

Birthday Party



Madame V. L. Pandit, President of the UN General Assembly, and Dag Hammarskjöld, Secretary General of the UN, walk past the rows of flags of member nations. It was the UN's eighth birthday celebration. Thousands of visitors watched celebrities and diplomats take part in the open air ceremonies.—(NEA Telephoto)

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell was the world's first woman medical graduate. After being refused matriculation at twelve American medical institutions, she finally succeeded in entering the Cleveland medical school from which she was graduated in 1864.

Not one of us can live a free life if we are shackled in any part of our nature. We must have freedom of thought as well as freedom of action to grow to our full height.

Responsibility in time of crisis has brought out the dynamic force of men to a marked degree. It took World War II to bring out the best that was in Winston Churchill. It took the Civil War to bring out the slumbering power that was in Abraham Lincoln. There was a tremendous dynamic force in these men, but it required a great crisis to ignite it.

The present world troubles have not yet reached the crisis point. When that day arrives, another Lincoln or Churchill will arise to meet the situation, whatever form it may take.

There never has been a troubled time in history when some giant did not come forth and conquer the difficulty then existing. The bridges of the world may burn under our feet, great calamities may fall upon mankind in the years that lie ahead, but the giant will appear who will invent a way out of the world's dilemma.

That a "smile goes a long, long way" proved itself in the case of pretty Virginia Michael of Oklahoma. In fact, her smile at lonely bachelor, Robert Shellenberg, brought the attractive eighteen-year-old girl forty thousand dollars when Shellenberg died some time ago.

A baby that walks at eight months is considered by most mothers to be a pretty smart child. But, let me tell you about baby Kelli Fay Kalkyn of Racine, Wisconsin, who started walking when only eight days old. Her astonished mother, Mrs. Marion Kalkyn, says this is the way it happened: Kelli was born June 21, weighing seven pounds. Eight days later, while the child was lying on the kitchen table waiting to be bathed, it turned on its tummy, stretched itself and rose up and walk-

ed, the mother merely supporting it by the shoulders. Doctors say the infant probably will keep on walking unless she falls and get stage fright.

Strange but true, Uncle Sam is paying aliens \$168,785 a year in pensions, a report in Washington has confirmed. It dates back to January 24, 1942, when congress adopted legislation placing federal employees other than temporary workers on the illegibility list. This qualified three thousand five hundred and fifty-four foreigners residing in sixty-seven countries.

This is the amazing story of a boy who was too lazy to get up. His name: Kenneth. Wherratt. Place: Gloucester, England.

Three years ago, Kenneth, 15, decided bed was just about the right place to stay, so he stayed there until the neighbors reported to the police that the boy had not been seen for some time. The hobbits found Kenneth snugly tucked between sheets enjoying a comic book.

"They had the boy removed to hospital, where doctors examined him. They found him hale and hearty, but suffering from chronic inertia. 'That child was lazy from the day he was born,' observed his parents. 'Until he was two and one-half years old he wouldn't even talk. 'Couldn't get him out of his chair, either.'"

The mother said she had taken Kenneth to a children's hospital but they told her there was "nothing wrong with him — just lazy."

Kenneth is due to be called up for the army in a few months, but his mother doesn't think the army bugle will be loud enough to waken him, let alone get him out of bed.

Mrs. Wherratt believes nothing but the last trump will bring her lazy son to his feet.

Stillaano Rocco, 93, a farmer at Locci, Sicily, recently passed examinations and has been graduated from the elementary school there. Which reminds us that anybody can do anything, if they do but put their gray matter to the test.

Being allergic to flowers is bad enough, but consider Everest Quigley, of Los Angeles, who goes into a huddle and sneezes his head nearly off every time he handles paper money.

This is the epitaph which Andrew Carnegie chose for himself: "Here lies a man who knew how to get around him men much cleverer than himself."

It would be a good thing for all of us to consider our future, for that's where we are going to spend the rest of our lives.

Before Dr. Grenfell began his great work in Labrador, the inhabitants managed, in a crude way, to take care of their own physical needs. One fellow with a compound fracture of his leg splinted the bones and healed the flesh by applying cod-liver oil.

Then there was the sailor who had made himself a wooden leg of barrel staves. Dr. Grenfell, who interviewed the man said it was a great piece of workmanship, and as practical as any sent out by a

metropolitan surgical supply store. Going back to pioneer days in the Garden of the Gulf, I have uncovered many cases of men and women who survived self-operations, hardships and injuries that simply leave one astonished. Take for example, the time that Sandy MacLeod of Lorne Valley, had his eye knocked out by a stallion. He plugged the empty socket with a dirty colored handkerchief and believe it or not, the wound healed without infection setting in. Or Walter Mayhew of Cornwall, who chiselled off a crooked toe and got away without medical treatment.

The few cases mentioned here will suffice to show the hardiness of the people who pioneered this little corner of the new world, when doctors were few and far between.

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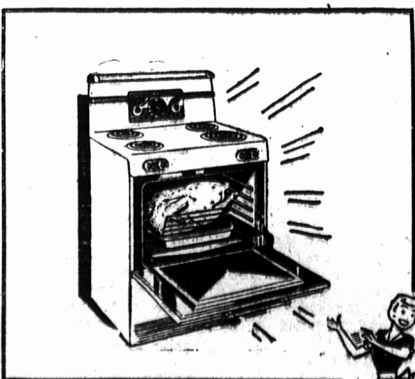
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