As soon as Jimmy left school he got a job as an errand boy and later became a bricklayer's labourer. Then he got ideas, ideas that were later to shoot him to the top like a rocket. With no capital at all he set

himself up as a speculative builder; it was the heyday of the Jerry builder and Jimmy did not adly. He was not yet twenty but he began promoting local prizefights.

Then came his first piece of sharp practice. A circus came to town and Jimmy chummed up with the boss, persuading him to sell a three-quarter share in it. He had not got the money to pay for his share but he touted around and sold it at a profit. This gave him a liking for show business so he started to

with colossal warehouses to be run a theatre at Matlock in Derlinked by subterranean roads to byshire. Now he saw himself in London's main line stations, but the big money; he decided to the Market tenants opposed the scheme so vigorously that it fell launch himself in London. To London he went, in 1899, only to find that the Boer War through. In 1918 there was talk of conferring a knighthood on Jimmy White, but he let it be known at

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down the Market and replace it

a high level that he would be

willing to forgo that if the war-

time restrictions on company

promotions were lifted, and,

strange to relate, they were

country house, a \$150,000 yacht

he started horse-racing and at

one time owned seventy race-

Jimmy had a sumptuous suite

of offices in the Strand, London,

where his desk had solid gold

ing room which was decorated

One of London's most famous

chefs was engaged to provide a

magnificent lunch every day for

Jimmy and his guests; if White

was not there and if there were

no guests, the lunch was pro-

At this period his fortune was

to make the most fantastic bets.

Hooley when he made a bet of

ing one. Jimmy won his bet!

sistance and even insisted

lost thousands of pounds.

What was he to do?

vided just the same.

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fittings. The office led to a din-

with famous sporting prints.

wet towel.

was just starting in South Africa. joined up, went overseas where he served as a mounted When the war was over, Jimmy White returned to Britain, where he met one of the greatest

financial regues of the time:

Ernest Terah Hooley, who later Now White went full steam served a term of imprisonment. Together with Hooley, White ahead, forming company after company. He was always the went into the flotation of companies whose shares were "pushchairman and his "share-pushers" went out east and west and d" unscrupulously; options on this and that, concessions of all south and north. kinds were bought and sold. But How the money flowed into his coffers! He bought a large

when Hooley went to jail, White was in the clear. Prizefighting was always Jimmy White's ideal and now he saw his big chance. Jack Johnson, the giant Negro, had just won the world heavyweight championship from Tommy Burns over in Australia and had come to London looking for a fight. Why not promote a scrap etween him and Bombardier Wells the heavyweight champion

The match was arranged to take place at Earls Court, London, but then he found he hadn't sufficient money for the guar entee, writes Harry J. Greenwall "Tit-Bits".

White decided to extract the last ounce of publicity out of his ailure. He began secretly to arrange opposition to the fight on the ground of the undesirability f a white man fighting a Negro in London.

He managed to get questions asked in the House of Commons and, as a result, the Home Secretary forbade the fight. Jimmy White was by now front-page news all over Britain. He pretended to be disgusted with the Home Secretary's action. But he was a hero in sporting circles and was made a member of the National Sporting Club!

met the late Sir Joseph Beech am; the two men went into partnership to deal in real estate. One of their schemes was to buy Covent Garden Market from the Duke of Bedford who was to be paid \$5,000,000. It was White's idea to pull make a corner in petrotean
he could not obtain any financial backing. In 1927 he had to
face demands for cash payments
of \$2,000,000. He had no money;
his Langashire cotton "boom" his Lancashire cotton "boom" had burst and thousands of small

investors were ruined. On Tuesday, June 28th, 1927, Jimmy White left London for his country house called Foxhill. He said to Williams, his butler: "Don't worry about me; everything will be all right."

He then told all the other servants to take the evening off and go to the theatre at Swinand he gave instructions that he was not to be called until noon the next day.

Next day at noon, one of the servants went to call White; there was no answer. Climbing through a window into the room, the butler found White lying on his side with a sponge soaked in chloroform pressed closely to his mouth. There was a note say-"Go easy with me, old man;

I'm dead from prussic acid." The truth, however, was that the tycoon had taken too little prussic acid to kill him, so he had fetched some chloroform from a medicine chest and had killed himself with that. After the suicide a Receiver

was appointed on behalf of the Beecham Trust and it was revealed that White owed his bank \$1.500.000. Six years before his death, Jimmy White was divorced from

his wife by whom he had two daughters. While he was in the money he set aside \$180,000 to provide his wife with an annuity of \$9,000 for life.

