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**Strange But True**

By F. H. MacArthur

The one who knows the most is most likely to let the other fellow do most of the talking. Yoro, in Northern Honduras, Central America, is the scene of an odd occurrence on a certain day each year: Nature pours fish from the clouds! This phenomenon coincides with the beginning of the Honduras rainy season.

Residents of the town, knowing in advance that they are to have fresh fish for supper, prepare for the harvest by equipping themselves with baskets and pails. As the welcome cloud passes over their town rain begins to come down in torrents and with the rain comes countless sardines.

Scientists try to explain this amazing fact in this way: Due to abrupt changes of weather over the Atlantic coast some 50 miles away, waterspouts form which suck up the fish and prevailing winds blow them inland over the mountain range which separates Yoro from the Coast.

The Egyptian calendar has 12 months of 30 days, each, the extra five days were used as "feast days."

A Georgetown couple recently left their 4-year-old son in the charge of a 12-year-old baby sitter and went to a neighbour's. When they got home they were amazed to see their son sitting by the table listening to the radio. On the sofa the sitter was asleep.

Fate and Romance brought together Mrs. Gordon Duff and Otto Von Kohenlohe, at the end of the first World War, at a small European resort. The German aviator went to the resort for a rest; Mrs. Duff, to rest and forget her heartache — caused by the death of her pilot husband in combat.

The two fell deeply in love at first sight. The fates had brought them together. They would make the most of a golden opportunity. After a short courtship the widow and the German became engaged. But before returning to her home in Scotland widow Duff retold a few details of her husband's death. He had been shot down by a German pilot who then collected the dead man's belongings and dropped them over the fellow's home base.

The German's face turned pale. "Did it happen in the last year of the war?" he asked.

"It did. On the 24th day of August to be exact." Widow Duff stared her fiance full in the eyes. "How do you happen to know all this?" she said.

"Because," said Kohenlohe, "I'm the one who shot your husband down."

This news resulted in strained

relations between the two. The engagement was broken off and the pair of love birds parted. "Why oh why?" sighed the pretty widow, "did I fall in love with my husband's killer?" But later, when she'd had more time to think things over, she realized that Otto had been doing for his country, what her husband had been doing for theirs, that no blame could be attached to Otto—and that she still loved him dearly.

Two months later Mrs. Gordon Duff and Otto Von Kohenlohe were married in Berlin and went to England to live. Strange but true!

Be short. Learn to be short. Long visits, long yarns, long prayers, and long speeches with long words, seldom profit those who deal with them. Time is short. Moments are golden nuggets. Learn to be brief remembering that "brevity is the soul of wit."

We can hear up under some pretty severe pains if they be brief, while even pleasure can become tiresome if we get too much of it. Lop off all superfluous branches; stick to the main facts in your case and by so doing you'll find that one word will often take the place of two.

A woman usually can coax a man to do anything; but she can't drive him. The worst of husbands can be managed by a subtle wife if she is in love with him. Few mortals can withstand the power of faithful loving devotion.

The following was copied literally from an old tombstone in Scotland by the late John Miller of Cornwall.

"Here lies the body of Alexander MacPherson, Who was a very extraordinary person; He was 2 yards high in his stock-

ing feet And he kept his accoutrements clean and neat. He was slew at the battle of Waterloo plump through The gullet. It went in at his throat, And came out at the back of his coat."

In grandmother's day housewives used tea leaves for keeping down the dust while sweeping carpets. And farmers who wished to purify the water in their wells did so by dropping a small piece of quicklime into the well.

Somebody once said that Canadians have no culture and no etiquette of their own, and that if we ever succeed in making one for ourselves we must follow those customs in vogue in other countries that speak the same language. What nonsense! As a young nation we are not only holding our own but are marching with long strides to the highest ideals in nationhood. The time is here to have a culture and etiquette of our own making taken from the best other nations have to offer, a sensible culture and etiquette which will adapt themselves to our needs; not imposing useless ceremonies, and forms the best good to all concerned, uniform and consistent.

They say that George Washington was so good he couldn't tell a lie. Charles Lamb could, but he stammered so badly that he never attempted it. Here is a journalistic gem I lifted from the pages of a country paper, that shall be nameless. After thrilling its readers with the account of a man who was burned to death, it adds, "His screams rang out upon the scene with lurid glare." The subject is hardly a cheerful one for a joke, but this seems really too good to pass up.

**Cavendish Notes**

Sunday evening the Rev. L. M. Murray of Kensington, was guest preacher at the United Church.

Visitors from distant parts are arriving in this community. South Africa and Manitoba have had representatives.

Victoria Day was celebrated as Arbor day at the Cavendish School and much credit is given teacher and scholars for the cleaning job around the school.

Much building is in evidence. Four new double cottages are being

built near Bungalow court whilst both Shining Waters and Lakeview Lodge are having new dining rooms erected which reveals a growing confidence in the future of this National Park area as a tourist resort. All accommodation is booked to capacity for July and August. The Victoria Day holiday saw a number of visitors around and several making the round of the 18-hole golf course. —GU.

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