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INTRODUCTION

Keen Shrdlologists may have supposed that the exuberant Gobjrey Shrdlu had gone into retirement, for my last slim report on his exploits, *Never More True*, appeared in 1960. The shocking truth is that Shrdlu has been leading a double life. Not content with his normal rôle of distracting the attention of authurs, editogs, and plinters, therebŷ genŷerating the ptypical Shrdlu how\$ler, he has in his spare time been poaching on other preserves. I found out quite by accident that Shrdlu is also the evil genius behind a great number of the strange happenings, oddities, freak accidents, and absurdities that are reported from time to time in the Press.

It is my duty to present Shrdlu in his new Hekyll and Jyde rôle, and so I have arranged, for your enjoyment, howlers and misprints (Funny Ha Ha) on the left-hand pages, oddities and absurdities (Funny Peculiar) on the right-hand pages.

Now that readers have been put on their guard about Shrdlu's new interests, perhaps they will be kind enough to keep me posted with funny peculiar items from their local newspapers and other sources.

Funny Ha Ha

Funny Peculiar

In Elmfield Avenue, Teddington, last Saturday cigarette ash falling in the cat's box caused a small fire. Little damage was done and the blaze was put out by the occupier.

Surrey Comet

Although substandard, you will be delighted with these lovely stockings.

Advert. in *Daily Express*

The bride's going away outfit consisted of a dark green gaberdine suit with coat to tone, and grey accessories. Both are well known locally.

The Leader, Wrexham

Something New Which No Motorist
Should Be Without. We offer you THE
SELF-GRIP WENCH.

Advert. in motoring paper

As an experiment in night traffic control, the white-cloaked traffic policeman at the Place de l'Alma in Paris is now being floodlit to ensure that night drivers will not miss him in the dark.

Irish Press

James Jackson

wishes to thank the 600 odd people who voted for him in the recent Urban District Council Election.

Stourbridge County Express

Leonard Ware, 50-year-old London Transport official, has the most curious job in London: he's a rubber-outer of moustaches. He is the man who destroys the work of that legion of wall artists who get some unaccountable pleasure in putting into posters what they believe the original designer left out.

Every morning he sets out on his round, armed with a pocketful of hard rubbers, soft rubbers, ink rubbers, razor blades, and a penknife. 'Of course this is not my main job,' he told me, 'but somebody's got to do it.'

Evening Standard

Sir, - Mr Green's interesting article: 'The trouble with cockroaches', prompts the following story of an experience of a friend of mine some years ago. Returning late from the club one Saturday night he found everybody in bed, but his kitchen floor alive with cockroaches. Being of a tidy mind he sucked up as many as he could in a vacuum cleaner. Then the thought that they were not dead but merely snug in the cleaner prompted him to connect it by rubber tubing to a gas tap, and to fill the cleaner with gas. He retired happily to bed and slept late.

Next morning his wife found the cleaner and thought she would clean up a little; she switched on and it promptly blew up! The representative of the manufacturers was called in, and he confessed that he had 'never seen one go like that before'. My friend kept his silence and eventually got his replacement vacuum cleaner. I dare say any surviving cockroaches were highly amused. - R. J. MORLEY, 73 Egmont Rd, Sutton, Surrey.

Letter in New Scientist

Sir, - Mr W. S. Oglethorpe may be interested to know that in France there are generally, to each basin or bath, two taps marked respectively c and f. Experience tells me that these letters stand for 'cold' and 'freezing' and on which side the taps are so lettered appears to be quite immaterial. - ALAN R. HILLS, 201 Broadway, Bexleyheath.

Letter in The Times

Not to be outdone by other artists, John Totten and his banjo along with several friends and their banjos will provide an instrumental interlude which itself should be worth the price of admission (which by the way is free).

Massachusetts paper

I bought a few of your indigestion tablets last week. Now I feel a new man. (Original may be seen on request.)

Advert. in *Sheffield Star*

He described the fitting, on the day before the flight, with a 'destructor', a rectangular rod about four feet long, attached to the root of the missile's wing. He said that if something were to go attachet m-s reotho fioih dteot7. ox. zH issile's wing. He said that if something were o go wrong during the attachedt o theroot a ft he missile's wing. He said that if something were to go wrong . . .

Utica (New York) Press

Manufacturers say a kettle cannot boil over – unless it is overfilled. Too many people, says one firm, put three and a half pints into a kettle made to take only three pints.

Illustrated

WANTED, Abingdon – Between £3,350 – £3,850, available for modern home with three bedrooms and garage or space for schoolmaster.

Advert. in *Oxford Mail*

'BODY IN BOOT' CAR CHASE

A woman reported to Southend police today that she had seen a car being driven at Leigh-on-Sea with what appeared to be ■ body protruding from the open boot. Police found the car – with two legs sticking out of the back. They belonged to a garage mechanic trying to trace ■ noise which was annoying the driver.

Evening Standard

P.C.'S FALSE TEETH MADE J.P. WONDER

The charge sheet read 'assaulting a police officer and wilfully damaging the constable's upper dentures'.

But the point that puzzled the magistrate at Greenwich yesterday was how ■ man, who admitted cutting the policeman in the mouth, could have known he was wearing dentures. And, said the magistrate, if the man did not know about the constable's dentures, how could he wilfully damage them?

Daily Mail

CHELSEA, Massachusetts, Monday – Mrs Wilbur Chapman, aged 30, today gave birth to her second child in three weeks. The children are not twins. The new baby is a boy, weighing 4 lb. 6½ oz. The first child, a girl, weighed 3 lb. 14 oz. at birth.

Sunday paper

Shoe traders complained that the sweeping of snow from Camden High Street, NW, caused galoshes sales to drop, Mr A. Swinnerton-Beet, secretary of St Pancras Chamber of Commerce, said yesterday.

North London paper












FOUND STONE IN MASH

NOW MARRIES COOK

Headline in evening paper

Perfume your 'undies' by placing empty perfume bottles in your drawers.

Advert. in *House Journal*

Café menu

A former Flossmoor resident, Mrs H. Roy Gordon, has an exhibition of water colours at the Esquire Theatre, 58 East Oak Street, Chicago, until July 8th. Never having studied painting in water colours, Mrs Gordon has seven grandchildren.

Homewood (Illinois) Star

The vessel left the ways at noon, and safely took the water before her scheduled time. Before leaving the ways Lady W— was able to perform the launching ceremony. There was no danger that she would collapse sideways.

Provincial paper

She would get new dresses, new swim-suits, new everything. She would have a glorious bust.

Story in women's magazine

It was not disclosed where the honeymoon would be spent. For travelling Mrs Johnson wore the lovely 5-tier wedding cake.

Argentine paper

My practitioner friend, fuming after an altercation with a patient who did not carry out his instructions, declares that things are not as they used to be. Wistfully recalling the days when patients were patients, he related how, soon after he took over his present practice, he was called to attend a lady with fibrositis. For this he successfully, or fortunately, prescribed. On his next visit he said that she could now leave her bed. After a shocked silence he was coldly told that the patient had been bedridden for several years. Swallowing his pride my friend re-examined her but was unable to find a cause for such a grave drawback. Finally he elicited the following history.

Seven years previously she had had a severe chest pain with a high fever. My friend's predecessor had diagnosed a 'congestion of the lungs'. The patient, a hard-working housewife with a large family, had refused to go to bed. The doctor without further ado called the husband and eldest daughter and told them that the patient was seriously ill. She must go to bed and stay there until he returned. On her feet she might collapse and die, and if she arose prematurely the results might be grave. Unfortunately he forgot to return.

With difficulty my friend persuaded the family that the patient could now safely rise, and later that she could even get out. On her first walk she found a housing scheme had been built in green fields in front of her house.

The Lancet, 1953

LESLEY HAD A LITTLE FISH...

IT WENT WITH HER TO SCHOOL

Five-year-old Lesley Reed hooked her pet goldfish from its bowl at her home at Rotherham, Yorks, yesterday.

She held it up for a closer look – and her mouth opened in wonder. Just then a playmate jogged her on the arm. And the fish vanished down Lesley's throat.

Lesley was taken to hospital. There her mother was told: 'There is nothing to be done.'

So off went Lesley (and her pet) to school.

Daily Mail

Maiko Sol, of 1464 Nuuana Ave, was arresed by police las nigh on a charg of bing dunk and for assaul and bary on a woman.

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

Prometheus Bound. ed. C. R. Haines, 1896. Bound upside down \$0.75.

Canadian bookseller's list

An inscribed leather suitcase was presented to Mrs Ashton, ■ pipe to Mrs Longmore, and Mrs Hersey also received gifts. Mr Walter Painter received a knock from a cricket ball which fractured a bone in his hand.

Australian paper

Abominable Snowmen being in the news we can record with topical interest that the new Bishop of the Arctic, the Rt. Rev. Donald H—, will be preaching on December 16 at evensong in Chelmsford Cathedral.

Essex Chronicle

Mrs Gladys Parkins, who runs the village shop and sub-post office at — has won our Glamour Competition No. 126, and will receive £200 subject to rescrutiny.

Reynolds News

I bet I'm the only bloke who's chased a rabbit on a motor-bike round and round a field *and* caught the rabbit.

Story in *Woman's Own*

Sir, — In last Sunday's issue you published a reproduction of Dame Laura Knight's boxing sketch of one of the successful entries in the Olympic Games Fine Arts Competition, to be seen in the Sport in Art Exhibition at the Victoria and Albert Museum.

My Association controls and regulates amateur boxing at the Olympic Games and in the 41 countries who are affiliated to us; and I therefore feel it my duty to point out that the boxers in the sketch are committing the following offences: (1) Holding; (2) Improper use of the hand (both boxers); (3) Extending a stiff arm under the opponent's arm; (4) 'Wrestling'. It is possible that the boxers are also delivering the kidney punch and the rabbit punch, but one cannot be certain of this.

I do not presume to criticize the sketch as a work of art, but it is regrettable that an exhibition which is designed to portray amateur sport in its highest forms should have included an example which degrades the noble art of self-defence to the level of a free-for-all rough and tumble. Yours, etc., RUDYARD H. RUSSELL, Lt.-Col., Honorary Secretary-Treasurer, Association Internationale de Boxe Amateur.

Letter in the Observer

DENTIST GOES UP THE POLE

CLEVELAND, Monday — A dentist is to climb up to Charley Lupica of Cleveland, the pole-sitter who has been squatting for ninety days to prove his faith in the Cleveland Indians baseball team. Lupica has toothache and will have a temporary filling to last him until he comes down.

News Agency

Mrs J. Clement, of Rotherfield Avenue, Bexhill, Sussex, unearthed a hen's egg a foot below the surface in her garden, which, it is believed, had not been dug for two and a half years.

She cracked the egg, found it fresh, and cooked it for her husband's supper. 'A nice egg it was too,' says Mr Clement.

Evening News

Essex teachers have been urged to encourage more boys to sing in school choirs, and not show preference for girls.

Evening paper

Absence. I shall be away from the parish attending the Diocesan Clergy School from April 21-24. It will be convenient if parishioners will abstain from arranging to be buried, or from making other calls on ■■■ during this time.

Church magazine

Mr — was elected and has accepted the office of People's Churchwarden. We could not get a better man!

Parish magazine

The writer, after making a purchase at the above-mentioned factory, happened to sit down with his wife and three children supplied by Walker Bros., and greatly appreciated by we Dublin people.

Letter to Dublin paper

Sipping hot tea, ■ many players do, Andrews served, drove and volleyed with brilliant energy and control.

Sussex paper

MINISTER SEES THE CESAREWITCH
PUTS NOTHING ON

South London paper

Bob Smith will let his wife into a secret this morning. He will tell her: 'Darling, I know this will surprise you, but I believe our Alsatian bitch, Rita, is the reincarnation of my former fiancée Doris, who died fifteen years ago.'

The People, reprinted in *New Statesman*

DUSTBIN CAN BE LUGGAGE
Railways Give An Apology

What, asks Mr Henry Walker, 31, a London solicitor, is wrong with using ■ plastic dustbin instead of ■ suitcase? The answer, so far as British Railways are concerned is: Nothing.

Yesterday they apologized to Mr Walker because one of their employees was 'over-zealous'. He had insisted that Mr Walker's dustbin was not luggage but freight and should be paid for separately.

Mr Walker wrote to the *Daily Telegraph* saying that he had been the 'victim of acute embarrassment'. It was bad enough having to carry ■ dustbin without being accosted by railway officials for breaking the rules, he added. There would be no objection if his dustbin was crammed into a suitcase.

Daily Telegraph

CRITICAL CHEF HIT
HIS WIFE WITH
WET MACKEREL

Headline in *Daily Express*

A wife threw 'almost every form of domestic utensil' at her husband, said Mr Justice Karminski in the Divorce Court today. But she was not cruel, he decided, for on almost every occasion she missed.

Evening Standard

A very enjoyable affair was the Children's Hallowe'en Party. Added to the beauty of it all was the fact that few of the children could be recognized as they all wore masks.

Jamaican paper

A young woman typist took part in a Marathon race from Durban to Maritzburg, and finished 27th of the 68 runners, 67 of whom were men. A fair-haired, blue-eyed girl of slight build, she weighs only seven tons.

Tasmanian paper

He was taken to St Luke's hospital for treatment, but left there this morning with no bones broken.

North Carolina paper

Arthur Kitchener was seriously burned Saturday afternoon when he came in contact with a high voltage wife.

Surrey paper

Miss Wilkinson, in black satin, discarded a shawl at the swing doors which she had been wearing to ward off the chilliness of the early morning. She seemed bewildered.

Liverpool paper

On Friday at about 2 o'clock a coach in the Druch area ran into a pedestrian. The coach was taken to hospital.

Republicain Lorraine

'Can I have some fresh air, please?' asked one of my reporters. The proprietor of the small gift shop opposite the Coliseum Theatre sighed.

'Sorry,' he said, 'sold out.'

Fresh English country air, in tins, is doing a booming trade. The tins cost half a crown each and have been selling at the rate of a gross a week since Christmas.

'A lot of customers buy it to send abroad,' says Mr Lyons, the shop's owner.

And where does this bracing country air come from? 'Swiss Cottage,' says Mr Lyons.

Evening Standard

STOLEN: PUMPKIN WITH TEETH

TORONTO - 'Will the party who stole the pumpkin from 273 Withrow Ave. please return my wife's false teeth.'

This advertisement was placed last Wednesday in the Lost column of a newspaper's classified advertisement sections.

Robert Green, who placed the advertisement, admitted he had bitten off more than he could chew. He put the pumpkin on the veranda Tuesday night to please the Hallowe'en visitors. To add realism he stole his wife's teeth and propped them up under the pumpkin lid.

Then somebody stole the pumpkin.

Winnipeg Free Press

Commented Miss [Jane] Mansfield: 'I like European men. They put women on a pedestal, yet still exercise their masculinity. This makes them feel real good.'

Englishmen? She likes them too. She said of a young English doctor who X-rayed her chest when she was in London recently: 'He kept saying "Jolly good". Oh, the British are wonderful. So precise.'

News Chronicle, quoted in
New Statesman's This England column

The refusal by a number of countries to admit completed cars has led to a Coventry firm issuing dismissal notices to 250 employees. The countries include South Africa, Eire, and Belgium. They want the parts to assemble themselves.

The Times

Daily morning housework; wanted at once, temporarily respectable person.

Middlesex paper

Miss America, who is studying to be a concert pianist, will give ■ short piano recital as she models ■ new gown.

Chicago paper

■ Australia has enjoyed ■ period of expansion comparable to Canada's during the past decade. A little less than half the postwar population increase was caused by imagination - 45 per cent from the United Kingdom, 55 per cent from Europe.

Toronto Telegram

Cambridge University has decided to confer honorary degrees on all except students seeking first-class horrors, for whom the examinations will be held as usual.

Bucks paper

If you fancy the new craze of doing something different in a bigger and better way, there are still a few records to be broken. Such as:

Miss Flagpole Sitter of 1951, former London showgirl Vera Allen, sat for fourteen days on top of a 50-ft flagpole. She had a phone in her crow's-nest and was interviewed frequently.

Tight-rope champion Helmut Horlands balanced on his rope for 130 hrs in Vienna four years ago.

Coffin champ Raymond Emmett was buried in a 6-ft grave for forty-five days in Ohio. On emerging he said, 'I wanted to catch up with my reading.'

Golf marathon crackpot Stanley Gard completed twelve rounds and four holes in one day in Australia. He took 1,025 strokes for the 220 holes and hit the ball 41½ miles.

Pie punisher Finlay Paul, a Caithness postman, ate thirteen meat pies in 28 mins. Pie champion George Bradley, a Wallsend miner, ate a 4½ lb. steak in 9 mins. 30 secs . . . and then went home for lunch.

Pushing a brass bedstead fitted with L-plates and traffic lights, twelve men took two days to reach Pinewood from Solihull, Warwickshire.

Bill McGowran in the *Evening News*

Two indicators dropped at the same moment on the switch-board at Birkenhead ambulance headquarters yesterday.

Two ambulances raced away at the same time, one to Tranmere abattoir and one to Woodside lairage, a mile away.

Both ambulances reached Birkenhead Hospital at the same time, each with a slaughterman with a badly cut right leg.

The two injured men were carried to adjoining beds, sat up and greeted each other - brothers. They are Harry Driver (41), Stanley St, Rock Ferry, and Wilfred Driver (46), Bridge St, Birkenhead.

News Chronicle

Much has been written on the subject of rose cultivation. Let us take soil preparation first. You will want ■ loam containing plenty of humans and good drainage.

San Francisco Examiner

A designer or manufacturer who keeps his nose glued to his own grindstone will have some difficulty in keeping his ear to the ground at the ■■■■ time.

Design

At a recent fire in the south of Scotland (according to a local paper), twenty-four hens, a ton of coals, ■ gig, and ■ quantity of potatoes were burned alive.

Scottish paper

In her next picture she will not wear any glamorous clothes. It's ■ story of the wide open spaces.

The Star

FOR SALE, ■ cross-cut saw by a Willard man with newly sharpened teeth.

Willard Company News

Blank's Restaurant where good food is ■■ unexpected pleasure.

Advert. in Richmond & Twickenham Times

A guitarist we know was asked to enliven ■ party one evening last week but found himself unable to tune up, there being no piano or pitch pipe on the premises. At the suggestion of one of the revellers he telephoned the New York Public Library and asked if someone there would sound an A for him on the Library's pitch pipe. He was informed that the Library didn't have its pitch pipe handy, but that one of the librarians, ■ gentleman with perfect pitch, would be glad to help out. After ■ few moments the guitarist heard ■ throaty A coming through the earpiece of the phone. He tuned his guitar to the sound, and got along fine for the rest of the evening.

New Yorker

A cow broke from ■■ auction mart into the street through an unsecured gate, climbed ■ stairway over a shop, fell through the upper floor into the shop, and in her struggles turned on a tap, so flooding the shop. The shopkeeper's consequent claim against the auctioneers failed, however, for the judge felt himself 'forced to the conclusion that ■ gate-crashing, stair-climbing, floor-bursting, tap-turning cow is something *sui generis*, for whose depredations the law affords no remedy unless there was foreknowledge of ■■■■ such propensities'.

From Miscellany-at-Law by R. E. Megarry

BACHELOR FLAT for two with microfilm reader available in Putney until October - Write Box G. 826.

The Times

MY WIFE gave me a load of best hand-forked manure for the garden on my birthday. After thirty years of married life I was anxious. The comments from my friends were guarded. Tell me what you think - in confidence - Write Box L. 1725.

The Times

Trustees of the Village Board gave reports on accomplishments during the past year. Mayor Goring cited the new sidewalks constructed and the fact that the village has a disposal plant capable of accommodating 1,500 more residents.

Chilton (N. Y.) Courier

Lost, Tabby cat, Male, answers to John. Reward (one black eye).

Advert. in Devonshire paper

WANTED - Mincing machine, large size - particulars and price to Manager, Blank's Laundry Ltd.

Advert. in Herts. paper

WANTED - ~~man~~ and woman to look after two cows, both Protestant.

Ulster paper

The Prime Minister said it was a loose classification by the Board of Trade. 'Locomotives, ships, and aircraft' should have read 'Wire mattresses, tacks, nails, and manhole-covers'.

Daily Mail

The girls of — School have assisted in the preparation of three hampers for needy pensioners, making the cakes, curd, mincemeat, sweets, etc., themselves. Six recipients died during the year.

Charity report

A note thrown from a train yesterday landed on Bushbury Station, Wolverhampton. It read: 'Mr Russell, of 32 Vale Road, Bloxwich, Staffordshire, has left the kettle on the stove. Please inform the police.'

Railway officials passed on the message. Police alerted the fire brigade, and a patrol car went to the house. The kettle WAS on the stove. But the gas had not been lit.

Daily Express

Wanted to buy: playpen, cot and high chair; also two single beds.

Hawkes Bay Herald Tribune, N.Z.

