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LONDON (CP) - Current reports show the United Kingdom held a record total of shipbuilding orders at the end of June, amounting to \$670,000,000 and representing 37 per cent of world tonnage now under construction.

Variellum wilt is being observed quite frequently in Nova Scotia and the growers are advised to go over their plantings, roguing out disease specimens, states the Weekly Potato Bulletin. Both the plants and the tubers should be eliminated.

Colorado potato beetle larvae, flies, beetles, aphids and tarnished plant bugs are becoming very numerous and are causing serious damage in unsprayed fields.

LONDON (CP) - Ice cream sales in British movie theatres are bringing huge profits, says the National Union of Small Shopkeepers.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 13 (AP) - Japan became a full member of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund today.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

In the Tower of London, on the upper shelf of one of the cases is a row of helmets and helmets that are forgeries.

Some swords have a fascinating and amazing history. In the Royal United Service Museum there are many that are worth seeing by reason of their historical associations.

Medals were known to the ancients. The Greeks for instance, have left us many interesting specimens which have found their way to museums, but strange to say none of them were given as recompense for military bravery.

Queen Elizabeth first thought of giving medals to British fighting men, and it was the crews of the ships which sailed out to meet the Armada that received them.

The first medals given to the army were struck by Charles I. The first of these went to Sir Robert Welsh, an officer in the Royalist Cavalry for conspicuous bravery on the field of battle.

The first British medal given to every member of the fighting forces was the Dumbard medal. This decoration was struck in 1650 in two sizes, a small gold piece for officers and a large copper one for the ranks.

From that day to this many medals have been struck most of which have been awarded to men for personal service or conspicuous bravery while in action. The most coveted of all such awards is the Victoria Cross, instituted by Royal Warrant of Jan. 29, 1856 during the Crimean War.

The brave deeds which have been rewarded by grants of the V.C. make thrilling reading, but in a column of this kind I cannot recount any of them. However, I can refer interested readers to Mr. D. Hastings Irwin's book "War Medals and Decorations."

It seems hard to believe that shoe buckles once made the gentleman of fashion. They were much worn during the last half of the 17th and the whole of the 18th century, and enormous sums were spent on them.

Other buckles of the 18th century which are of interest are the waist buckles which followed the general fashion of the shoe buckles fairly closely, except that they differed in shape as well as in size.

Buckles are to be found made of nearly every metal. The earliest are steel or brass. It is when we come to the 18th century that we find variety and beauty of design. The richest of all, were made of silver, set with diamonds.

The most beautiful tree in the

Barbour-Strath Wedding

Knox Presbyterian Church, Crossland, Ont., decorated with pink and white peonies, was the setting for the marriage of Miss Doris May Strath, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alex. M. Strath of Elmvale, Ont., to Hugh Benjamin Barbour, son of Frank Barbour and the late Mrs. Barbour of Prince Edward Island.

The wedding music was played by Miss Jean Patterson of Toronto, and the soloist, Miss Shirley Woods of Toronto, sang "The Lord's Prayer" and "I'll Walk Beside You."

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was wearing a gown of feather white tulle fashioned with a fitted bodice. The square neckline was offset by heavy guipure lace, while the full skirt featured unpressed pleats and ended in a sweeping train.

A reception was held at Crowe's Inn. The bride's mother received in navy summer crepe with lace, with a matching navy hat and a red rose corsage.

For a boat cruise to Fort William the bride chose a teal blue suit with champagne and tan accessories. On their return Mr. and Mrs. Barbour will be making their home in Toronto.

whole world is the Royal Palm of Giza. It has the same symmetry of a marble column.

War postage stamps date back to the middle of the 16th century, and we read where Johann Van Taxis received permission to carry letters from civilians in Germany to members of the German expeditionary force then fighting in Italy.

Of British war stamps, probably the earliest are those which came to England in the letters written by the soldiers who fought in the Crimea.

DOROTHY DIX SAYS—

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wonderful person. We all got along beautifully. He has been married for two years to a girl we scarcely know. We seldom see her and, though we are all anxious to know her, any attempt we make to visit is frustrated.

ANSWER: Your letter stamps you as such a kind, friendly person that I know your sister-in-law is the loser in refusing your overtures. Either she is too self-conscious to welcome visiting (which I doubt), or a chronic antisocialite who would not be an asset in any family circle.

DEAR MISS DIX: I have a boy friend overseas who writes me rarely. I like him very much and as a result do not enjoy the company of other boys. This boy has been gone a year, during which I have received three letters.

ANSWER: You are pinning altogether too much hope on what is to the boy merely a pleasant friendship. If he cared for you at all, he surely would have written more frequently than he has. Your avoidance of other boys is very foolish, and the sooner you get into circulation, the better.

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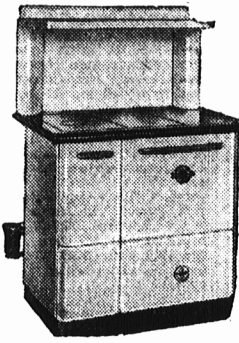
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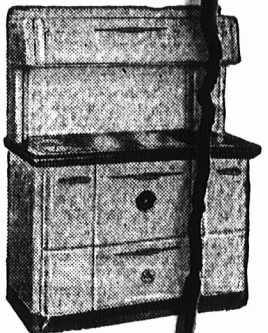
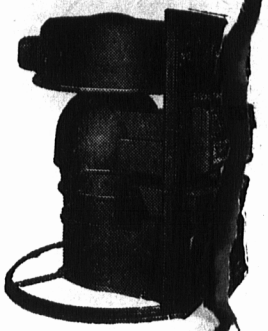
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