Reporting For Duty—The three youngsters above, dressed appropriately for their roles as page boys at the wedding of a British naval officer, salute a uniformed guest as he arrives at the church. Military courtesy is served as the salute is returned.

How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. How can I wash a feather pillow?

A. Dissolve 1 lb. saf-soda and ½ lb. soap in 5-gallon boiling water. Put about 5 buckets of warm water into a tub and pour in above solution. Next, dissolve 15-lb. chloride of lime in 1 qt. boiling water. Let it settle, then stir in tub. Beat pillows well and then put into tub, pressing down. Let soak for an hour or more, stirring and pressing constantly with a stick. Rinse in several changes of water, wring, press out all water possible, and hang on line to dry, turning and shaking often.

Q. How can I care for garden furniture before storing it away for the winter months?

A. Rub the furniture well with boiled linseed oil; this will improve the color of the wood and prevent its cracking.

Q. How can I whiten my skin?

A. Mix and apply equal parts of rose water and lemon juice.

Q. How can I make two pounds of butter out of one pound?

A. Add gradually to one pint of butter one pint of milk and a little salt, beating it with an egg-beater until smooth. Put in a mold and set in a cool place.

Q. How can I curl a feather that has become damaged from rain or dew?

A. Sprinkle it thickly with common salt and shake it before a bright fire, or over a hot radiator, until dry. It will be as good as new.

Q. How can I clean wrought iron?

A. The best way is to dampen a woolen cloth in sweet oil, rub thoroughly, and then polish with a dry woolen cloth.

Q. How can I make a good mending cement?

A. Mix 1 quart of wood ashes, ½-cup of table salt, and enough water to give proper consistency. The dark appearance at first will afterwards turn almost white.

Q. How can I remove the odor of onions from the breath?

A. Chew a whole coffee bean or a sprig of parsley which has been dipped in vinegar. If a lump of sugar saturated with vinegar is eaten, it will also remove onion odor from the breath.

Q. How can I remove rain spots from velvet?

A. Sponge with cleaning fluid, always rubbing in one direction only.

Q. How can I prevent soap from getting into the eyes when shampooing the hair?

A. Grease the area around the eyes with Vaseline jelly or cold cream before beginning the shampoo, and soap will not enter the eyes.

Tory In Trunks And Temper—While a small group of spectators look on, an irate Winston Churchill, accompanied by his wife, wades toward the privacy of deep water at the Venice Lido in Venice, Italy. The ex-prime minister, objecting to photographers picturing him in his red swimming trunks, had guards seize some films, splashed other cameramen who came up on him in a boat.

SPORTS &c

by A. Sixbit Critic

Along about this time several millions of baseball fans will spend their afternoons sitting around various soda-fountains, tea-rooms and similar establishments, blowing the froth off their banana splits and solemnly listening to, looking at—or both — what goes on in the World's Series. In between times—for tell as you like there are plenty of blank spots in a baseball game in spite of the efforts of the microphone maestros to avoid a second of what is known as "dead air"—there will e plenty of time for arguments. And, judging of the future by the past, most of those arguments will be regarding who did what—which player got the most hits, runs, and so forth.

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So, always anxious to be obliging, here are a few assorted statistics which you can cut out and use as argument clinchers. (Of course the thought that this is an easy method of filling up a column never entered our mind! And the following are MAJOR LEAGUE INDIVIDUAL ALL-TIME RECORDS —compiled up to the finish of the 1950 season

Highest batting average, season — Hugh Duffy, Boston (N), 1894 438

Highest batting average (10 or more years) — Ty Cobb, Detroit and Philadelphia (A), 1905-28 ...367

Most years batting over .300—Ty Cobb 23

Most hits—Ty Cobb 4,191

Most hits, season—George Sisler, St. Louis (A), 1920 257

Most consecutive hits, game—Wilbert Robinson, Baltimore (N), 1892 7

Most hits in succession — Frank Higgins, Boston (A), 1938 ...12

Most consecutive games batted safely—Joe DiMaggio, New York (A), May 15 to July 16, inclusive 56

