Just about a year ago I passed along to readers of this column news of a Montana experiment in the matter of feeding skim or plants. In so doing I unintentionally laid myself open to some of the finest 'needling' I have ever experienced-and I might say that, in my time, I have been needled by

The whole trouble was-well, you know the old Scots saying about the children of the busy shoemaker always running barefoot. And I had been so busy preaching the possibilities of milk-fed tomatoes to others that I clean neglected to do anything about my own.

But why go into gruesome details: Last Summer, in my part of lavorable to stuff such as tomatoes And it seemed that the neighbor formed a habit of leaning over the fence and peering much too intently toward my straggly and starved-looking vines. As they turned away I could almost hear them saying to themselves "Milkfed tomatoes-PHOOOOEY."

But things have a way of evening themselves up. As a pal of mine used to say, "You'll go along for a spell thinking life is just as bad as it can possibly be; then, all of a sudden, it will take a change -and get worse." Anyway, within the last couple of weeks I've run across three people who tried out the milk feeding - and are most enthusiastic about it.

So here it comes again, just as April. I haven't had word of anybody trying the treatment on onions . . .

Most of us have heard of such things as celery-fed ducks and, in a bygone day, corn-fed blondes; but I must confess that milk-fed tomatoes are something new - at they're saying - feeding milk to young tomato plants is not only possible, but highly profitable as

According to Prof. Frank M. Harrington, who is head of horticultural research at Montana State College, the milk feeding will not only make the tomato plants grow. They'll mature earlier: the vines will be sturdier; the root systems 50% bigger at transplanting time: will be big, solidly-fleshed, with few seeds.

As for the yield-that from the milk-fed plants will be about double. In fact the milk appears to act very much the same as some of the new growth-stimulating hormones we hear so much about

In charge of the Montana experiments was Dr. Leon Johnson. He dissolved powdered milk in water till it formed a soupy mixture and poured about one-third of an ounce around each new plant the first week it was up. Then he increased the amount one third of an ounce used buttermilk and skim milk in the same manner.

As for the actual results-plants that hadn't been given extra plant food of any sort produced at the rate of 6,829 pounds of tomatoes per acre; those receiving skim milk alone yielded at the rate of 9,814 pounds; while plants receiving both skim milk and ammoniated phosphate averaged 12,374 pounds.



resolution.

Durnan makes no bones about his reason for quitting, frankly stating that he would prefer to end his career with all his mental marbles intact. And with the sort of hockey they play nowadays, and the kind of protection goalminders entirely fail to receive, this is a rather harder task than many onlookers even begin to suspect.

Goal-tending, under present conditions, is an "'uryin', scurryin'" business, as the old lady in "The History of Mr. Polly" remarked after her rescue from a burning building. Your own players tend to back in on you and block your view so that you never have a glimpse of half the pucks that are hurled your way until they either hit you or land in behind you. Opposing forwards play "inside home" on you in a manner that wouldn't have been tolerated in the palmiest days of field lacrosse. You are bumped, battered and bruised, as well as be-devilled by the type of loud-mouth that loves to congregate in back of the nets. In fact, it's a wonder that, after a few sea-

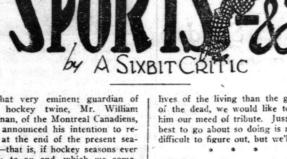
sons of modern big-time hockey, most of the goalies aren't walking around like punch-goofy fighters, talking to themselves. So, although his absence will leave an aching void—especially in the region of the Montreal nets—

we entirely applaud Bill Durnan's resolve to get out when the getting said-it's better to decorate the fertilizes 100 young plants in pots, and will take care of even more if grown in flats. Johnson believes that milk-feeding tomatoes will prove practical for both home gardeners and commercial growers.

And after the milk had made such a startling showing on tomatoes, Johnson tried it on young One. pound of powdered milk onions-and with similar results!



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that there are players today that even begin to compare with some of our heroes of old.

