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him across the road, where a low grassy bank provided a resting place.

"Sit down here, I'm going to make you talk!"

"What," he inquired, "do you want me to tell you?"

"The truth, if you know how."

He mustn't. He guessed too little of it, and until he had guessed more, he owed it to his chances with the P. L. I. to keep what he did guess from her, however innocent she undoubtedly was. "No, I mustn't," he said.

Strategically, it had been better to invent a subterfuge. Quickly she bent toward him. By the starlight, he saw her brows contract. It was she who now suspected.

"What's that?" Her voice fell

several notes in the scale. "Why mustn't you?"

"I've — Well, I've got other people to think about. I'm only an agent, and not a free one."

Audibly she took breath. "So that's it. That's why you were so interested in the name Twombly? Just what were you doing out at the mine today? And why did you take the trouble to look up whether it could be drained or not?"

But here was a relief; here he could follow her! He laughed aloud in his emancipation. "Why do you suppose — except because it was yours? As for that, what's your interest in Twombly?"

In his turn, Jerry won. The readiest of tears may be sometimes suspect. But there is no counterfeiting wholehearted laughter. She echoed him with that throaty laughter of hers.

"Oh," she admitted, "maybe I'm silly. I said I'd never have anything to do with Break O'Day Iron. But I guess it's in my blood. Here I've been for two or three years dealing in sugar and canned goods — in five and ten dollar accounts; is it any marvel if I go off my head when somebody talks to me in land and thousands?"

Jerry sat bolt upright. "Does Twombly?"

"You didn't know him before?"

"Never. And now he wants to buy all that waste land from me around the old mine. Says he represents a syndicate with a patent process to make such land arable."

"He —" Jerry could have sung to the stars. "He bids for that? And that includes the mine? I'll bet you anything you like it does!"

"Naturally it does. But of course the mine itself's no good. I only mentioned it to you because if it hadn't been where it is, I'd never have owned the land around it; it's brought enough bad luck to my family, but I do think that now it's indirectly —"

Glidden made a rude interruption.

"And there's where our fifty thou' is going!"

"Your what?"

"Nothing."

"He only offered me five thousand — Twombly did. But that's a lot more than it's worth."

To be continued

Strange But True
 By F. E. MacArthur

In the winters of 1880 — 1883 a railway operated across the frozen River of St. Lawrence. The only mishap occurred in 1881 when the 30 ton engine broke through the ice to be rescued the next day from thirty feet of water.

How would you like to pay \$52 a year for your newspaper? That's what the Caribou Sentinel cost the subscriber back in 1865.

Rent charged for an up-to-date home a century ago was from \$11 to \$15 per month. For \$20 a month one could rent the same kind of a home all furnished.

The equator is equatorial in name only; here the climate is temperate. Take the winter season, for example, June, July and August, and you find a temperature often reading 40° F. The equator has days and nights the same length, but seasons vary. Rains in some localities are heaviest in March.

The shrine of St. Ann of the MicMacs, located at Restigouche, Quebec, is the oldest in the United States. Founded originally somewhere about 1632 in Cape Breton, N. S., it was transferred in 1770 to its present address.

To a Roman Catholic priest goes the distinction of having brought into the Christian fold the Indian Chief Membertou, and his entire tribe.

He was the Rev. Jesse La Fleche, a Parisian secular, who came to Port Royal in 1610. Incidentally, the Christianization of the MicMacs was the largest conversion ever made by one individual and is a record never apt to be broken.

Did you know that you can get insurance covering weather and windstorms, title, sprinkler leakage, plate glass, forgery, hail, inland transportation, earthquake, explosion falling aircraft?

The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation pays no taxes, federal, provincial or municipal.

Highways expenditures considerably exceeded motor vehicle revenues in the Canadian provinces except Ontario, where the two figures were about equal.

Canada is now the leading producer of oil in the British Commonwealth, supplying one-third of her own crude oil requirements. Our oil reserves are estimated at about 1 1/2 billion barrels.

If all of Canada's Negroes were grouped together they'd populate a city twice the size of Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

And almost all the Negroes in the Dominion have slavery somewhere in their family tree. More than 1200 slaves helped build Halifax, N. S.

The longest tunnel on the C. P. R. is the Connaught Tunnel, through mount MacDonald, in the Canadian Rockies. One of the longest tunnels in the world, it is a bit over five miles long, double-tracked, 29 feet wide, 21 1/2 feet high and is lined throughout.

In Winnipeg terminals there are 280 miles of track, the greatest mileage of any individual yard in the world. Some say the honor should go to Montreal with its 407 miles of track. Not so, because included in Montreal's 407 miles of track are several individual yards together with 50 miles of track at Angus shops.

"No room for the dead!" soon will be the cry in some of the rural cemeteries of Prince Edward Island.

Actually this condition first came about some years ago when some of the smaller graveyards were worked and seeded to lawn grass and some unreadable stones removed. Result: confusion, of unmarked graves. So that grave-diggers sometimes disinterred a

Liberal Women's Club Meets

The February meeting of the Liberal Women's Club was held February 10th in the ladies' room of the Canadian Legion hall.

The president, Mrs. Gordon Avarard, presided. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the recording secretary, Mrs. W. J. Rodd, which were approved as read.

Mrs. Russell Roper was appointed convener of the tea to be held in the Confederation Chamber following the opening of the Legislature.

A nominating committee comprising Mrs. Edgar Hartz, Mrs. John M. Rattenbury, Mrs. A. T. MacKinnon, Mrs. C. Kelley and Mrs. Arthur Giddison was asked to bring in a slate of officers for the annual meeting to be held in April.

Mrs. Russell Roper, Mrs. D. J. Riley and Mrs. John M. Rattenbury served tea at the close of the meeting.

Grade IV — 1. Russel Gaudet; 2. Jimmy Mokler; 3. Ada Peters.
Grade III (A) — 1. Bernice Doucette; 2. Jean Mokler; 3. Bernard Doucette; (B) — 1. Elmer Perry; 2. Austin Bernard; 3. Dianne Paquette.

OSLO, Norway (CP) — Entire profits of municipally-operated cinema in this Norwegian capital have been added to a fund for construction of an art gallery. The 1952 profits of \$16,000 bring the available funds to \$420,000.

NEW DELHI (CP) — The government of India has decided to establish a national academy here for development of co-operation among universities, cultural organizations and literary associations in India and abroad.

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 Grade VII — 1. Mildred Boudreau; 2. Oswald Doucette.
 Grade VI — 1. Joyce Mokler; 2. Ida Doucette; 3. Edith Doucette.
 Grade V — 1. Julia Doucette; 2. Helen Doucette; 3. Mabel McCue.

When a similar situation arose in Hallstatt, Austria, a mass mausoleum was built behind the church to contain the exhumed bones, which were stacked in rows. The skulls occupy a shelf by themselves. And for purposes of identification, the name and date were printed on the dome of each skull, with other important data framed in painted wreaths.

The present keeper of the cemetery and bone collection is 73-year-old Leopold Thalheimer, who wishes newly dug up skeletons under a hand pump. Then they undergo disinfection.

Next of kin — if the skeleton can be identified — can rebury the remains in another cemetery or leave the skeleton in the bonehouse, which may be visited at any time.

Faced with this choice, most of them chose the bonehouse. The collection of skulls now numbers more than 4000, strange but true!

I escaped or I am escaped with the skin of my teeth is a very old expression, indeed it goes back to biblical days; and if you'd take the trouble to turn up Job XIX, 20, you'll find the expression there.

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