Most long hits—Babe Ruth, Boston and New York (A), Boston (N), 1914-35 (506 2b, 136 3b, 714 home runs) 1,356

Most total bases—Ty Cobb ...5,863

Most total bases, season — Babe Ruth, New York (A), 1921 ..457

Most total bases, game — Bobby Lowe, Boston (N), 1894; Ed Delahanty, Philadelphia (N), 1896; Gil Hodges, Brooklyn, 1950 ..17

Most home runs—Babe Ruth ..714

Most home runs, season — Babe Ruth, New York (A), 1927 ...60

Most home runs, 1 game—Lowe, Boston (N), 1894; Delahanty, Phila. (N), 1896; Gehrig, N.Y. (A), 1932; Klein, Phila. (N), 1936 (10 innings); Seerey, Chicago (A), 1948 (11 innings); Hodges Brooklyn 1950 4

Most 3-base hits—Sam Crawford, Cincinnati (N), 1899-1902; Detroit (A), 1903-17 312

Most 3-base hits, season—J. Owen Wilson, Pittsburgh (N), 1912 .36

Most 2-base hits—Tris E. Speaker, Boston, Cleveland, Washington, Philadelphia (A), 1907-28 ...793

Most 2-base hits, season—Earl W. Webb, Boston (A), 1931 67

Most singles—Ty Cobb 3,052

Most singles, season (modern record)—Lloyd Waner, Pittsburgh (N), 1927 198

Most runs—Ty Cobb 2,244

Most runs batted in — Babe Ruth 2,209

Most runs batted in, season—Hack Wilson, Chicago (N), 1930 ..190

Most runs batted in, single game—James L. Bottomley, St. Louis (N) vs. Brooklyn, Sept. 16, 1924 12

Most games played—Ty Cobb.3033

Most consecutive games played—Lou Gehrig, New York (A). Streak started June 1, 1925, and stopped May 2, 1939.....2,130

Longest service as player—Eddie Collins, Philadelphia and Chicago (A), 1906-30; Bobby Wallace, Cleveland (N) and St. Louis (A), 1894-1918 ..... 25 years

Most times at bat—Ty Cobb 11,429

Most bases on balls—Babe Ruth 2,056

Most bases on balls, season—Babe Ruth, 1923 170

Most bases on balls, game (modern record)—Jimmy Foxx Boston (A), 1938 6

Most stolen bases—Ty Cobb .. 892

Most stolen bases, season (modern record)—Ty Cobb, Detroit (A), 1915 96

Fewest strikeouts, season (150 or more games)—Joe Sewell, Cleveland (A), 1925, 1929 4

Most consecutive years manager, one club—Connie Mack, Phila. (A), 1901-50 50

Greatest Crater

The great Chubb Crater, which was discovered last summer by a prospector in the isolated wilderness near Hudson's Bay, has just been measured by National Geographic Society scientists, who were beset by August snowfalls. They report that it is 1,350 feet deep, or more than twice as deep as famous El Diablo Crater southwest of Winslow, Ariz. The Chubb Crater is about two-and-one-half miles across; El Diablo gapes three-quarters of a mile from lip to lip. El Diablo was previously believed to be the largest crater in the world. The origin of the Chubb Crater is not known, although it is assumed to be a meteoric crater, smashed in solid granite between 3,000 and 5,000 years ago. The lake in the crater is 850 feet deep according to Dr. V. Ben Meen, Toronto geologist, and leader of the present expedition.

Music is a discipline, and a mistress of order and good manners, she makes the people milder and gentler, more moral and more reasonable.

—Martin Luther

NEW and USEFUL Too

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Lasts a Lifetime

New anti-freeze is claimed to be good for all locks which must be exposed to very cold weather. Especially designed for automobile keyhole, chemical compound is squirted into hole and is said to last for the life of the car.

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Concealed Aid

Lightning rods 12 inches long are being marketed, claimed to give protection but can be concealed when installed.