When Junior comes home, raving over the speed and cleverness of such as Maurice Richard, Syl Apps, Teeder Kennedy, Elmer Lach and the like, it is our custom -and that of scores belonging to our generation-to give the brash youngster a pitying smile and start talking about Howie Morenz, Cyclone Taylor, Sprague Cleghorn, Dutch Nighbor, Nels Stuart. "Your stars of today couldn't even carry the spare sticks of guys like those,"

to come up right now and ask us, "Did you honestly ever see a better goaltender than Durnan?" we might the end we'd be bound to break down and say that we never had. * * *

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cancel the insurance on my wife!"

ness," he roared, "you can just

The farmer was furious. "If that's

In our time, we have looked at and admired a lot of high-class net-minding. Names like Georges Vezina, Chuck Gardiner, Roy Worters, George Hainsworth, Lorne Chabot, Harry Holmes and half a dozen others come to mind whenever there is a hockey fanning

* * * But while we may have seen more brilliant single-game exhibitions than anything we ever saw Durnan put on, when we picture Bill over the whole span of his National Hockey League career, we are afraid we'll have admit that if he wasn't the best that ever stood between a pair of hockey uprights, he'll do to tie to until the top man comes along. Maybe that admission is a sure sign that age is softening us up, but here

* * * Bill Durnan was the outstanding performer in a highly difficult and erve-wracking profession, and we wish him all the best now that he's

An old Scottish couple were listening to a broadcast service, the husband sitting back smoking his laughed. "Sandy," exclaimed his wife. "why this merriment on the Sab-bath?"

"Ah," said Sandy, "the parson's

just announced the collection and here I am safe at home."

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Swede Auto—To be placed on the market in June is this low-slung, low-priced Swedish motor car. The vehicle's designer, Claes Allander, left, tries out the runabout with a friend in Stockholm. The car will sell for about \$\$80.

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Ages-old mastodon ivory is being turned into jewelry at Dawson, Yukon Territory, by two craftsmen.
George Murdoch and Dick Diment. The ivory comes from the worked-over "diggings" of the Klondike gold rush of 1898—where \$300,000,000 in gold dust was found.

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Ice That Drives Strong Men Mad

The roof of the world is perminently clad in ice. The Ice Cap of eenland, in places 9,000 feet thick overs a bigger area than Western Europe and is continually spewing placiers into the frozen sea-icebergs by the thousand. Spitzbergen and the waters of Arctic Siberia add to this profusion of ice, much of which drifts into the North At-

Mid-October sees an icy pulp forming on the fjords of Northern Siberia. Then, suddenly, the merctry drops to 70 below and-bang! -an icy covering is whisked across the ocean. It thickens every second until, in half an hour, it is a foot deep. Where currents are eats the cold. But not for long he channels of open water formed the currents gradually narrow

Roar Like 1,000 Guns Inside 12 hours, the ice is found et thick. And when the tide be ns to rise, a roar like a thousand booms across the Arctic. Such, least, is the case in the New Si rian Islands, off Northern Siberia Here the tide rises and falls as much as 40 feet, and when it rise after the "freeze-up" the world eems to go mad.

The sea presses beneath the ice which resists at first-then suddenly gives way. With a tremendous underclap, the air compressed be ween the sea and its icy crust bursts out, flinging into the air blocks of ice the ize of a house. Jets of sea water follow the escap-ing air, pouring across the surface

ness.
Once again, the tide falls and rises. As it drops, the ice is left suspended across the fjords until, nable to support itself, it crashes | a ship 40 feet out of the vater. he new forming a contorted mass erhaps 20 feet thick. Then the tide begins to rise again, pressing upwards harder and harder until ace again it bursts through, flinging immense blocks of ice on to the shore with the uproar of a vol-

Merry Menagerie-By Walt Disney

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"Stop worrying about being lost!
All we've got to do is find a tre

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north!"

"I've seen men go mad at such mes," says Jan Wetzel, a trader tho lives in the New Sigerians. Seen them run along the shore waving their arms and yelling with fear until they fall from exhaust-ion."

