

Strange But True

By E. H. MacArthur

Not many girls can boast of getting a 90-foot love letter proposing marriage, but such a letter came recently to Helen Caristo of Rochester, N. Y. The message came from Pte. Joe Pellegrino in Korea. Its 103 pages cost its sender 80 cents postage. It took Helen all of two hours to read it. Then in an 18-page reply Helen accepted Joe's proposal and, the pair are to be married next Christmas.

Perhaps you may recall my account of the dog that came in for \$5,000 by the will of its master, Alex Carlsby of Quincy, Mass.

Well, you may believe it or not, but taxes have even caught up with Lassie and she must now pay \$360.

Hiccup remedies include pulling on the tongue, breathing into a brown paper sack, and drinking cold water to which sugar has been added. Pressing the finger gently but firmly against the eyeball for several minutes often stops the hiccups.

The stories you read about flying saucers are the bunk—only the flying saucers made by Claude DeVries of Rotterdam, Holland, are the real McCoy. Constructed of light-weight wood and powered with two miniature British rocket motors, the saucers fly to a height of 200 feet.

Mrs. Hazel Lockey, of Jappa, Ill. tells me she has a hen's egg that bears the imprint of a perfect daisy on one side of the shell.

James Fenimore Cooper could not write unless his mouth was filled with toothsome gumdrops. He was never without them.

Because she did not approve of her son's choice of a wife Empress Anne of Russia, forced the prince and his bride to spend their wedding night in a specially built palace of ice. Every bit of furniture, including the bed, was made of ice! Now wasn't that a cool reception?

There's a mystery zone in the woods of A. F. Nicholson, Lorne Valley, Prince Edward Island, — a mystery zone where everything is topsy-turvy and where the traveler loses his way though only a few hundred yards from the highway.

This is one of the five places in the world where nature defies the laws of gravity.

Baby kangaroos are not more than one inch in length when born... Wolves kill about 5% of the Canadian caribou herds every year... It only takes 8 hours for certain kinds of mayflies to reach maturity. And in the course of 24 hours, they mate, lay eggs, and die!

The problem of putting on and taking off Junior's overshoes is a problem no more. Why? Because you can now buy latex rubber which means overshoes can be stretched easily so that even small fry can put them on without help from other members of the family. The new type rubbers are made by a firm in Cleveland, Ohio.

Stocking streams via airplane is the latest way of getting young fish into streams whose supply of trout was decreasing. The venture has been tried out in the Pacific coast areas with good success. To prevent excessive losses under the old "pack 'em to the streams" method each can of fish had to be packed in ice and carefully attended while en route. In contrast, the finny tribe can be readily loaded into an airplane and accurately dropped or landed in inaccessible streams and lakes.

Father of three children, Joseph Romeo, of Three Rivers, Quebec, is having a hard time proving he is not a woman called Marie Arthemise, regardless of what his baptismal certificate says.

It appears that the person in question was named Marie Arthemise by his godmother. But the priest at the baptismal entered its name on the wrong line which made the baby a girl instead of a boy.

The mistake was never discovered until the man's employer asked for the certificate in connection with a pension.

Joseph, married and a father, is awaiting official court decision which must decide the sex.

She didn't have much company and when police entered the home of 86-year-old Mary Stacey of London, England, they found nothing but a skeleton seated in a chair in front of the fireplace.

Physicians who examined the remains said the woman had been dead for at least a year.

One usually associates colleges with youth. But all the students at a school which opened last October 1st, in Cold Spring, N. Y., are at least three-score years old. The new college has a two-fold purpose, namely, an experiment in education, just as child study and pre-school training once were, and it is a post-graduate course to help aging people make better use of the years that follow retirement.

Along with refresher courses lectures, etc., students learn new hobbies or expand old ones.

First thing we know all our oldsters will be in harness again, doing the things they like to do but not having had the time to do them before.

All in all, it sounds like a good idea. More people die for the lack of work than because they have too much of it.

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