JUST IN FUN

The Legal Way

A lawyer thus illustrates the language of the craft: "If a man were to give another an orange, he would simply say: 'Have an orange.' But when the transaction is entrusted to a lawyer to be put in writing he adopts this form: 'I hereby give and convey to you, all and singular, my estate and interests, right, title, claim and advantages of and in said orange, together with all its rind, juice, pulp and pips and all rights and advantages therein with full power to bite, suck, and otherwise to eat the same or give the same away with or without the rind, skin, juice, pulp and pips, anything hereinbefore or hereinafter or in any other means of whatever nature or kind whatsoever to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.'

"And then another lawyer comes along and takes it away from you!"

So Dumb

Mother was slow to comprehend what seemed so perfectly clear to little Sue. The pride of the family talking about a "fedder."

"A 'fedder'?" mother questioned.

"Why, you know, Mummy," patiently explained Sue, "it's a leaf from a chicken."

Unpredictable

Lady (indignantly, after crash): I turned the way I signalled.

Man: I know it. That's what fooled me.

Kindly photographer: "Now my little man, just keep looking at the birdie in the cage."

Modern Tot: "Rubbish! Pay attention to your exposure, focal length and lighting, or you'll ruin your plate."

The Handy Jingle

Pat, who had but lately arrived from the old country, was experiencing considerable difficulty mastering correct English. His cousin, who had spent several years in America and had gained a good working knowledge of grammar, attempted to instruct him.

"Now, Pat," he said, "don't say, 'it is me.' Say 'It is I,' and remember that by saying to yourself 'It is I said the spider to the fly.'"

A few days later Pat came to his instructor and said, "Shure, O'im getting along foine. Oi just remember that 'It is me, said the spider to the flea' and Oi get it right every time."

"Miss Fitts! Are You by any chance a rabbit fancier?"

Not Stranger

An enthusiastic golfer came home to his dinner after a game. During the meal his wife said: "Willie tells me he caddied for you this morning!"

"There now!" exclaimed Willie's father. "I thought I'd seen that lad before."

Around and Around

Mrs. Gabby: "This morning Mrs. Crabbe told me the very gossip I asked you not to repeat to any one because I promised Mrs. Hinkle I wouldn't tell."

Mrs. Jabber: "Why, the mean thing! She promised me she would not tell a soul. I'll certainly tell her a thing or two!"

Mrs. Gabby: "Oh, no, don't do that; I promised her I wouldn't tell you she had told me you told her."

Tower of London and Traitor's Gate

From the Tower the King proceeded in ancient days, accompanied by his minstrels, in his resplendent barge along the river to Westminster to open Parliament, says The Port of London Monthly. By this river came also those who entered Traitor's Gate on their last journey to the scaffold and the block. Here it was that Anne Boleyn and small Jane, "Queen of Nine Days," came to be "received" on the steps by the Constable of the Tower, and later, by their bloody deaths, to prove how dangerous it was to flaunt the Tudor sovereignty.

Here, too, Sir Walter Raleigh, sailor, explorer and poet, landed to languish in prison for many a long year and be later brought forth to feel the axe which "cured all diseases." Small wonder that the executioner quailed before the steady gaze of the brave old man, and had to be admonished, "Strike, man, strike. What dost thou fear?"

IT'S A LONG WAY FROM SNOWY BRITAIN

In summer togs, the British royal family enjoys warm weather of Capetown, South Africa, as they visit the beautiful gardens of government house.

Britain Claims Falkland Islands

The governments of Argentina and Chile are reported preparing to submit claims to the United Nations for possession of the Falkland Islands, which lie some 500 miles off the coast at the extreme tip of South America. The Falklands consist of about 100 islands, with an aggregate population of around 3,000, miles predominating in the proportion of about four to one. One of the larger islands had, when the last census was taken, a male population of 1,300 and only three women. The islands are so scattered that at one time there were British and Spanish settlers who did not know of each other's presence.

Title to the islands is not very clear, but they have been administered by Great Britain for at least 40 years. There are three ways in which acquisition may be recognized. First is discovery, secondly is occupation, and thirdly the establishment of an administration. Britain qualifies by all three requirements.

The Falkland Islands were first sighted about 150 years ago by an English explorer, but he did not land. Some years later a French expedition did land, and shortly after there was a Spanish landing. The French gave up the islands to Spain, and subsequently Spain transferred them to Britain with the status of dependency. The British then established meteorological stations. The location is valuable strategically, and that was why the Germans sent out a strong fleet in 1914 to destroy the British wireless depot at Port Stanley. The inferior British fleet was sunk, but the Admiralty quickly assembled a stronger fleet than the Germans had out there and destroyed it in turn.

The trade of the inhabitants is almost entirely with Great Britain. There are some minerals, but the chief business is wool, there being 600,000 sheep on the island. The settlers are nearly all descendants of Scottish shepherds who were sent out by the British Government.

Reconversion

The remarkable reconversion feat of United Kingdom automobile industry is underlined by the announcement that production is already 95 per cent that of prewar.

Animal Crackers

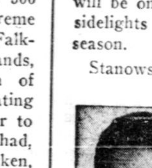
"When I go ahead I step on my heels—backward I step on my toes . . . so I walk sideways."

Know Your Hockey Stars

By ED. FITKIN

Whirling Wally Stanowski's efforts to readjust his style of play to suit the modern trend in hockey will be one of the most interesting sidelights to the current N.H.L. season.

