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Craddock on Thursday, April 12th with an attendance of twenty ladies and nine children. The President, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Roy Belbeck; Press and nine children. The President, Mrs. Geo. Saunders. The following standing committees gave reading a poem "The World Began At Easter" followed by the Ode, Lord's Prayer and Creed. The minutes were read and approved. Several items of business were discussed. The secretary also gave the financial report for the past year which was most gratifying. It was moved and seconded that we send 25 cents a seconded that we send 25 cents a member for Club work. The world metals were read and approved. Several pupils at S.S. No. 10 are confined to their homes with the measles.

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tried to commit suicide by allowing sixty five-inch nails, attempt failed. An operasaved him and to-day he swallow They have startled nedical world by making meals off such strange

children, convicts are

but two villages had to be evacuated before the flames were quelled. The great tree, whose base is 107 feet round, was saved but even had the flames reached it, it would probably have sur-

sequoia bark remained practically unharmed.

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E Calvert SPORTS COLUMN

by Elmer Ferguson

just for the small ones who believe that there's a real Santa Claus. There is a real Santa Claus for all of us in the spirit of a season, born in the manager,

a day — yesterday, today, tomorrow — when that hristmas feeling has you and you're in there scrambaround the stores and the flower shops and the like,

referrializes out of empty air, has suddenly caught at your et-strings, just as it caught at the almost dead-and-buried imental impulses of Scrooge, and suddenly wrenched out of his miserable, miserly and unfriendly life to g joy and happiness to the Cratchits. That's the power he Christmas spirit, that unexplainable power that has reted the centuries was hatted and rejection.

Before this week, you were perhaps determined to adere to a belief that Christmas is for the youngsters only, nat you weren't going to plunge into the happy, jostling agelstrom of Christmas shopping, that you were going to pend the weekend just as though it was any other weekend. Don't fool yourself. The spirit of Christmas is "gwine get you" in the end. By Saturday night, you'll probably wearing white whiskers, and sleigh-bells for a necktie, ou may find yourself sending barrels of apples, great bags nuts and candies to the children's hospitals, the boys' ubs and all the other places that can use Christmas cheer.

We know you're going to do this, or something likes, because the spirit of Christmas is far too strong to resisted. And too strange to be explained, this once-a ar surge of charity that represents the human hear actioning at its beautiful best.

Your comments and suggestions for this column will be welcomed by Elmer Ferguson, c/o Calvert House, 431 Yonge St., Toronto.

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newspapers. Within a few days, two attempts were made upon the man's life by thieves who wanted to get the diamond. For months afterwards, he had an exciting time dodging amateur surgeons who wanted to operate on him. The diamond was never Doctors point out that once

lodged in the windpipe or gullet, foreign bodies can cause fatal complications, so swallowing experiments on these line are not recommended.

Forest fires recently got withthe world's oldest living thing—the 4,500-year-old, 267-ft.-high General Grant sequoia tree California's Sequoia National

lought the fires for many hours, in the side of her mouth.

heard what he'd paid for one, cents, and eat it besides!"

When the fire died down was found that, although all the pine had burned to ashes, the



robot moved like a man through the rhythm of signals. It could even speak through a loud speaker, answering question "heard" through microphon ears. Its eyes consisted of photo cells lit by electricity. It wasn't the only robot mur-derer. In 1946 another, construc-ted by a young Milwaukee engineer, had in its head and body 200 small electronic valves which

who was rushed to hospital with serious internal injuries and died on the way. In 1951 Bristol Polytechnic students built out of metal scraps a robot which they chris-tened "Dynamo Joe." They tened "Dynamo Joe." They taught it to ride a bicycle ners, move its head right and left and wave to passers-by.

A ight-club proprietor received a million Belgian francs—about \$150,000—for "relays" of his jazz band comprising three jazz-playing robots. They rose ghost-like from their seats, puffed their cheeks, rolled their eyes in ecstasy, moved each finger to play their instruments guitar, drum and trumpet - and bowed at the end. The shape of things to come,

the probable effects of automation on employment and leisure, book about devices that almost "think" for themselves and have actually piloted a Skymaster across the Atlantic and landed on sound-wave remote cor

Babies Play With Live Pythons

bhar, India, are slaving over their fires, preparing meals for the menfolk, they give their babies cobras to fondle. And hrough the doorway comes the happy laughter of toddlers play ng tug o' war with pythons. For this village is the home of snake-charming, and the youngsters expect no other playmate All the menfolk are snake charmers, and all the boys apSnake-charming has become more of a religion than a profession with the people of Mithabhar. They style themselves "protectors of snakes," not public entertainers.

At the time of its capture, a cooke is "promised" its release.

snake is "promised" its release on a certain date—and the pro-mise is always kept. Until then, while it is in the charmer's service, it is treated as one of the family. Its venom is not removed.

Many snake-charmers become very fond of their snakes, and will take them everywhere with

Once a year, they go in pro cession to pay their respects to their Swami, the Grand Master India, who claims to be over a

hundred years old. He is also their Chief Examiner. He closely studies their performances, and, if their work is of high standard, he will present them with certificate stating them to be fully trained charmers, and qualified to dispense medicines and suggest charms against snake-bite. Although the snakes are deaf,

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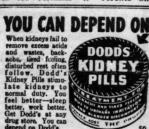
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not that repulsive." In Her Throat Ethel Merman, U.S. star of "Annie Get Your Gun," "Call Me Madam" and other big hits, ion Freedley, the director that made her an ace blues singer. She was born with it

COMIN' THROUGH - A midget clown directs "traffic" between

the legs of stilt artist Henry Lewandowski in Ascot, England.