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"Getting a little practice,

Skin Divers Make War On Starfish

Skin divers armed with knives estimated at \$9,000,000. He used and other weapons have been attacking the great numbers of One day he was lunching with starfish which prey on oyster eds in the North Atlantic, caus-\$75 that he would put thirty ing serious losses to fishermen. peas on the blade of his knife and swallow them without spill-This is the newest way of fighting the starfish menace which has increased since the He also gave immense sums to Roman Catholic charities; nuns end of the last world war. The starfish is a highwayman, not who called at his Strand offices of the open roads, but along the often went away with cheques world's seaways where it ruth-

lessly attacks mussels as well as Once again White went into show business. He bought Daly's "Devil's fingers," "crossfish," "cramps" — these are some of the names the oyster dredgers Theatre in Leicester Square and put on musical comedies. He might have been a success but give this strange, voracious creahe refused all professional asture. After a rough autumn tide you can generally find some of these five-fingered creatures lyproducing his own shows. He ing on the beach. Starfish are Now the rumours began to fly; often found hunting oysters in bankers who had been his close the mouths of creeks on British

friends cold - shouldered him. south and east coasts. The underside of a starfish is White made up his mind mostly covered with little points of tubes and when these are filled with water it is able by their aid to crawl about. There are sucking discs on the ends of these tubes which can cling to any solid surface and thus the creature is able to pull itself

If a starfish loses an arm or finger it begins at once to grow another. When fishermen, enraged because of starfish attacks on oysters, tried to destroy the pests by tearing them in half, they were amazed to see many of the fragments growing fresh When a mass of starfish in-

stranded as the tide went down along a stretch of ten miles. Many of the starfish were taken to allotments and helped to manure the land. A pre-war scientist, Professor J. Arthur Thomson, described the starfish as a creature which represents efficiency without brains. Its stomach is elastic and it can, without the slightest

can digest its prey at leisure.

Q. How can I cope with some wallpaper in one of my rooms, which has lost its grip and formed an unsightly bulge on the wall?

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A-number-one institution rning, there had to be a ertain number of volumes in the library. This item had been believed. True, they had built room for the library, and had gt up many shelves along the salls They had some big tables ralls. They had some big tables with chairs, and the lighting was the committee fine. But somehow the committee and the officials had not happened to be the booky sort, and during the expensive preparations nobody had thought much

stout a library.

It wasn't until the official tabulation came down tate tabulation came down the higher echelons of cultrem that this subject came up. Then word went about that just the school had the s soon as the school had the bookshelves filled the category
would change, and the high
whool would be as good as any

of modern education, this presented no real problem. A house-to-house appeal was made, and everybody scrimmaged around the sheds and attics, and in one heads-up, closely organized, effective campaign, books were gathered and the shelves were filled.

ly telling the kind of man he was, the precious labors of so many master intellects treasurrerated and is now in tiptop shape, ready to send forth scholars with the best of them.

This is really a fine way to ed up and perused over so many years of kerosene lamps, was not attracting any notable attention with the vulgar crowd. equire a library. It has the advantage of being quick, and you don't waste time browsing. Some At least some token bid should be made. I heard myself font waste time browsing. Some years ago my wife and I were driving over a back road and same upon an auction. We had evidently missed the better part of it, but the auctioneer was briefly to draw in calling, "Five dollars!" and I held my hand up with fingers apart so there would be no mistake about the amount. A cent Mr. Libby looked pleased, and laboring valiantly to draw in the last few pennies he could, I was glad. The auctioneer hesitated one small moment while and he was at the moment strivhe assessed the prospects, and he ing to get 30 cents for a pastequickly decided he was ahead. "Sold!" he barked, and everyhard carton of used jelly tum-blers, but he had to let them p for a quarter. We watched him dispose of a number of sim-ilar hot items, and then he said, "And now, if you will step over to the front door, we will sell

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body looked at me with what I took to be respect and envy. In a trice, I had ceased being a transient stranger, and had become a well-known owner of 500 Mr. Libby's fine library!" We found a great many novels books. The word library struck a note, for the ancient, tumbledown, well-used little farmhouse

by Mrs. E. D. E. N. Southworth, and things like that. There was a leather-bound Goldsmith which I imagine is a collector's item. Joseph C. Lincoln prevailed, as did Zane Grey. We got the Cappy Ricks series in toto. But to tell the truth, at \$5 Mr. Libby cheated me when he conveyed his library. On the other hand, it is nice to know that in modern times, so have we wagged, this motley collection helped to "accredit" a high school. One corner of my attic is clean again. -By John Gould in the Christian Science Monitor.