A Marseilles fisherman made the biggest catch of the day over last weekend. He hooked a 12-st. 12-lb. skin diver blowing bubbles and a wide range of adjectives.

B.B.C. Roundabout Programme

An unnamed boy aged 14, in Washington D.C. used to turn in false fire alarms. He underwent psychiatric treatments to cure him of that, and he stopped doing it. Apparently he learned never to break the glass and pull the hook unless there actually was a fire. So - now he sets the house afire first, and has done it four times.

Baltimore Sun, quoted in Doubt

Q. *How can you tell the age of a snake?*

A. It is extremely difficult to tell the age of a snake unless you know exactly when it was born.

Detroit News

The ground at Sheffield yesterday was frost-bound and though liberally treated with sand, 16,000 spectators were soon laughing at the antics of the players.

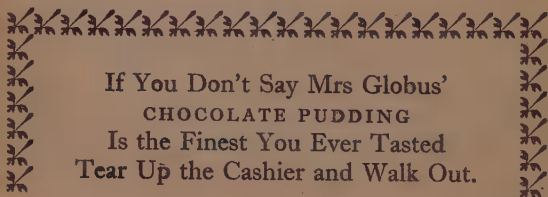
Sunday paper

Mike McGrew, deputy U.S. marshal in Oklahoma City, has carried his son's first baby in a good luck charm for thirteen years. He has had it hanging on the rear-view mirror of four automobiles and, during the war, kept it in the pocket of his Army uniform.

New Jersey paper

A reception immediately followed the ceremony with papers and flowers decorating the table, with the traditional tired wedding cake.

Nebraska paper


 If You Don't Say Mrs Globus'
 CHOCOLATE PUDDING
 Is the Finest You Ever Tasted
 Tear Up the Cashier and Walk Out.

Menu of a Baltimore restaurant

My eye fell on a tiny basket. It was the size and roughly the shape of a small saucer and it had a handle. In the basket were a number of treasurers, all of them in excellent condition.

Harper's Magazine

1821. A newspaper of January 8 mentions an extraordinary feat by Mr Huddy, the postmaster of Lismore, in the 97th year of his age. He travelled, for ■ wager, from that town to Fermoy in ■ Dungarvon oyster-tub, drawn by a pig, a badger, two cats, ■ goose, and a hedgehog; with a large red nightcap on his head, a pig-driver's whip in one hand, and in the other a common cow's-horn, which he blew to encourage his team, and give notice of this new mode of posting.

The Every Day Book by William Hone

Mr Emsworth said that this was not the case of a person involved in ordinary acts of negligence. He reviewed the acts of Dr West in taking a rifle to the house surgeon's quarters, loading it and shooting Dr Thompson in the back, causing him to die almost immediately.

The fact which had to be taken into consideration was whether conduct of this type was conduct becoming ■ member of the medical profession, he said.

Christchurch (N.Z.) *Press*

Another nine councils told their residents yesterday that they cannot import zebras.

The councils, which are in the north-east, are sharing the £20 cost of ■ local newspaper advertisement which told the people all about the new 'no-zebras' law.

Yesterday it was pointed out that no zebras have arrived at any north-eastern port since before the war and that the nearest zoo is 110 miles away at Edinburgh.

Daily Mail

A Tennessee café offers free drinks to customers over 80 — provided they are accompanied by their parents.

Useless Information by Paul Steiner

Mr and Mrs Ranby Royal announce the birth of a son born Saturday morning in Women's Homeopathic Hospital, Philadelphia, quite by accident on Saturday while in transit to his new base.

Pennsylvania paper

Mme F— says she finds very little time for her painting these days. She has made many quick sketches of her husband but has never attempted a job with ■ subject with whom she is emotionally involved.

New York Times

Mr Long and Bud Moore went deer hunting and shot a deer at Jonesboro. Also their guest, Alan Hancock, from Ashland, Maine.

News-Observer (Maine)

I am bringing ■ party of sixteen Scouts to camp near Lowestoft during August and wondered if you could spare sufficient Guides so that I could give one to each boy before he goes to camp.

Letter to town publicity dept.

There's a superstition in football that once a player marries he loses his form. That wouldn't happen to me. With Molly by my side I would play better than ever.

The People

Confirming my call on the 2nd instant, I do assure you that the spots on the enamel of your cooker will not deteriorate. If they do during the next three years the Board would exchange them without charge.

Letter from Gas Board

PERFUME MAKER'S GUINEA-PIGS

Into the 'agony' column of *The Times*, Delavelle (GB) Ltd. inserted the following:

Because women buy perfume mainly for the benefit of men, ■ London perfumer is anxious to secure the services of six temporary bachelors to act as spare-time 'guinea pigs' for a new perfume still in process of development. Applicants must be prepared to visit laboratories. Only those living in the Home Counties need apply. Welsh, Scottish, or Irish background an advantage. At least two of the applicants should be over 35.

The first call came through at 8.03 a.m. on the morning of publication. By noon they had to close the list. Applicants had included Service officers, actors, tea brokers, playwrights, doctors, barristers, Civil Servants, bank managers and insurance brokers. On the following day calls were still coming in; they had totalled over ■ hundred.

Finally the prospective 'guinea pigs' were reduced to seven, who were invited to the firm's laboratory, shown round and given a sampling bottle of each of the three perfumes to take away and try. The bottles were merely labelled 'A', 'B' and 'C'. They were instructed to take them away, sample them, test them on their womenfolk and report opinions on ■ questionnaire form.

Why the sentence about Welsh, Scottish or Irish background? Delavelle were anxious to avoid getting applications only from those with a West End or Chelsea background.

The Manager

A subscriber on a New Forest exchange complained that his phone rang every time the lavatory chain was pulled. The complaint proved true, reports the G.P.O. magazine, and the chain reaction has now been put right.

Daily Express

Neighbours who ■■ seeing the blaze helped save the garage, about 10 ft from the house, notified ■ white rabbit inside it.

Lewiston (Idaho) Tribune
(*New Yorker* - 1961)

NO TRESPASSING

Violators will be Prosecuted to
the Fullest Extent of the Law
- SISTERS OF MERCY

Sign on tree

You too can know the confidence and comfort of ■ firm denture if you sprinkle your plate every morning with Dr Thompson's Powder. You can laugh, talk and enjoy your meals all day long. Forget your false teeth, start using Dr Thompson's TODAY.

Advert. in Daily paper

A heavy pall of lust covered the upper two thirds of Texas last night and was expected to drift south-east over the state by morning.

Yankton (S.D.) Press & Dakotan

To the Journal: On the evening of May 13, at about 7 o'clock, travelling north and giving off a roaring sound, my husband and I both saw clearly some silver coloured objects in the sky.

Letter in the *Milwaukee Journal*

Dear Mrs S—,

I do not think I can be of very much help to your publisher client, for a couple of reasons. Firstly the story about the spawning cod should be not written but told with much emotion and by me.

Secondly I have up to now not been able to get perfect pictures of the spawning couple in flagrancy on the depth which they spawn. However it is not difficult to keep a male mature cod alone in an aquarium so long that he gets mad. And it is very easy to give him some females as company. And it is also very easy to sit in a chair-with a flashlight and so to speak peep under the bushes.

But this is a holy act. The male cod is a perfect gentleman in every respect – all of them are! Men could learn much from the male cod. Girls are girls and wonderful.

I will however thank you for your confidence. And remember I have not said that I am unwilling.

Letter received by a
publisher's agent from a Norwegian

An agricultural study group in Michigan applying itself to find out which way pigs' tails curl, discovered that 50 per cent curl clockwise, $18\frac{2}{3}$ per cent counter-clockwise, and $31\frac{1}{3}$ per cent both ways.

From Useless Information by Paul Steiner

PROGRAMME

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| 3.0 | Hymns of Praise. Films |
| 3.45 | 'HUNGRY MEN' |
| 4.15 | Question Time |
| 4.30 | Tea and buns (1s. per person) |
| 6.0 | 'I was HUNGRY – SICK' |
| 6.45 | 'WHAT DO WE DO?' Open Forum |
| 7.45 | Prayers |

London Missionary Society Programme

The ushers were Messrs O. R. and C. W. Plant (uncles of the bride) and Mr E. Allinson (uncle of the bridegroom).

They were all attired in short dresses of pale blue figured organdie, with head-dresses of love-in-the-mist and carried posies of pink cornflowers.

Somerset Standard

During the morning I wandered round the lake taking photographs and while doing this fell in with Mr L. R. Singer, who was fishing. A discussion on tactics ensued.

Angler's News

A FARMER'S WIFE
IS BEST SHOT

Glasgow Evening Citizen

When pieces of bacon are exposed for sale the producer should be marked 'Imported Bacon'.

North London paper

The opening ceremony was attended by nearly 1,200 guests, who assembled in a huge packing and despatch bag for a reception and luncheon.

South Wales Echo

A tight hat can be stretched. First damp the head with steam from a boiling kettle. . . .

Scots paper

To the Managing Director,
Kelloggs of Great Britain Ltd,
Stretford, Manchester.

Dear Sir,

You may be interested to know that one of your plastic 'Atomic' submarines has been given a trial dive in the 100-ft Submarine Escape Training Tank at the Submarine Base, H.M.S. *Dolphin*, and that I am pleased to inform you that she reached a depth of no less than 42 ft, after a brief period of hovering returned to the surface. The whole dive which was completed in $8\frac{1}{2}$ mins. was orderly, well controlled and in good trim. A very spectacular and interesting performance and considering the achievement on a weight/depth basis I feel some sort of record has been set up.

Further trials will be carried out when I can acquire another submarine; unfortunately the small plastic plug of our model was lost overboard during the above trial.

Thank you for an amusing interlude.

Yours faithfully,
J. WHITTON, Lt.-Commander, R.N.
Reprinted in *New Scientist*

A Los Angeles court yesterday heard why 63-year-old Mrs Isabel Hernandez committed a technical assault on a busload of people.

The bus terminal is right outside her home and the passengers kept throwing their used tickets on to her lawn. One day Mrs Hernandez happened to be hosing her lawn when the bus rolled up.

Something snapped. Mrs H. boarded the bus and hosed down all the passengers. The case goes on.

Daily Express

FOR SALE, Twin beds: one hardly used.

Kentish Express

For those combining business and pleasure – an office and typist are available at moderate charge.

Hotel booklet

Working Single Lady wants digs, must have bath; urgently.

Advert. in *Sheffield Star*

A weakened Coventry side put up a bold display in London on Saturday before losing to Guy's Hospital, by nine pints.

Coventry Evening Telegraph

It is surprising how much music can be squeezed out of the average housewife.

Wigan Examiner

Be very careful about nakedness at a cocktail party. It is not really the place.

Sunday paper

Mr George Masters, aged 54, of Brighton, was trapped in a Denham telephone kiosk yesterday for thirty-five minutes.

Southend Postmaster, Mr J. L. Fryer, moves to Norwich in June to take up a similar position.

Evening News

WANTED, Zinc bath, for adult with strong bottom.

North Wales Advertiser

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JOSÈ DA CONCEIÇÃO GUERRA & IRMAO ELVAS

Notice at our clients

For to avoid the imitations of our produces, so appreciated in the markets of Portugal and foreign, should demand in all boxes the inscriptions with the medals and registered marks of our manufacture; because to have manufacturers which desire to imit our articles, inclusive announcing premium of expositions that never concur. Others try to use paper for the boxes registered by us in Portugal and foreign, without regard by our law of May 21 1896, ex:

1st Whit the penalty of prison one at six months, and in the payment of 10 \$000 at réis 500 \$000, or one of this penalties only.

Using fraudulently ■ registered mark.

Adultering or imiting ■ registered mark.

To sall with perfidiousness the articles with adulterate marks, imitate or fraudulently used.

2nd Whit the penalty of prison, 8 day to 3 months or the payment of 20 \$000 at réis 200 \$000:

Coping or imiting a drawing or commercial model deposited.

To sall with perfidiousness or to introduce in the country objects that the drawings or models was copied or imittated of others manufacturers.

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The document for where show the authentication of the recompense is the patent of the regist of recompense.

It is not permit to use recompense at which had not right.

3rd Whit the payment of 50 \$000 at 600 \$000 réis, to presenting drawings of mechanical mark or commercial, or references of recompense that had not right to use.

4th Whit the payment of 20 \$000 at 200 \$000 réis, to use in the sign of your establishment, in the front in the panes, stores, awnings, flags, paper of commerce, letters, prospectus, or superscription, any drawings, as mean copies of

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The A.A.C.S. Wives' Group will hold its regular monthly luncheon at the University Club on September 13 at 12.30. We are honoured to have Mrs Rater as our guest. For cancellations call Mrs Brewer, 46-3103.

Pacific Stars & Stripes

Hankies and bombs stay more sanitary when carried in a handbag that is dirt-free inside.

Pennsylvania paper

The — Woollen and Silk Shop will be delighted to supply prospective brides by post (add 1s. 6d. for postage, packing).

Vanity Fair

Many an old 'sweat' would call at the canteen on pay nights carrying with him an eight-pint bucket. This he would have filled with beer at twopence per pint and then retire to his barrack-room, carefully place the bucket at the side of his bed, undress and jump in.

Royal Air Force Review

The 205th Tank Battalion of the 27th Armoured Division started its third full day of training today at Camp Drum.

Troops were up for revelry at 5.30 a.m.

Troy Times Record

William P. MacKaye gave an illustrated lecture on 'The Romance of Coffee'. Tea was served by the hostesses.

Bangor (Maine) Daily News

medals or others designations of any form of recompense that had not right, united or no at the mechanical and commercial name.

Besides of the penalties which you contest or the contraventions are subject at the action for loss and damages, intended for the mechanical or merchant of analogous produces, with recompense, marks or registered names.

The reiterations are punished with the double of the penalty.

Leaflet issued by Portuguese merchants

1813 'I, Elizabeth Orby Hunter, of Upper Seymour Street, Widow, do give and bequeath to my beloved parrot, the faithful companion of twenty-five years, an annuity for its life of 200 guineas ■ year, to be paid half-yearly, as long as this beloved parrot lives, to whoever may have the care of it, and proves its identity; and if the person who shall or may have care of it, should substitute any other parrot in its place, either during its life or after its death, it is my positive will and desire that the person or persons so doing shall refund to my heirs or executors the sum or sums they may have received from the time they did so . . .'

Chambers's Book of Days

If you really want Service with ■ Smile, try the Marigold Self Service Café.

Manchester Evening News

The University of Witwatersrand claims the world 'bed-stacking' record from Oklahoma State College. Students packed eighty-three people on a 3-ft. dormitory bed during the weekend. It collapsed under its six-and-three-quarter-ton load.

Daily Express

After having given vent to this beautiful reflection, Mr Pickwick proceeded to put himself into his clothes; and his clothes into his portmanteau.

From *Pickwick Papers*, by Charles Dickens

LOST - silver watch, on long chain, elephant attached; good reward.

Wangamri Herald, New Zealand

For ■ moment he stood there looking into her eyes. Between them was a bowl of hyacinths.

A women's weekly

The bridesmaids' dresses were pretty combinations of blue and pink.

Glasgow paper

American laundries, too, make ours seem like amateurs. Shirts are returned beautifully ironed, each piece wrapped separately in a transparent envelope.

Sunday Pictorial

Eastern Pennsylvania, Eastern New York and Middle Atlantic States' temperatures will average 6 to 10 degrees above normal in the southern portion and 3 to 6 above normal in the northern portion, colder tonight and Elysburg R.D.1; Mrs Eva Lahr, warmer Sunday and colder Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Pennsylvania paper

Sunbeam 23·8 h.p., 1929 tourer. Will some kind soul come and take this horrible monstrosity away and give me £30. I hate the sight of it, for I have gazed on this ugly brute too long; nevertheless, it is a damn fine runner. Anything taken in part exchange, your old bassinets, gramophone records, or girl friends, etc.

Motor Sport

HEAD THROWER
urgently required

A permanent and well paid position for the right applicant.
COALPORT CHINA LTD.

Evening Sentinel, Stoke-on-Trent

1788. 'I, David Davis, of Clapham, Surrey, do give and bequeath to Mary Davis, daughter of Peter Delaport, the sum of 5s., which is sufficient to enable her to get drunk for the last time at my expense.'

1782. 'I, William Blackett, governor of Plymouth, desire that my body may be kept as long as it may not be offensive; and that one or more of my toes or fingers may be cut off, to secure a certainty of my being dead. I also make this request to my dear wife, that as she has been troubled with one old fool, she will not think of marrying a second.'

1781. 'I, John Aylett Stow, do direct my executors to lay out five guineas in the purchase of a picture of the Viper biting the benevolent hand of the person who saved him from perishing in the snow, if the same can be bought for that money; and that they do, in memory of me, present it to — Esq., a King's Counsel, whereby he may have frequent opportunities of contemplating on it, and . . . in lieu of a legacy of £3,000, which I had, by a former will, now revoked and burnt, left him.'

Chambers's Book of Days

Dean S. P. Swenson came through sensationally in his high school talk, packing as smartly-contrived a 10-minute speech into 20 minutes as this town has recently heard.

Nebraska paper

Nelson said he went through Scouting with former SC All-American football player Ralph Heywood. 'Camping, cooking our own foot, and performing other Scout activities are certainly not indicative of sissies,' he snorted.

University of Southern California *Daily Trojan*

Arriving in Le Havre June 18, they move to Paris to visit such famous places as the Latin Dame, Eiffel Tower, Arch of Tri-Quarter, Montparnasse, Notre umph and Montmartre.

Daily Utah Chronicle

Chairman Cannon of the appropriations committee said the outcome of World War III would be decided so fast the Army and Navy would not have time to get into the battle.

He told the House the outcome would be 'ZZJ'.

United Press News Dispatch

Mr Lunn hit the sidescreen of the car with his head, but luckily, as this was composed of celluloid, he was unhurt.

Essex paper

CHILD GETS MORE MILK WHEN COOKED
IN THE PORRIDGE

Canadian paper

Wanted Latin or Games Master.

Degree or interested 5-in.-gauge railway.

Advert in *Times Educational Supplement*

Figures frankly bewildered Dick Rutkowski. He simply could not count.

Arrested in Carson City, Nevada, for writing too many cheques, the police discovered he had one more wife than he was entitled to.

'Don't ask me how it happened,' he said. 'It was a terrible mistake. All I know is I woke up one morning and there she was – an extra wife.'

Daily Express

Out yesterday came ■ brand new telephone book with more than ■ million names in it – and a big disappointment for Mr Ricardo Zzyzz. For fifteen years he has been last name in the Los Angeles directory. Yesterday he lost the honour to ■ Mr Zzyzz Z. Zzyzz.

Daily Express

There's nothing as Scotch as authentic clan tartans woven in merrie England of finest long-stapled cotton from yon bonnie banks of the Nile.

Advert in *Look*, U.S.A.

For sale at £12: Accurate Aneroid Barometer;
owner too depressed to read it.

Reading Mercury

Prince Philip is to receive ■ protest from Mr Bob Hulme, 55-year-old past President of the National Association of Tripe Dressers, for using the word *tripe* for something worthless.

Daily Express

'... I knew then that what I had dreaded – that I would talk under torture – ~~was~~ a thing of the past. I knew that I was ~~a~~ MAN'.

The writer of that letter gets our first prize of six pairs of nylons.

Week-End Mail

The Chairman of the Urban District Council, with members and officers of the Council and their wives, attended morning service at St Michael's on Sunday, June 26.

The service was conducted by the Vicar who, ~~as~~ is usual on these occasions, looked at the Council and prayed for the town.

Church magazine

Don't risk infecting the baby with a dirty feeding-bottle teat. When the baby has finished its bottle drop it in a saucepan of water and boil it.

Women's magazine

Q. *What is the proper way to address the mayor of this city?*

A. Speaking to him: 'Mr Mayor'; on ~~an~~ envelope: 'His Honour the Mayor'; and the salutation in formal letters is 'Dear Sid'.

Philadelphia paper

Evangelist Billy Graham concludes the third week of his crusade tonight with ~~a~~ nationally televised talk. Last night's discussion of the difference between pride and humidity drew 15,500 people to the arena.

Virginia paper

MODERN CASES OF SWALLOWING BY WHALES

Case 1 - Whaling ship *Star of the East* off Falkland Islands, February 1891. Seaman James Bartley disappeared from whaleboat smashed up by large bull cachalot. Cachalot killed later and dismembered following day. Bartley found alive in its stomach. He was a gibbering maniac for two weeks but completely recovered later except for bleaching of exposed parts of the body due to cachalot's gastric juices.

Authority, Sir Francis Fox in *Sixty Three Years of Engineering*. (John Murray, London, 1924)

Case 2 - Marshall Jenkins, seaman in ■ U.S.A. whaler, swallowed under similar conditions to above but disgorged almost immediately, together with remains of cachalot's last meal (cuttlefish). Jenkins none the worse.

Authority, Sir John Bland-Sutton, British surgeon.

