

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Alberta has neither rats nor earthworms. . . . One of the unique features of New Orleans is that many of the dead are interred above the ground in tombs or vaults made of brick or granite. Why? Because New Orleans is built on very low land causing the graves to fill up with water.

Richard Steiner of Lincoln, Illinois, once owned a singing mouse, and some years ago the American public was privileged to hear the musical voice over the radio. Strange But True! The "Wild Man of Borneo" and the famous white elephant displayed by P. T. Barnum were pure fakes. . . . The Morris chair took its name from William Morris who put in on the market in 1850. And the Yale lock is named after Linus Yale, a locksmith, who was born in Connecticut in 1797. The new type of lock was first used at Boston when the Tremont Hotel put a Yale lock on the door of every guest room. . . . One should never call a spider an insect. They belong to the scorpion tribe and have neither feelers nor antennae, such as all insects have. Spiders have 4 pairs of legs and 2 pairs of jaws, while insects have 3 pairs of legs and 3 pairs of jaws.

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow sent the same story (revised) to the Cosmopolitan magazine nine times before it was accepted. What a story of perseverance and conquest. St. Vitus' Dance got its name from a wild sect who first came to notice in Germany in 1374. . . . San Benito was a garment worn by victims of the Spanish Inquisition at the Suto de Fe. The garments had devils and flames painted on them. If the victim was to be burnt alive, the flames pointed upward; if tortured, the flames pointed downward. . . . The late Dudley Wright of Charlottetown had his casket bought several years before he passed away.

Did you ever stop to think that over a third of the land area of Canada is covered with trees? On favorable sites a new crop of pulpwood can be grown in fifty years. The giant Douglas firs of British Columbia are three times as high as the tallest pillars in the world's largest cathedrals. . . . Forests regulate the flow of

Better English

By M. C. Williams

1. What is wrong with this sentence? "I see where there has been another earthquake."
2. What is the correct pronunciation of "coliffure"?
3. Which one of these words is misspelled? Querulous, quintuplet, quittance, questionnaire.
4. What does the word "abstinence" mean?
5. What is a word beginning with ra that means "emotional ecstasy"?

ANSWERS

1. Say, "I see that there has been another earthquake." 2. Pronounce kwa-fur, a as in arm, u as in cure, accent second syllable. 3. Questionnaire. 4. Voluntary forbearance. "He practices abstinence in his daily living." 5. Rapture.

Morning Smile

Or Just Pay Up

The late Sir Robert Ball, besides being a great astronomer, was a born humorist, and was never loath to recount a joke at his own expense. He was dining with some friends at Stratford, and on the bill being presented he said to the landlady: "Madame, I am going to give you a lesson in astronomy. In 25,000,000 years all things must return to their original condition. We shall all be here again eating a dinner precisely identical. Will you give us credit until we come back?" "Well," replied the landlady, "you were here 25,000,000 years ago, and you left without paying the bill then. Settle that account and I will trust you for what you have had today."

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That Body Of Yours

By James W. Barton, M.D.

NOISE AND HEARING

"Offices of an industrial plant are always placed in quiet parts of the plant and are often sound-conditioned, but the worker is continually subjected to noise of an injurious level, says Dr. W. E. Grove, Milwaukee, in Industrial Medicine. Because noise interferes with work of any kind and continuous noise is bound to affect the hearing ability of the workers. Dr. Grove suggests that an accurate ear examination and hearing test should be made of every person starting on a new job. If this is done accurately and systematically from year to year, management will soon have a record of every person in the plant. Hearing specialists from long experience have found that some ears are more affected by or susceptible to noise than others.

If any workman has a hearing loss of over 90 decibels (a decibel is the smallest amount of noise that can be heard by the human ear) he should be rechecked in a week. If at the end of the week there is any noticeable loss of hearing or if he has a continuous noise in his ears, he should be shifted to some less noisy job or, if this cannot be arranged, should wear some type of ear protector. The wearing of ear stoppers (used to prevent water getting in ears while swimming) seems to reduce noise by 50 to 60 per cent.

In the shops of one company employing 1,200 men, 250 were exposed to a noise level of 130-135 decibels. Examination of 35 revealed, with one or two exceptions, profound nerve deafness that appeared to be caused by the noise in the shop. Ear specialists have known for many years that despite some being more susceptible to noise than others, all ears will suffer from noise of that high intensity if it is continued long enough. What amount of noise is considered safe or harmless, not likely to decrease hearing ability? Dr. Grove states that noise of less than 90 decibels should not affect hearing.