For seven months the sun is but emory. But with the return of spring, its warmth melts the ice sufficiently for tide, current and wind to break it up. Late last century, explorers de-

ided that the currents that carry floes of Siberia. Spitzbergen Greenland into the North Atantic could be used to carry a ship very close to the Pole. The Amerexplorer, Commander G. de Long, was the first to test this theory. For two years, his ship, the Jeanette, drifted towards the North

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RH Jeanette, drifted towards the North
Pole, at times with pack-ice piled
against her to the level of the decks.
But the pack crushed her, leaving
her crew to die on the frozen sea
150 miles from the New Siberian
Islands. But the icy fate of the Jeannette did not dissuade others from following in her track. In 1894 the Norwegian, Nansen, allowed his ship, the Fram, to be frozen-in not far from where the Jeannette had Norwegian, Nansen, allowed his ship, the Fram, to be frozen-in not far from where the Jeanuette had perished.

Day after day, the Fram drifted towards the North Pole. When she had reached the most northerly.

The Russians lost six ships in six months before the last war. A Norwegian sealer, caught in the

of the current, Nansen low-sledges and dogs on to the and set out with a companion, sen. He was a brave man new he could not hope to find ship again, for she was drifting cnown direction. He knew ould have to make his way to as best he could. Ships Lifted Forty Feet



The Manassa Mauler Shows 'Em How-Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, is keenly interested in all welfare work. During his recent visit to Toronto he called at Variety Village, vocational training school for crippled children. The School is operated by the Toronto Variety Club; the work is one of the activities of the Ontario Society for Crippled Children which is conducting it annual Easter Seals campaign for funds March 13-April 9. The boys with Dempsey are, from left: Wilfred Dombroskie, Renfrew; Bob Kennach 13-April 9. nedy, Toronto; Donald Brennan, Ottawa and Donald Orr, Sault Ste. Marie. Donations may be sent to Timmy, Toronto.

Island, a sledge-journey which only one of his huskies survived There, he and his companion also would have died if they had not met members of a British expedition. Back in Norway again, Nansen learned that the Fram had survived. She was lucky; for the power of the floes is such that they have lifted

nation to suppose the same which, exposed to the sir, freezes again—the old ice and the new forming a contorted mass searched for Sir John Franklin's Erebus and Terror. The ice, converging on her hull, piled beneath her until she was 39 feet "above sea level." Huge loose blocks top-pled to her decks. Her crew thought the end had come—when the pressure suddenly relaxed and the ice fell away, all but two pillars, one under her bow, the other under the stern.

Then her skipper, Capt. Cator, did something that no seaman had cone before-or will do again. Swinging over his ship's side, he walked the length of the ship under the keel. Ten minutes later, he clambered aboard again to report that she had suffered little damage, just before the two ice pillars col lapsed and the ship fell into her

natural element! Every Man Perished

The Erebus and the Terror (in which Franklin tried to find the North-West Passage) had sides 17 inches thick. Even so, when ice trapped them in a fjord in the extreme north of Canada, it crushed them. Every man on board-there were 105-perished, but the two sinps were yet to make another journey. When ultimately the ice broke up, it carried them nearly 3,000 miles along the north coast of Canada, down into the North Atlantic. There they were seen by the company of the Renovation, heeled over on the pack ice, their

Norwegian sealer, caught in the spitzbergen floes, was carried right round the island before, after 10 months in the grip of the pack, she foundered with all hands. Last spring, six sealers were crushed while sealing off Labrador, New-

foundland and Greenland. During one period of 10 years, 70 ships—Russian, Norwegian, Canadian, American-were destroyed in the grind of pack-ice or in colision with 'bergs.



Wayward "Oscar" -- Aircraft worker, Bruce Kierman, 20, is the holder of an "Oscar," but he didn't win it for acting. Kierman found the coveted statuette about nine years ago. and Sciences to surrender the statuette, Kierman held onto it, and every year around Academy Award time he wonders who lost or threw away his "Oscar."