Radio Times

Will any person who witnessed the fall of a lady at approximately 11.45 p.m., August 5, in G.P.O., Notting Hill Gate, kindly telephone Park 0000.

Marylebone Mercury

In this picture George Middlebrook, a Caribbean shark fisherman, proudly displays his home-made false teeth, probably the only set like it in the world. They're made of shark teeth. He took a wax impression of his mouth, transferred the impression to wet sand, poured hot lead and inserted the shark teeth to make the unusual denture.

Mississippi paper

The University of Toledo's research department was asked by a doll whether ■ rubber and plastic stuffing compound for dolls, two years, several white rats must eat food with the compound chopped up in it. So far there have been no ill effects. Bed count of the nation's hospitals is more than 1,500,000.

New Rochelle Standard-Star

Apply the powder fairly thickly, pressing it on to your base and attending to the nose last.

Woman's Own

For Sale. Lovely Rosewood piano. Owner going abroad with beautiful twisted legs.

North Wales Advertiser

Mrs D. G. Jarvis of Spencer Road has just returned from a visit in Ohio to see her mother. Knows the facts of life now.

Glen Ridge (New Jersey) paper

PARKYNS - to the memory of Mr Parkyns, passed away September 10. Peace at last. From all the neighbours of Princes Avenue.

Leicester Mercury

Barmaids wanted, one experienced and one working Barmaid.

Advert. in Flintshire Observer

A perplexed motorist drove from Kent to Bethnal Green yesterday with a hidden passenger – and thousands of others trying to get a ‘lift’.

Hearing a buzzing noise soon after he started his journey he stopped. Finding nothing wrong, he carried on. The noise persisted, and at times he noticed in his mirror what appeared to be a cloud. Stopping again in a village, he was told he had a queen bee hidden somewhere in his car, and saw a swarm of bees hovering near by.

He drove on to Teesdale Street, Bethnal Green, where he went into a public house for a drink. Soon another customer hurried in to tell him that his car was covered by thousands of bees.

A now embarrassed motorist called the police, who called an apiarist – a company director who arrived with all his equipment in his chauffeur-driven limousine.

He quickly found the queen bee under the rear wheel arch and took her to his home with her thousands of followers in a large box.

Press Association

WOMAN OF 71 BANNED FROM WALKING RACE

A grandmother aged 71 was banned yesterday from a Yorkshire mining village's Bank Holiday walk because officials said she was a professional athlete.

Eastmid News Service

Sir, – I would like to offer another remedy for ‘clogged feet’ in dreams – with me it always succeeds.

Whenever I am overcome in this way I immediately unscrew my feet at the ankles, and hurry on without them. One must, however, remember that the left foot has a left-hand thread.

Yours faithfully,

H. R. F. KEATING, Dublin

Daily Telegraph

At the November PTA bake sale and card party, a cake was sold to someone in an oblong aluminium cake pan about two inches high with grooves for a cover.

Illinois paper

It was announced at this time that the final practice for the Children's Christmas programme will be held on Saturday afternoon between 2.00 and 3.00.

Ohio paper

Smooth and green and taut as a billiard-table I stepped on to the Centre Court last week. A first and last appearance.

Sunday paper

Police said that Williamson killed himself before keeping the appointment.

News Agency

For every licensed house in Birkenhead there are 667 people; in Liverpool 598. Bootle, however, has no fewer than 1,198 public houses per head of population.

Bootle Times

The other motorist involved declared that Mr H— smelled of drink. So did a policeman.

Daily Express

If money in wallet does not agree with Nett Wages AT ONCE inform Pay Office before breaking seal.

Notice on wages packet

PEA-SHOOTER THAT WON'T

John finds the 'ammo' is too big for the 1956 models

John Charlesworth has a problem – only one pea in twenty will fit his shiny new British-made pea-shooter. And yesterday the problem of the peas that are too big for their pea-shooters sparked off a short, sharp, happy-go-lucky industrial dispute.

The British 'Toy Makers' Association said it was the pea-growers' fault; the growers blamed the shooter firms.

Five-year-old John has lived for pea-shooters for several weeks now.

He has tried half a dozen different brands bought from shops around his New Malden home, and always the best, well-dried peas. Each time the problem of calibre crops up – the peas won't shoot.

Speaking for the pea-producers, Colonel Maurice Batchelor, chairman of a canning company, exploded yesterday. 'Of course peas have not grown any bigger!' he said. 'We go for quality, not size.'

Counterblast from the British 'Toy Makers' Association:

'Our pea-shooters are as fine in quality as they have ever been.

'However, we would be the first to agree to consultations at a national level between toy manufacturers and pea-growers to standardize dimensions.'

Daily Express

Sir, – People with ■ sense of humour do not write to ■ newspaper to argue about ■ sense of humour, except those people with a sense of humour who only write to a newspaper to point out that people with ■ sense of humour do not write to a newspaper to argue about ■ sense of humour.

Yours faithfully, HOWARD WYCE, SW10

The Times

The mate pushed his battered cap a few centimetres farther back on his head, and displayed a magnificent row of hard, white teeth.

John Bull

WOODMAN REQUIRED
Experienced all branches

Advert. in *Wilts & Glos. Standard*

'We come from villages where we have little children who swear like troopers, without knowing the meaning of what they are saying. Can we not do something about it ourselves by putting in a word here or there when the opportunity arises?' he asked.

Gloucestershire Echo

Why is it that the shareholders should be making honey when the world is so troubled?

Letter in daily paper

BIRTH. To Norah, wife of F. H. B—, a son. With effect from August 1.

Rangoon paper

The greatest objection to the schemes of both the Socialists and the Liberals was that they involved increases in the cost of loving.

Liverpool paper

WOMAN ON PHONE IS HARD TO STOP

ROANOKE, Virginia, November 29 (AP). Have phone, will talk. That seems to have been the view of ■ woman who set some kind of record by talking to the Roanoke Police Department for exactly seven hours and fifteen minutes Friday night and Saturday.

The police did not identify the lady by name. She called at 11.44 p.m. last night and reported a watch stolen. Once that complaint was disposed of she launched into a conversation which covered practically everything from home furnishings to politics. Busy police answered other calls but the lady kept right on talking.

The end came shortly after 7 a.m. She began to slur her words, then came what police described as ■ soft bump followed by snoring.

Georgia paper

Mrs Marion Beatrice Kellett, of Johannesburg, South Africa, who died last month, left the interest from \$3,930 for the care of seven lizards. As each lizard dies, the principal is to be paid over to Mrs Kellett's husband.

Mississippi paper

Sir, — How carefully do people read? The question arises out of ■ recent experience here. Not until a copy of a novel of high literary merit had reached its thirteenth reader was it noticed that a whole section of the book had been erroneously inserted and was, indeed, part of an entirely different book. It is all the more surprising in that, at the point where the wrong insertion is made, the last page of the correct book ended half-way through a sentence, and the first page of the wrong book began ■ new chapter. The characters and setting were also entirely different.

Yours faithfully, C. R. EDGELEY, Manager,
The Times Book Company Ltd, Wigmore St, W1

The Times

Take some eating pears, peel them, and cook them slowly standing in water flavoured with one vanilla pod.

Daily paper

'The defendant is a married man with a young family; otherwise he is well behaved,' said a police representative.

New Zealand paper

NUDIST NABBED

UNCLOTHED MAN, WHO ADMITS BRANDISHING PISTOL, IS CHARGED WITH CARRYING CONCEALED WEAPON

Providence Journal

It is a curious sight when the gardens are in bloom to watch dozens of artists squatting on their easels.

Australian paper

The parents of the bride include mahogany reproductions, colonial style, for the living- and dining-rooms.

Boston Herald

BLANK'S NERVE TONIC drives away nervy symptoms, gives power of brain and body. LEAVES BEHIND irritability, indigestion, rheumatism, neuralgia, hysteria, etc.

Advert. in a timetable

Guests at Mr Henry Allen's barbecues in the garden of his house at Milford, New Jersey, were upset by the sight of coffins being carried into the adjoining undertaker's premises. Mr Allen complained to the town council, which yesterday ordered the undertakers to erect ■ barrier of trees.

Daily Telegraph

For taking a bite out of a stranger's hamburger in Oklahoma City, Robert Popejoy, aged 18, was fined seven dollars. Said the judge: 'A man has the inherent right to enjoy peacefully ■ hamburger – especially at today's prices.'

Oklahoma paper

DALLAS, Texas, Thursday – Mrs Edward Lee Cowart investigated a noise in her hotel bedroom and found ■ car on her bed. The car had missed ■ turn in a skyscraper parking building next door, leaped a six-foot gap and crashed through the wall of the third-floor bedroom. No one was injured.

Evening News

WOMAN ARTIST LAY ON FLOOR TO PAINT DOGS UNDER SOFA

Headline in *Evening Standard*

WORK THIS OUT

A Chatham, New Zealand, islander who married his grandfather's second wife – becoming his own grandfather – has just become a father. The child's mother is also its great grandmother.

Daily paper

The regulations apply to all male persons between the ages of twenty-one and sixty, except those incapable of earning a support from being married or otherwise disabled.

Spartanburg Herald

In round numbers there are 100 tornadoes in the United States every year; 250 people kidded by them, and \$8,000,000 damage done to property.

Texas paper

Rex Parsons laid an egg on our table that had been laid on the nest by ■ little white leghorn hen that was 3 ins in length and $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins in circumference the smallest way.

Franklin Journal, Minnesota

Walking sedately before the bride, came her small nephew George Salter, carrying the ring and two little nieces of the groom.

Roswell (New Mexico) Dispatch

All dogs found on the U.S.G. farm not accompanied by their parents will be killed.

Kansas paper

The Rev. Bunts preached ■ very earnest discourse on the conversion of Lydia under the teaching of St Paul and then extended a cordial invitation to the unshaved to come forward.

People's Defender, Oregon

THE HAGUE, Monday – Two Dutch girls will try to prove in a court at The Hague this month that they were ‘exchanged’ at birth twenty-three years ago. The girls, now married, are suing each other’s parents – or their own alleged parents – for lawful recognition as their children.

The girls were born within five minutes of each other in hospital at Leyden on December 7, 1931. One girl was brought up as Lena Alberta van Duyn, daughter of ■ farm labourer, and christened in the Dutch Reformed Protestant faith. The other was named Aad by the van Vegten family, who had her baptized and brought up as ■ Catholic with their thirteen other children.

The girls met for the first time at a wedding this year. They were struck by ■ physical resemblance between themselves and the other’s family.

Evening Standard

PAYMASTERS NEVER FORGET

These letters, I am assured, have passed between Capt. X and the Army Paymaster.

Letter from Capt. X to Army Paymaster: ‘I observe that my promotion to the rank of Captain is shown in orders as taking effect from 19 May 944. I therefore request that my account may be credited with £63,875 as representing arrears of pay now due.’

Letter from Army Paymaster to Capt. X: ‘In reply to your letter, it is pointed out that since the date therein mentioned the Battle of Hastings has been fought, in the course of which a considerable deficiency of bows and arrows was brought to light.

‘Since you appear to be the sole survivor of this incident, your liability in respect of this deficiency, the replacement value of which is estimated at £63,875 6s. 8d., cannot be questioned. If therefore you will remit the sum of 6s. 8d. the matter can be dealt with *per contra* and may be considered closed.’

Peterborough in *Daily Telegraph*

FALSE CHARGE OF THEFT OF HENS
POLICE ON WILD GOOSE CHASE

Kent paper

The artificial sunlight business, I am told, is going very well. One of the advantages is that we can sit by the fire in the glare of our own son.

Essex paper

I am very pleased with the lot of seeds I got from you recently. Every one nearly came up.

Testimonial in seedsmen's catalogue

The 267-foot craft was christened by Mrs Manville as she slipped down the ways.

New York Herald Tribune

LADY CHEF requires post; will go on hot plate; reference.

Advert. in Yorks paper

In accordance with his usual custom an unknown benefactor walked into the cashier's office of the Church Army last week, handed over a cheque for £500 and left without waiting for thanks.

As great quantities of such parasites are about at this season, it may be useful to give a few hints as to how to exterminate them.

Western Daily Press

Mr Jones is wrong to suggest that I support the rich against the poor. To the Christian there is no class distinction – that idea was largely concocted by the working classes.

Letter in *Reynolds News*

Here are a few freak accidents related by the United States National Safety Council:

Two-year-old Margaret Morton lay asleep one night in her home in Connecticut. A Navy aeroplane ploughed into the bedroom, whisked a blanket off her bed and went through the opposite wall without injuring her. The pilot was only slightly injured.

Nine persons who were jammed into a motor car were injured when it struck the rear of a bus. The woman driver explained: 'I didn't see the bus in time because I was nursing my baby.'

A Texas man was eating breakfast in his home when a buzz-saw broke loose from a near-by mill, ripped into his dining-room and sliced his table in half.

Associated Press

When Mr D. Harker, a Sussex chimney sweep, bought a modern electric vacuum apparatus he decided the term 'sweep' was undignified. So now Mr Harker calls himself a 'flueo-graphist'.

Evening paper

DURBAN, Friday - Twenty-five young South Africans - several over 6 ft tall - have squeezed themselves into a telephone kiosk to claim a world 'squash' record. Then the telephone rang but none of the twenty-five could answer it.

However, the Durban men admit that the box they used was slightly higher than the regulation kiosk.

So it may be that their claim will not be recognized by the nineteen Hatfield Technical College students who on Wednesday squashed into a kiosk there to beat London University's figure of eighteen.

Sunday paper

With the period of flush production just ahead – when cows get out to munch green grass – there is the possibility that more silk will be produced than can be utilized.

Christian Science Monitor

WANTED, maid for mousework, four in family.

Canadian paper

Mr Edwards, father of the two brothers, said that it was a family dispute which had been going on for two years. He thought that the matter might be settled by concessions on each side.

Scots paper

Students in the Institute of Human Relations of Yale have learned that drivers of automobiles with passengers to whom they are related drive faster than drivers with passengers related to them.

Schenectady Gazette

For the Sheik the word compromise has no meaning. He answered his nephew in violet language.

Scots paper

Dr Chesters said that colour-blindness occurs most often in people of high intelligence. Only 1 per cent of women examined are found to be colour-blind.

Colorado paper

DÜSSELDORF, Saturday – A British circus worker reported here that an elephant snatched his passport from his pocket with its trunk and ate it. The British Consul-General issued the man with a new one.

Reuter

NAPLES, August 5. Lieutenant J. B. Barnes, a U.S. Navy jet pilot, has absent-mindedly made aviation history – he flew ■ secret jet fighter over the Bay of Naples while its wings were folded.

Lieutenant Barnes noticed the folded wings in mid-air when the aircraft failed to respond as it should. He had been practising folding and unfolding the wings of his aircraft just before take-off. Once airborne, he decided to stick with his machine.

He flew out over Naples Bay to avoid hitting the densely built-up city if he crashed, but managed to learn how to control the aircraft and brought it back to Naples Capodichino Airport for ■ perfect landing – Reuter.

Financial Times

Police who asked ■ legless negro beggar in Oklahoma City to establish his identity were led round the corner where his brand new car was waiting with his chauffeur.

News Agency

TEN FIREMEN TO RESCUE 32-STONE MAN

It took ten firemen an hour to remove Tom Smith, an invalid who weighs thirty-two stone, when his house in New York caught fire.

Window frames had to be taken out and a block and tackle was used to lower him to the ground, reports British United Press.

He died of heart failure shortly after reaching hospital.

Evening paper

On June 12 the dead man was raging round the neighbourhood searching for his wife and breathing threats against her.

Islington Gazette

Lovely bedroom, twin beds, bow window, hot and cold basin, single or double, excellent food; also young lady.

Advert. in *Edinburgh Evening News*

Congratulations to Mr Ralph L. Cobham on the girth of a son, who arrived on Wednesday.

Montevideo paper

BEWARE OF TRAINS
GOING BOTH WAYS
AT ONCE

Notice at Durham level crossing

A cup of good English tea, with a few biscuits, is frequently his only food at breakfast, and this after he has devoured all the morning newspapers at nine o'clock.

Bucks paper

A dense fox on Friday night did not promise well for hunting with the Essex Union.

Essex paper

Middle-aged gentleman desires to be a p.g. in a Peke kennel, willing to work.

Advert. in *Our Dogs*

After a reward had been posted a coloured man came forward to say he had seen a white youth carrying a naked woman down the alley Sunday evening. He had thought nothing of it at the time.

The News (New York)

INFATUATION WITH SOUND OF OWN WORDS
DEPARTMENT

(FINGER-WIGGLING DIVISION)

From 'The Red Box' by Rex Stout

Wolfe wiggled a finger at her	- page 29
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The New Yorker

FOREIGN LADY WITH PERAMBULATOR - Will the lady, married to an Englishman, who asked another foreign lady on Saturday July 22 about 10.30 a.m., to go into an Oxford St store and look for macintosh and blouse and return to her to look after baby, kindly communicate most urgently with Stilger, 241 Weedon Place, SW5.

Advert in *Daily Telegraph*

GOOD FARM MARE for sale, 10 years, quiet in all gears.

Provincial paper

I am going to advise you not to pay any attention to all the different advice you are being given.

Woman's Weekly

The priests who interpret church policy through endless research in the Vatican archives said flatly that Protestants and others outside Roman authority could enter heaven. They made this statement after reading carefully the news reports from Boston.

New York Herald Tribune

The prizes were presented by Mrs G— in pretty fancy bags, made by Mrs D—.

Report of Baby Show

Mrs W. K. Price greeted the guests at the door, and the receiving line was formed by J. Sam Hineon, Mrs J. J. Schuman, R. M. Blaze, Mrs W. G. Helms, Mr & related, the 10 laundries in Charlotte are participants in the special enterprise agree to wash and iron Mrs Spencer, their younger son John and daughter Anna.

Charlotte (North Carolina) Observer

CLEARANCE SALE
OF STAFF AND USED CARS

Dublin car firm's advert.

Sir, — Miss H. B. Pang's fervent affirmations in defence of monocles for women (September 16) reminds me of a dear lady friend of mine, who did her shopping carrying an eight-day timepiece with an engine whistle firmly attached to it.

When a reporter from ■ local newspaper asked her why she carried these accessories, she replied that they were very useful. At any time, she explained, someone might stop her in the street and ask her if she possessed an eight-day timepiece with a whistle attached — and she could always say 'Yes'.

B. PAXTON, Clayton, Manchester

Letter in Picture Post

WEIRD COLLECTION OF HARDWARE FOUND IN MAN'S STOMACH

TOBATA, Japan. (AP) — Passers-by found 52-year-old Goichi Kawakami lying in the street, doubled up with pain. At Kyoritsu hospital doctors decided his stomach was inflamed. They operated.

Inside they found: 1 piece of wire, 13 razor blades, 1 fountain-pen, 1 toothbrush, 1 pencil, 1 pair of chopsticks, 1 bone from an umbrella, 21 nails and 41 other items of hardware — all, it appeared, swallowed during the last six months.

Kawakami explained: 'I was told at ■ festival they would give me ■ big prize if I ate hardware.'

Mississippi paper

Decrepit (officially, having reached the advanced age of 60) schoolmaster, speaking four languages fluently, late Cambridge scholar, late Indian Civil Service, seeks post carrying salary approximating to, say, half the wages received by miner or docker. (Decrepit golf handicap 5.) Write Box B 1989.

The Times

Domestic Help wanted; 2 adults, boy at school; modern flat; own bedroom; centrally heated foreign girl not objected to.

Advert. in *Hendon & Finchley Times*

As it was wrapped in brown paper the crowd which had collected outside the workshop was unable to see what it was like.

Herts paper

Barrister, twenty years' standing, seeks suitable position - Write Box Z1084.

The Times

Urgently required, a kindly Christian to replace worn-out Persian Altar Carpet in tiny Episcopalian Highland Church. Write first to Box R.1623.

The Times

Among those scheduled to appear are Sonny Rollia, considered to be the top young tenor saxophonist in the country, who will appear with his trio, and Tony Scott, the clarinettist whose travels round the world on behalf of jazz once drew commendation from President Eisenhower who will appear with his quartet.

Publicity Release

Blizzard-like weather moved in from the south-west along about midnight last night, and those who sleep light said there were high gusts starting about midnight and reaching ■ peak around 2 o'clock this morning.

Monmouth (Illinois) Review Atlas

Whereas six gentlemen (all of the same honourable profession) having been more than ordinary put to it for a little pocket-money, did, on the 14th instant, in the evening, near Kentish town, borrow of two persons (in a coach) a certain sum of money without staying to give bond for repayment; And whereas fancy was taken to the hat, peruke, cravat, sword and cane of one of the creditors, which were all lent a freely as the money; these are, therefore, to desire the said six worthies, how fond soever they may be of the other loans, to un-fancy the cane again, and send it to Well's coffee-house in Scotland yard; it being too short for any sich proper gentlemen as they are to walk with, and too small for any of their important uses; and withal, only valuable a having been the gift of a friend.