Unfortunately, in many cases loss of hearing comes on so slowly that the worker does not notice it until his friends and family call his attention to it.

If, then, an examination is made of the hearing of every employee, the employee with good or average hearing ability and an employee with partial loss of hearing will be known and on record for future reference.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

Get Her A Job

Work Only Cure For Widowed Mother's Discontent

DEAR MISS DIX: Until I was 27 I lived at home with my mother who is a widow. When I got married Mother went to live with a widowed sister. Several days a week, whenever I get a few hours to spare, I rush over and take Mother for a ride, or if I am going on some business, I take her along for the drive. Whenever possible, I take her to a show or shopping and she comes to us one night a week for dinner and often on Sundays. She enjoys herself when I am with her or when she can take my little girl out for walks, but if I fail to see her for a day or two she starts crying and gets sullen and often won't speak to me. She has been a good mother to me. I love her dearly and it grieves me to think of her being unhappy. She is 52 years of age and in good health. Please tell me what to do.



ANSWER: Get your mother a job. What she needs is work, something to do that will take up her time, give her new interests and make her feel that she is of some use in the world. You see, all of her life she has been busy. She has been rushed with work keeping house and rearing a family. She has felt herself important because she was necessary to the comfort and well-being of her husband and children. She didn't have time to think about herself. Her days were full and she was happy.

LIFE EMPTY NOW

Now all of that is changed. Her husband is dead. Her children married and gone from her. She has no longer even a house to sweep and keep clean and putter around in. She has nothing to do but kill time, and she doesn't know how to do that enjoyably. Idleness is the curse of women. It makes them neurotic. It makes them unreasonable and peevish and fretful and complaining. Continued on page 9

Household Scrapbook

By Roberta Lee

Tender Steak

If you think that the steak to be grilled is not very tender, rub it well with olive oil about an hour before grilling. Melted butter may be used if you do not care for olive oil, but the latter is more effective.

The Corsage

A corsage will last much longer if it is worn with the flowers pointing down. The sap that is still in the stems can then run down into the blossoms, thus prolonging their life.

Slipping Rugs

Discarded jar rings sewed under each corner of a small rug may prevent its slipping about on the floor.

Cook's Corner

CHOCOLATE NUT NUGGETS

Sift together and set aside 1½ cups sifted flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon nutmeg
¼ teaspoon cinnamon
Blend together until light and fluffy
2-3 cup shortening
1 cup brown sugar
Add
2 eggs, and beat well
Add
Flour mixture
¾ cup coarsely chopped nutmeats
1 package semi-sweet chocolate morsels.
Drop by teaspoonsful on a well greased cookie sheet.

Modern Etiquette

By Roberta Lee

Q. When a woman is traveling alone on a train and wishes to have a stubborn window shade raised or lowered, or a piece of heavy luggage moved, is it all right for her to ask a male fellow-passenger to help her?
A. It would be much better for her to ask the porter to do this.
Q. When a telegram or message is delivered to a person, and other persons are present, is it all right for him to open and read it?
A. Yes; but he should first ask, "May I?"
Q. When one drops in on a friend and finds that she already has a guest, what should one do?
A. Remain only for a few minutes, then take your leave.

The Stars Say --

By Genevieve Kemble

For Tomorrow

CONFLICTING auguries prevail on this day. Unless a rigid and sustained effort, cold and calculating, be tenaciously held and manipulated there is danger of loss. Finances, place, power and prestige may be in the balance or otherwise in hazardous or critical situation. Without a well-planned eye to the future, an enduring values, diligence and attention to details and systems there could be loss.

If It Is Your Birthday

Those whose birthday it is, may find themselves in a critical or uncertain situation, regarding position, prestige, influence and funds unless they pursue a seriously studied plan of action, with an idea of bolstering up a shaky spot in the bank account, in job, profession, or even in social or sentimental contacts. Diligence, far-seeing evaluation as to future rewards and consequences could turn the time into gain, security and enduring worth. Labor, virtue may find their own reward and pleasure.
A child born on this day while prodigally disposed, extravagant and generous, may know how to "pull in the belt," and establish security and happiness by its own sustained and sturdy ambitions.

