

Strange But True

By F. E. MacArthur

Mrs. Yvonne Jazebowicz of Spencerville, Ontario, has a unique hobby which brings her many extra shekels. In small candle moulds she pours melted paraffin and pieces of wax crayons. While the stuff is still soft she pierces it with a knitting needle to make a path for wicks. By a little manipulation with her fingers, tiny squirrels, lambs, bunnies, etc., come into being. None are more than two inches high and, when artistically colored she has a ready sale for these novelties.

A Canadian half-dollar piece minted in 1921 sold last month for \$200. The highest price ever paid for a Canadian coin. The reason for the high price is because only nine known specimens of the 1921 half-dollar are in circulation.

In 1936 one could buy a pound of coffee for 27 cents, a pound of bacon for 35 cents, while bologna and veal roast went over the counter at 10 cents per pound. Bread sold for eight cents a loaf and first patent flour at \$1.89 for a 98 lb. bag.

In 1936 a grocery order of 15 staple foods cost \$5.32. Today the same order costs \$14.13, believe it or not. And next week it will probably cost more.

The world of today has grown so small that a message can go around it in one-seventh of a second. Yet it takes years, sometimes centuries, to force a simple idea through a quarter inch of human skull.

The Chinese didn't trust the face value of silver coins, and to make sure they were getting the real thing they tested and weighed them. If the coin was okay they "chop-marked" it. Incidentally, this is the only defacement of a coin that a collector permits in his cabinet.

It is only comparatively recently that people have begun to bath regularly. Three hundred years ago even Kings didn't think it necessary to bathe every day. Modern sanitation has changed all this. Today people know that wherever there is dirt there is bound to be infection. Long years ago whole cities would be wiped out by some terrible disease — small-pox or plague. Only five out of every ten children lived to the age of ten. Beggars disfigured by small-pox or leprosy, thronged the streets. So what has made us healthier? Water, soap and clean surroundings.

Besides keeping us clean, soap is used to separate precious metal from the rock in which it is embedded. First, the ore is pulverized and put into strong soap suds. The soap bubbles pick up the bits of ore and metal and bring them to the surface. Here a selective process begins. The bits of waste matter cannot stick to the bubbles for long and fall to the bottom of the vat. But the particles of metal remain on the surface.

We eat water as well as drink it. In meats, vegetables, in bread, indeed in everything we eat there is more water than solid matter. Meat, for instance, contains three times as much water as solid matter, and cucumbers and turnips are almost all water. Indeed the human body contains proportionately almost as much water as a fresh cucumber. For example, if you weigh 55 pounds this means that you are composed of 48 1-2 pounds of water and only 6 1-2 pounds of solid matter. The body of an adult contains less water in comparison with its weight, but it is still three-fourths water.

The one thing you may search for and never find in Prince Edward Island, is the Great Silver Seal of the Province. Why? Because it was stolen by American rebels in 1775 and has never been recovered.

Believe it or not, but 87 per cent of the women on farms in Canada never have any vacations.

The little corn suckers that grow up around the parent stem ought never to be pulled or cut off. Why? Because they add materially to the yield of both grain and forage.

Farmers who sow oats in their orchards do not realize that the fruit trees will be robbed of their rightful amount of moisture.

The field of farming will never become overcrowded because of the world's estimated 15 billion acres, only one half billion are under cultivation.

Toadstools indicate that the soil contains too much acid. To get rid of 'em, use a heavy coating of lime.

The second crop of clover produces better seed because it is more highly fertilized by the bees. Too, weather conditions are more favorable for the production of seed on the second crop.

The record of 95 bushels of wheat raised on an acre of land near Irma, Alberta, in 1921, has not been equalled in that of any other Canadian province. But according to U. S. A. Agricultural reports, 117.48 bushels of wheat



"GO-BETWEEN" — Mrs. Olga Konow, called the "Blonde Viking" of New York shipping circles, explained to the Senate Investigating Committee her part as "go-between" in surplus tanker deal under investigation. She said she had been promised \$300,000 for her role, but expects to get only one-third of that.

Whirlwind

by Norma Newcomb

CHAPTER ELEVEN Part Two

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"Now you're ready to call it quits?" Helen's lips tightened. "Well, I'm not."

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go for a walk, Mike?" "You bet!" "Still carrying the torch, Mike?" "I'll always carry the torch, Sally."

"Yet you tried to talk some sense into Jimmy. Helen told me about it. You're a fool, Mike."