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Easy on the Feet

New combination step and extension ladder eliminates body weight from small of foot: extension piece of ladder is used to stand on at all times and has step 2½ inches wide in place of a rung. Extension section locks automatically; bottom section can be equipped with spikes or friction pads for safety.

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An Eye for Oil

New gadget for automobile dashboards to tell drivers at a glance whether they need oil or if their oil is dirty, is now being tested. While the car is running, the motorist presses a button which brings an actual sample of the crank-case oil up into a viewing chamber.

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Writes for Months

Fountain pen has ink reservoir capacity of approximately 60 drops, company claims it will write for several months or more on one filling. Pen features an ink sac accessible by unscrewing front section of pen.

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Size Up Your Swing

For backyard golf practice, latest gadget mounted about three feet off the ground holds a golf ball on a string. Hit the ball with wood or iron and it flies in an arc to fall in one of several slots on top of gadget. Each slot is market to tell whether you hooked, sliced or hit the ball straight. Chart on side of device shows how far you hit the ball.

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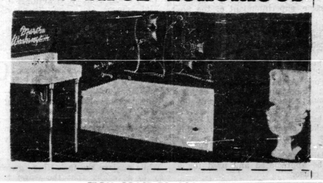

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When within hail, our Captain raised his speaking trumpet to his lips, and bellowed out: "Bark ahoy!"

The answer returned was "Hallo! What ship is that?"

"Ship Charles W. Morgan of New Bedford," says our Captain. "What bark is that?"

"Bark Sea Fox of Wesport. How long are you out?"

"Forty-eight months. How long are you out?"

"Two months. . . . Won't you come on board?"

"No, the wind is fair and we want to get home as soon as possible," said our Captain. They waved their trumpets to each other as the last salute, we braced forward our mainyard and set the spanking-sails, after hoarding the main tack, the bark hauled to on the opposite tack and was soon lost to our view in the distance.

The appearance of this vessel was the subject of talk for hours afterwards. It was to all of us like a vision of beauty, as this was the first clipper ship any of us had seen. The bulging of them had commenced in its fullest extent while we were away, and their model, so different from the old style of square bowlike ships, made the contrast more striking. It is said that Donald McKay, who built ships of that description, used the lines of the canoes that the Indians on the Northwest coast of America have; and on seeing them, one can believe the report correct. — From "Whale Hunt," by Nelson Cole Haley

THE FARM FRONT

by John Russell

As a rule I am a bit dubious about these "miracle" fruits and vegetables you sometimes see advertised. So when a friend of mine—who dabbles in raising and selling plants as a side line—told me that he was trying out a new variety of strawberry, one that would keep on bearing throughout the summer, I told him it sounded much too good to be true.

However, I was mistaken. I've seen and sampled the fruit, some of it picked in late September. So I asked my friend to write a brief description of his experience with these berries, knowing that many of my readers will be interested. Here it is.

"I brought the plants in from the States and planted them in about May 20 this year. Began picking fruit about July 10. Will keep on bearing till frost. Many berries two inches in diameter. One plant had 13 bunches, another 11 bunches. Supposed to stand winter temperatures down to 30 below. Produce runners same as other varieties. Flavour very sweet, with wild berry flavour much in evidence. Keeping qualities excellent. Our 24 plants have produced over six quarts to date."

Possibly you may think this sounds like a "plug" for the berries and for my plant-growing friend. Well, it's hardly that—for when I told him I'd like to get a couple of dozen plants next Spring he replied that he very much doubted if he'd have any to spare for me.

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Down at MacDonald College, near Montreal, Dr. Robert Fisher is engaged in an interesting project. He's making experiments designed to discover how the common housefly builds up resistance to powerful insecticides such as DDT.

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Instead of killing flies, the young entomologist raises and cares for them as carefully as if they were prize livestock to make certain they are uniform in size and sturdy and vigorous. This primary research was aimed at finding out to what part of the fly's body DDT should be applied to be most effective. In preparing his flies for the tests, Dr. Fisher first anaesthetized them. They were then placed in groups of five on glass slides and held in place by cellulose tape. Holes in the tape made it possible for a single leg, the head or any part of a fly's body to be exposed to a speck of DDT. In some cases a minute flap of skin was raised and an inoculation made underneath.

