

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Had it not been for a "hunch" the body of Bill Flemming, 60, of Woodcrest Ave., Toronto, might still be lying in the wild bush country near the Parry Sound. Bill had been hunting and the body was discovered with a gun wound in the left breast.

Discovery was made on the hunch of Flemming's widow who told the search party that the body of her husband would be found beside the Magnetawan River. It was. One hand of the dead man lay over the gunshot wound on his chest. Strange but true.

In January of 1953, personnel of the Royal Air Force at Bulawayo Station said that the sick ward was surely haunted. The men insisted they heard footsteps but saw nothing.

L. A. C. Kirby said he was sitting in the mess-room one night when he heard the handle of the door turn. Then the door opened quietly. He saw nothing but distinctly heard the pitter of footsteps as they faded away.

Corporal Wragg was doing duty on the sick ward one night when he heard the door leading to the ward open. A moment more and he heard footsteps pass him and go down a hall. Nothing was to be seen, however, and the footsteps faded away.

Corporal Jackson had a similar experience and came forward with the following explanation. Two years before a non-commissioned officer met with a serious accident and was placed in the ward.

He tried to give a message to a fellow in the next bed but died before completing the sentence. Corporal Jackson believes that the N. C. O. is still trying to get his message over.

The town council of Gatehead, Burnham, England, had tried for several weeks to find the owner of a plot of land which it wanted for a local project, old records pried into revealed the ownership of the land. It belonged to the town council.

This is the story of a mother's dream which came true. On January 3, 1856, Captain Joe Collyer of the Mississippi steamship Alice passed away aboard his vessel. The Alice was then 20 miles above New Orleans.

On the same night the Captain's mother suddenly sat up in bed at her home in Camden, N. J. She reported later that she dreamed she saw her son standing near the door of her bedroom, looking at her with an expression of deep sadness. He wore what she described as a nightcap and a white garment. Under the nightcap she noted bandages. On his face and neck were bruises.

Came January 16, Mrs. Collyer received a letter from son Bill, informing her that on January 3rd Joe had died aboard his ship as the result of a collision with another vessel, named the Red River. Son Bill was in New Orleans at the time and saw the body of his brother in the morgue. He told his mother that Joe was dressed in a white robe and with a bandage covering his fractured skull.

Egidio Baschi, an Italian painter, can carry seven of his paintings in his vest pocket. His "cat" is the head of a pin; his crush, a hair from his head fastened to a match stick, and his palette, a two-inch gadget fits on his index finger.

It might be healthier for all of us if we went back to many old food ideas. Remember man was a hunting, raw-meat-eating animal ages before he was a browser in libraries and in vegetarian health cafeterias filled with potassium broth, sour cream, and vitamin salads.

The ancient Romans made dentifrice out of pumice, eggshells, and ashes from ox heels, ground into powder. These were mixed with myrrh and burned.

Tipping can be traced back to the time when barbers bled their patrons as a side line. For this they received a definite payment. The patient gave the barber-bleeder what he thought he could afford or whatever he thought the bleeding operation was worth.



The Dominion Drama Festival opened in Hamilton, Ont., Monday night and was attended by the Governor-General of Canada. Here the Rt. Hon. Vincent Massey chats behind stage with Jeanne Bentley who played the leading role of Mrs. DeWinter in the Hamilton Players' Guild Production "Rebecca". On the right is Dorothy Foster as Beatrice Lacey in the same play.

hence the word "tip". From Niagara Falls comes the story that when a waitress cracked open an egg for a customer, out popped a penny.

I happen to know a waitress in Charlottetown who cracked open an egg for a customer and lo and behold, out popped a half incubated chicken.

Before the use of paper the Chinese did their writing on wood. This writing was done in the incised part of the wood, and a covering of silk laid over the work. This was the first envelope of which we know anything about, and may be regarded as a forerunner of the modern envelope.

Linen was used to clothe the royal princess of Egypt in Biblical times. See Genesis. Before the fish hook was invented, fishermen used bits of stone which the fish swallowed but could not eject. Birds can be captured in the same way, except that small, hard crusts of bread are used instead of stones. Taking sea gulls by this method is a favorite pastime with passengers aboard ships. Once the crust becomes safe in the birds' stomach the string may be pulled free and the bird released unharmed.

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

If the continental plateaus and bottom of the oceans could be made level the water would still have a depth of a little over two miles.

An interesting curiosity of the

P. E. I. Hospital Ladies Aid Meet

The monthly meeting of the Ladies' Aid of the Prince Edward Island Hospital was held at the Cundal Home on May 10, with an attendance of 26 members. Mrs. George Buntain presided and opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer, repeated in unison.

Mrs. Gordon Leitch, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, reported on tag day which was held on Easter Saturday. Plans were finalized for the nurses' graduation to be held in Prince of Wales College Auditorium on May 25th, and a motion was passed that \$25. be donated for a Practical Nursing Prize, to be divided as follows — \$15. to the graduate standing highest in his Class and \$10 to the graduate standing second.

The treasurer, Mrs. G. F. Moore, presented her report and outstanding bills were authorized to be paid. The buying committee's report was given by Mrs. W. E. Cotton. Knitting for the

book world may be seen in Paris, France. Titled the "Passion of Christ", it is neither written nor printed. Every letter of the text is cut out of a leaf, and being interleaved with blue paper is just as easily read as the best print.

The most curious thing about this literary treasure is that it bears the royal arms of England, but when it was in that country and by whom owned, has never been disclosed.

It has a value of over \$100,000 today.

Montreal Welcomes Dutch Carrier

MONTREAL, (CP)—The 18,000-ton aircraft carrier Karel Doorman, flagship of the Royal Dutch navy, arrived in Montreal Wednesday, her 80-piece band playing and seamen and marines lined up along the flight deck.

The sistership to Canada's H.M.C.S. Magnificent is officially returning a call by the "Maggie" at Dutch ports two years ago.

The arrival of the spotless ship, which anchored overnight near Sore, marked the beginning of a five-day program of receptions, entertainment and courtesy calls.

The big problem for the sailors is how to make do with their allowance. The Dutch guilder is worth about 25 cents here. Since the carrier is scheduled to call at

WARY CAT

GRANGE-OVER-SANDS, Eng. (CP)—Susie, a farm cat in this Lancashire district, saw her first litter of kittens drowned. For her second, she chose a jackdaw's nest in an unused chimney.

FILM RECORD

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Shelter and New York after landing Montreal, the sailors are allowing themselves \$6 spending money in each port from their total \$16 allowance.

of a plane by the Canadian Trans-Canada Air Lines. Vickers-Armstrong Ltd. said 15 of the new-type planes now have been purchased by Trans-Canada Air Lines.

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