Salisbury's *Flying Post*, October 27 1696

COMPTON, California, February 13 (UP) - A happy-go-lucky 'sewer rat' - apparently in search of adventure - backed his automobile seven miles out of a dark storm sewer, police said today.

Six weary police officers and county flood control men wormed their way along the muddy tunnel and followed the motorist's tracks to the place where the sewer narrowed. Officers said the tracks told the story of the unconventional trip and proved the car started back at the bottleneck.

Mississippi paper

SHAWNEE, Oklahoma, February 9 - A 19-year-old newspaper circulation worker wrote a note Thursday saying he was so curious about reincarnation he had to personally investigate it, and killed himself.

He left the note under the windshield wiper of the truck in which he killed himself with a borrowed .22 calibre rifle.

United Press

Arrangements for teas at the Church Bazaar were in the hands of Mrs C—, the daughter of the Archdeacon and a lady member of the congregation.

Kent paper

The film reviews in ■ lively and amusing manner the various ways in which ■ victim of food poisoning might have been infected.

Cheshire Public Health Dept. circular

R.A.F. 'At Home'. Opportunities to tell a pilot what to do with his machine will be afforded to members of the public.

Sevenoaks News

Mrs Watson ■■■ in court and every inch of space ■■■ occupied.

Cumberland paper

CROWDS WAITED FOR HOURS TO SEE THE ROYAL
COUPLE AND COUNTRY VISITORS DOUBLED THE
CITY'S POPULATION OVERNIGHT

Caption in illustrated paper

Mr and Mrs Jackson left for Paignton where the honeymoon is being spent amid a shower of confetti.

Dorset paper

The Company's Hobart branch held a jolly small At Home in the Mayor's reception-room of the Town Hall on Saturday morning.

Tasmanian paper

FIRE-EATERS, SWORD-SWALLOWERS, preferably with ecclesiastical experience required, May-June, Phone WELbeck 2331.

The Times

We must beware of
pickpockets

What did you say?

Look at those placards

You are right; there are
several placards saying:
beware of pickpockets
and card-sharpers

Who is that man?

That man is a pickpocket. It is
not the first time I have
been robbed.

What a rascal! What ■
scoundrel! What an arrant
knave! What ■ scamp!

He is ■ coward, ill-bred
fellow

Ui masst bi-uer ov
pik-poketss

Uot did iu sei?

Luk et douzz pla-kerdz

lu ar rait; der ar pla-
kardz sei-ing: bi-uer ov
pik-poketss ennd
kard-xarparz

Hu izz det menn?

Det menn is a pik-poket.
It izz not de farst taimm
ai hev binn robbd

Uot ■ rass-kal! Uot ■
skaunn-drel! Uot enn
er-rant neiv! Uot a
skemp!

He izz ■ kau-ard, il-bred
fellou

From an English phrase book for Portuguese students

NOTICE TO ALL EMPLOYEES

Some time between starting and quitting time, without infringing on lunch periods, coffee breaks, rest periods, story-telling, ticket-selling, holiday planning, and the re-hashing of yesterday's TV programmes, we ask that each employee try to find some time for a work break.

This may seem radical, but it might aid steady employment, assure regular pay checks - Spielman Chevrolet Company of New York.

Daily Express

The Vicar returns home after a moth's holiday. We look forward to seeing him much improved in every way.

Parish magazine

An amazingly gripping story of ten men lost in the dessert.

Review in Kentish paper

All claims for non-delivery must be made in writing to the carriers within twenty-eight days of delivery.

London firm's delivery note

Keep butter and milk cool by standing under an inverted flower-pot in a draught in a basin of water to which half a cup of vinegar has been added.

Evening paper

His father spent a lifetime in the same occupation, so it might be said that Mr Longbottom was born, not with a silver spoon in his mouth, but with a cobbler's last.

Bradford Telegraph & Argus

The natural difficulties of building a railway through virgin forest are not made easier by the presence of lions that eat the workmen.

Subtitle in *Everybody's*

Please give me instructions for stripping down and painting where wings have been scratched.

Yorkshire paper

The Chairman told Middlesex executive committee of the Health Service, yesterday, that a set of false teeth was found stuck in a meringue behind a tree at Buckingham Palace after a garden party.

Daily Express

COST OF DYING

The United States Bureau of Labour Statistics announced today that from next year the cost of dying would be included among figures used to calculate the cost of living. Mr Arnold Chase, an assistant commissioner in the bureau, said today that in January funeral costs would be added to food, rent, clothing and other regular statistical items used in the bureau's consumer price index.

The Times

A woman who had a passport picture taken in a 'While-you-wait' photographer's in the West End was told to call back next day for the print.

She said she wanted to wait for it. The reply was: 'We only take the photograph while you wait.'

Evening Standard

Life is certainly becoming more difficult. Even the hypochondriac can have little pleasure in his illness, for with the enormous increase in remedies there is the constant anxiety lest a cure be found for his particular complaint.

Letter in *British Medical Journal*

Mrs Swanney has very kindly presented an easel to hold the blackboard in the Church Hall. Not long ago she presented a cupboard to hold the china. We are very grateful to Mrs Swanney. A new piano is badly wanted in the hall . . .

Nelson Church Gazette

The crippled ship ran out of fuel nine days ago and the all-British crew had to pump all day and night and burn waste wood to provide hot meals for themselves and a woman passenger. She was towed stern first on the last stage of her journey.

Northampton Chronicle & Echo

The other woman was placed on probation in 1960 for stealing St Paul's Churchyard, since then she had lived a respectable life.

South London paper

Another disaster quickly followed – Allen, after scoring the next three runs, was bowled by A. Yorker on the leg stump.

Cork paper

More precious even than these successes were the letters written to me by the Principals of the Colleges. One commented on the extraordinary allroundness of the girls.

Girls' school magazine

PLEASE HELP
OUR NURSES HOME

Hospital poster

COMBINATION high chair and outboard motor. Call after 5 p.m.

Glens Falls Post-Star

Sir, — Mr Victor Constad's letter of September 30 is of particular interest to me, in view of a personal experience some years before the war. I had parked my sports car in Croydon, and on emerging from a shop where I had been making a certain purchase I found a crowd surrounding the vehicle. Apparently a small boy on a bicycle, pedalling head down over the handlebars, had ridden straight into the radiator. His injuries were luckily only superficial but certainly spectacular.

The point of interest is that, on the arrival of a policeman, two members of the crowd were prepared to swear that I had actually hit the boy while driving. Fortunately for me the shopkeeper and a number of other witnesses were able to establish the true circumstances. I do however feel that this bears out your correspondent's point.

Yours sincerely, W. D. PHILLIPS, Cheltenham

The Times

Sir, — The warning to all motorists — around the corner you are going to meet another damn fool — is particularly true to my uncle, who took ■ corner at fifty miles an hour on the wrong side of the road and was passed by another car doing exactly the same thing in the other direction. Without speaking a word the men got out of their cars, shook hands, and drove away.

John Rae, Hallam St, W1

The Times

GEORGE ANTHONY MARTIN, of Salisbury, Rhodesia, who owed ■ firm £9 3s. 4d., answered the firm's advertisement which offered £3 3s. reward for his address. Martin won case in the magistrate's court and the reward ~~was~~ deducted from his debt.

Daily Express

She wore a black dress with a white front and she wrinkled up her face in ■ mischievous smile as her daughter pinned a rose on it so she would look nice for the picture.

Canadian paper

Mr and Mrs Vera Boyd of Hart Road are the proud parents of a son born to Mr and Mrs Woodrow Boyd of Shereville.

Hammond (Indiana) Times

While a nurse was bathing off the coast of Scotland she was caught by the tide and, keeping her presence of mind, floated five miles to the Isle of Wight coast, where she swam ashore.

American paper

The native inhabitants produce all manner of curios, the great majority of which appear to command a ready sale among the visitors, crude and commonplace as these frequently are.

Bulawayo Chronicle

On Sunday the Rector officiated and preached his farewell sermon. The choir rendered the anthem: 'O Clap your Hands Together.'

Dorset paper

Miss Tompkins is again the honorary conductor, and so long as this popular and talented lady holds the reins of the Choral Society there need be no fear of success, either of the Society or any concert that may be contemplated.

Lincolnshire paper

I am an Indian, aged 19, and I'm in love with a 15-year-old Eurasian schoolgirl. I fell in love with her when she was 13, but I was forced to 'break off' with her recently. The reasons for this are (1) She does not seem to care for me of late; (2) She has started to mix up with a set of bad girls; (3) She thinks she can boss everybody. Also I have a suspicion that she thinks I love someone else. Have I done right by breaking away from her? What shall I do?

UNCLE JOE'S REPLY: I am getting rather 'fed up' with people who keep on writing on both sides of the paper, as you have done. The next time anybody does this, I'm going to throw his letter into the waste-paper basket and say nothing.

Singapore Free Press

WANTED, BEARDED MAN age 25-35. Must be (1) willing to shave and re-grow beard frequently, (2) available in London, and (3) have brown or dark hair. Substantial remuneration for successful candidate. Send letter and photograph (snapshot size, returnable) to Box Z 1634.

The Times

I boast of being the only man in London who has been bombed off a lavatory seat while reading Jane Austen. She went into the bath; I went through the door.

'Critic' in *New Statesman*, 1940

It was insulting of 20-year-old Laurence Mason to pull a police dog's tail, decided the Clerkenwell magistrate, Mr T. F. Davis, yesterday. Mason, of Church St, Kentish Town, was fined £2. Police said the dog was 'rather upset'.

Daily Express

Sow seeds now in moderately fertile soil which has been lightly limed. If birds or mice are troublesome in your garden, guard against them by shaking them in a paper bag with some red lead.

Marlborough Express (N.Z.)

Clara Collins of Cave Creek told deputies today that her dog chased a prowler out of her yard last night. She said he fired two shots at the fleeing suspect.

Scottsdale Progress

Played at Timberscombe on Saturday on ■ real glue-pot type of wicket, making scoring very difficult. The home side winning the toss decided to bath first.

Somerset paper

A man named A. K. Cassim of Bobalapitya was charged before the Colombo South Magistrate with having used criminal force against ■ woman at the Vel Festival by pulling her leg.

Ceylon Daily Mail

The Minister's wife told members of Y.W.C.A. committees in Liverpool: 'Ninety per cent of the mistresses on Y.W.C.A. hostel beds are not fit to sleep on. They are lumpy and uncomfortable.'

Malay Tribune

CAESARIAN OPERATION ON A BABY

A remarkable surgical achievement in the form of a Caesarian operation upon ■ baby girl now aged six weeks old was revealed yesterday.

The baby at the age of two was taken to the Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital by her mother, who desired advice respecting the child's greatly enlarged abdomen. An X-ray examination revealed the cause to be another child in a five-months stage of development. A search of British medical records revealed only two similar cases, the most recent being in 1814.

After a staff conference, and with the parents' consent, the operation was successfully performed. The semi-developed baby, which weighed 2 lb., was removed but was incapable of a separate existence. The first baby has now been discharged in good health and in ■ perfectly normal condition.

The Times

TEN GENTLEMEN, agile, athletic, 18 stone, of good education and low centre of gravity, required for important one-day consumer research test involving garden exercises, non-strenuous and non-digging – For details telephone Mr Skinner, Welbeck 7431.

The Times

'It took 200,000 years for the world's human population to reach 2,500 million, it will now take ■ mere 30 years to add another 2,000 million. With the present rate of increase, it can be calculated that in 600 years the number of human beings on Earth will be such that there will be only one square metre for each to live on. It goes without saying that this can never take place, something will happen to prevent it.'

United Nations report.

Mrs Florence J — has cheerfully passed the fifty mark. She is a large countrywoman, flower print frock, hat decorated with straw apples, pearls, several Victorian cameos and four canvas shopping bags.

Daily Mail

When numerous small articles are to be washed, put them in a discarded nylon stocking and then place the articles in a washing machine. This way it is easier to fold in two egg whites beaten still and sweetened with one-fourth cup sugar. This serves six.

Massachusetts paper

MAGNATE USED TO REMOVE NAIL IN STOMACH

Los Angeles Times

And yet in France, the homeland of 'l'Amour', many young men must find it less convenient to dally in the undergrowth sitting in a car with their right arm around the girl's waist, having to rely on their left for the appropriate gestures to explain their intentions.

Kent paper

A 30-ton house will be dropped tomorrow on the ferryman on the remote island of Easdale, off the Argyllshire coast, who takes passengers the 500 yards to the mainland near Oban.

Daily Mail

I've had a letter from Mrs Smith, Chalfont St Giles, Bucks. She says:

Dusting my husband's dressing-table top this morning, I suddenly decided to make a list of the things on it. Here is the list. Two collar bones, one cork, talc powder, one golf ball, one lipstick, several badges, six loose studs, one bottle cleaning fluid (empty), one aspirin bottle (empty), one stud-box - full, but of everything except studs, four half-empty medicine bottles, one shoehorn, one box evening studs, two old visiting cards, one ashtray with over fifty assorted pins, etc., scissors, golf tees, indiarubber, cigar-cutter, small brush, matches, penknife, ashtray containing remains of cat's morning milk, Irish money, French money, ashtray containing screws, buttons and cigarette stubs, box of pills, more matches, razor, shaving lotion, photo of grandsons, mixing instructions for waterproof cement, clothes brush, two more ashtrays, bottle for collecting sixpences, wine list, two early morning tea mugs, miscellaneous papers, unused petrol coupons, and a tin of sticking plaster.

B.B.C. *Today*, July 19 1961

Caution to our readers and the general public

A disreputable looking Individual, describing himself as a journalist, has lately been visiting shops where *Esmé's Journal* is on sale, and attempting to obtain copies free.

He is a man of about 64 years of age, with a white beard, and has the appearance of a person habitually addicted to hard drinking. He is usually attired in a snuff-coloured coat, grey trousers, a battered silk hat, carpet slippers, and carries one or two sticks, one of which has a silver top.

N.B. When on the point of going to press, information reached us to the effect that the above described Individual bought copies of this Journal, in order to sell them at double the published price, viz. at one Penny per copy, thus realizing an *illegal profit*. He has, moreover, been *selling* copies of No. 1 which we distribute free. We have informed the Police of these proceedings.

Esmé's Journal, No. 3, July-August, 1887

It was perhaps the barest inn I had ever chanced upon. I had the parlour all to myself, and sat for ■ long time munching at the plain deal table.

Norfolk paper

Even as she spoke, ■ touch of the hysteria that has been the cause of all the trouble recurred, and her ears filled with tears till they looked like rain-drenched gentians.

Story in weekly paper

On 28th inst. to Mr and Mrs Arthur French, a bony daughter.

South African paper

It is clear that the roads along which Australia and New Zealand are travelling are not only parallel but converge in ■ marked fashion.

Australian paper

Without ■ word Esther slid to the floor with ■ bullet through her false heart.

Magazine story

A former Army pilot and his 27-year-old wife beat the stork at his own game today. Harold J. Bunker Jr. flew his wife fourteen miles from home to New London Hospital, where Mr Bunker gave birth to their first child, ■ seven-pound boy.

Winsted (Connecticut) Evening Citizen

Regarding matter of escaping penalty for non-delivery of the Bar Machine there is only a way to creep round same by diplomat and we must make ■ statement of strike occur our factory (of course big untrue). Please address my firm on enclosed form of letter and believe this will avoid penalty of case. As Mr B. is more religious and competent man and also heavily upright and dogly it fears me that useless apply for his signature. Please attach same by Yokohama Office making forge but no cause for fear of prison happening as this is often operated by other merchants of highest integrity.

It is highest unfortunate Mr B. so godlike and excessive awkward for business purpose. I think much better add little serpentlike wisdom to upright manhood and thus found a good business edifice.

Letter received by ■ London firm from an
oriental correspondent

IT'S ALL SO STUPID, SAYS PUZZLED BILL

Bill Foyle found out the official distinction between lions and love-birds when he took over ■ 16-acre derelict farm at Crayshill, Billericay, Essex. He cleared away buildings along the front, then applied to Basildon council for permission to build stables and ■ den for his five-year-old pet lioness, Lena.

Consent for the stables was given. But, said the council, planning permission was not needed for the lion's den as the animal was classified as a pet. So, taking this for his cue, Mr Foyle also put up a £300 aviary for his other pets – doves, budgerigars, peacocks, and pheasants.

Now Mr Foyle has been ordered by the council to demolish the aviary within seven days – because it was built without planning permission. 'I shall appeal against the decision, but I have no intention of pulling the aviary down. If they push this issue I shall just move the birds out, buy another lion and put it in the aviary. Then I shall be all right.'

Daily Express

Dr Garside said that after the accident Williams did several of the tests quite well. Williams told him he had been to a very good dinner and had a good deal to drink at it. He was certain that his car had touched nothing.

Bristol Evening Post

Seats — see under Members.

Index to Hansard

A member of the Town Council states that some of the teachers have taught the children that it is contrary to the laws of science that when Moses struck the rock water could have been swallowed by a whale because he could not have passed down its throat.

South Wales paper

Sports leather coat for lady in perfect condition.

Nippon Times

Mix thoroughly and make sure that the mixture is fairly stiff. It is best to take off the cloth before eating it.

Cookery column in illustrated paper

J. E—, the popular county cricketer, who is ever the hero when he plays for the county team, is here seen with his this week's bride coming out of St James's Church.

Picture caption in Midlands paper

WOMAN WANTED, to share Fat with another.

Berkshire paper

£1,990. Long 33 yrs lse. G.R. only £6 10s. Tory Senior Bank Official & former girl fencing champion of Ireland forced sacrifice vile little PUTNEY Victorian villa. The river can be seen from the decrepit balcony. 5 dilapidated rms, kitchen, sep scullery, a bathrm which has the air of not having been used for decades & ■ large framed portrait of Queen Alexandra. Flags bravely flower in tiny back garden. The brick air-raid shelter is about the only decent modern construction around the place. View Sun: Uplands 0424.

E. H. Brooks & Son Advert

Following apologies for absence, the Hon. Sec. read a telegram from the late Miss M. It was agreed that a telegram from the meeting should be sent to Miss M. conveying affectionate thoughts and best wishes. This was done at once.

Local magazine

Unfortunately present-day conditions make it impossible for us to operate such a scheme, which would entail a large staff of competent 'GAS SERVICE ENGINEERS'. We are, however, preparing for the World to come.

Extract from Gas Company's letter

THEIR CALL SIGN GOT THE BIRD

When the men working in ■ shop in Barrack-row, Gravesend, wanted a cup of coffee they used to whistle to a near-by café. But one day unordered cups of coffee began to arrive by the trayful. The people at the café said the men had whistled; the men said they had not.

The mystery was solved when it was found that the pet at the public house next to the shop, an Indian mynah bird, had got the whistle imitated exactly.

Now the men are seeking a new signal.

Evening Standard

SAVE TROUBLE AND TIREDNESS
Put the baby in a D— Baby Cart which
folds up flat in a second and can be carried
as easily as an attaché case.

Advert. in Kent paper

Miss Jennings has been specially engaged for the Festival and cannot be in London again before June 9 — all of which is highly satisfactory.

Surrey paper

The Ladies' Benevolent Association held its regular monthly meeting on Monday evening. Mr Watts made a motion that he would take care of any ladies present who wished to discard any clothing.

North Spur (California) Sentinel

Forty-two members of the British House of Commons constituted the British group, but a number of them were accompanied by their wives, and thus the party was something over 100.

New Zealand paper

A beauty contest such as was held last year will be a feature of the celebration this year, the only difference being that the contestants will dispense with bathing suits.

Logan (Ohio) Republican

Mrs Clyde Thomas of Pemberton fell downstairs at her home this morning breaking her myhodududududududuosy and suffered painful injuries.

Ohio paper

In an ancient volume of Browning's poems at the Donnell Library Center, on West Fifty-third Street, one of our correspondents came upon a memorandum that made his heart, and ours, go out to a lady neither of us is likely to meet – a memorandum that was, in full as follows:

LONG-RANGE GOALS:

1. *Health – more leisure.*
2. *Money.*
3. *Write book (play?) – fame||||??*
4. *Visit India.*

IMMEDIATE:

Pick up pattern at Hilda's.
Change faucets – call plumber (who?)
Try yoghurt??

The New Yorker

Commander Edmund G. P—, R.N. and Mrs Edmund G. P—, of 157 Oakwood Court, send their best wishes to their friends and relations. Commander E. G. P— is still an invalid owing to his terrible accident in July. Mrs Edmund G. P— is unable to write or receive visitors yet; she is recovering very slowly from her long and serious illnesses, appendicitis, malaria, etc. etc.

The Times

Four men were employed at ■ factory at Gravesend last week, and when asked to sign the pay-sheets, they did so in the following order:

Smiles
 Pain
 Grief
 Cramp

The manager thought they were joking but discovered they were their real surnames.

The Star

Fire broke out on the prairie near the C.P.R. viaduct on Monday evening but the blaze was extinguished before damage could be done by the local fire brigade.

