

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

James Barkley, a member of the crew of an English whaling vessel, was swallowed by a whale. The whale was harpooned and captured, and twenty-four hours later Barkley was taken from the creature's stomach, still alive and unharmed!

Columbus made four voyages to the New World without ever knowing that he had discovered a new hemisphere. He died without knowing it. What's more, he died friendless and flat broke.

A map of the world made by Henricus Martellus in the year that Columbus discovered America, proves that the only lands known to Europeans were parts of Europe, Asia and Africa. All the rest of the world was thought to be water.

Startling figures—In one American denominational college an interview designed to discover what the students believed about the well-known denomination supporting the school, revealed that 6 per cent do not believe in God and do not think they have to in order to be members in good standing; 34 per cent are convinced that at death they will cease to exist; less than 50 per cent believed Jesus to be God and Saviour; 30 per cent look on Him as merely a great ethical teacher; 49 per cent do not feel Christianity is superior to other religions; 55 per cent do not feel an effort should be made to convert Orientals to Christianity; 54 per cent said that God is synonymous with all that exists; and 38 per cent said that the church does not preach that Jesus is divine.

Besides resting between beats the heart gets in a lot of extra rest while we are sleeping. For example, if one were slowly moving about the house the average pulse beat could be reckoned at about 74. Sit quietly in a chair for a few minutes and your pulse will have gone down to 70. Now lie down and count again. Why it is only 64, you say; what an extraordinary thing!

So you see, when you lie down



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R. G. (Nik) Cavell, director of Canadian aid under the Commonwealth Colombo plan, will tour Southwest Asia in January to try to speed up development of the plan's operation. Canada this year is contributing \$25,000,000 to strengthen the economies of Commonwealth countries in Asia against subversive forces. Mr. Cavell, 64, came to Canada 18 years ago after a career as an Indian cavalryman, South African sheep herder and journalist. (CP Photo)

at night, that is the way nature gives your heart rest. You know nothing about it, but that beating organ is resting to that extent; and if you figure it up, it is a great deal of rest, because in lying down, the heart is doing ten strokes less a minute. Multiply that by 60, and you get 600; again multiply by 8 hours, and within a fraction it is 5,000 strokes different and as the heart is throwing 60 ounces of blood at every stroke, it makes a difference of 30,000 ounces of lifting during the night!

It isn't the drop in wages that hurts a man so much as the drop he takes after getting paid. That's what really gets him. Some men think it's more becoming to wear a big red nose than to wear a carnation on the lapel of their coat.

God sends us nothing but what is naturally wholesome and fit to nourish our bodies, but if the devil has the cooking of it, watch out.

The person who feels he has no responsibilities is pretty poor material for citizenship.

One can usually spot an Englishman from a Canadian by the way he attacks a piece of pie; given the choice of spoon or fork, he will use the spoon. The Canadian will use the fork.

The fork was not used on the tables of English or French folk until the 17th century. An English traveler, Thomas Coryat brought the fork from Italy, where it had been adopted as a sanitary precaution against dirty fingers in a common platter. The British reacted scornfully, calling the new custom effeminate.

The ancestor of the modern dinner plate was a slab of bread. It was called a "trencher". Later, the trencher was made of wood, then of pewter. Finally porcelain or pottery came into general use. And the trencher was responsible for the still-prevailing customs of seating men and women at the table alternately. Originally, a married couple or a pair of lovers, seated together shared one trencher.

Walter Novak went into a bank in Rockford, Ill., to pay off a loan on which he'd pledged his house trailer as security. While he was in the bank the trailer caught fire and was destroyed where it stood outside the bank on the street.

As the result of a recent fall Betty Postema of Toronto, is now walking after she fell six years ago and injured her spine. The last tumble removed a nerve block and so, Betty is out of her wheel chair. Strange but true!

Man is at his best when he shows greatest chivalry in defense of the women and children.

During the morning of June 4th, last year, Marjorie Kurts, of Brooklyn, N.Y., awoke to find herself famous throughout the U.S.A.

Marjorie is the author of the popular song "Snowflakes", and strange but true, words and music came to her the night of June 3rd, in a dream.

The 9-year-old girl received \$200 for the best song on "Song For Sale". She gets royalties on the sheet music too. Her ambition is to become a writer of popular songs.

Drew Will Tour B. C.

VICTORIA, Sept. 5 (CP) — George Drew, National Progressive Conservative leader, will tour British Columbia during October, it was learned here Thursday.

Mr. Drew's B. C. visit will come hard on the heels of a similar tour by Prime Minister St. Laurent, who arrives in Victoria tomorrow.



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