"Jimmy is my friend. I couldn't let him throw his life away without making an effort to help him. Isn't that what friends are for?"

"Jimmy is no one's friend. Didn't that ever occur to you? We used to call him a wolf as a joke, but he really is a wolf, a lone wolf. Lone wolves are dangerous, Mike. They use any method to attain their ends."

"Sally, don't say such things. You're angry with Jimmy, and perhaps I don't blame you, but..."

"They had come to a little park now, and since there was plenty of time left, Sally selected a bench under the towering tree near the entrance. It was too early in the evening for the park to have attracted many persons, but here and there, perhaps an indication of what was to come, young couples could be seen sitting very close, girls' heads on boys' shoulders, and the still evening air filled with soft murmurings. She felt a little thrill run through her, a thrill of delight, a thrill of anger. She jerked her head back with a little becoming snort.

"Oh, all right. I'm not angry with Jimmy. But I'm not being unfair to him when I say he is no

one's friend. You saw how he treated Helen, you know how he treated me. And it's been like that from one end of the country to the other. I don't understand why you waste your time on him."

"I might say that I don't understand why, feeling the way you do, you waste your time even thinking about him."

"I fell for him, too. Isn't that a laugh? I, who had always prided myself on my good sense, fell for him like a ton o' bricks."

"Yet he played fair with you, but he really is a wolf, a lone wolf. The instant he realized what was happening..."

"It had already happened, Mike."

"I'd like to marry you, Sally."

He was expecting a flaming answer, but surprisingly, none came. She just shook her head rather sadly. "Poor Mike. You deserved to meet someone really nice."

Encouraged, he took her hand, handling it as gently as one might a precious jewel. Mike continued to hang on to Sally's hand. Hard.

"Sally," he said quietly, "you are what I've always wanted."

She couldn't understand. "Mike, you mean that despite my temper, despite the way I have acted, you really want to marry me?"

"I do."

"Mike White, you're a fool."

To be continued

SMALLEST PLANET

Mercury, the planet nearest to the sun, is also the smallest in the planetary system.

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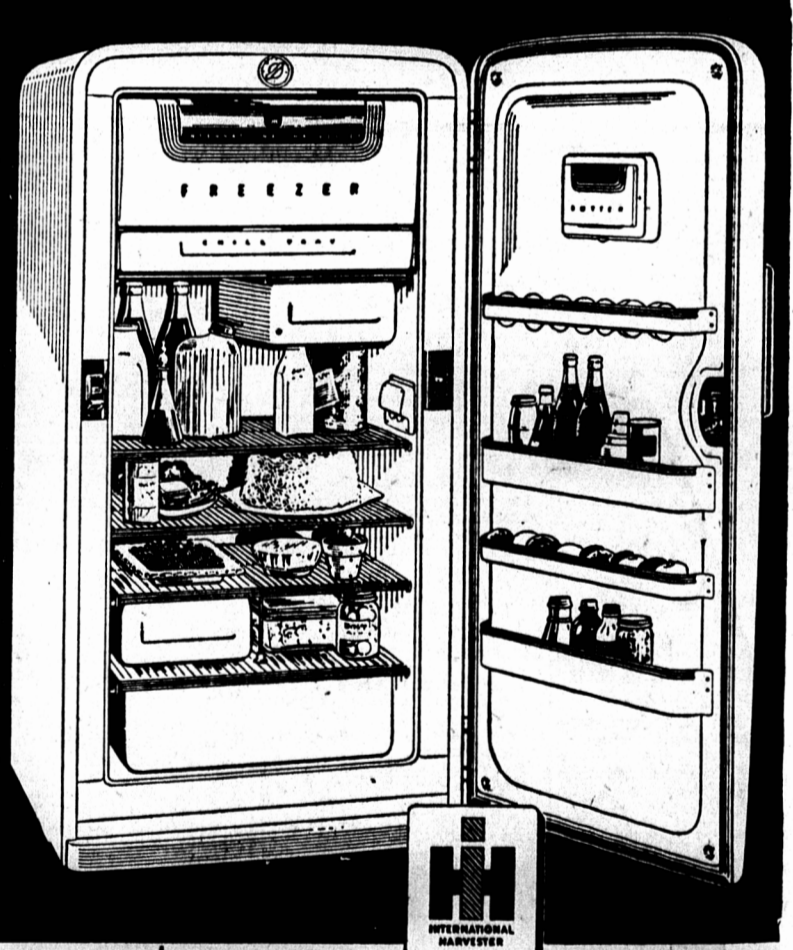
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