Canadian paper

CUSTOMERS SHOULD NOTE THAT ANY COMPLAINTS OF INCIVILITY ON THE PART OF ANY MEMBER OF OUR STAFF WILL BE SEVERELY DEALT WITH.

Notice in shop

Mr Campbell, who was on the boat deck, jumped to the rails and threw a lifeboat to the drowning man.

Scots paper

£1,000 at death if within five years, with the option of continuing thereafter.

Insurance Company's leaflet

Major Thompson said children should get into the habit of listening to the way they were touching the piano. They could not play if they were tight.

Newcastle paper

The College succeeded in turning the tables on their opponents in the subsequent table tennis tournament.

Welsh paper

Lanspance Montecchi, ■ 22-year-old Italian accused of crashing his car, causing £1,000 worth of damage, explained in court yesterday at St Helier, Jersey, that he had drunk a lot of English tea, which sent him to sleep while he was at the wheel. He was fined £10 for careless driving.

Daily Express

*Federal Rules Decision, Grau v. Procter & Gamble Co.,
United States District Court, M.D. Alabama N.D.*

On January 8 1963, the official court reporter for this district filed with the Clerk of this Court a certified transcript of the proceedings in this case. Subsequent to the filing of the original certified transcript by the court reporter, the defendants, now the appellees, asked this Court to strike and eliminate certain portions thereof. The exact portions of the record which this Court is asked to strike are as follows:

Page 24: 'Mr Garrett: Ha, ha, ha, ha.'

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'Mr Garrett: Ha, ha, ha, ha.'

Page 42: 'Q (Mr Garrett): Ha, ha, ha, ha ■ * ■

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'Q (Mr Garrett): Ha, ha, ha.'

Page 74: 'Q (Mr. Garrett): Ha, ha.'

Page 82: 'Mr Garrett: Ha, ha, ha.'

Page 105: 'Mr Garrett: Ha, ha, ha, ha.'

'Juror: Ha, ha, ha.'

In asking this Court to edit the record and strike the above portions, the appellees state 'that although Mr Garrett and the juror may have made some sound at such times, that it was an inadvertent mannerism, such as ■ person coughing, clearing his throat or otherwise inadvertently making ■ sound'. The appellees contend that the inclusion of the above portions of the proceeding merely serve to clutter unduly the record on appeal in this case. The plaintiff, now the appellant, formally objects to altering or changing the official transcript.

The New Yorker

He saw the animal was going to attack him. The bull began running and threw Walters on a large stone. He crawled under the fence and escaped being bored.

Oregon paper

To assist in making the season of eegood chr mor widsprad in its ffete, th Brooklyn Union Gas Companye is arranging to pay th wags r salaery of aech of its 5,000 mployes bfore Chrostmase. Th company has mad no rduction in ewages or salaries. Whras som rduction in th forc could b mad at this tim, it has sn fit to continu certain activities so as to provide continued emplyment for as amny as possible.

Brooklyn Standard Union

She was married in Evansville, Indiana, to Walter Jackson, and to this union was born three children.

Ohio paper

From this day I will not be responsible for any deaths contracted by my wife.

Colorado paper.

Dumbartonshire. FOR SALE, Finely situated residence, containing specious hall.

Scots paper

A TASTY MEAL OF GLASS, RAZOR BLADES, SALT AND PEPPER

In the library of the Psychical Research Society's headquarters in London's Tavistock Square a Harley Street physician and ■■ investigating group last fortnight watched Arthur Haylock smash an electric light bulb, sprinkle it with pepper and salt, and eat it.

Sixty-four-year-old Dr William Nunan, who for twenty years has studied the tricks of fakirs in India, was astonished.

Throughout his performance Haylock was bombarded with questions from Dr Nunan and psychical investigators.

Could he swallow large objects? No; he had to chew up everything he ate. He demonstrated by munching half a dozen razor blades into small pieces. Dr Nunan shone his torch into Arthur's mouth.

'All gone except one small piece,' reported the doctor.

Why did he use salt and pepper? He found it made swallowing easier.

What other things had he eaten?

Once a man had brought an old fairy-cycle into the garage where he worked and said, 'Eat that.' Haylock cut it up with a hacksaw, said he finished eating the last sprocket five days later.

How did he find out that he could eat all these things? As ■ boy of 15 he swallowed ■ lens from a pair of spectacles. When doctors at the hospital refused to believe him he swallowed the other one. When they were X-raying him he ate the lead 'left' and 'right' indicators from the bottom of ■ photographic plate, plus the small change in his pocket.

He toured the music-halls and fun-fairs for ten years, eating almost everything offered to him. He sometimes ate fifteen gramophone records and 200 razor blades in ■ day.

He was making up to 50 guineas a week, and at one time worked for Bertram Mills. Doing two shows ■ day, he lost his appetite for ordinary food, although at other times he eats like anyone else. He now has an 'emergency' pantry, stocked with 2,000 worn-out electric light bulbs, and ■ sort of leaning tower of Pisa of old gramophone records.

News Review

To make a piece of boiled bacon really delicious, add to the water a teaspoonful of vinegar, a small bit of nutmeg, and a couple of gloves.

Woman's magazine

Connie drew from her basket the vacuum flask, full of scalding hot tea, tomato sandwiches, and hardboiled eggs.

Story in weekly paper

That boy was J. Rudyard Kipling, dressed in a white drill suit, his tropical coat buttoning at the throat. A large sun helmet that descended to his ears and almost eclipsed his little face hung on the hook behind the door.

Sunday paper

Unfortunately Mr Kitchener fell heavily and injured his right shoulder. The sympathy of us all went out to him, for he was obliged to call in Dr John T—.

Parish magazine

When telephone directors become obsolete they are sold to waste-paper companies for conversion into pulp. They are torn in two lengthwise, then chopped into small bits in a powerful machine.

Boston Traveller

Eight persons at Lunita, near Lake Charles, were bitten by a dog, believed to have been suffering from rabies.

Louisiana paper

A SHOWER OF SAND-EELS

'About 3 o'clock on the afternoon of Saturday, August 24 last, the allotment-holders of ■ small area in Hendon, ■ southern suburb of Sunderland, were sheltering in their sheds during a heavy thunder-shower, when they observed that small fish were being rained to the ground. The fish were precipitated on three adjoining roads and on the allotment gardens enclosed by the roads; the rain swept them from the roads into the gutters and from the roofs of the sheds into the spouts.

'The phenomenon was recorded in the local newspapers, the fish being described as "sile". I was away at the time, but, seeing the account, I wrote to Dr Harrison, and thanks to him, and especially to Mr H. S. Wallace, I obtained ■ sample of the fish, and I was able yesterday (September 5) to visit the place in the company of the latter gentleman.

'From those who saw the occurrence we derived full information, which left no doubt ■ to the genuineness of what had been stated, and this we were able to put to the test, for a further sample was obtained from ■ rain-barrel which could have got its supply only from the spout of the shed to which it was connected. The precipitation of the fish, we were told, lasted about ten minutes, and the ■■■■ involved Commercial Road, Canon Cocker Street, the portion of Ashley Street lying between these streets, and the adjoining gardens. The area measured approximately 60 yds by 30 yds, and was thus ■bout one-third of an acre. It is not easy to say how many fish fell, but from the accounts it may be gathered they were numerous; there were apparently several hundreds.

'There can be no question, therefore, that at the time stated a large number of small fish were showered over about one-third of an acre during a heavy rain accompanied by thunder; we were informed that no lightning was observed, and that the wind was variable. . . .

'The place where the sand-eels in question were deposited lies about one-quarter of a mile from the seashore, but it is probably that the minimum distance of transport was at least half a mile.

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Notice is hereby given that after this date owners of any fowls on land tenanted by Mr Roger Manning, Hill Farm, will be destroyed.

Provincial paper

NEWARK MAN GETS BROKEN NOSE IN REAR END CRASH

New Jersey paper

LOST - vicinity Milton-Cameron roads, brownish black cat; light inside tail tip.

Advert. in local paper

I wonder why the average woman prefers to go about with expressionless eyes and no glasses, rather than look serene, resting peacefully on her nose.

Scottish paper

ADMIRAL IN WEST END STUDIO FIRE
60 GIRLS RUN TO SAFETY

South London paper

Q. I am **one** of the many who have a flat bust. In a recent article you suggested the use of dumb-bells but you did not tell us what weight to use.

Washington Post

'The only explanation which appears to satisfy the conditions, therefore, is that a shoal of sand-eels was drawn up by ■ waterspout which formed in the bay to the south-east of Sunderland, and was carried by an easterly breeze to Hendon, where the fish were released and deposited. It is significant that the area of deposition was so restricted, and that no other area was affected. The origin and the deposition were therefore local.'

Nature, September 19 1918

It was ■ desperate moment for 65-year-old competition bell-ringer Charles P—. His braces let him down. For 10 minutes in the old church at C—, Devon, he went on ringing in his underpants – and his team won. Said a colleague: 'We're very proud of him, but it was hard to stop laughing.'

Daily Express

INSTANT WATER, said the advertising display sign ■ grocer James Crimmins's shop.

He went further. This water, he said, is splendid for outdoor cooking and is 'the best way to make coffee – particularly instant coffee'.

Sure enough, five people bought the water at 85 cents (6s.) a quart. And now grocer Crimmins, of Trumansburg, New York, confesses he did it for ■ laugh – and says they can have their money back.

Daily Express

WANTED – Young man would like to meet young lady with 2 boxes of 12-gauge shotgun shells. Object matrimony. Write M. M. in care of this office.

Wisconsin paper

The bride wore ■ wide-brimmed picture hat in beige relieved with glue.

New Zealand paper

THIS PRODUCTION COMES STRAIGHT FROM
MONTE CARLO
WHERE NOTHING SECOND-RATE IS TOLERATED

Theatre bill

He tore open the dispatch and read it. He nodded, sighed, and as a cloud crossed his brow, he scribbled some comment on its margin for the attention of his private secretary.

From ■ novel

A bottle shortage forced glassworks in Southern Pennsylvania and West Virginia to put on night shirts.

New York paper

When Cunard liner *Britannic* called at Cork, most of the 260 passengers who disembarked today were trunkless.

Evening News

Later in the day the bride and bridegroom left for the honeymoon, the latter wearing a gown of old blue taffetas and beige-coloured soft satin.

Daily Mirror

STERILITY MAY BE INHERITED

Headline in *Pacific Rural Press*

In Chicago is a man who has the police department upset because he pawns money. There's nothing illegal about that, so the cops charged him with 'disorderly conduct' and held him while they tried to find out what he was up to, as if it were any of their business.

The man is Joseph K. Johnson, a butcher, and he has pawned between \$750 and \$1,000 in fifteen pawnshops in the last three years. It costs him 3 per cent every time he moves money from one pawnshop to another, but if he doesn't mind why should the police?

Judge Emmett Morrisay dismissed the case, saying, 'There's something in the wind here, and I can't smell it.'

Pittsburgh Post Gazette, as reported in *Doubt*

Many years ago, a party of fishermen from a village in the neighbourhood of San Jago, in the Havannah, was driven by a storm to take shelter in a cave in the Bay of Nipea in that island. On searching the cave, they discovered the corpse of a young nun and ten or twelve bodies of sailors and monks in a perfect state of preservation, having been petrified by the waters of some springs which ran through the cave.

Notes & Queries, 1864

An elderly German decided to commit suicide, took a lot of sleeping pills, tied a briefcase full of stones around his neck, rowed out to the middle of the Rhine – and was found sound asleep in his boat.

Buffalo News

Wanted: 1948 Registered Norton Side-valve, p.m.o., in exchange for Sow due to farrow.

Belfast Telegraph, quoted in *Picture Post*

More than 5,000 pipes will be built into ■ giant organ ordered for the St Louis Cathedral. The largest will be 30 ft long, the smallest about the size of ■ lead section of the building which had no entrance or exit, indicating that the cat was imprisoned when the building was put up in 1886.

Connecticut paper

Most of the dancers were under the influence of drink, and one ■■■ was squirting soda-water from a symptom on people in a corner of the room.

Sunday paper

GIRLS READY TO WEAR CLOTHING

Notice in General Store

Those who have not heard the Duchess speak ■■■ always captivated by the beauty of her voice.

Scots paper

The local ladies, who were on duty in the church and elsewhere, were by no means ornamental additions to the gathering.

Hertfordshire paper

A great amount of useful information was given by the demonstrator. The height of her talk was how to bottle fruit without fruit, which needless to say attracted much attention.

Parish magazine

Police of Lakeview, Ontario, were baffled by finding two bodies, one dead, one unconscious, in a trailer home. Charles Tessier died, coated with shaving cream, with his eyes, ears and nose plugged with foam. He was clutching an egg in one hand. An autopsy failed to uncover the cause of death.

Frank Madeley, the unconscious, was once famous as a jockey. His head was covered with a salad bowl that had been filled with shaving cream. One arm was in a sling and a sheet had been pinned around him. Clothes pins were pinned to his ears.

The pair had been drinking all day, and – as a police official put it, ‘All we can find out is they must have been drunk as they could get.’

Doubt

‘The Albert Hall Orchestra’, it seems, means one thing to the proprietors of the building opposite the Albert Memorial in Kensington, and another thing to Mr Albert Edward Hall, who founded, owned and named an orchestra of this description. The proprietors of the Hall sought an injunction to restrain Mr Hall from using the name so as to induce the public to believe that his orchestra was connected with the building. But they failed; for the orchestra was small, Mr Hall honest, the proprietors of the Hall had no orchestra themselves, and there was no evidence of injury to them. Mr Hall evidently owed much to parental foresight at the font.

Miscellany-at-Law by R. E. Megarry

SUICIDE BULLET KILLS BABY

HITZKIRCH, Switzerland, Wednesday – A 57-year-old man shot himself near here today, the bullet passing through his head, through the ceiling and killing his baby granddaughter sleeping on the floor above.

Evening Standard

Yet I noticed that in all his distress, then and subsequently, Crossley by some instinct kept his chin buried deeply between his shoulder blades, the one inevitably vulnerable target being hidden.

Story in Wiltshire paper

The two Bishops were just starting for Durban to fulfil a programme at Maritzburg when it was learned that certain church lay officers had refused to accept the arrangement and they therefore fell to the ground.

Rhodesian paper

The piano accompanist was Miss Margaret Mander, whose delightful talent for striking the right note is so much appreciated.

Scottish paper

Dear Madam,

Your towel has been carefully examined by the Technical Manager of the Laundry, who wishes to state that these holes are razor cuts, and not due to lack of negligence on our part.

Letter from laundry

FORECAST for today: Winds freshening, fair at first apart from fog, becoming cloudy or dull, and milk with local rain or drizzle later.

Irish paper

Business might be better at the Pomfret Spirit Shoppe, mused proprietor Bernard Patenaude, if only the cars on Route 169, between Pomfret and Woodstock, Conn., didn't tear by so fast. So he had a big sign painted:

SLOW DOWN
NUDISTS CROSSING
AHEAD

Motorists slowed to a crawl. Some even turned around and crawled back. Business boomed at the Pomfret Spirit Shoppe. But the state police said no. There was a law against private citizens telling motorists to slow down, and besides, the sign was too close to the road. Proprietor Patenaude pondered about it all winter. This week he has a new sign ready for installation along Route 169 – farther back from the road, but bigger:

WATCH OUT
NUDISTS CROSSING
AHEAD

Time

For months 80-year-old Bert Williams had promised himself the first drink at a new club being built near his home at Doncaster. But a few weeks before the club was opened he died. Today his widow, Mrs Edith Williams, will take a pint of beer in a lemonade bottle – the first drawn at the club – to where her husband is buried. She plans to pour it over his grave – to fulfil Bert's promise.

News Chronicle, quoted in New Statesman

MAN FOR SALE – PRICE: £960

SYDNEY, Wednesday – A 34-year-old widower with four children, a furnished house at Newcastle, New South Wales, and a car, has offered to 'sell' himself in marriage to a woman willing to pay him £960, the newspaper *Newcastle Sun* said today. The man says the woman should be between 28 and 36, 'No beauty queens need apply'.

Evening Standard

The many friends of Mrs F. Jackson of Highford entered the General Hospital this afternoon to undergo an operation.

Newfoundland paper

The Secretary of the Opera Society asks us to announce that there are still a few vacancies for amateur ladies and gents.

Essex paper

Because there is so little drunkenness at Epping, the Council is backing an application for licensed premises to serve drinks until 10.30 p.m.

Daily Mail

ELPB3R ROAD CHURCH

11 a.m. "A Breath of Revival"

7 p.m. "Ten Launceston men on the road to
Bell"

Take the tram to the door

Tasmanian paper

SEVEN JUDGES SIT ON MAID'S CASE

Yorkshire paper

Traveller with sound connexion wanted for bathing, swim and beach suits. State area covered.

Advert. in Sussex paper

Featured in this car are the front and rear seats, which accommodate five passengers in all, located between the front and rear axles.

New York Times

On more than one occasion I have seen a London post office counter clerk clean the lenses of her spectacles with a £5 note. Is this now a normal practice among cashiers?

Evening Standard, quoted in *New Statesman*

CRUELTY TO INSIST ON BEING TICKLED

Before Mr Justice Rees

His Lordship granted Mrs Joan —, of Barnes, Surrey, a decree nisi of divorce against Mr Robert —, Army sergeant, ■ present serving abroad, on the ground of cruelty.

The wife's complaint against the husband was that during the six months in which the parties lived together, the husband persistently required his wife to tickle the soles of his feet — sometimes the top of his head or his back — for hours on end, resulting in injury to her health.

His Lordship said that the parties were married in August 1958, when the husband was 21 and the wife 18. There were no children. A week after the marriage the husband made his first request to the wife to tickle his feet after he removed his shoes and socks. The wife thought the request peculiar and at first refused, but the husband threatened not to talk to her. After that he asked to be tickled nearly every night, and sometimes it went on for two, three or four hours or more, even when they were watching television. If the wife refused to tickle him the husband sulked.

The wife finally left in February 1959. Her doctor had said that she was suffering from acute anxiety and could not keep her fingers still.

The husband had not desired to hurt the wife but had persisted in his demands to be tickled after being warned of the effect on her health. On the House of Lords authority of *Gollins v. Gollins* (*The Times*, June 28 1963) the husband's conduct amounted to cruelty. The wife would be granted a decree nisi, with an order for costs against the husband.

The Times

Although her hull is pierced and three of her holds are full, Mrs Thomas has refused to leave the ship without her husband.

North Country paper

To relieve the monotony of sitting, the audience are asked to rise during the rendering of the Chorus: 'Fix'd in His everlasting seat.'

Choir Festival programme

Music was provided by the pipe band of Queen Victoria School and the brass band of the first Battalion Gordon Highlanders. There was a complete absence of wind.

Sunday paper

In climbing the principal cause of fatigue of the arms is the lack of circulation due to their being held above the head continuously. The feet seldom suffer in this way.

Textbook on climbing

A mission is not simply the work of the Missioners. We must all be behind them preparing the way for them.

Parish magazine

Mr Parker is also being married soon, but his ambitions lie elsewhere.

Yorkshire paper

AIDING AND ABETTING

In *Thornton v. Mitchell* the driver of an omnibus had to reverse it. In order to do so, he relied upon the signals of the conductor. The conductor gave the driver the signal to reverse, which he did, and two pedestrians were knocked down. The driver was summoned for driving without due care and attention and the conductor for aiding and abetting. The case against the driver was dismissed and it was held that the conductor could not be found guilty of aiding and abetting in the commission of an offence which had not been committed.

Introduction to Criminal Law by Cross & Jones

My hubby sells Christmas cards in his shop. Every year he picks one from the shelf, gives it to me – without writing on it – and then asks me to put it back when I've read it.

Letter in *Daily Mirror*, quoted in *New Statesman*

A husband suffering from flu saw the doctor who had just visited him kiss his wife at the foot of the stairs. The husband, 'under great provocation', nearly hit the doctor with a milk bottle. But, out of respect for the doctor's profession, he refrained, and punched his wife instead.

Daily Herald

A watch is being kept on a cabbage field at Sandwich, Kent, to discover how golf balls get there. The field belongs to Mr Sydney Daniels, a market gardener. Every day for eleven days he has found an almost new golf ball – always in the same spot between rows of cabbages.

Mr Daniels says the balls could not have been thrown there because the spot is 250 yards from the road. The nearest golf course is two miles away. He thinks rooks or magpies may be responsible – but cannot explain why they always choose the same spot.

Evening Standard

She is ■ great believer in the importance of a child having real knowledge of the body, instead of allowing it to be wrapped in mystery, and has accordingly included in the book an appendix giving clear details of its workings.

Book Review in *Sunday Times*

He handed the briefcase and its contents to ■ policeman. Using a line and hooks he pulled it out and discovered inside pieces of motor-car registration numbers. There were also other articles including a

WIDOW ON HOLIDAY

Aberdeen Evening Express

As I strolled through the car park I was depressed by the condition of some of the vehicles. Some of the owners did not appear to have washed their ears for weeks.

