme "Birth and Re-Birth". The president, Mrs. J. L. LePage, opened the meeting by reading a verse, "Little Town of Bethlehem". All joined in singing Hymn 61, "Good Christian Men Rejoice".

Following this Mrs. LePage led in prayer and scripture readings were taken by Mrs. J. S. MacLeod, Mrs. W. I. Bowman, Mrs. O. Selar and Mrs. I. Rackham. Prayers were offered by the leader with responses by the members in unison, and Hymn 68, "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne" was sung. The offering was received, amounting to \$4.55 and two paid their dues for 1953. Mrs. C. Matheson read the offering dedication.

Minutes of the last meeting and of the last annual meeting were read and approved. Mrs. J. S. MacLeod read a letter re missionaries in prayer which made the suggestion that special prayers be offered for Ruth L. Nelson this coming year. The treasurer gave her report, stating that there was \$169.29 on hand which, with mite boxes, collection, etc., brought a total of \$170.71, with the Mission Band money still to come in. Social calls numbered 43 home and six hospital, books read were 21, totalling 89 books for the year. Roll was called, there being 18 present.

Mrs. C. Matheson then took over the meeting for the election of officers which are the following for 1953: President, Mrs. F. Smith; vice-president, Mrs. J. L. LePage; treasurer, Mrs. L. W. Ripley; recording secretary and press secretary, Mrs. J. E. Andrews; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. Smith; Temperance and Citizenship secretary, Mrs. C. E. Matheson; Missionary Monthly secretary, Mrs. E. Haslam; Christian Stewardship secretary, Mrs. J. S. MacLeod; supply secretary, Mrs. W. I. Bowman; Community Friendship secretary, Mrs. H. Spence; Mission Band leader, Mrs. E. Bernard; Mission Band assistant, Mrs. H. Christie; organist and assistant, Mrs. I. Bowman and Mrs. G. Smith; Baby Band superintendent, Mrs. H. Christie; literature secretary, Mrs. Lloyd Carew.

The study book next month is to be in charge of Mrs. L. Carew, assisted by Mrs. C. Matheson and Mrs. E. Bernard. The lunch committee will be Mrs. G. Wood, Mrs. L. Ripley, and Mrs. H. Spence. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. I. Bowman and roll call is to be answered by a Bible verse beginning with the letter "J".

The meeting closed with Hymn 600, "Wise Men Seeking Jesus", and the Lord's Prayer, and lunch was served.

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