Photo was taken during rehearsals of the Bertram Mills Circus

big, she says, and ever since the age of five she's been selling it for all she's worth. When she was a baby and people in the next room or down the street

Lewandowski's stilts are 34 feet high

She Has a Trumpet

best is "a doll from Astoria with a trumpet in her throat." Whenever she felt throat trouble coming on she'd go to Dr. Stuart Craig, who'd say: "I can't even see your vocal chords. They must be somewhere down

in your calves."
When George Gershwin heard her sing "I Got Rhythm" in "Girl Crazy" he told her, "Dont let anybody give you a singing lesson. It'll ruin you." And she's never had a lesson in her life. She's a regular gum-chewer, she confesses in her breezy

she confesses in

autobiography, "Don't Call Me

Madam", and many a time she's

scene with it still parked in her

Still Alive

most enthusiastic swallow-of odd articles. A Dartmoor door handle. Two months iously he'd swallowed parts two forks and a dessert-

aper clips weighing three d a half pounds were removed 1947 from the stomach of a nvict in Kansas State prison.

schoolboy swallowed the to his tuckbox which he placed in his mouth while packing it. A friend had given m a slap on the back and wn had gone the key, ring, bel and all. The subseqent op-ation for the removal of these ticles was described as a me-

A jeweller's employee accientally swallowed a valuable amond. The man refused to be

The resistance which these giant sequoias-or redwood trees an experiment, a slab of sequoia bark, six feet long, two feet broad and 18 inches thick was placed in a sawmill furnace some time ago. It was surround ed by dry pine and the whole set on fire.

erated on. He was brought by employer before a magiate, but the magistrate could nothing.

When Ethel and Jimmy Durante were signed up for a show called "Red Hot and Blue" her agent, Lou Irwin, and Jimmy's Lou Clayton, forgot to specify

anyhow?" Grable stormed. "I'm

ouldn't have cared less, but the agents "cared like crazy" in case it got around that they'd for once forgotten. Durante was away roaming Italy at the time, so, thinkin he could straighten things out it he could reach Jimmy by trans-

atlantic 'phone Freedley asked Clayton where he was staying. "I think he's in a place called Rome Capri," vaguely.
Freedley sat up till five a.m. getting the U.S. Embassy in Rome, who told him Jimmy had been there but was now in Capri, Getting him at last in Capri, Freedley said: "We're having

trouble with the billing. Ge right on the Deutschland and come home. It leaves from Hamburg."
"Not me!" Jimmy said, thinking it was a dirigible. "I won't fly." It cost Freedley forty dollars to explain that it was a pas-

Mechanical Man Murdered Maker

tle" taffy. Comedian Willie Howard would hand her large A young engineer, Roland Schaffer, was sitting at his desk, she couldn't eat it while singing, but she'd go on singing "I Got looking through drawings and calculations, when he heard a sixteen bars with a big chunk The robot he had created was marching straight towards him, She likes modern art-some of it - but every time she went to used for forging. Rigid with Billy Rose's place and saw his out of her mind. When she to realize the danger which con-

He must have stood hypno-

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ter. Through the aerial went the current shutting off the compressed air apparatus. A certain electric signal allowed compres-sed air to flow into the right arm, which then lifted itself;

another current moved the left, a third the legs, a fourth set

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nerial which received wireless

a still life of fruit, she told his wife, Eleanor Holm, "Fifteen tized, unable to make any counter-move. The next moment, the thousand bucks! I could buy all robot smashed the head of his of that fruit for thirty-fiv master with the club, then completely shattered the laboratory installations. Only after part of She tells some merry stories of fellow celebrities. Whenever the wall had collapsed under composer Cole Porter and a buddy of his see Irving Berlin ferocious blows did the attack weaken and the robot, worn out. coming they look at their wristcollapse beside its victim . . . watches, make a five-dollar bet, A fantasy of science-fiction? then start on some topic — any-thing from Mount Everest to No, fact, according to Rolf Etrehl in a serious survey of electronic the Dalai Lama. The bet is based and other modern marvels. "The on the number of minutes it Robots Are Among Us." will take Irving to bring the marvellous robot, which looked talk round to one of his own like a mediaeval knight, had

fronted him.

songs. The average is less than One night during the run of "Anything Goes," when she spotted the famous conductor World Fair in 1932. It could walk by stamping rather violently on hammer nails, clean windows Toscanini out front, she went to and execute other odd jobs, forge her dressingroom, sent a telepieces of iron, saw tree trunks gram to the show's musical diand pile up the boards. ector saying, Sorry to have to The above account of the grim say it, but your direction was terrible, signed it "Toscanim," and so timed it that it was demurder was in a police report, which concluded that the robot

livered during the interval. For the last half of the show the jazz maestro sweated heavily, glared at his musicians, and kept looking back at Toscanini's seat to see how he was taking the music! During rehearsals of "Du Bar-

ry Was a Lady," the director, Buddy De Sylva, engaged a dancer to dance with Betty Grable, who made her Broadway debut in it, and told him: "When you sing the song, "Every Day Is A Holiday," with Miss Grable, hold her hand and look into her eyes as if you're really in love with her."

"I cain't, suh," said the boy.
"I'm in love with a lil' brunette. gal in my home town down in Florida, suh. I just cain't do it." "What kind of a show is this

acts. When the inventor, in the ted to adjust a screw on its arm, the complicated apparatus failed and the robot crushed its maker,

ton, 60-year-old frozen - faced comedian of silent movies,

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