South African paper

PETERHEAD BURNS CLUB OFFICIALS

Headline in Aberdeen paper

The bride wore ■ gown of heavy Oldham Corporation Gasworks.

Wedding report

There are unbelievable bargains (until you see them) in Ladies' shoes, stockings, etc.

Draper's advertisement

Sir, — My late father-in-law, who for many years was a country parson in Worcestershire, liked to tell the story of a neighbouring parson who, one Sunday at Matins, moved to the lectern at sermon-time, explaining to his congregation that a goose was sitting in the pulpit.

Letter in *The Times*

Exchange Bonachord hearing aid, as new, for trombone, printer's type, etc., or what have you? Box No. L 1447.

Exchange & Mart

DON'T DROP SAUSAGES, JUDGE TELLS WOMAN
When Wearing a 75-guinea Gown

Judge Drucquer said yesterday: 'I hope Mrs Barbara E— will be more careful in future when she eats sausages with a 75-guinea dress on.' Then he awarded her £91 10s. 9d. agreed damages, with costs, against a firm of cleaners.

Daily Express

Despite the brilliant sunshine there was only gloom yesterday at the 19th hole at Thonock Golf Club, Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, as members plotted new moves in the battle against the cows that eat their golf balls.

They have been gobbling up golf balls almost as fast as players can strike them. Members estimate they must have accounted for hundreds — at 3s. 9d. each.

'You have to be careful,' said Mr Jack Chappell, a club member for nine years. 'The cows are cunning. They lurk under the trees in the rough where you don't notice them. As soon as they hear a ball struck they come running out on to the fairway. You have to run like blazes to have any hope of rescuing your ball.'

And the cows? No ill-effects have been reported.

Sunday Dispatch

They must' reinforce their Navy, and their Airforce must be so numerous, so powerful, that the surface of their wigs must obscure the sun over their land.

Irish paper

One hundred and fifty brace of partridges were rushed to Southampton before the great vessel's departure for New York, and consequently the first-class travellers will have pheasant in their menu for dinner this evening.

West London paper

Mrs Britton said she was shopping when her little terrier was attacked by a 'terrible monster of a dog' and terribly mauled. Mr D—, an ex-Mayor of Leamington, said that he was the Alsatian gambolling about on the parade. He was not under control in any way.

Ceylon paper

BUY YOUR REFRESHMENTS
FROM
THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

British Red Cross Men will be in attendance

Carnival programme

The bride had a pink ribbon sash a small chopped onion and serve cold showing through the embroidered holes on her silver frock.

Evening paper

STEAM ROLLER IN DISTRESS
STARTS A SCARE AT SEA

As the storm which ravaged the south blew itself out last night ■ full-scale air-sea rescue operation was ordered in the Bristol Channel for the survivors of an air crash. All shipping was warned to look out. Coastguards watched. Lifeboat crews stood by. A Shackleton crew at R.A.F. St Mawgan, Cornwall, prepared to take off as soon ■■ the weather cleared.

But the alarm was called off – when police traced the distress call to ■ road roller on the M5 between Almondsbury and Cribbs Causeway, six miles north of Bristol. The driver, unable to work in the storm, had signalled to his mates two miles up the road:

‘Mayday. Weather terrible. Am ditching for tonight.’

The international distress signal was picked up by radio ham Mr Ray Smith of Patchway, Bristol. He rang the police, the police rang the airports. . . . A spokesman for Gloucestershire police said last night: ‘The driver who sent the message is ■■ ex-R.A.F. radio operator.’

Daily Mail

The plaintiff, giving evidence, said that when he was on the crossing in Chertsey Street, Guildford, he heard ■ shout. He turned and saw the cow coming pell-mell round a corner. It trampled over him and continued on its way. He did not think it deliberately went for him.

MR PATRICK O’CONNOR, for King Bros., submitted that the person in control of ■ tame animal *mansuetæ naturæ* – and ■ cow was undoubtedly tame – was not liable for damage done by it which was ‘foreign to its species’. He would seek to prove the cow attacked the plaintiff; if that were so, there was no liability.

HIS LORDSHIP – Is one to abandon every vestige of common sense in approaching this matter?

COUNSEL – Yes, my Lord.

The hearing was adjourned.

The Times

Mr and Mrs Wyglass of New York have completed their holiday at Angus. They have been shooting tenants at Burg House.

Dundee paper

Amazing luck in the Irish Sweep fell to ■ Kentish man who drew two tickets and a Sussex woman.

Yorkshire paper

B— SCHOOL. Wanted in January - Experienced ■■■■ to take almost entire responsibility for the lowest form of boys.

Manchester paper

Entrance hall and cloakroom; complete domestic offices. Sentry boiled in tiled recess.

Estate agent's leaflet

† St John's Church. Sunday next at 6 p.m. †
 'PEARLS BEFORE SWINE'
 We should like to see you there.
 Southampton Church announcement

Anyone can plant radishes; it takes courage to plant acorns and wait for the oats.

Boy Scouts Association Weekly

TOKYO, Saturday — Two Allied jet pilots performed a feat described as 'almost impossible' by using their wingtips to guide the aircraft of an unconscious colleague, the Far East Air Force announced today. He fainted through lack of oxygen at a great altitude. The official statement said his two rescuers flew alongside and tipped his plane's wings back to level whenever it started in turn. They brought him down to a low altitude, and he then recovered and was able to land.

Reuter

Most people with a taste for oysters can manage to eat only a few at a time, but in oyster-eating championships the contestants swallow hundreds. In one such contest in Sydney, Australia, an entrant downed 180 oysters in 17 minutes. It seemed that he must win. But the next competitor, a farmer, gulped down 312 in half an hour before he was satisfied.

Sausage eating is another popular pastime. C. Guerri of Reggio Emilia, Italy, devoured five yards of sausages without stopping, but was beaten by a peasant who ate his way non-stop through ten yards.

Reveille

COUPLE DINE OUT — BY STAYING IN

Mrs Diana Edwards cooked dinner for herself and her husband in Richmond, Surrey, last night. But they ate it in neighbouring Kingston. Because the boundary line between the towns runs right through their flat in Dryden Court, Parkleys, Ham Common.

Kitchen, bedrooms, bathroom and lounge are in Richmond; the dining-room is in Kingston. . . . The county valuation offices admit it is a little unfortunate that the boundary should cut off one room of the Edwardeses' flat.

'It's just one of those things,' said an official.

Sunday Dispatch

Mr Charles, who announced his retirement from the Council after twenty-two years' membership, said that the people, harassed by taxation and rising prices, deserved a little relief.

Cumberland News

Detailed catalogues with pedigrees of the auctioneers can be had from 8 Hammet Street, Taunton.

Notice in Somerset paper

Iron oxide is used to make those very dark-coloured bottles in which those of us who can remember champagne used to be packed.

Wine Trade paper

After you have switched off you are now ready to connect up the four wires. But don't try to connect the wife between A and B or you may get a shock.

Electrical paper

The outstanding characteristic of the dog is its honesty. In love or hate, joy or sorrow, a dog is sincere. It will not bite your hand or wag its tail unless it likes you.

Sporting Weekly

At the end of the service the choir will sing a special anthem composed by the organist, after which the church will be closed for necessary repairs.

Canadian paper

EXCLUSIVE TO PURCHASER - Design of instrument through which observer can look into space on a clear sunshiny day. The smallest stars can be seen with the naked eye. Can be adapted to any size of telescope. As space is quite light on the sunward side, the instrument, in conjunction with a heliograph, could be used to detect and signal to 'Flying Saucers' if such things exist. It could be used to verify the basic theories of astronomy, etc. etc. Price £10,000 - Write Box K 980.

Personal Column, *The Times*

A man whose car crashed into a telegraph pole agreed at Epsom County Court today that he should pay the expense incurred by the Post Office for installing a new post, but claimed that he was entitled to the old one. 'As I am paying for the new post I should at least be allowed to take the old one away,' said Mr William Joseph Mitten, of St Clair Drive, Worcester Park.

Judge Gordon Clark said: 'You cannot acquire telegraph poles simply by knocking them down.'

Evening Standard

The projector was worked by Mr Moore and Mr Gordon and when the light failed through the bulb fusing Mr Boyd explained that seals do not drink salt water.

Kilmarnock Standard

On the same bus as myself was a schoolboy whose head had become stuck in a vase. His mother was rushing him off to hospital. Presumably to avoid attracting attention she had placed her son's school cap on top of the vase.

Letter in *John Bull*, quoted in *New Statesman*

Mr Pethorick favoured a frock composed of gold and silver sequins closely sewn, on one shoulder being placed a cluster of scarlet puppies.

Scots paper

The Vicar, the Rev. C. O. Marston, reported an increased number of communicants during the year. He also stated that the death watch beetle had been confirmed in the church.

Banbury Guardian

WANTED IMMEDIATELY

a woman for boiling down

Apply Blank Potted Meat Company

Advert. in New Zealand paper

The constable now preferred a further charge against the two girls of stealing a carving knife, a fork, and two ornamental judges which he found on the top of a wardrobe in the hotel bedroom.

Dublin Evening Mail

Bluff King Hall had yet to put away Catholic Catherine of Aragon, but was already breaking up the Church Monasteries. Then he became first chairman of Securities and Exchange Commission under Franklin Roosevelt.

Australian paper

A very fitting end to a very wet afternoon came when Mrs K— gave away the prizes.

Calcutta paper

THE EGG-A-MINUTE MAN

Add 7 lb. to 10 st. 6 lb. and you get 10 st. 13 lb. – but not always. You doubt it? Then I'll prove it. At the King's Arms, Wandsworth, yesterday, the darts club assembled to watch Archie Workman, 34-year-old builders' labourer and ex-boxer, win ■ wager for them.

His task was to eat 50 eggs, 25 hard-boiled and 25 raw. The previous Sunday he had won the club ■ wager by eating ■ 2½ lb. steak in 20 minutes, but the eggs were a tougher proposition. Excitedly the spectators gathered as he sat down to the eggs. Anxiously they watched as his spoon went to work.

As the cluster diminished it became apparent that the wager was as good as in his pocket. The spoon never flagged. He disposed of the eggs in 58 minutes, nearly one a minute, and now we come to that question of arithmetic. The eggs weighed 7 lb. Before the meal Archie weighed 10 st. 6 lb.; afterwards 10 st. 7 lb. What happened to the other 6 lb.?

Daily Mail

SEASIDE RESORT FLUSHED WITH PRIDE

By our own Reporter

In deciding whether it has had ■ prosperous season, Scarborough listens not to ■ cascade of cash into tills, but to the underground Niagara of flushing cisterns in its public lavatories.

'Takings in the public lavatories,' said Mr S. H. Fewster, the resort's publicity manager, yesterday, 'are not usually subject to fluctuations according to the economic state of the individual. They are therefore usually accepted as ■ guide to the number of visitors.'

Scarborough usually takes more than 2½ million pennies ■ year in its public lavatories. Mr Fewster produced figures to show how the takings rose sharply in the fine summers of 1959 and 1961. Scarborough is proud of those years – flushed with pride, one might almost say.

The Guardian

We hope to give ■ Garden Party on Wednesday, July 13. We invite all (over 16 years of age) in the parish to come. It will be gin at 7.

Parish magazine

The Duke recalled how many people had been shocked by the first train journey made by Queen Victoria. That was in 1842, made from Slough to Paddington and when the Queen travelled in large sections the public was profoundly shocked by the risk to her person.

Singapore paper

The community is rapidly becoming ~~more~~ self-supporting - 18,000 dozen corsets were locally made during the last twelve months.

Scottish paper

He gets every anonymous letter that is sent in and sees to it that the writers are answered.

New York Times

¶ Morning dress or uniform will be worn at the ceremony. Mayors are requested to wear their chains of office only.

Instructions issued by Manchester Corporation

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN - Riotous conduct. Lizzie Mengwe pleaded guilty to creating a disturbance in Bridge Street by eating her mother, and was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour.

Cape Mercury

WHY I HAD NAIL IN MY HEAD

by SEAMAN

SEAMAN Michael Fish, 36, told detectives yesterday that he asked friends to drive a two-inch nail into his head to stop a headache.

He said he had been drinking with them in a Southampton public house and felt a bout of migraine coming on.

Mr Fish added: 'It felt as if I had a bubble in my head ready to burst and so I asked the chaps with me to bang a nail through my skull. They agreed.'

The men went outside, found a nail and hammered it into his head with a piece of wood.

'After that the headache completely disappeared and I felt better altogether.'

Mrs Patsy Marsh, of Alma Terrace, Southampton, who met Mr Fish in a public house, said last night: 'He was a stranger to me. He told me he had found a cure for headaches and showed me the top of a nail sticking out of his skull. He said it had happened two hours before at a party.'

Mrs Marsh went to hospital with him. He was then taken to the Atkinson Morley's Hospital, Wimbledon, London, where the nail was removed. Back at the Royal South Hampshire Hospital in Southampton he told his story yesterday.

A police spokesman said: 'There is no question of black magic being involved in any way. We are still continuing our investigations. But the man is completely happy about the whole affair, says that he does not know the name of the person who banged the nail in his head, and wants no action taken.'

Daily Mail

A motor horse-box carrying a live horse can travel at 30 m.p.h. If the horse dies in transit the vehicle immediately becomes a carrier of horseflesh and by law must reduce speed to 20 m.p.h.

Daily Mail

The Council then sat as a Committee on the jubilee footpath from Kippford to Rockcliffe.

Local paper

At Petty Sessions, Francis Beestrup was fined 25s. for allowing his dog to be unmuzzled and for being at large without a collar.

Essex paper

Plaintiff further said that he was afraid they might try and poison him; such things had been done before.

After a consultation this was effected, and the Stipendiary said he was pleased to hear it.

Pontypridd Observer

If births can be arranged, would take charge of children in lieu of passage.

Advert. in *Statesman*, Calcutta

Major C. H. B—, late R.A.M.C., will resume his practice before, as he has just been disembodied.

Yorkshire Observer

FATHER SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN PLANNING
FOR FIRST CHILD

Headline in *Richmond (Virginia) News-Leader*

The other morning you reported that a small quantity of washing powder put in a duckpond would make all the ducks sink to the bottom.

My neighbour's little boy put a whole packet in, but the ducks still went on swimming. It makes you wonder if you can believe everything you read in the newspapers.

Letter in *Birmingham Gazette*

According to the rangers in Shenandoah National Park, Virginia, the bears chew up the redwood signs posted reading: 'DON'T FEED THE BEARS.'

New York Post

A resident of Canterbury, England, bought a tin of Australian peaches. Canned with the fruit was a bright green and brown insect. The man complained to the Health Department and was told by delighted officials that he did not know what a prize it was. The bug, a rare type of cricket, will be presented to the London Museum of Natural History.

New York Times

Sir, - An article in today's issue discusses how to send a message from an express train. Faced with the same problem on the same line, I consulted the steward in charge of the dining car. He provided me with pencil and paper, made an incision in a large potato, and himself lobbed the potato to the feet of a porter as we ran through Peterborough, with my message wedged in it but clearly visible. The stationmaster did what was necessary.

The steward would not take anything: he was glad to be of service.

Yours faithfully, H. C. B. MYNORS
Sutton Green, Guildford.

The Times

Mr J. D. Montgomery, defending, asked the Colonel: 'You consider an assault by six sausages ■ serious matter? I should not have thought anybody was afraid of a cold sausage, especially ■ retired colonel.'

Colonel B—: 'I am not afraid of my son-in-law or six cold sausages, but it was in fact seven cold sausages.'

Daily Mirror, quoted in
New Statesman's This England column

A joker in Kentucky mailed packages of transistor radios with the volume turned on full blast. Postmen have already delivered seven packages, all properly stamped and addressed, with musical accompaniment.

Daily Express

To prevent bedtime from becoming monotonous my husband gets into bed at the right side on Mondays and Tuesdays, the left side on Wednesdays and Thursdays, and climbs the footboard Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays.

Letter in *Reveille*, quoted in *New Statesman*

Lincolnshire police still maintained close secrecy yesterday about what was written on papers found in the stomach of a pig at ■ butcher's shop in Spalding. They were in Hungarian and have been translated.

News Chronicle

While I do his homework my schoolboy son does my pools. I have made some frightful blunders in his arithmetic — but he has done ■ proud in dividends this season.

Letter in *Daily Mirror*

FOR THE BUSY MAN

Sweet peas will survive the hardest weather Marlborough can produce, and still give an abundance of cut flowers for inside use, or provide a show in the spring which few of the climbing shrubs can match.

Sow now in moderately fertile soil which has been lightly limed. If birds or mice are troublesome in your garden, guard against them by shaking them in a paper bag with some red lead.

Marlborough Express, New Zealand

The first essential in the treatment of burns is that the patient should be removed from the fire.

First Aid Manual

There was a good number present at the S— Bible class on Monday and a keen discussion took place on the subject 'Are there stages in Sin?' On Monday night a practical class was held.

Welsh paper

Miss Mary Salter rendered three vocal solos and ■ return to ■ orchestral music was greatly appreciated.

Surrey paper

Although three buses might come along at the same time, passengers should be allowed to board only one at a time.

Yorkshire paper

DROPPED IN WHILE BABY SLEPT

Mrs Norman Frankis, of Mansford Street, Bethnal Green, fell into an open manhole while pushing ■ perambulator along Jubilee Street, Stepney, yesterday.

She was hauled by passers-by on to the pavement, where her baby was still asleep in her perambulator. Mrs Frankis was treated in hospital, but not detained.

The Guardian

LEAVING LONDON assuring everyone in sight that ■ a town it stinks – James L. Jordan, an American-born Australian who claims to have invented a 'smell thermometer'.

'I'm doing the capitals of Europe,' he says. 'So far, Oslo is the least smelly, Paris next, Berlin, Athens and London in that order.'

Daily Express

When examined by the Divisional Surgeon, defendant ■ very abusive and when asked to clench his teeth, he took them out, gave them to the doctor and said, 'You clench them.'

Woking Herald & News

A 67-year-old retired labourer, John Whiting, went to Durham Magistrates' Court yesterday to testify he was alive. 'Are you dead?' he was asked. 'I am not,' Mr Whiting replied.

Daily Mail

Friends of mine asked a hotel for ■ quiet room overlooking the river. The hotel provided one with a tranquil view over the gentle stream, the water meadows and the bridge. They did not mention, however, that the bridge was going to be blown up by demolition men at ■ quarter to seven the next morning.

Punch

Worried, Hull – I am glad you like this column and find it interesting. This is, of course, a purely nervous habit, and indicates no organic disorder.

Manchester paper

BLOODHOUND IN CHILD HUNT
FOUND, PICKING BLACKBERRIES

Daily Express

I admired the skill with which Miss Blank sang 'I Can Give You Anything but Love, Baby' in French and made it sound like another number altogether.

The Star

'If elected, I promise to give all my support to a new sewerage scheme, because that is the lifeblood of every man, woman and child in the town.'

Report in *Southend Standard*

To avoid slipping in the bath, place a rubber mat on the bottom.

Paisley Daily Express

'In most associations half the committee does all the work, whilst the other half does nothing. I am pleased to put on record that in this society it is just the reverse.'

Report in *Liverpool Echo*

A TRUMPETER'S INVOLUNTARY EXIT

Hustled away by Attendant

Seldom can a musician have met with such a reception ■ that accorded on Saturday night to the trumpet player of the Philharmonia Orchestra. As he rose to his feet in the topmost gallery of the Albert Hall to produce his fanfare for Beethoven's Overture Leonora No. 3, to his surprise, horror, and dismay he was seized by a burly steward and hustled towards the nearest exit.

To his credit he remained trumpeting to the last and in fact battled his way back to his position in time for the second fanfare ■ few moments later. . . . The unfortunate man ~~was~~ ■ upset that he left the Albert Hall immediately and went home to bed. Yesterday, he asked that his name should not be given.

The Times

THE REVISED INN

**An old coaching inn dating
from the 14th century**

NO CHARGES

Inn Sign

WANTED, a temporary husband. A young girl of twenty-two years of age, attractive, must marry within ■ week. Will pay any man who marries her well, but he must leave after the ceremony. Prefer gentleman of good breeding, but one who does not expect to live longer than a week.

Advert, in Irish paper

Golfer Arthur Salt yesterday ■ a fox dash on to the 14th green at Sundridge Park, Bromley, seize his ball in its mouth, and disappear into the shrubbery.

Mr Salt counted it ■ 'act of God', and put down a new ball without loss of stroke.

Sunday paper

When your flowers begin to fade, stand in two inches of hot water.

Daily Sketch

In the Doncaster district, there are more underground cables than overhead, but this is largely due to Doncaster having its cables underground.

Yorkshire Evening Post

'Birds Eye recently gave ■ banquet at which the Minister of Housing was guest of honour pre-cooked, frozen and re-heated on site.'