Stanowski, a will o' the wisp on skates, has no peer in spectacular, rink-length rushing but his zig-zagging manouevers, however colorful, are not productive with any degree of consistency and actually are outmoded in the streamlined, get -the-puck-up system now in vogue.



Wally Stanowski
Defence

At training camp prior to the start of the 1946-47 season, Wally's play was disappointing but under the constant urging of Coach Hap Day, he showed marked improvement and hopes are high that he'll come bouncing back to the standard that made him an All-Star defenseman before the war intervened.

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Ever since he came East with St. Boniface Seals and displayed his will-o-the wisp style of hockey, Toronto fans have been Stanowski conscious. He and Billy Taylor were the individual satellites of that memorable Memorial Cup series, which the Seals won, and, after one look at him, the Leafs decided that Stanowski would be a sensation in a Toronto uniform. The only catch was that Red Dutton had him on the New York Americans' negotation list. To get him, the Leafs parted with Hap Day and King Clancy.

Stanowski, who was born at Winnipeg, April 28, 1919, failed to make the grade with the Leafs on the first attempt and was sent to Syracuse for seasoning. The late Eddie Powers, who coached the Stars, used him at left wing most of that 1938-39 season and Wally wound up with one goal and 16 assists. He starts the following season with the Leafs and after bagging two goals and seven assists, he suffered an ankle injury and later was sent to Providence.

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Wally finally clicked in sensational style in the 1940-41 season and was the talk of the league. He scored seven goals, had 14 assists for 21 points and was selected as an All-Star defenseman. The next year, however, Stanowski hit the skids with a boom and throughout the league schedule he found it almost Impossible to recapture the form that had made him such a standout the season be re.

But there were signs in the late stages of that campaign that Walter the great was beginning to snap out of his slump—and when the Leafs moved into the Stanley Cup playoffs Stanowski really came back to form. Once again he was the Whirling Dervish of all-star fame. He scored two goals and assisted in eight others to play a potent role in the dramatic Stanley Cup triumph of the Leafs over Detroit that year.

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Stanowski went into the R.C.A.F. during the summer of 1942 and was stationed at Winnipeg and Trenton, Ont. While in the Air Force, Wally married and now has a boy, who is officially Wally Jr., but gets called "Skippy."

He rejoined the Leafs late in 1944, received his discharge and began playing regularly in January. In 34 games, Stanowski scored two goals and had nine assists. In the playoffs, partnered with Reg. Hamilton, Stanowski was a standout as the Leafs wound up with the Stanley Cup.

Whirling Wally had a disappointing season last year but his habit of staging spirited comebacks just when everyone is down on him keeps the hope glimmering that the 1946-47 campaign will see Stanowski back at his 1941-42 p-eak.

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HE'LL BE IN HOT WATER SOON

Viscount Mountbatten and Lady Mountbatten get a last look at London snow. They leave soon for India, where he will be governor-general and find things considerably warmer.

SPOTS OF SPORTS

By FRANK MANN HARRIS
("A Six Bit Critic")

In the February issue of "True Magazine" there appeared an article entitled "Baseball's Czar Speaks Out," and bearing the impressive sub-heading "Commissioner Happy Chandler Makes His First Public Pronouncement." If you haven't already done so, we most strongly recommend that you hunt it up and read it; for while it was not meant to be a humorous piece, it is a long time since we have come across anything with so many laughs tucked away in it—laughs by no means intended by either the interviewer or his subject.

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From it we learn that the worthy Mr. Chandler is far from being the somewhat clownish figure many of us ignorant commentators have been trying to make out. No indeed! Happy is a greatly misunderstod individual—one whose sole aim is to protect from its manifold enemies the noble American institution of Baseball, and one firmly determined to dish out at any cost—short of losing his job, of course—absolutely even-handed justice to owner and player alike, let the quips fall where they may.

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Take, for instance, his stand on gambling. Chandler was heckled considerably for his statement that ball-players must stay strictly away from race-tracks, when he himself had been a prominent figure at more than one Kentucky Derby. But just listen to what he told one wretch who had been discovered, by Chandler's private system of sleuthing, not only attending horse races but also—the hound!—indulging in the horrid practise of playing cards. "You have an obligation to the youth of America. We want no stigma placed against our country and its favorite game. And that statement goes beyond gambling. A player must live a moral life—must pay his bills—must avoid entanglements with the law." Isn't that just too touching for words? We could hardly help yelling for crying-towels when we read it.

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And Happy is equally strict with his club owners about such matters. Well, maybe not quite equally—but strict enough. We take the liberty of quoting the great man again. "And the same thing goes for owners. Yes, I have reinterpreted the rule against owners associating with horse racing. Judge Landis barred everyone. I bar race track operators only, but not breeders of horses. Why, dogs run, don't they? And other animals can run too, can't they? We'd wisd up with barring everyone but the owners of pigs."

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Now, there's real logic for you, and cool clear-headed reasoning! And we feel certain that Charlie Hemstead, Willie Morrissey and the rest of the Owners and Breeders Association will be greatly uplifted to learn that Mr. Chandler rates them as much more desirable characters than mere operators of race tracks—although just what the Directors of the Ontario Jockey Club might think of it we can only surmise.

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Quite Enough

This story is not guaranteed to be about President Lincoln or President Washington, but it seems an appropriate time of the year to tell it:

A gushing Washington lady met a rector on the street one day and asked, "Tell me, do you expect the President to be in church next Sunday?"

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