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While Dr. Fisher has not made public all the results of his experiments, he has definitely established that a fly's feet are not the most effective points of entry for the insecticide; but that the nearer the head the chemical is applied the more killing power it seems to have. The skin also seems to have something to do with making DDT effective but the flies inoculated under the skin did not die from the chemical's effects.

Having made these findings, Dr. Fisher will attempt to establish why flies become resistant to DDT —knowledge that is hoped will contribute to the development of superior fly sprays.

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A ton of beef per acre sounds like a whale of a lot of beef. But that's the amount of production that has been achieved at the Everglades Experiment Station down in Florida in tests made over a five-year period. The average production for the five years was 1894 pounds of beef per acre per year and the highest was 2089 pounds the official statement says.

This record was achieved through proper improvement of grasslands and management. The use of lime and fertilizer, careful selection and treatment of grass seed, and wise choice of cattle breeds were other contributing factors in obtaining this phenomenal weight in beef from a small acreage.

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The grassland programme had a further advantage of conserving the muck and peat soils in that area—soils which were being rapidly destroyed by truck, cane and other row crops. During the last 25 years the depth of the soil on many of the farms was reduced by as much as 25 per cent.

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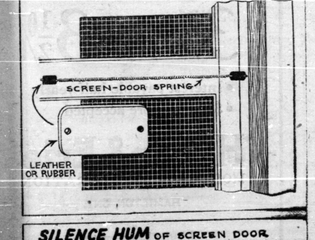
St. Augustine grass was one of the best producers, although Pangalo, Coastal Bermuda, Carib, Para and Pensacola Bahai fitted into some situations. Braham, Angus and Devon were the popular cattle breeds.

Plants That Grow By Leaps and Bounds

Plants grow by leaps and bounds which are determined by periods of light and dark, the United States Department of Agriculture reports. Light periods during the daytime make a difference, Dr. Byron T. Shaw of the department's research administration told the Illuminating Engineering Society in Washington, but continuity of the dark period appears to be the controlling factor in plant growth. For instance, he said, as little as 25 foot-candles of light for one or two minutes in the middle of the night is enough to stop flowering and seed production of soybeans. As little as two one-hundredths of a foot-candle of light during the dark period will prevent many plants from flowering. Photo-periodism is directed by a key plant pigment, recent research indicates. The pigment is blue, perhaps related to the pigments of bile. Apparently it acts as a catalyst to set in motion another substance, still to be identified, that stimulates flowering and other phases of plant development. Already, control of the length of the day and the night is put in special cases. Chrysanthemums are made to bloom on time for big football games and not before, for instance. Artificial light adjusts the daylight and a light-proof canopy adjusts the darkness.

How to FIX-IT

BY HAROLD ARNETT



SILENCE HUM OF SCREEN DOOR SPRING BY INSERTING PIECES OF RUBBER BETWEEN THE HOOKS AND SPRING.

FRANKS AND SAUERKRAUT MAKE GOOD FALL FARE

BY EDNA MILES

THESE are kraut and frankfurter days. For some new suggestions in combining sauerkraut and frankfurters, why not try these recipes from food experts of the National Kraut Packers Association? You'll find that they deserve to be on the menu throughout the entire year

Sauerkraut Frankfurter Supreme
(Makes 4 servings)

One No. 2½ can sauerkraut, ½ teaspoon caraway seeds, 1 teaspoon brown sugar, 1 medium onion, thinly sliced, 2 tablespoons butter or fortified margarine, 2 medium apples, melted butter or fortified margarine, brown sugar, 4 frankfurters.