Life Amongst A Million Seals

Charles Mulvey, a Canadian exbarrister who has travelled widely in North West Canada recently the property of the fiercest fighters and when the fog lifted, Mulvey watched many of these awesome territorial battles. A seal would challenge, to be met by the first seal with teeth bared and powerful had ever seen and at times he something might intervene to stop them. But the end comes only with

males have been coming from the South Pacific, where they bask happily during the winter. In May they feel an irrestible urge to go back to mate on the islands where they were born. The sea is dotted

any species has ever experienced."

As the females swim in the bulls are ranged along the shore to meet them, cooing to attract them. A female approaches the bull of her choice and is picked up as though she were a kitten and carried to the harem. She is left there while her husband goes to collect other wives, for although the young bull seal takes only one or two, the mature bull may take a hundred. Bull seals attain maturity at seven but mate from the age of four, when they develop a mane of light yellowish hair. For the two and a half months of mating season they never eat and seldom sleep. They knives. Spoons were also provided spend their entire time in their harems and when they leave the islands are emaciated wrecks, compared with the lusty giants they dieval table-manners is mentically and their when the nature of the food to render them necessary.

One very curious feature dieval table-manners is mentically and their to render them necessary. Despite demands of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts seals live away from the harems and cautiously make their way to the sea through special lanes between them, for trespassers are torn to pieces. Mulvey spent a great of which they were both expected deal of time in these neutral lanes, studying the seals and watching must also have offered considerable studying the seals and watching the mothers caring for their babies,

sea with an amiability that leaves

complete victory for the stronger

gave a BBC talk on his experiences on the Pribolofs, a group of islands in the far North Pacific. These islands are the only mating grounds of the great fur bearing seal herd. They are almost fogbound in summer and one morning as Mulvey groped along the bare, boulder strewn shore he heard a deepthroated roar and through the fog saw a giant seal, six feet long and weighing about seven hundred pounds, lumbering by. From a safe distance he watched the great creature swing his head to and fro, growling and snarling vindictively and threatening any nearby seals. In the second week of May hundreds of bull seals come to the is-lands and each adopts a territory which becomes his harem during the mating season. The best positions, nearest to the water, are take up a position, another would fancy it and charge with a roaring neck thrust out. Mulvey described these fights as the most vicious he turned away in horror praying that

for within a very short time of landing the females give birth to the young conceived in the pre-vious year. He watched the young bachelors playing together in the

> them when they become mature and grow into "thugs, wife-beaters and all round domestic tyrants." These seals' pelts are unlike any others and are thick, soft and lus trous with great commercial value. In the middle of the last century, when the herd numbered between three and five million, the seals were slaughtered with hidous ferocity and in fifty years their numbers were reduced to about two hundred and fifty thousand. Now the islands are controlled by the United States, coastguard cutters escort the herd on migration and when it is in residence patrol the surrounding waters. No one is allowed to land on the islands without permission from Washington and no ships are permitted to call. Only a certain number of seals are killed each year and these are all three year old bachelors, for old bulls' skins are scarred by fighting and females are kept for breeding. Industry

A woman visiting Norway was amazed at the enormous rocks in the vailey where she was staying. "Wherever do they all come from?" she asked a local inhab tant.
"The glacier brought them down," he explained.
"But where's the glacier?"

"Gone back for more rocks," was

the reply.

Table Manners In The Middle Ages

Forks were unknown until the time of Elizaheth and even then were regarded as foreign and effeminate . . . The problem of washing up was largely solved by having no plates. Instead, a thick slice (a tranche) of bread was laid before end of the meal. It was then scram-bled for by the scullions and what they did not eat was given to the

poor at the gate. . . . discovery is Frank Bonnisken, who is still trying to find other applicaarray of tools. As early as the sec-ond half of the twelfth century we find Alexander Neckham, enumer-ating, in addition to pots with their trivets or tripods and their pot-sticks and pot-hooks, a mortar and pestle, a frying pan, a grid-iron, a posnet or saucepan, a saucer (that is a vessel for mixing sauce), a handmill, a pepper-mill, and an instrument for producing breadcrumbs. He also mentions a special table for chopping and mixing herbs and vegetables. It is plain that even at this remote period the culinary art was capable of many elabora-