ELLEN'S DIARY

By An Island Farmer's Wife

"Chir-r-r! Chir-r-r!" A shy smile spread across granddaughter's features, and "Let's wait!" she begged. "Wait!" we repeated. "But the men will be home soon to dinner and we won't have it ready — and you know that granddaddy likes to have it on the table when he comes." "But we can stay a little while!" she coaxed. "Only for a few minutes, and I'll be home when you go back. Listen she whispered 'there she is again!' And there she was, that smallish squirrel, her coat golden-brown and pretty against the lacy green of the hemlock. 'Let's sit on the log and hear what she has to say. . . . I love it!' she small one said. So hand in hand we left the vicinity of the mail-box where we had been with our mailing and crossing the roadway found a favorite seat on a length of timber. "Chir-r-r!" The creature sat now, arranged a plume of tail at her back and regarded us out of bright eyes.

Beyond mill-stream and fields the tractor moved steadily at the plowing in the stump-field, tracing new furrows there in the virgin sod. Odd times we could hear James' voice as he signalled to the operator to halt when a stone or perhaps a root came in the way of the plow. Steak was to make a substantial fare for our dinner and we were grateful in the circumstances it was this and not another meat which required longer cooking. We could fry it while we spread the table. These things came to mind as we humored our small one so happy in these bewitching days that are hers. "There!" she laughed, snuggling a warm hand into ours, and cuddling closely "what does she say?" "She says," we smiled, "Why, where have you two been all along? I declare I haven't seen you, that is to talk with, since. . . . The youngster no doted and supplied eagerly since that morning we were here — don't you remember it? We were picking raspberries there in those stumps — and d — you mind? We found some blueberries too!" "Yes," we smiled, "that's what she said!" "And what else?"

We listened to hear if there was any sign of less activity at the plowing. "She's telling us," we continued then "that although it's mild and lovely today. . . see that trout jump? 'here'll be a wind from the east or north one of these times and the plowing will be stopped because the ground will be hard frozen. And the young cattle won't be grazing over there on the slope because it will be covered with snow." "And the sheep?" she queried, her eye catching these pastures as in summer. "They'll be in from the fields too," she says "and when they come home, you'll know that winter is here." "And what will she be doing then? Where will she get her food?" granddaughter inquired mournfully. "She's telling you about that too — she says that if granddaddy had all the plowing done, she wouldn't care if it snowed tomorrow — only that she likes to be out about on sunny days. But she has supplies stored away — nuts and cones and seeds, in a cellar-of-sorts which is usually in a hollow tree or root." "Chir-r-r!" the squirrel called shrilly, suddenly scampering along the bough and springing to another, to make us laugh as she disappeared amid the evergreens.

How delightful it was there in that woody spot this morning! Peaceful and lovely, scented with essence of spruce and fir and hemlock and the fragrances of the dying year. It was with some regret that we came away to return to our duties at the house. . . . And

How Can I!!!

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I make good shrimp sandwiches?
A. Use one cup chopped shrimp, one-fourth cup drained crushed pineapple, one-fourth cup minced celery, and a little lemon. Add seasonings and mayonnaise.

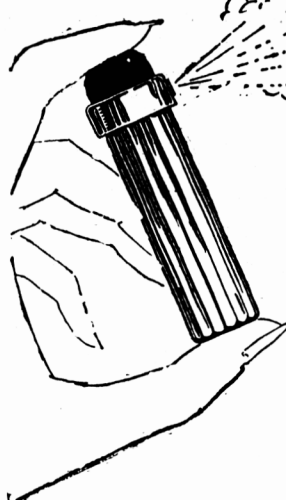
Q. How can I make tinware rust-proof?
A. If new tinware is rubbed with grease, and then warmed slowly without burning, before it is used, it will not rust.

Q. How can I set colors in cotton goods before washing the first time?
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at last, delight of James' heart, passes. . . . And now, as are the Spring-stumped land is being plowed, James spoke of it with obvious pleasure to Mr. A. who with Mrs. A. has been visiting us this evening. Growing older, these two are "Just think, thirty-nine years married!" yet among those whom time touches lightly as it passes. . . . And now, as are the land farmers, Mother Nature too is setting her house in order for winter, replenishing the lowered streams and wells in a shower against the panes — as midnight approaches. Until tomorrow — Diary — Good-night. . . .

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"Why is it the nights we have lots of left-overs are always the nights this family can't sleep?"

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