Tough To Be Rich In Singapore

Being a big busi become an occupational hazard in Singapore. Of the hundred Chinese dollar millionaires who live on the island, six have been kidnapped and held to ransom in the last ten months. Latest victim to stumble out of the jungle and back to civiliza-

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The millionaires showed some fight last month, however, by getting together and joining & campaign to make kidnapping on Singapore a capital offence. Their argument is that trade on Needlecraft Catalog. Over 125 the island is being seriously affected because they're unable to concentrate on their business



BUTTERFLY STROKE - Mermaid with wings, Sandy Lawhun gives her own version of the butterfly stroke. She entertains visitors at Weekie Wachee Springs. With her air hose handy she stays under like a fish.

Company of the second Grendoline P. Clarke

middle and paint at the end. | made it.

Sandwiched in between is a strange bird, fan mail letters, and a lovely drive. About the paint . . months I have been itching to the Department of Agriculture. get a paint brush in my hand. Every room in this house has been literally screaming for a paint job and I had been wondering how much longer I could stand it. Why didn't we have it done? Well, quite frankly, we couldn't afford it. Neither could Partner tackle the job, Spirit was willing but not the joints. One day's painting and he would have been too stiff to move for a

week. Arthritis is an unpredictable master. Partner is working on a job outside making wells for the basement windows. It involves a terrific amount of heavy work with two-inch planks, fitting and tarring the wood, digging and mounding the heavy elay soil, cutting and re-setting the sod; heavy work that Partner seems quite able to do. But to wield a two-inch paint brush, that would be another story. I wasn't sure I could do it either

but I was determined to try After all I used to do all the interior decorating at Ginger Farm - and some of the outside too. But I was ten years younger then and at a certain stage in one's life ten years makes a lot of difference. Well, to cut a long story short, I tackled the kitchen first. It is ten by twelve and has eighteen

cupboard doors! Wonderfully convenient until it comes to painting them. I chose a lovely shade of light turquoise for the walls and white for the woodwork. And it really looks wonderful - barring a few smears of paint here and there. Anyway, it's clean, it's bright, and it's livable. But oh dear, what a mess at times. In a kitchen you can't remove everything and get on with the jobs. You have to paint and live with it too. One day everything movable was on the kitchen table and the overflow in the dinning-room. We had a sandwich lunch on TV tables in

the living-room.

Next room I attacked was the

using! Of course I ran into a few

two rooms. But my painting, I'm

afraid, will be like a serial story

Now for the strange bird. Partner saw it first and called

me to look. It was the size of a

robin, rusty-red breast, brown-

ish back and wings, hopped and

ran like a robin and was with other robins. In fact it was a robin, of that I am sure. Then what

m, or that I am sure. Then wha was strange? Well, the head and

throat of this robin were pure

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- to be continued.

main bathroom - same colour

as the kitchen, turquoise and tion was Eng Hong Soon, a rubber magnate, who escape with his life because he paid up 20,000 white. That way I economized in paint. The colour scheme is re-lieved by pink towels, soap and dollars - and kept his mouth toilet paper, interchangeable with yellow. Mirror, lights and shut about his captors.

None of the kidnap victims so on were removed and the dares divulge to police names of bathroom closed for the durathe gang who are making their tion. This was possible as we and their fellow millionaires have a two-piece washroom off lives so miserable - not since the main bedroom. While worklast spring when the body of ing I wore a dark red smock.

Anyone looking at it knew exactly what colour paint I was Lee Gee Chong was found dumped in a cemetery. Two days earlier wealthy Chong had been snatched from his luxurious drive into his home. His family difficulties as I have to use a made the fatal mistake of calling chair to stand on — can't keep that remains to be done now is a clean-up job. At least for those

in the police.