Catering management

Vacancies exist for two female physiotherapists, preferably with some experience. Varied work embracing in-patients and out-patients in units in Dundee and Angus.

Advert. in medical journal

Special traffic arrangements are being made for the convenience of those who celebrate New Year's Eve in the West End of London, where dinner dances and supper dances are to take place at many of the restaurants, and at St. Paul's.

South London paper

Even the sex film may do no harm, though this cannot excuse any parents who allow their parents to see undesirable or unsuitable films.

Australian paper

Mr. G. R. H. Nugent, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Agriculture, stated in a written reply yesterday that the purpose of the mouse-watching station at Rougham airfield was to study the behaviour and other biological aspects of house mice in conditions similar to those in grain stores and ricks. The purpose was to improve the methods of control in such places.

Welsh paper

WORLD-CHAMPION pie-eater George 'Harpo' Bradley, retained his title yesterday by eating a $4\frac{1}{2}$ lb. steak pie in 9 min. 30 sec. Then he went home for lunch.

Watched by 200 cheering spectators, 38-year-old miner George beat three other rivals in ■ Wallsend-on-Tyne club. He started his day with a hefty ham and egg breakfast in bed. On the way to the championship he stopped at a friend's house for a cup of tea and ■ snack . . . 'just to get an appetite up'.

After polishing off the steaming pie, George sank a pint of beer and left for home. He said: 'I told my wife that I wouldn't be late for lunch. She always cooks a good roast on a Sunday — and I am always ready for it.'

Daily Express

When Albert Palmer, 42, ■ Leeds mechanic, was accused at Leeds Assizes yesterday of an aggravated assault on his wife, Mr R. Cleworth, prosecuting, said that a remarkable feature of the case was the submissiveness of the wife.

'When she saw he was going to hit her,' said Mr Cleworth, 'she asked him if she could remove her false teeth. He agreed. She removed her teeth, and he hit her with such force that she was knocked unconscious and was in hospital for ■ month.'

Daily Mail

Lord M— gave the same Christmas present to all his friends this year. A magnificent box of chocolates, specially made to his own recipe. The ingredients were salt, pepper, mustard, a pinch of cotton wool, and ■ strong emetic.

Weekly paper

Road conditions in the New Forest were the worst known for years. In several places the roads were lined with cats unable to climb the snow-covered hills.

Sussex paper

The hospital extension will enable patients to be prepared and served in ■ way that has not been possible in the past.

Local paper

Axel Jensen finished decorating the upstairs living-room for the Sheeans last week. The cabinets and cupboards ■■■ being installed and will make a beautiful place for them to reside.

Washington paper

Mr and Mrs Kenneth Walts of Venedocia ■■■ announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Carole, to Mr John H. Buchanan.

The couple will exchange cows at 7.30 o'clock Saturday evening September 11.

Delphose (Ohio) Herald

If you want my bulletin on 'How to Improve your Memory', send ■ stamped self-addressed envelope, plus ■ dame.

Advert. in *Miami Herald*

A recent airport zoning study made for the Detroit Regional Planning Commission included a 'Sound Dinner' at which guests were tested to determine the degree of tolerance to simulated jet aircraft noise after drinking Martinis.

The experiment revealed a linear relationship of two decibels increase of tolerance per Martini until the point of saturation was reached (accompanied by 100 per cent tolerance).

Flight

**'DR CRIPPEN' JOINS THE
IDEAL FAMILY**

Waxworks lent for a religious display showing the ideal family sitting at a table reading the Bible, caused a stir at the Royal Lancashire Agricultural Show yesterday. Two of the models were murderers.

The model of the 'father' turned out to be the effigy of a notorious old-time murderer. The model dressed ■ ■ clergyman standing just behind the family, was a dummy of Dr Crippen.

The dummies are on loan from Tussaud's waxworks, Blackpool. They are in the Lancashire and Cheshire Baptist Association tent. The head of Megan Taylor, former world champion ice skater, and the body of the Queen, had been lent to make a mother for the family. Snow White represented the daughter.

The Rev. A. Atkins, who organized the display, said: 'I don't think anyone will recognize them.'

Daily Telegraph

Mrs George N—, a neighbour of Lord P— and 'Squire' of B—, has been running round her garden in the middle of the night . . . naked.

'I had an owl tucked under my arm,' she said by way of explanation.

Daily Mail

If you are having dancing and don't want your carpet ruined, to save taking it up, turn it upside down.

Caterham Times

'Let's get the American women of all ages out of dungarees and back to an appearance of real femininity, and that goes for men too,' Mr Nagler suggested.

Women's Wear Daily

Most people have ■ soft spot for ■ big dog.

Smallholder

To protect others, always clap your handkerchief to nose and mouth when you feel a cough or sneeze coming on. Wash your hands often – and always just before meals. Drink only water which you know to be contaminated.

Connecticut paper

Browne Shoe Co., St Louis, announced that it will construct ■ new shoe plant at Boonville, Missouri. Ready by April, the plant will have about 50,000 square feet.

Wall Street Journal

A shell exploded several hundred feet below his machine, but so violent was the concussion that the aerodrome turned upside down, and only by highly skilled airmanship did the pilot make a forced landing.

Surrey paper

Would you care to join the lady in a drink from a bottle in which a snake is preserved? That's the spirit! Try anything once. Many other people are trying it in the Paris café of Monsieur Chavanne. He sells cocktails which have been pickling snakes before being served. M. Chavanne brings the snakes from his home at Beaujolais, and blends his liqueurs from secret recipes.

Reveille

Sir, - In a London Underground station is a machine with ■ memory. A few days ago I inserted a 6d. piece in a machine designed to deliver 5d. tickets. It duly presented the ticket together with 2d. change. That was fair enough. Yesterday I hopefully put a similar coin in the same machine. It delivered the ticket but gave no change.

Yours faithfully, A. W. GRIFFITHS,
Wright's Lane, W9
Letter in *The Times*

Mr Ralph Kennedy, an American businessman who 'collects' golf courses, arrived at St Andrews today to play his 3,000th game on a different course.

■ Mr Kennedy said: 'This is the climax of my golfing career, I have long cherished an ambition to make the Old Course the 3,000th over which I have played in twelve different countries.'

Scottish paper

Mouse found in meat pie: TV executive 'upset'

XYZ Ltd. of Manchester were fined £50 with 10 guineas costs yesterday for selling an article of food which was not of the quality demanded - a tinned beef pie containing a mouse.

Daily Express

One day at lunch we saw ■ cat with something in its mouth climb one wall. The cat was carrying a kitchen.

Essex paper

Man over 40, residing in Central London, required to fix advertising window bills on tobacconists. Able to ride ■ bicycle.

Advert. in *Daily Telegraph*

AUDIENCE TRIED TO SPOIL PLAY
BUT ST CHAD'S PLAYERS SUCCEEDED

Sunderland Echo

What's in a name? If you asked ■■ to reply to this question as ■ horticulturalist I should do so with ■ monosyllable - 'Everything'.

Advert. in *The Times*

More than 44,000,000 births were recorded in the United States between 1915 and 1939, according to the Census Bureau. Of these, there were 72 cases of Esperanto is being urged ■ quadruplets.

Canadian paper

In the next round the first couple will be proper, the second couple improper. Couples will be alternately proper and improper throughout the movement.

Cecil Sharp's *Country Dance Book*, Part ■

A husband threatened to cut off his wife's head with a carving knife unless she ate some hedgehog which she had prepared for his supper. She ate some. At Leicester matrimonial court yesterday, when the woman alleged cruelty and sought a separation, the magistrates' clerk was puzzled. 'I don't know whether this constitutes cruelty or not,' he said. 'Is a hedgehog edible?' Mr H. G. Bennett, for the husband, said that in Buckinghamshire hedgehogs provided a favourite dish. 'I made her eat half so that her big ugly sister should not have it,' declared the husband.

Daily Mirror, quoted in *New Statesman*

THE DISAPPEARING GARDEN HOSE

DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA, July 3. A resident of Downey is losing his garden hose in his garden. A total of 17 ft of the $\frac{1}{2}$ -in.-diameter green plastic hose has burrowed into the earth since Thursday.

The owner of the hose, Mr di Peso, says today that he is running out of patience as well as hose. Since the story first appeared in newspapers and radio bulletins, scores of telephone callers have made his life a misery. More than a thousand people have trampled over his lawn to examine the disappearing hose. Mr di Peso first tried to pull his hose out by tying it to his truck but 19 of the 50 ft snapped off. Now he has tried other ways, but the unexplained suction drawing the hose down is so strong that the pipe has bent under the strain.

When 18 ft of his hose was underground, Mr di Peso decided reluctantly to take the advice of Dr Campbell, the state geologist, and dig up his front lawn, now roped off to keep back the crowds of onlookers. 'I like my lawn,' he said, 'but I'm curious. I've just got to get to the bottom of it.'

Mr di Peso is not alone in his troubles. Three other hoses have also developed burrowing tendencies. A resident in Santa Monica tried an original remedy. She says that when half of her 50-ft garden hose had disappeared she poured insecticide into it and was soon able to pull it out of the ground.

Reuter

A thorough study of the tornadoes which lashed Southern Illinois in December might help in planning future disasters..

Illinois paper

We beg to thank all our customers who by their personal recommendations have been helpful in our efforts to enlarge the number of our relations.

Dutch bulb catalogue

WANTED, Small Room for dramatic purposes.

Advert. in *Paisley Daily Express*

THE PRESIDENT SHALL SUPERVISE THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN THE CARRYING OUT OF THEIR CUTIES.

Rules of a law society

There are some engineers who do not hesitate to associate themselves in print with the forthright denunciation that the project is a white elephant doomed to crash ere it is feathered for full flight.

Technical paper

The Scout troop had been re-established and progress was being made with the Girls' Friendly Society.

Lincolnshire Free Press

The lads of the 1st Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment are chuckling over their mascot – the head of a snarling tiger. It reminds them of a brigadier. Especially the teeth.

A visiting Army dental surgeon recently criticized the denture of the head, presented by the 2nd Battalion in 1858. On the commanding officer's suggestion the tiger's head was sent to the dental surgery for repairs with 'all the necessary Army forms'.

A dental card was made out showing that Private A. Tiger (vision glassy, parentage unknown) required several fillings, a major repair to one sabre tooth and three artificial teeth in the bottom jaw. The day before an Infantry brigadier in Rhine Army had a tooth extracted so the surgeon cut it into three small teeth, polished them and secured them in the tiger's jaw.

The head has been returned to its stand in the officers' mess with a faultless set of teeth and 'his snarl looking much more ferocious than before'.

Reveille

BEAR IS WINNER IN BOUT WITH AUTO

CHEBOYGAN, Michigan – A bear and a car collided head on on U.S. 27 two miles north of Cheboygan.

Lee Joslin, driver of the car, sadly watched the bear disappear into the woods. Then he trudged to a telephone to call a tow truck to move his car.

Michigan paper

STAGE FRIGHT

Sir, – While returning home yesterday through a country lane, my car was frightened by a stage coach. I feel quite strongly that such vehicles, if allowed on the road, should be preceded by a man with a red flag and a whistle.

Yours faithfully,

Letter in *The Times*

Later he went to study at Royal Academy of Art in London, and on leaving the Academy he took a studio in London and after eight years of hard work, married Miss Cardine Masters.

Dorset paper

QUALITY GLOVES - PRICES SLASHED!

Drastic sweepout of a famous manufacturer's samples. Hardly two alike.

Sales Advert. *Liverpool Echo*

Involuntarily, Max's eyes followed the length of the prostrate form, then uttered a piercing scream.

Modern Woman

This is the time of year when the heart of the housewife turns to marmalade.

The Lady

He heard the stable clock strike the hour, and a few moments later Monica in the doorway.

Woman

The Post Office Engineering Research Station has produced a 'counter' wizard which does hums 150,000 times faster than a clerk.

Scottish Daily Express

All through the night London police were combing the underworld for the three youths who escaped over the wall from Wormwood Scrubs jail, London.

Mrs Johnson was picking blackberries on Wednesday afternoon when she saw a length of black rope thrown over. A wooden ladder followed, and three men dropped on to the grass in the lane which divides Mrs. Johnson's garden from the prison wall.

'I thought they were dodging out for a cup of tea, and intended to go back again,' said Mrs Johnson. 'I did not bother to raise the alarm.'

Daily Express

Mrs Ethel Rogers of Lincoln Road, East Finchley, found a mouse in a pint of milk delivered to her home, it was said at Highgate today.

Mr E. W. Steel, for the company, said: 'No possible harm could have come to the customer. The process through which the bottle went renders the bottle and anything inside it completely sterile.'

The Star

In order to accommodate the rather considerable mouse colony in residence at the Rockefeller Institute, one of the scientists there devised a mouse house not long ago. This was an air-conditioned, six-foot-high structure of cages, arranged in six layers and supplied with running water. Since waste disposal and the installation of running water were involved, the Institute's contractors submitted the plans to the Department of Buildings for approval. The plans were shortly returned, with the disappointing comment that the proposed drainage and plumbing systems completely failed to meet the requirements that the Multiple Dwellings Law has laid down for a six-story building.

The New Yorker

The décor, is most elegant, service impeccable, food first class, and the band terrific. There is ■ small dance floor in the gallery for the undressed.

Advert. in weekly magazine

Tea Room Attendant (female) required. Knowledge of first aid essential.

Northern Daily Mail

PEANUT-BUTTER GRILLED CORN

Husk fresh corn ; spread ears lightly with peanut butter. Wrap each ear with bacon slice ; fasten with toothpick. Place on grill, turning until done – about 10 minutes. Or let everyone grill his own ears, using long skewers to do so.

The American Weekly

Impressed by the courtesy and friendliness of their Spanish-speaking guides, the Chileans reciprocated by inviting ■ number of air station officers to ■ farewell party aboard the *Esmeralda* on Tuesday evening.

The *Esmeralda* sailed from San Francisco on Tuesday morning.

California paper

The Cape Hatteras region, developed ■■ America's first national seashore park, was visited by 306,328 persons, three times the attendance for the previous year when no attendance figures were kept.

American magazine

My weekly treat is a visit to a small local cinema. The manager there knows almost every customer. I have a seat booked at the end of the back row and, as I suffer from bad feet, the manager allows me the luxury of bathing my feet in hot water during the show. I fill up the bowl in his office. You do not get service like this in the big posh cinemas.

Letter in *Reveille*

My husband is a shy man and whenever he brings flowers home to me he always conceals them under his bowler hat.

As a result they have to be little flowers like violets or anemones and tend to smell of brilliantine.

Surely there must be some other way in which self conscious men cope with this problem?

Letter in *Today*

Apparatus for removing casings from sausages and the like
(U.S. Patent No. 2,672,646)

In ■ sausage-skinning machine, means for rotating ■ sausage about its longitudinal axis, means for simultaneously holding a part of the skin against rotative movement with the sausage to cause said skin to be torn off said sausage circumferentially, and means for simultaneously moving said sausage endwise with respect to said holding means, said rotating, holding and moving means being operatively related to one another to cause said skin to be torn off and stripped from the sausage helically.

Mrs L. Smith of Alma Street, Aston, Birmingham, said in evidence that while picnicking she saw the horse chase a couple up the river bank and then eat their sandwiches. She threw her coat over her own and her husband's sandwiches, but the horse ate through it to get at the food. Her husband complained to the Town Council.

The Times

It is also hoped that the new machine will prove useful in clearing snow from the track. It is expected to be ready for use in this country in the summer.

Manchester paper

The public is very faithful to stage and screen favourites, provided they remain in the type of parts expected of them. Occasionally a comedian is permitted to try his hand at comedy or *vice versa*, but this sort of thing is not greatly encouraged.

North-Western Evening Mail

POPE CITES DANGERS FACING THE WORLD
NAMES ■ CARDINALS

New York paper

Parties up to 1,000 can and have been done.

Restaurant advertisement

'You don't care,' she accused him. 'You don't care whether I do or not.' The trembling lips resolved themselves into two bright tears that gathered on the edges of her eyelids.

Women's Own

Eugene D. Fletchall, manager of Swift & Co.'s packing plant in San Francisco, has been elected ■ vice president and will be quartered in Chicago.

San Francisco News

For forty years Jim Martin earned a living in vaudeville letting people swing ■ 10-lb. sledge-hammer at a 50-lb. rock balanced on his head. He thinks that one day there might be ■ new demand for this form of entertainment. So, just in case, he keeps in training by beating his bald head with blocks of wood every morning.

Reynolds News

Dear Editor, – Thank you for the lovely, sane letter about telling the little ones. With a box of seeds planted in the window, a mother cat with two babies under my kitchen stove, and your wonderful letter tucked away in my desk I feel ready for anything.

Pictorial Review

When Mrs Janet Trent opened her diary yesterday the entry for the day was already filled in by someone else and read: 'House burgled 5 a.m.' A burglar had stolen £24 as she slept in her Hallfield Estate, Paddington, home.

Daily Express

Corned beef was sent to ■ Bridgend school canteen. Teachers sniffed it and did not like it. A canteen manageress sniffed it, but pronounced it good; the town sanitary inspector sniffed it and passed it as good; the town medical officer sniffed it and declared it good – then ordered it to be destroyed because too many people had sniffed it.

Daily Express

G.I. Joe was the only pigeon ever decorated by the British Government. 'G.I. Joe was credited with saving the lives of 1,700 British soldiers after communication lines had been cut during an Italian engagement. Then he ran through the second and third floors of the building sounding the alarm, clad only in his underwear.

San Francisco Examiner

At weekends Rosemary cycles 'usually to Portsmouth'. What does she do when she gets home? She strips and overhauls her bicycle.

Evening Standard

The new lizard, 21 in. long, is said at the Zoo to be settling down well. It is described by ■ keeper as being as lively as the cricketers that are part of its favourite diet.

Lincolnshire Echo

A programme for parents 3 - 'Wat is ■ Secondary Modern School?'

Radio Times

3.0. Greenwich Time Signal
Conducted by
Lt. Col. S. Rhodes M.B.E.
Edith Lewin (mezzo-soprano)

Radio Times

Split and warmed and served with our cheese you will be the envy of your guests.

Catalogue of New Hampshire Store

OSLO, NORWAY – (By United Press). Aker had won out against Oslo in a 'bedroom frontier' dispute waged for months and finally carried to the courts. In readjusting the boundary between the two cities, the engineers drew a line through a particular bedroom in a block of flats so a husband's bed was in Oslo and his wife's in Aker.

Under Norwegian municipal law the domicile for taxing purposes is where the husband sleeps, and so Oslo claimed a victory. But the municipality of Aker was not so easily convinced. It took the husband to court and on cross-examination asked where the husband had slept between December 31 and January 1 when the tax year started. The husband admitted he had slept in Aker.

Denver Post

HIRED – 12 midgets to tour a Chicago baseball ground selling cigarettes and chocolates. Explained an official: 'Fans were complaining that regular-sized salesmen blocked their view.'

Evening paper

QUITE A FEW SWALLOWS

Norwich, Connecticut, May 26

A Mr David Evans, of Plymouth, about eight miles from this village, some time last week, whilst chopping in the woods, felled a hollow tree which contained from four to eight thousand Swallows! They were of the kind generally denominated the Wood Swallow. The breast is white – tail forked, and tail feathers sharp pointed. When discovered they were in a torpid state.

Robb's Cabinet of Curiosities

Order chicken cut into serving pieces. Clean as necessary. Wash, drain, and blot on absorbent paper. Place chicken in deep bowl. Mash in a mortar the garlic, oregano, salt and peppercorns. Add to rum, mixed with soy sauce. Pour over children.

Ridgewood (New Jersey) Record

Most issues of the Journal open with Notices to Fellows, and it seems appropriate to begin this collection of extracts with ■ notice on the Long-haired Angora Goat.

Journal of Royal Society of Arts

City printers seek works manager, medium-sized but expanding.

Advert. in *Evening News*

In the last two rounds both threw non-stop punches to the acclaim of an enthusiastic audience, but the British boy ■ hitting the cleaner.

Evening Standard

E. Cramer Ltd require beamer, presser and girl for stripping.

Long Eaton Advertiser

Almost from the start the race developed into a two-man battle, and over the last three miles they ■ shoulder to shoulder, with the Yorkshire man always that yard in front.

Sunday paper

I AM 32. Not unattractive, and – single. Why I still single? It's all right – I'm quite normal! But I still haven't met a man with the makings of a good, sincere, dependable husband. I cheerful and home-loving by nature, and have normal social interests and pursuits. Have my own home just outside London, and office job in London. There must be somewhere a sincere man in his 30's or 40's, reasonable position and education, wishing to settle down to a happily married home life. I'm tired of insincere, irresponsible types, and am still hopefully waiting for a decent trusted man, who is looking for the same things I am. Is that really too much to ask? – such an unreasonable wish? But – am beginning to think no such one exists and giving up hope. Perhaps you are the answer to my long search? Do write. At least there is no harm in a meeting – aim – if mutually suited, friendship and marriage. Sincere, genuine replies only please. All sincere letters answered. My photo sent on request. Please write fully. Strictest confidence respected and assured. Box 7312.

