

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

All eight children of Mrs. Thomas Murray of Cleveland, have been born in Caesarian operation which defunks the common notion that such operations are a rarity. Indeed several midwifery have given birth to several children each, in this manner.

It sometimes happens that couples having curious names call upon clergymen to get hooked up. Well, listen to this: George Holy Eagle, 19, and Alfreda Owsn-the-fire, 18, both of Alliance, Neb., did just that.

George is the son of Moses Holy Eagle and Mrs. Eagle whose maiden name was Rosie Many Horses. Alfreda is the daughter of Rudolph Owsn-the-Fire and Liffer Never-Missed-a-Shot.

With one of the largest rivers in the world flowing right past their homes residents of Ville Jacques, Que., have to pay 10 cents a pall for their drinking water. Why? Their backyard pumps freeze in winter, and well water becomes too muddied. The St. Lawrence itself freezes solid at this point. So Waterman J. A. Peladeau built the Adam's ale from an aqueduct in an adjoining district and carts it in tanks to the people in Ville Jacques.

Latest available figures place the earth's human population at 2,100,000,000.

A world census report from the United Nations says that world population increases 75,000 persons every 24 hours or a net increase of about 28,000,000 a year.

Heavy population increases are due to a number of causes; ridding areas of mosquitoes and medical science's victory over plagues to name but two. In one region heavily sprayed with D.D.T. the population shot upward at an amazing rate in the brief test period of three years.

It is interesting to note the manner by which some plants get their names as well as how people living in different parts of the earth call the same plants by different names.

There is little reason to doubt that the "mulberry tree" of the Bible which we are told, rustled with the slightest breeze, was none other than a species of poplar.

The plant that has been generally accepted as yielding the manna is a lichen. This grows profusely and is sometimes broken up into tiny particles, which find their way under small bushes, etc. But this plant hardly conforms with the biblical description of manna because it does not appear with dew, breed worms, or spoil if kept for a couple of days.

Other plants suggested by so-called authorities fail to fit the description given in the good book. But we do know that tamarisk growing in the Mediterranean region generally, put out, at certain seasons of the year, a honey liquid which is collected by the Arabs, who preserve it like honey, or harden it and make it into cakes.

The other manna plant of the desert is a scrubby bush with simple leaves, belonging to the pea family. On very hot days the plant exudes from its leaves and stem a sweet substance which the natives call manna.

But the food substance obtainable from plants such as I have mentioned would be quite insufficient to feed something over two millions of Israelites supposed to have been dwelling at that time in tents in the wilderness. Each person received a daily ration of about two English pounds in weight, which would have taken about two thousand tons to feed the wanderers each day.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS

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Your husband works nights, his time for relaxation, recreation, visiting, etc., is obviously during the day. Surely he could engage in no more harmless pursuit than entertaining his family! You are very small-minded to resent their visits, particularly when you do your share of entertaining in the evening. Attitudes like yours are what cause so much in-law trouble.

DEAR MISS DIX: Have you any plans or suggestions for a reconciliation? After eighteen years of marriage, my wife and I have been separated for two years, divorced for one. Causes of our difficulties were financial conditions, her relatives and my poor health. My health has now improved and I am employed at a good salary. However, though I'm sure my wife still loves me, she refuses to see me and has also refused to see a prominent minister who was willing to try to effect a reconciliation. We were happy before; I'm sure we could be happy again if she would only listen to reason. DANIEL K.

ANSWER: Your wife's attitude leads me to suspect that you have

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Entertainment out of the ordinary was presented at New Glasgow Hall on Tuesday evening, March 27th when Austin's Players presented the hilarious 3-act comedy, "Maid of Money", with specialties between acts.

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Candy was sold by the W. I. during intermission. Mr. Cyril Toombs on behalf of Anglo Rustico W. I. expressed the thanks of all to Mr. Trainor and his players for such fine entertainment.

Refreshments were served the players by the members of the W. I. and over the tea cups delightful social chat was enjoyed by all and mutual hope was expressed for a return of Mr. Trainor and his performers at a not too distant date.

Bible may have been a species of fungus to which I made reference in last month's column and seen by travellers in East Africa who described a similar phenomenon which occurred in the plateau between Lakes Nyasa and Tanganyika.

The lilies so often mentioned in Scriptures cannot be identical with any special plant or plants recognized by botanists, and the name was probably given to a wide range of plants having open leaves and showy blossoms, and still plentiful in and around Palestine. For example the Iris, Adonis Anemone.

Then we have the Jerusalem cherry tree which makes such a pleasant object on our window casement on a bleak November day. Although only a small plant, not more than a couple of feet high and about 1 1/2 feet across, it holds the greatest number of berries of any plant of similar size in existence. It is fitting that the plant should be called "cherry", but why "Jerusalem" should be attached to it is a mystery. The plant is not native to Jerusalem and the name does not appear until fifty years ago so you can see some person with a bright idea coined that one.

And you'll run across the name Jerusalem attached to other plants without special significance. There's the Jerusalem Cowslip, the Jerusalem Oak and the Jerusalem Thorn. There is a weed called pulmonaria, the second pigweed and the so called Jerusalem thorn, found in Europe, China and Tropical America; never saw the biblical land unless somebody carried them there as potted plants.