In a mixing bowl, combine sauerkraut, caraway seeds, onion slices and butter. Place in a shallow square baking dish. Cut unpeeled apples into halves and remove cores. Brush cut surfaces with butter and sprinkle with brown sugar. Arrange apple halves on the sauerkraut in a diagonal line across the center of the casserole. Place two frankfurters on each side of the apple halves. Bake in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) 30 to 35 minutes. Serve immediately

Broiled Kraut and Frankfurters
(Makes 4-6 servings)

Two tablespoons bacon drippings, 3 tablespoons minced green pepper, 3 tablespoons minced onion, 1 No. 2½ can sauerkraut, 1 cup canned tomatoes, 8 to 10 frankfurters.

Melt bacon drippings in large heavy skillet over low heat; add onion and green pepper. Simmer until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in sauerkraut and tomatoes, mixing thoroughly. Simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat and place mixture in bottom of broiler pan. Place frankfurters on broiler grill and broil until frankfurters are coiled (approximately 8 minutes on each side). Serve immediately

Hungarian Sauerkraut and Frankfurters
(Makes 4-6 servings)

Three medium cooking apples, 1 No. 2½ can sauerkraut, ¼ cup bacon drippings, ½ cup thinly sliced onions, ½ teaspoon salt, 2 tablespoons sugar, ½ teaspoon caraway seeds, 2 cups grated potatoes, 8 frankfurters.

Peel, quarter, core and slice apples. In a kettle, combine sauerkraut, bacon drippings, apples, onions and seasonings. Simmer over low heat 20 minutes, or until apples are tender, stirring occasionally. Add potatoes and frankfurters. Continue to simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serve immediately.

Franks, apple halves and sauerkraut combined with brown sugar make a mouth-watering casserole.

TABLE TALKS

Jane Andrews

Most everybody likes lemon butter, and it has so many uses such as filling for tart shells, dropping into the heart of a slightly hollowed-out cup cake, spreading between the layers of a cake, and so on.

A good idea is to make up a batch of it and keep it in the refrigerator or other cool place ready for use when needed. The following recipe yields about two and a half cupfuls, and it's very rich and "lemony."

LEMON BUTTER
Grated rind from 4 lemons.
1 cup water
4 eggs
1½ cups granulated sugar
2 tablespoons corn starch
½ cup plus 1 tablespoon strained lemon juice
4 tablespoons butter or margarine

Grate the rind from the lemons and place in a small saucepan; add the water and heat just to boiling point. Remove from heat and strain through a very fine sieve; keep the water, but discard the rind.

Beat the eggs until thick and light in the upper pan of a double boiler; stir in the sugar and corn starch. Slowly stir in the strained lemon juice; stir in the water from the lemon rind.

Cook the mixture over boiling water, stirring constantly, until smoothly thickened and no raw flavour of starch remains.

Remove from heat and stir in the butter or margarine, bit by bit.

Turn into dry jars and cool thoroughly. Store in a cold place.

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Now for some recipes for cookies and the like—the sort of things that are so hard to keep on hand, especially when those school lunches—and after-school snacks—use up so many.

PECAN PUFFS
1 cup shortening
½ cup sifted confectioners' sugar
2¼ cups sifted flour
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
¾ cup chopped pecans
Additional confectioners' sugar

Cream shortening and the half cup sugar. Stir in flour, salt, vanilla and pecans. Blend well. Mold into one-inch balls; place on greased cooky sheet and bake 12-15 minutes at 375 degrees F. Roll in sifted confectioners' sugar immediately after baking. Cookies may be rolled in sugar after cooling if desired. Makes two and one-half dozen.

DATE BARS
1 cup pitted dates
1 cup nuts
1 cup sifted confectioners' sugar
2 eggs
1 tablespoon melted shortening
1 tablespoon lemon juice
¼ cup sifted flour
¼ teaspoon salt

Put dates and nuts through food chopper, or dice in small pieces. Blend with sugar and beaten eggs. Add melted shortening, lemon juice, flour and salt. Mix thoroughly. Place in 10 x 6 x 2-inch greased pan. Bake at 375 degrees F. 30-35 minutes. While warm, cut into 1 x 3-inch strips. Roll in powdered sugar. Makes 18 or 20 cookies.

