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The Birthday Murder

By Lange Lewis. CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR Part Two. In his instructions to the jury, the coroner pointed out that the burden of proof against any one person rested entirely with the state, that unless such proof had been offered the jury could not find any person responsible, accidentally or otherwise, for the death of Albert Hime.

The coroner's jury was out for an hour. They returned with a verdict of murder at the hands of a person or persons unknown. As the courtroom was cleared, Tuck watched the jurymen depart. Six pairs of eyes strayed to the face of Hazel Bennett, six to that of Victoria Jason Hime.

George Leighman nodded and smiled perfunctorily at Moira Hastings. Tuck became a little less interested in her. The reason why she had changed her testimony was now apparent to him.

BURGESS BEDTIME

Continued from page 10. If his legs were stiff it would be no wonder. Indeed it would be a wonder if they were not stiff. "I'm sleepy," squeaked little Nimbleheels.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 9—(CP)—Unseasonably mild weather has caused ice to break up on the St. John river here. The river froze over on Nov. 27, and the break-up is believed the earliest on record.

MAIN CROP. The dominion of Pakistan has about 21,000,000 acres devoted to rice-growing, double the acreage allotted to wheat.

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Wage Increase For U. K. Miners

LONDON, Dec. 10—(Reuters)—Miners' delegates accepted a new wage increase which will cost the coal industry another £25,000,000 a year and raise the price of coal another five shillings a ton.

GRAND TRACADIE SCHOOL

Report for the months of October and November: Grade IX—1. Marie Watts; 2. Josephine Roberts. Grade VII—1. Neville Watts; 2. Arthur Keizer; 3. Earl Watts.

India as a producer of moving pictures is second largest in the world, exceeded only by the United States.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur. In the Summer of 1828 an epidemic of cholera broke out among the swine in a country district south of Hanover, Germany.

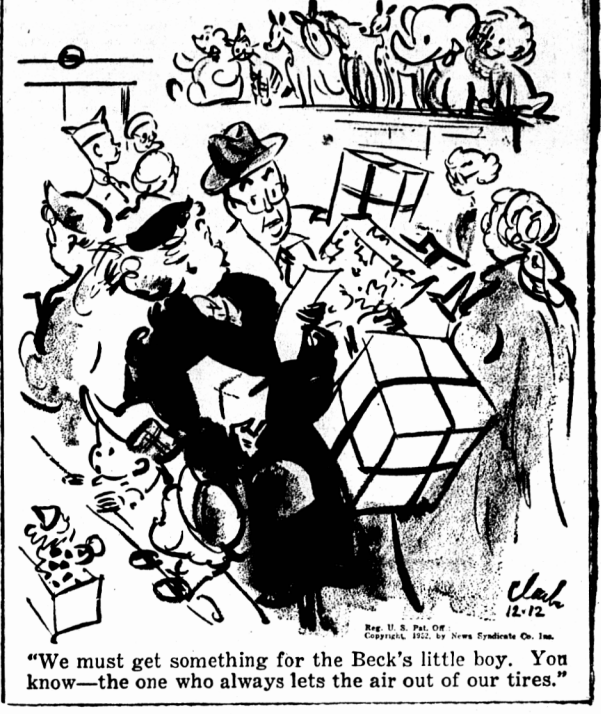
For another quaint custom let me take you to Java and tell you the strange story of the baby in the Winnowing-basket. "In olden times, it was customary to place every child at birth in a baboon basket. The nurse who performed this act knocked with the palms of her hands on the basket. Why? To keep the youngster from growling up to be a coward. Then she

spoke to the child thus: "Ory not, for two great spirits are watching over you." Then addressing herself to the two spirits, she says: "Bring not your grandchild to the road, lest it be trampled by a horse; bring him not to the bank of a river, lest he fall into the water."

In some districts of India it is customary for wealthy persons to place a new-born infant in a basket filled with rice, and afterward to make a present of the grain to the nurse in attendance. In Upper Egypt the moment a baby comes into the world it is laid on a corn-sieve and corn is scattered around it.

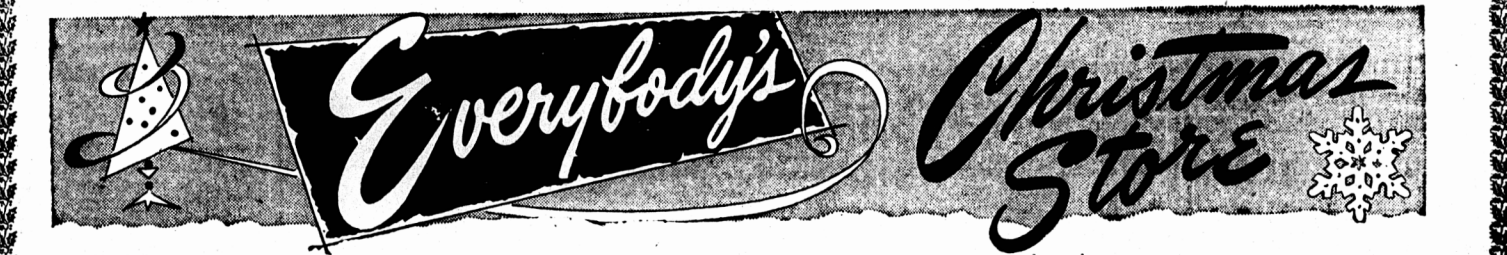
Buckingham Palace in London was purchased by King George III in 1762 from the Duke of Buckingham.

The Neighbors



ALMA SCHOOL. The following is the report for November. Grade IX—1. Blanche Mountain; 2. Wanda Barbour. Grade VII—1. Joyce Kinch; 2. Shirley Barbour; 3. Ernest Currie.

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