The Jerusalem artichoke is North American and Jerusalem corn is a form of sorghum from the Nile region. Spanish cedar is a child of the West Indies and is not a cedar by any stretch of the imagination. California pepper-trees are not Californian. English walnut is not English and French mulberry is not French nor yet a mulberry.

These various examples are given to show that the names of many plants are erroneous and misleading and that we are due for a reformation in vernacular names.

omitted something; she apparently has been deeply hurt in the past, and has now raised a wall of defense to insure against a recurrence of the difficulty.

You know best what may have bothered her, and the only recourse is to set about a campaign to convince her that conditions have changed. A revival of courting days may bring an assurance of happiness. Make every effort to see her yourself, rather than trusting this delicate mission to a third party. The fact that you are employed will, in itself, put you in a better light and make her realize that things are brighter. If you fully intend to do everything to make your wife happy now, and are sure you love her, don't give up. If she loves you, be assured she is as anxious for a reconciliation as you are, but needs absolute certainty that this time the marriage will work. Only you can give her that conviction!

DEAR DOROTHY DIX: I am my husband's second wife; he has two daughters from his first marriage. They are 11 and 14. I have had the girls for four years, and all my neighbors agree I have been a good mother. My husband won't work, so I have taken a job to help support the family. My husband, however, won't let me open my mouth to correct one of the girls or ask them to help with the house. I am expected to make the living and take complete care of the household with no help whatsoever. I love my husband, but conditions at home are making a nervous wreck of me. CLAIRE F.

ANSWER: You have done much too much for your family already, and they are taking it for granted that you'll continue to support, care for them, cook and do any other odd jobs that happen to

come up. Why not call a halt? There's no reason why you should be the breadwinner; make your husband get out of his comfortable easy chair and support his own children. Since you have taken over the entire financial responsibility of the house, you most certainly are entitled to correct the girls—in fact, it would be your duty to do so even if you weren't supporting them. Your obligation as a stepmother is to bring them up as carefully as possible, but since you have nothing but opposition from your husband, the thankless job also seems rather hopeless. What you get out of being their lucky I can't conceive, but I do most earnestly urge that you assert yourself a little and stop being the family doormat.

Miss Nissen cannot reply personally to readers but will answer problems of general interest through this column.

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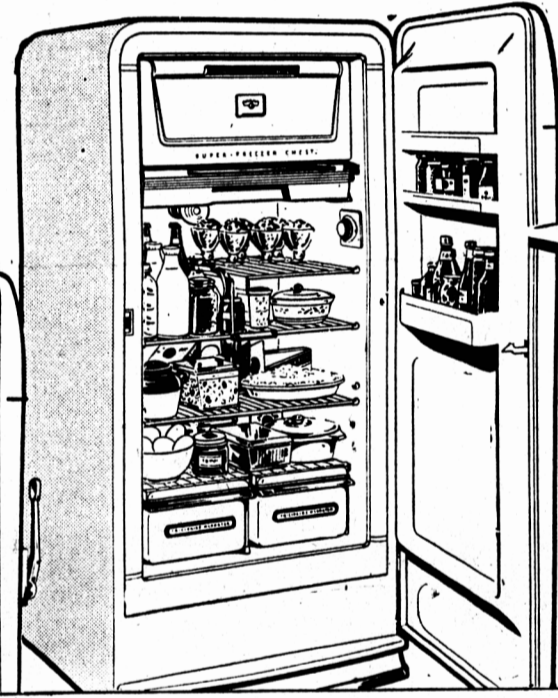
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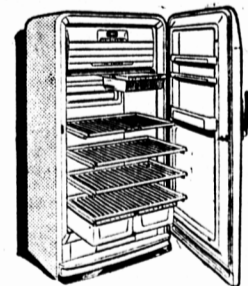
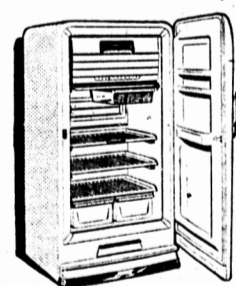
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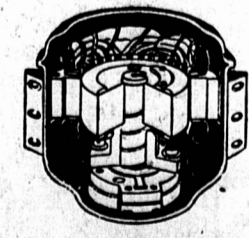


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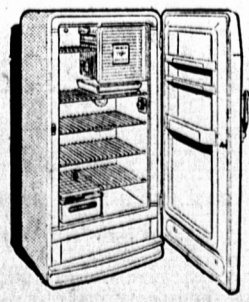
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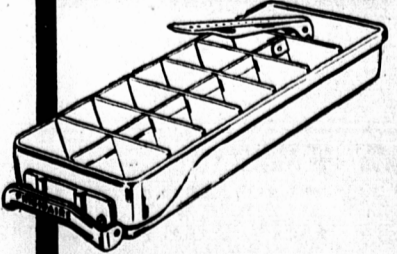
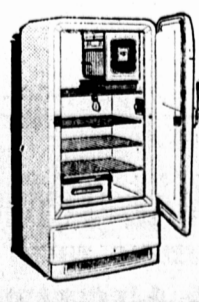


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