Things are so black for the big-money boys that they daren't go out at night. They stay put in their homes, guarded by barbed wire and watchdogs. And it's reported that some of them are protecting themselves by paying tribute to their underworld tor-

My column this week has paint | white. Maybe it was trying to be at the beginning, paint in the an albino bird and hadn't quite

arrived last week, all of them welcome. One each from Seaforth, Kincardine, Kenora and Reader-friends are very kind -I do appreciate your encouraging words and good wishes. "J.L.B." has been writing about twice a year for at least fifteen years. We enjoy hearing from him and his

Next a lovely drive . . . neighbours invited us to go along for a drive to Freelton. That took us across country through familiar territory, driving towards the "Mountain" north of Milton. At Highway 6, we went towards East Flamboro to a lovely park we had never even heard of before - 'Lambert Park". It is the result of one man's dream and ingenuity. There is a grand cement-lined swimming pool which utilities a natural creek and is controlled by floodgates. There are also swings, teetor-tortors, picnic tables galore, brick barbecues and plenty of shade trees. Coming home we drove

through the Cedar Springs holiday resort. Private property, owned and operated as a community project near Kilbride by people who have bought lots and built summer homes. It has just about everything - gol course, ski runs, swimming, tennis, baseball, pavilion and community hall and nature trails, all among the beautiful cedars from which autobiography, Burgess devotes a vast number of his pages to the admiring messages that fill it gets its name. This was once the site of a powder mill which blew up in a terrific explosion in 1884. The scene of the tragedy remained idle until 1924 when its potential as a holiday resort was first realized, fulfilling a life dream of Mr. W. D. Flatt. There

ized. A lovely spot. Mystery Of The "Laughing Death"

as the "Laughing Death" has resulted in 30,000 tribesmen in Australian New Guinea being

are now over eighty summer

forbidden to move about the country. The disease has affected women more than men, causing a serious shortage of prospective wives. Consequently, the tribesmen have been roaming to other areas in search of wives, spreading the disease. The government's answer has been to force the tribesmen to curb their ro-

The disease is a mystery to scientists. All they known about it is that "the victims succumb to uncontrollable hysteria."

mantic ambitions until a cure



**Well-Loved Author** Keeps On Going

"In the wee small hours," the mother wrote, "she began to im-prove and I was amazed at the question she asked me. 'Mom-mie, is Thornton Burgess still alive?' I replied that I did not know anything about you, but you must be a man well on in years for one of your books was

eopyrighted in 1910 . Addressed to the author some twenty years ago, this fan letter repeats a question which children, as well as many a grownup, are still asking. Three gen-erations of Americans have been raised on the fictionalized nature lore of Thornton Burgess, and his astounding output of 15,000 stories enjoys a sentimental es-teem which—for most adults makes the question of their literary worth a matter of gross

Happily, the answer to the ailing child's question was—and still is—yes. At 86, Thornton W. Burgess is not only alive, but last month was out with a golden an-niversary edition of "Old Mother West Wind," plus an autobiography called "Now I Remember". Seen in self-profile, Burgess is just what the reader would want -a benign sentimentalist who truly believes the rhymed homilies which decorate the top of his stories and truly loves the animal world. The most absorbing episode of the autobiography show him in the role of dedicated amateur naturalist, hiding out in the dawn on Martha's Vineyard to observe a male heath hen who is the last of its race Eerily, the bird goes through its ritual mating dance, unable to realize that nowhere on earth is there a she-hen to be charmed by the show. Reinforced by illustrator Har-

rison Cady-a fellow octogenarian who is still his collaborator—Burgess won a fan follow-ing which has included, at some stage in life, virtually every living American (his bedtime storles ran in 400 American newspapers). Many were hooked for good. During the harrowing trial of the eleven top Communists in 1949, Judge Harold R. Medinadeclares his biographer-spent each morning recess with The New York Herald Tribune, carefully catching up on the doings of Jimmy Skunk and Sammy Jay. Attending a conference in Can-ada on the life cycles of fish, Burgess was once forced by popular request—despite his cring-ing embarrassment—to tell a bedtime story to the assemblage

of scientists from five countries. Cranking out a story a day for nearly 50 years—he retired from his syndicated column only this year, and now divides his time between Hampton, Mass., and the island of Tobago off Trinidad -Burgess tried to keep fiction close to the facts of natural history. More and more he won the notice and respect of profession al naturalists until-in the supreme hour of his life-Northeastern University in Boston flabbergasted him with an hon-orary doctorate of letters. In his

his scrapbooks and the une pected fame that the world has given him, but his delighted pus-zlement as to why it all happen-

Modern Etiquette
By Anne Ashley

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