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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The great Sahara Desert in Northern Africa stretches for hundreds of miles without water, without trees, no flowers, not a blade of grass, no animals, and not a living human being.

If it were not for an occasional oasis people would not dare to cross this seemingly endless sea of burning sand.

Near the home of every pioneer in this Province there was a good spring of water. Without water they would not live long.

The fathers of the parrots and macaws portray every color of the rainbow. Yet the most beautiful birds in the world are the birds of Paradise and the Egret.

You may not believe it, but there exist in the jungle monkeys no larger than a squirrel.

The fashion of long hair among the stronger sex during the reign of Louis XIV was commonly known as "thieves' hair" for it enabled those who were minus an ear as punishment for a crime to conceal the brand-mark of their guilt.

Why do dogs bury superfluous food and turn around and around before they lie down? These are habits carried over from the time when the animals were in wild state.

We used to take it as a compliment when our doctor told us we were as sound as a dollar.

"You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving." And happiness is like your shadow; you can't get nearer by chasing it.

It cost approximately \$8,000,000 to cover the expenses of the coronation of King Edward VII.

One should guard against listening to half-truths. Why? Because one may be listening to the wrong half.

Mr. and Mrs. George Auld, of Winsloe P. E. I., have been married for over 70 years. They are both 96.

The only record they have to boast about is that their married life has been one of happiness.

If you are thinking about getting a divorce stop and consider Mr. and Mrs. George Auld.

The most young couples, twins are a novelty. But Mr. and Mrs. Frank Alquette of Johnson City, Tenn., are used to it. Mrs. Alquette has given birth to her fifth set. The couple have been married 15 years. They have 16 children.

That's quite a family for 15 years of married life, but Orville Marphew of Kentucky, can top it. At 47, Marphew has fathered five sets of twins, three sets of triplets and 10 other children. Marphew himself is a twin and one of 31 children. He married at the age of 13 and his wife 12.

Extreme heat or extreme cold makes people sluggish and inactive. Changing seasons stimulate people to activity of body and mind, which is why the inhabitants of temperate regions are more useful than the rest of mankind.

This statement is borne out by the fact that most of the progress made in the world has come through the efforts of the white race.

Nearly every type of work that man does to earn a living is represented in the temperate zones.

Mississippi is an Indian name, meaning "Father of Waters". The white man couldn't think up a better name so it is still Mississippi.

The black people who inhabit the shelter parts of Australia make their dwellings by tearing off pieces of bark from trees and leaning them one to another. They have no furniture. They live on roots, fish and meat. Indeed they are wild savages, and live but little better than beasts.

The Indians were not the first people to live in wigwams or tents, for we read in Scripture that Jabal "was the father of such as have cattle and dwell in tents." Tents of skins are still common in parts of Tibet, Africa, Siberia and some other lands.

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