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MELTING MOMENTS
¾ pound butter or margarine.
5 tablespoons confectioners' sugar
1 teaspoon almond flavoring
¼ teaspoon salt
1 cup sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
Gum drops

Cream butter, sugar and almond flavouring until light and fluffify. Combine with salt, flour and baking powder. Chill. Roll teaspoonfuls into balls. Place on ungreased cooky sheet. Press flat with fork dipped in flour. Decorate with slice of gum drop. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees F. Cool before removing from pan. Makes three dozen cookies.

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SUGAR COOKIES
2½ cups sifted flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
1 cup sugar
½ cup shortening
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
¼ cup milk
Sugar for topping

Resift flour twice with baking powder and salt. Cream sugar and shortening and stir in egg. Add vanilla and milk and blend well. Fold in flour mixture in four portions. Shape in flat rectangle, wrap in waxed paper and chill overnight. Roll ⅛ inch thick, cut with round or fluted cooky cutter, place on ungreased cooky sheet and sprinkle lightly with sugar. Bake 6-8 minutes at 400 degrees F. Remove to cake racks. Makes 4 dozen cookies.

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CHOCOLATE DROP COOKIES
½ cup shortening
1 cup sifted brown sugar
1 egg
2 squares melted chocolate
1½ cups sifted flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon soda
½ cup sour milk
½ cup chopped nuts

Blend shortening, brown sugar, and egg; add melted chocolate. Add dry ingredients, which have been sifted together, alternately with milk. Stir in nuts. Drop from a teaspoon to greased cooky sheet. Bake 12-15 minutes at 375 degrees F. Ice with chocolate if desired. Makes 3 dozen cookies.

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GINGER CRISPS
½ cup butter or margarine
½ cup light molasses
½ cup sugar
1 tablespoon vinegar
2 cups flour, sifted
1 teaspoon cinnamon
½ teaspoon ginger
1½ teaspoons soda

Combine butter, molasses, sugar and vinegar in saucepan and boil three minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat and cool. Combine cinnamon, soda, and ginger with flour and sift several times. Add to cooled butter mixture and blend well. Wrap in waxed paper and chill several hours or overnight. Roll very thin. Cut with 2-inch cutter, place on greased cooky sheet and bake seven minutes at 375 degrees F. Remove from sheet while warm and place on cake rack. Makes 10 dozen paper-thin cookies.

Buys Fireflies

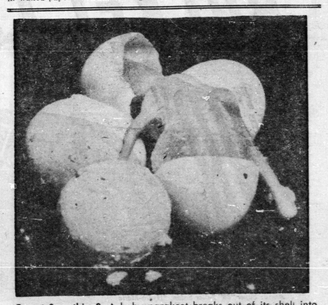
Dr. William D. McElroy, Johns Hopkins biologist, is paying a bounty of 25 cents for a hundred fireflies, with cash prizes offered to youngsters who catch the most. He wants half a million fireflies, if he can get them, to study their method of producing light. So far he has established that the energy source for light production in the firefly is the same as that used for animals in doing work. This means that the vitamin which in animals free energy are necessary for light production. So are certain trace elements, such as magnesium and cobalt. Dr. McElroy is particularly interested in isolating a mystery factor which appears to have the properties of certain vitamins, like riboflavin and niacin. The nature of this "X factor" remains to be determined.

HIDDEN TALENT

Mrs. Smith thought that $4.00 was a very reasonable price to pay for a thoroughbred police dog, so she cut out the advertisement in a local paper and wrote a cheque to the owner.

A few days later a mangy-looking mongrel was deposited on her doorstep. She indignantly phoned the man who had inserted the advertisement, and demanded: "What do you mean by calling that animal a thoroughbred police dog?"

"Don't be deceived by his looks," came the solemn reply. "He's in the Secret Service."



Forget Something?—A baby parakeet breaks out of its shell into what someone once called "a cold world," a logical description considering such a rude approach to it. This little "ugly duckling" of the parrot world—parakeets are close relatives of parrots—will, when fully grown, be slightly larger than a canary.

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