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AGENTS THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE

### Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

If people would place more reliance in nature, sunshine, fresh air, pure water, and simple food, we would have fewer doctors and drug stores.

The animal world, with simple instinct to guide it, has seasons of procreation, while during the rest of the year the sexes remain dormant.

With human beings, however, there is no prescribed law except the limit of exhaustion.

Here is an old rhyme which is applicable to most of us:

As deacon of the Sabbath school He preaches God on Sunday.

Who giveth much, but with a string,

To pull it back on Monday.

We can't be living right. Five or six times the period of growth, which in humans averages 20 years, gives the term of life. Five is about the average. Some animals exceed it. But man seldom comes up to the average. He should live 100 years, according to his physiological law, for five times 20 are a hundred. But man scarcely reaches, on the average, four times his growing period; while the dog reaches six times, the rabbit eight times his standard measurement. The reason is obvious: man exhausts his strength and shortens his days by doing "what comes naturally."

When Julius Caesar was provoked to anger, he immediately began repeating the Roman alphabet and by the time he'd finished, his anger had cooled off.

I once knew a couple who managed to live happily together, by simply observing this rule: never be both angry at the same time.

The tree frog takes on the color of whatever it adheres to for a short time. When found on an oak its color will be brown; on the cedar tree it will be a whitish brown color, but when found on a corn stock, it is sure to be green.

In a museum in Berlin, Germany, is an iron egg having four compartments all of which can be opened by pressing a secret spring.

A wagging tongue, like the tail of Solomon's foxes, carries enough gossip to set the whole world in a tither.

Although the Ostrich has wings it never flies. No Jew was allowed to settle in England until 1078. They were not permitted to own land until 1723, and could not become naturalized in England until 1753. And from 136 to 1075 these unfortunate people were scattered all over the earth.

A colossal granite statue of a soldier, rests in front of Memorial Hall, Philadelphia, but was never used because the figure had a serious defect. It represents the soldier at parade rest, yet the artist put the right foot forward instead of the left. This caused an otherwise perfect work of art to become useless.

A relief boat was built at New London some years back. While under construction one of the carpenters lost his hammer, and it was sealed up in the bottom of the ship. The vessel was put into service, and every time she rocked on the waves, the hammer moved about. Little by little it wore itself through the planking and keel, down to the plate of copper. Had it not been discovered and removed in the nick of time that vessel would certainly have been lost at sea.

Upon the walls of a Catholic Institution in Montreal are these words: "Nothing is long except eternity."

There's a tree called the Manchancil, which grows in the West Indies. It produces an apple-like fruit very tempting to the eye, but to eat it is instant death. A few drops of its juice on the skin will raise blisters and cause great pain. The Indians dip their arrows in the sap to poison their enemies when they shoot them. Close to the Manchancil you'll always find a species of fig tree the juice of which, if applied in time, is a sure cure for the poison. What a wise one Mother Nature is!

In the Cathedral of St. Mark, in Venice are pillars said to be taken from Solomon's temple. Anyway they are made of alabaster so transparent that the light shines through them.

### UNUSUAL CATCH

BOGNOR REGIS, England — (CP) — Jock Jeffries got a shock when taking a fish from one of his lobster pots at this Sussex resort. Experts identified it as a torpedo or electric ray, a 12-inch native of the Mediterranean.

### TREASURE HUNT

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### The Thorpe Affair

By Phillip Lealy

CHAPTER VII

From a point above his left ear Jerry could feel a burning that seemed to sear his brain. From somewhere, far off, a soft voice was calling. He felt that he was in a bank of clouds, hazy to the touch, befogging to the thoughts. His eyes opened slowly and glanced before him. He saw the room where he had spoken to Stanton—so long ago. He felt the buzzing in his ears. He felt something warm on his face and touched his cheek with his hand. He took it away instantly when he felt the matted blood. Slowly he remembered. Stanton had shot him! He recalled his last-moment swerve; the bullet had grazed his skull. He pulled himself up from the chair and looked at its back. There was a hole in it, near the top, where the padding was visible.

He shook his head again, tried to collect his thoughts. He staggered to the telephone table, lifted the receiver.

"Get a police detective," he said; "tell him to bring a doctor."

He returned to the chair and fell into it. As the minutes passed he could feel the strength

coming back into his muscles, the foginess of his brain lifting like a curtain. Only that mad fire on the side of his head did not abate.

He could remember now the events that had immediately preceded Stanton's shot. As he thought of them, he frowned. "Everything," he told himself, "is not exactly as it seems. Everything is getting more muddled every hour."

He looked at his watch, saw that he had been unconscious 30 minutes.

There came the sound of steps outside and two men pushed in to the room. One carried a black case. He looked at Terry and immediately set to work.

"Make the patch as small as you can, Doc," Terry said with a smile. "Bandages spoil my good looks."

The doctor grinned, then said as he saw the wound: "You're lucky to have any good looks left, young fellow. Another eighth of an inch and you'd need an undertaker instead of me."

The detective asked, "What happened?"

Terry answered: "Stanton resented my asking him if Thorpe was blackmailing him. He pulled out some artillery and started strafing. I was lucky enough to duck the right way."

"That means we gotta pick up Stanton," the detective said. "For assault with intent to kill," Terry said, "but not for Thorpe's murder. Not yet, be-

cause there are a few things a smart lawyer can dig up that might break your case. And I'm going to find out about those things."

"For instance?"

Terry shook his head. "I don't know. But I'll keep on looking."

The detective sighed woefully. "That's all we been doin' since the killin', just looking. We ain't been able to follow up this lead on that dame. But this guy Stanton done it, all right. Guys don't go around shootin' people unless it's gonna get 'em somethin'."

He was afraid you knew too much. And what is there you could know about, except this killin'?" He had the motive, didn't he? An' he knew Thorpe pretty well, he could tell just about what he'd be doin'."

Terry agreed, but without enthusiasm. "We'll see. Maybe after you pick him up and sweat him a little he'll talk. But, frankly, I'm not sure he will because I'm not sure he knows much about Thorpe's murder."

The detective was puzzled, but by this time the doctor had completed his application of a patch over the bullet wound and Terry was ready to leave.

"I'll have the answer to this thing for you in a couple of days," he said as he moved toward the door. Then, as an afterthought, "If I don't you'll have to chalk up another murder against the killer."

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