These pomps were naturally confined to the houses of the aristocracy, but the burghers who grew wealthy towards the end of the medieval period, if they lacked something of knightly ceremony, certainly knew how to furnish their tables. In the Cent nouvelles Nouvelles (which may be taken to reflect manners common to both England and France) we read of the widow of a merchant setting before a single guest a dinner consisting of soup, bacon, tripe, and a for miles with their heads as these lovely little seals, only two and a half to three feet long and weighing these she called for a ham, and about eighty pounds, come gently to what Mulvey described as "two and a dish of tarts and apples. To months of the most hellish form of domesticity that the female of

would seem to constitute a very handsome repast. It was customary to wash before beginning a meal, and favoured guests had a ewer of water, a bowl, and a towel brought to them by two servants. Less important people were expected to wash before sitting down and for this purpose layours or lavatories were provided sometimes in the hall itself, sometimes outside. A few of these lavatories have survived in the cloisters of cathedrals. When the guests were seated the servants spread cloths when the nature of the food seemed

One very curious feature of me-dieval table-manners is mentioned so often in the metrical romances that there can be little doubt of its being opportunity for the exercise of tact by the lady of the house.—From "The Character of England," edited by Ernest Barker.

All From Seaweed

From the days when it was dis covered that iodine could be ex-tracted from burnt seaweed, scien-tists have been putting this humble plant under a thousand and one

tests to find out what other uses it has for mankind.

Latest discovery is of tremendous benefit—that a soluble wool dous benefit—that a soluble wool can be made from seaweed for use in dentistry. Haemorrhage after an extraction was one of those things you hoped you never had; but this new soluble wool has virtuely and the meal. It was then scramed the season of the meal of the meal in the scrame of the meal in the scrame of the meal in the scrame of the season of the scrame of

tions for seaweed. "I want to con-centrate on bloodless surgery," he

He has been at the seaweed game for twenty years, and in that time he has converted seaweed into hair-cream as well as into ice-cream been made from the plant; silk has been copied, and to-day you may have your food wrapper in a certain that originally was a green, blistery plant at the bottom of the sea.

Couldn't Be Heaven

with fever for days, but now he regained consciousness and becam aware of his comfortable led and the gentle assurance of cool, loving hands. "Where am I?" he asked weakly. "In Heaven"
"No, dear," said his wife soothingly, "I'm still with you."



Belgium's Ruler? — Prince Baudouin, 19, above, son of King Leopold III, would become king of Belgum if the suggestion of former Premier Paul-Henri Spaak, leader of the powerful Socialist Party, is followed. Spaak urged the king in an open letter to turn over the throne to the prince to restore order and unity. Acting Premier Gaston Eyskens, Social Christians' leader, reportedly favors the plan.



Royal Snack Bar-To aid her family's fading fortunes, Lady Lees (pouring), wife of Sir John Lees, third baronet, of Poole, England, has opened this snack bar outside the lodge gates at her South Lytchett Manor home. The customer is Lady Lees' daughter-in-law, Mrs. Faith Lee. Financial stress also forced the family to move into a cottage on the grounds and rent the manor house as a school.





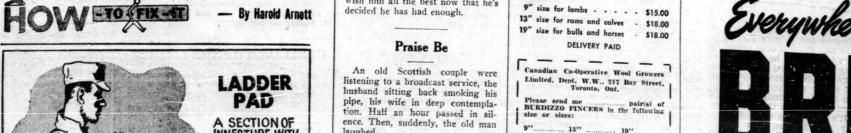






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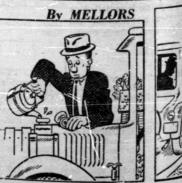
















Wins-Minnie the mother cat who lives at the oad yards, evidently triumphed over her baser instincts in ting this fearless mouse into her household. Shortly after gave birth to a litter of kittens, the wee mouse turned up and made itself at home.