London Weekly Advertiser

Sir, – Traffic over the Channel bridge from England to France should proceed on the right, so to prepare the drivers for the conditions they will meet when they arrive in France. Conversely, traffic from France to England should proceed on the left.

Yours truly, Derek E. Cox

The Times

MAN LOST LEG AS HE OPENED CASH REGISTER

A man's right leg was severed by a train as he tried to open a cash register he had stolen from a Luton café, it was stated at Luton Magistrates' Court yesterday. He had hidden the register on the railway line, said Inspector H. Cooper.

The Times

The return visit to Johannesburg of Miss E—, the famous vaudeville artist, recalls a pleasing incident during her previous visit, when she appeared at the Empire tight years ago.

Johannesburg paper

LET US QUOTE A PRICE TO ARRANGE YOUR REMOVAL

Sign in Croydon furniture shop

An acute shortage of mutton has hit the city. The shortage is due to the non-availability of goats from India.

Times of Ceylon

Golden Labrador Dog for sale, 4 years; good driver, clean licence.

Hampshire paper

M.P. ON CLOUD
OVER EUROPE

Liverpool Post

LOST from Tyddyn Ucha, Ruthin. Welsh couple, two red stripes on rump and stripe on head.

Denbighshire Free Press

Have ■ gold tooth affixed to your denture and give your teeth that NATURAL LOOK.

Notice in shop

Sir, – The following fact, had it not come from the most undoubted authority, might be questioned even by the most credulous, but emanating from the most veracious source, its authenticity may be confided in: A waggoner named Silas Thompson, while driving his team on the road west of Rochester, N.Y., observed from the precipice on his left a man suspending himself apparently by the hands, from a grape vine at the distance of twenty or twenty-five feet from the ground, who, on being taken down from his perilous situation, seemed entirely insensible and lifeless, but after assiduous attention, exhibited symptoms of returning life. Being sufficiently restored to converse, said his name was Thomas Wheaton, which was recognized by the bystanders, and that while cutting wood in the forest above, his foot slid from the brink of the precipice, to the base of which he must irremediably have been thrown, had it not been for the occurrence of a grape vine, which he grasped, and which proved his preservation. He supposed he had been hanging three or four hours, when he lost by degrees all sense and animation and in this state was found by the waggoner; and which proves how great are the exertions man will make for the preservation of his existence.

Yours, respectfully, G. S. A.

Philadelphia, January 15, 1824.

American Daily Advertiser

Sir, – I ~~am~~ alarmed to learn from your leading article today that the Duke of Beaufort rides in a car bearing the registration number MFH 1.

At these works we travel in FOX 1. May I be assured that, should we happen to meet his Grace on the road, no unseemly incident will occur?

Yours faithfully, H. P. FORDER,
Samuel Fox & Co. Ltd., Sheffield

The Times

Complete home for sale £300. Two dble, one single bed, dining rm, three piece suite, wireless, television, carpets, lion, etc.

Advert. in Portsmouth *Evening News*

At the same time I have been extremely sorry for a lot of old people, many of whom have since died and have been tormented.

Saffron Walden Weekly News

ARE YOUR DENTURES SIX Weeks old pullets, R.I.R. x L.S., 7/- each.

Chorlton & Wilbrampton News

The proverbial hospitality and amiability of the Yugoslav people will make it easy for those who wish to get acquainted with all the facts of life in the new Yugoslavia.

Travel Pamphlet 'The Sunny Adriatic'

One unfurnished room in quiet house, with cupboard for middle-aged woman.

Advert. in Essex paper

2s. 6d. entitles you to a free entry in the Pony and Donkey Show, and also to the loan of ■ loin cloth during the winter months.

Animal Welfare Society circular

A few mornings since the person who drives stage on the Eastern route, when about twelve or thirteen miles from here, and within two or three miles of his stopping place, observed ■ forefoot drop from one of his horses. The horse continued to make his way along until within about one mile of the stopping place, when the other forefoot separated from the leg. One foot separated at the lower joint, at the edge of the hoof, the other between that and the fetlock. The driver, whose feelings were most painful, as evinced by the falling tear, as he could afford the poor horse no relief there, permitted him to walk slowly to the stopping place, hobbling along on the stumps. Soon after reaching the tavern, the sure aim of a marksman relieved the horse of his misery. We note it as a most singular circumstance. The only attempt to account for it, that we have heard of, was ■ supposition that the separation was caused by exhilarating drugs, which it is said some drivers sometimes gave their horses, but which had not been given to this horse during the few weeks he was in charge of the present driver.

Wilkesbarre Advertiser

FOREIGN BODIES IN THE STOMACH

A 34-year-old male mental patient was admitted to the surgical unit of B— Hospital. The admitting diagnosis was 'possible perforation' and cataleptic schizophrenia. The patient was unable to give a history.

A straight X-ray of abdomen revealed the presence of a large mass of metal objects apparently in the pelvis. Further films failed to localize the mass and ■ barium swallow was performed. This revealed that all the objects were in the stomach. Laparotomy was performed in view of the number and shape of the foreign bodies. A total of 144 objects were removed. These included 126 half bed springs, two spoon handles, four coins, and several small pieces of wire. Among those not included in the photograph were a part of a rosary bead and a sizeable piece of a shirt. The stomach wall appeared healthy apart from a small benign ulcer on the lesser curvature. Recovery was uneventful.

From a medical journal

HARRISBURG, PA. — Ross Oenslager, wealthy clubman, facing ■ \$100,000 breach of promise suit, is in a room on the sixth floor of the Harrisburg Hospital with a slashed neck and throat. His condition is reported as satisfactory.

Pennsylvania paper

WOMAN FALLS THREE STORIES AS SHE WATERS FLOWERS

Long Island Daily Star

Rivinius, who is 45 years old, prominent socially, father of four children and ■ Harvard graduate, blamed stock market losses for his predicament.

Ohio paper

A dispatch from Moorehead said Red River Valley farmers will love heavily because of potatoes damaged by freezing in the fields.

Minneapolis Journal

MAN HERE TO SEE WIFE ROBBED AND BEATEN

Philadelphia Enquirer

A VALUABLE INVENTION

Among the last and one of the most curious inventions that we have ever seen, says the Albany Citizen, is ■ machine intended to take the place of the nurse, at the bedside of the sick or over the cradle of the sleeping infant, at that season of the year when flies are a pest – an almost intolerable annoyance. We have seen many a ‘scare-crow’, but never before a scare-fly. A neat box contains a little simple brass machinery, which may be wound up like a clock and that will ‘run’ as long. From the lid of the box – which by the way is quite small and ornamental – a short tube projects into which you may thrust for instance, ■ peacock’s feather. The machinery being wound up, a motion is produced precisely like the beat of a clock, which gives to the feather the slow and steady oscillations of ■ pendulum. This may be so placed as to overspread the face of the sleeping patient and will most effectually cause the flies to cease from troubling. The advantage and comfort of this simple contrivance will at once be recognized.

Robbs Cabinet of Curiosities

Not even my colleague Captain Heath, with Professor Einstein and Dr Gallup to assist him, could work out the odds against that astonishing coincidence on the Worthing golf course on Sunday morning when two brothers killed two seagulls with two balls during the ~~LAST~~ round.

News Chronicle

Sir, – Lady A., having lunched at the Ritz, proceeded to Euston, where she discovered that she had lost ■ butterfly brooch. Two days later she heard that it had just been picked up in the gutter outside the Ritz. The police, however, thought the two-day interval strange, and reference was made to Cartier, the maker, to find out whether he had made any replicas. He had – two – and the brooch in question had, in fact been lost by Lady B. on the day it was picked up.

Letter in Sunday Times

The kitchen in the big log lodge on the farm will provide sandwiches, hot soup and other light combustibles for the outdoormen.

Wall Street Journal

RESCUERS TOASTED
IN HOT RUM

Headline in evening paper

Cemetery. We have carefully considered the fees charged for opening and closing graves and the prices charged for the sale of grave spaces, and desire to call the attention of the Council to the advisability of referring this matter to the Public Amusements Committee.

Manx paper

1959 AUSTIN A35, black, heater, new tyres, immaculate, elderly owner exchanged for bath chair.

Cambridge Daily News

There are now over 600 licensed dogs in the Borough of Princeton. The Princeton Small Animal Rescue League urges them to co-operate in its humane work by taking out membership at \$2 a year. Mail checks to Mrs Robert N. Smyth, 342 Nassau St.

Princeton paper

She appears as a circus clown, juggling with three balls, a pianist, and a dancer.

Daily Express

SCHOONER 'SULTANA' TOWED BY A WHALE

On December 16 1874, while schooner *Sultana*, Capt. Peterson, of this port, was at anchor off Grand Bank, there was a sudden motion felt by those on board the vessel, and it was evident that the craft was being carried through the water by some unknown and unknown motive power. Looking forward, it was observed that the cable was drawn taut, and that a 'monster of the deep' was attached thereto, and drawing the vessel along at the rate of twelve knots an hour. Soon they obtained positive evidence, as a mammoth whale came to the surface to blow, having the anchor of the vessel either hooked into his jaw or blow-hole. There was also another whale which was near, evidently greatly astonished at the predicament of his companion. The men on board of the dories, which had just returned from visiting their trawls, had barely time to make fast their painter as the vessel started. Another dory, with two men, was at some distance, also visiting their trawls. The captain stood ready with axe in hand, in case of emergency, and allowed the whale to tow them some distance; but not wishing to lose sight of the men in the dory, was obliged to cut the cable - otherwise he might have succeeded in capturing the whale. Whether or not his whaleship succeeded in getting rid of the anchor and tow-line is not known, as no account has yet come to hand of his being fallen in with. It was rather a novel method of being towed.

Robb's Cabinet of Curiosities

Sir, - Shortly before the war my partner in some tennis tournaments in the Isle of Man was Eric Peel. When we won a game, the umpire announced 'Game to Orange and Peel'.

We found the greatest difficulty in persuading our opponents that our names were not pseudonyms, and overheard several amusing rumours as to our real identity.

R. B. Orange, Watford

Sunday Times

In Jonesboro, Arkansas, winds which reached eighty miles per hour caused minor property damage, and at Beebe, Arkansas, Mrs Sally Hill twisted her home from its foundations.

Oklahoma paper

Let there be no misunderstanding. A mating of two champion sheep-dogs is more likely to produce a super Border-Collie than the mating of two champion cattle or horses.

The Scotsman

Like all papers written by people following an infinite end, the welter of have and have not, with regard to what may, if by any chance it ever, though it should, of course, is a little confusing.

Stockport Advertiser

The fertilizer was anhydrous ammonia, use of which has become a way of life for farmers in sausage-shaped 1,000-gallon tanks, mounted on wheels for easy movement.

New Orleans States & Item

Here is an opportunity to purchase a charming small house at a price which bears no relation to its cost.

Advert. in weekly paper

The season for grass fires seems to have arrived, so stamp out that cigarette-end before you throw it down.

Herne Bay Press

ROME, June 17. Antonio Satanassi, the chief grave-digger of Riofreddo, near Cesena, yesterday fell into a deep grave which he was digging. The earth crumbled in after him and buried all but his head.

The poor man shouted for help and some people came but ran away again thinking he was a ghost. Later others came, but by then Satanassi had lost consciousness. He was removed to his home and was taken for dead.

The priest was called and as he was giving his blessing to the 'corpse' the grave-digger regained consciousness and scattered all his mourners by his loud imprecations against the excessive superstition of the local population.

Daily paper

Will lady who purchased glass cruet from Blanks Ltd. Friday morning, September 22, kindly return engagement ring placed in mustard pot by assistant.

Advert in *Nottingham Evening News*

Two wives who gave birth to sons in the same maternity hospital on the same day have made Mr Ted Frost a father and a grandfather all within a few hours.

And to add to the coincidence, both mothers were born on the same day - September 29 - twenty-seven years ago.

Daily Mail

Sir, - At one time during the war in our 'Toc H Services club at Cambridge the secretary was named Bean, the chaplain Gawne, and the warden Dunnet.

Paul Slessor, London SW1

Sunday Times

Will anyone who would like their graves attended to in the cemetery get into touch with the Secretary, Rev. F. W. Thomas.

Cambridge paper

The Speaker then passed into the Chamber. There his Chaplain has advanced to the Clerk's table, has looked at the Members and prayed for the Country.

Liverpool Echo

During the war on several occasions the *Queen Elizabeth* attained a speed of 31 knots and he thought she could possibly exceed this speed if pushed.

Johannesburg Star

The bride looked charming in a powder blue ensemble with a corset of red roses.

Sussex paper

HEADMISTRESS SCRUBBED
TO GET PLAYGROUND

Daily Mail

The Prime Minister spoke from the briefest notes which he had pencilled on his knees during the debate.

The Observer

SIR, - A few days ago a Grosvenor House waiter, who served Merchant Navy during the war, called on the hotel's staff manager to inquire about resuming employment. During the discussion, there was delivered to the staff manager a picture postcard which the waiter had posted to him from the Panama Canal over two years before.

E. Smith, Grosvenor House

Sunday Times

Sir, - While I was doing a sick parade near Salonica, Private Latimer presented himself. Thus I quizzed him: 'Hullo, Latimer, how's Ridley?' Latimer looked at me wonderingly. 'He's in next, sir.' And he was.

Eric Coplans

(Hon.) Capt. R.A.M.C., Kidderminster

Sunday Times

HOW TO KILL SNAKES?

A gentleman of veracity relates the following curious circumstance ■ fact:

Having previously heard that the faliva, or fpittle of the human species, was a powerful quick operating poison to fnakes, he was induced to try the experiment ■ a very large viper; and accordingly spit on the end of a ftick and applied it to the mouth of the ferpent, who immediately imbibed a potion with his tongue or fting, and in two or three minutes after appeared in extreme agony, which he fhewed by coiling, twifting and turning in a very ftrange manner; at laft ftretched himself out and expired, leaving no fymptom of life behind.

The Gazette, 1798

A dog, alleged to be ferocious, which bit a woman in Alderney recently, was given another chance by the Court last Friday.

Guernsey Evening Press

All Edinburgh's 40,000 odd subscribers have now been fitted with new dials incorporating letters and figures.

The Scotsman

Any exhibitors remaining after 7 p.m. will be sold for the benefit of the fête funds.

Schedule for Horticultural Show

Sir Robert G— said the Government had leaned over too far backwards and bowed to hysterical opinion.

Daily Telegraph

Belcoo police seized twenty cattle and thirty small pigs on suspicion of having been smuggled, assisted by Miss K. McDermott (violin) and Mrs. P. O'Rourke (percussion and effects).

Fermanagh Herald

MEAT IN BEEF SAUSAGES
PRESTATYN BUTCHER
FINED £5

Liverpool Echo

A report, cabled from Innsbruck today, that the Queen of the Netherlands' car skidded to the edge of a 600-ft precipice, one wheel going over the edge, and was prevented from falling over only by a policeman throwing his whole weight against it, is denied this evening.

The Times

THE OMNIBOMBULATOR

This unusual instrument is operated by selecting one of the four switch positions A, B, C, D, and turning the power on. The effects are:

- Position A The pratching valve glows and the queech obulates.
- B The queech obulates and the urfer curls up, but the rumption does not get hot.
- C The sneeveling rod turns clockwise, the pratching valve glows and the queech fails to obulate.
- D The troglodyser gives off hydrogen but the urfer does not curl up.

Whenever the pratching valve glows the rumption gets hot. Unless the sneeveling rod turns clockwise, the queech cannot obulate, but if the sneeveling rod is turning clockwise the troglodyser will not emit hydrogen. If the urfer does not curl up you may be sure that the rumption is not getting hot.

In order to get milk chocolate from the machine you must ensure (a) that the sneeveling rod is turning clockwise AND (b) that if the troglodyser is not emitting hydrogen, the queech is not obulating. *Which switch position would you select?*

If, tiring of chocolate, you wish to receive the Third Programme you must take care (a) that the rumption does not get hot AND (b) either that the urfer doesn't curl and the queech doesn't obulate *or* that the pratching valve glows and the troglodyser fails to emit hydrogen. *Which switch position?*

Sunday Times Brain Teaser

We need a ~~man~~ with a high I.Q. and a high level of analytical ability able to express his clear understanding in ambiguous written English.

Advert. in *New York Times*

I write on behalf of the Churchwardens to state we think it desirable to make a change in the arrangements for keeping the grass in order, as Mr Bazely is now getting very infirm. We have given him notice to expire at Christmas.

West Sussex County Times

Q. In round numbers what is Girl Scout membership today?

A. Today there are 2,300,000 members of the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. Of these 1,750,000 are girls.

The American Girl

The competitors from Limerick are so large that a special train is to be run.

Irish paper

Put your failures behind you and make them stepping stones to higher things.

Liverpool Daily Post

LADY wants small run-down General; accom.

Advert. in *Liverpool Echo*

Sir, - When I was aged about 19 I was articled to a firm of solicitors. My principal was also undersheriff for the county. It was part of his duties on the sheriff's behalf to summon juries for the Assizes and the Quarter Sessions for the county and this work was delegated to me.

At that time I was walking out with a maiden aged 17. She was very beautiful; I loved her deeply. Her mother did not like me; I did not like her. The mother objected to me taking her daughter out to tea. A deadlock arose.

I resolved the matter by sending a jury summons to the mother. The mother was thus required to leave the town at 8 a.m. and serve on the jury in the county town thirty miles away. Thus, the county had the benefit of her services for five days and during those five days I had the pleasure of her daughter's company, and I took her out to tea every day in the sure and certain knowledge that Cupid would not be impeded in his work.

Although I am conscious that juries at times do err, my admiration for the jury system which I formed at the age of 19 has survived to this day.

Yours &c., EDWARD F. IWI

Extract from a letter to *The Times*

18-MONTH SENTENCE
FOR BITING BUS
DRIVER'S EARS

The Guardian

Rugby club treasurer Mr Ronald Lane received an account for electricity used during the close season. It was for £0 os. od. so he ignored it. Later a final demand was sent to the ground at Kidderminster, Worcestershire, with the warning that the supply would be cut off if it was not paid in seven days. Mr Lane sent a cheque for £0 os. od. It was accepted.

Daily Mail

Two lady teachers require flat/small furnished house, near sea, whole month August, reasonable. Sleep 4.

Advert. in 'Teachers' paper

\$7 MILLION EXPANSION COST \$7 MILLION

Chicago Daily News

The new flag was presented to the Carnival Committee by an old lady of the village, who has wished to remain anonymous, and is to be flown on all festive occasions.

Herts paper

TOO SOLID FLESH

Englishman's mishap at Elsinore

COPENHAGEN, June 30. Elsinore, sweltering in a temperature of about 86 degrees, was not the sort of place one Englishman was prepared for. Ready to brave the chilling Scandinavian winds which he knew Prince Hamlet once faced, the 65-year-old English visitor clad himself in his warmest winter overcoat. Underneath he wore a thick woollen vest, long woollen pants, mittens, two waistcoats, tweed jacket and trousers.

He landed at Elsinore, not at the battlements but at the hospital – with heat-stroke. Within a few hours he was on his way again, still fully prepared in all his clothes for icy weather, in spite of a doctor's warning that the forecasts promised continued fine weather. 'It's as well to be on the safe side,' he said – Reuter.

Daily Telegraph

**'The writer who can make the most
sour species of human cackle with
delight'**

SUNDAY TELEGRAPH

P.G. WODEHOUSE

PLUM PIE 5/-

**'New rich episodes in the tangled lives of
Jeeves and Bertie Wooster and other familiar
Wodehouse characters'**

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'A lovely piece of pie and very digestible'

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and dialogue which are the envy of
every writer practising today. May
Wodehouse long continue to make us laugh'**

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ICE IN THE BEDROOM 3/6

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has always given the public exactly what the DOCTOR ordered — in a series of highly successful operations.

LOVE AND SIR LANCELOT 5/-

'Temporary warden of St Swithin's residential medical college, Sir Lancelot barges his way into a series of warm emotional entanglements which are raising the temperature of the cool hospital corridors. A gay, witty novel.'

Evening News

THE SUMMER OF SIR LANCELOT 5/-

A blustering surgeon has retired to Wales, but he just can't keep away from London, his old hospital and Harley Street. His return brings laughs, misunderstandings, and another triumph for this popular author.

NUTS IN MAY 3/6

An hilarious tale of love and money—or rather the lack of it allied to a taste for very high living!

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'Will the person who witnessed the fall of a lady at approximately 11.45 pm August 5, in GPO Notting Hill Gate, kindly telephone Park 0000' *Marylebone Mercury*

The Prime Minister said it was a loose classification by the Board of Trade. 'Locomotives, ships and aircraft' should have read 'Wire mattresses, locks, nails and manhole covers'. Daily Mail

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