

Strange But True

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That lovey-dovey spot called "Court of Love" existed in France in the Middle Ages.

It was made up of knights, poets and ladies, who discussed and gave decisions on delicate questions of love and gallantry.

The "Addressograph" was invented in 1862 by Joseph Duncan, manager of a little flour and grist mill in Iowa. The addressograph, like the typewriter, has come to be recognized as a "must" in modern business.

The term "cowboy" or "cow-puncher" had its birth during the American Revolution. It was first applied to a band of Tories who rustled cattle in New York State and then sold them to both parties.

In Devon, England, is the world's most curious epitaph. Read it, and weep or laugh:

"Here lies in a horizontal position the outward case of George Ruddleigh, watchmaker, whose abilities in that line were an honor to his profession. Integrity was the mainspring and prudence the regulator of all the actions of his life. Humane, generous and liberal, his hand never stopped till he had relieved distress. So well regulated were all his emotions that he never went wrong, except when set going by strangers who did not know his key.

"Even then he was easily set right. He had the knack of disposing of his time so well that his hours glided by in one continual round of pleasure and delight, till an unlucky minute put an end to his existence. He departed this life the twenty-fourth of November, 1802, aged 57. Wound up in the hope of being taken in by his maker and being thoroughly cleaned and repaired and set going in the world to come."

For women who were classed as "common scolds" the English law used to provide a ducking stool. The tongue-wagger was tied in this chair-like gadget, and then plunged into cold water. The ducking stool went out of use in the eighteenth century.

The wearing of crowns by royal personages as a badge of sovereignty sprang from the ancient custom of wearing crowns made of grass, flowers, etc., as rewards for athletic feats, military valor, and at feasts, funerals and so on.

The English crown is a growth of the simple circlet with four trefoil heads worn by William the Conqueror. Jesus wore a crown of thorns!

It takes the cork on the cork-oak tree from 15 to 30 years to mature. Eight or ten years later, the same tree can be barked again, yielding a second crop of cork superior to the first take. Removing of this outer bark keeps the tree in fine fettle and helps them attain old age.

Not many corks find their way into the necks of bottles these days. Why? Because they are put to better use, such as swimming bells, artificial limbs and for the stopping of vessels of different kinds.

There are over 1000 pieces in a six-inch ribbed cavity armor-plating shell. Average weight of each piece or fragment is 2 5-16 ounces.

"God does do wonders now and then. Here lies a lawyer who was an honest man." — In the cemetery of St. Peter's, Exon, England.

The \$ sign is supposed to date from the days of the pillar dollar in Spain, known as the "piece of eight" (meaning eight reals), the figure being a partial representation of the figure eight. The two lines are supposed to represent the pillars of Hercules, which were stamped on the coin itself.

The greatest discovery of the last quarter century is taking food from the air for fertilization purposes. Why? Simply because this discovery stands between the human race and starvation.

The importance of this discovery will be better appreciated when we realize that during the past decade, the world's population has gone up while our crop production has fallen off.

Germany consumed one and one-third million pounds of powder a day during World War II. To make this powder 2,000,000 pounds of nitric acid was used every day.

In large cotton mills gasoline is used to put out a fire in bales of cotton. Why? Because water will not penetrate the tightly packed bundles. But gasoline will reach the burning center and snuff out the fire pronto!

Burgess Bedtime Stories

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Mother made no reply. She was looking up in a tree just a little way off and there was an anxious look in her eyes. The twins looked where she was looking. At first they saw nothing but the dim outlines of the trees. Then first one then the other saw up in that tree, out on one of the big limbs, two glowing spots. They were eyes. Yes, sir, that is just what they were—eyes. Although they had not been told, and had never before seen those glowing eyes, they knew what they were. They drew a little closer to mother. Those glowing eyes up in that tree had suddenly filled them with fright. Whose eyes were they?

Santa Arrives

at

HOLMAN'S



CHARLOTTETOWN

Friday, November 23rd

2 P. M.

SUMMERSIDE

Saturday, November 24th

2 P. M.

The reindeer are ready, the sleigh is all set, and Santa checks carefully his lists of good little girls and boys—He has sent us word that he wants to see all of his friends in his own Toylands. . . So, come and bring the kiddies—Santa has a present for each of them. See Santa in his beautiful, big Toyland Float and See Santa in his beautiful, big Toylands—they're more sparkling and better than ever!

Come One! Come All!

See SANTA On Parade

In His Beautiful Big Toyland Float . . .

Santa's  
Charlottetown Parade Route  
— FRIDAY —

START at 1 p.m. from the Armouries via Kent Street to Rochford Street to Euston Street to Brighton Road to North River Road to McGill Avenue to Spring Park Road to Euston Street to Rochford Street to Water Street to Queen Street to Kent Street to Prince Street to Grafton Street and to Santa's Toyland in HOLMAN'S.

Santa's  
Summerside Parade Route  
— SATURDAY —

START at 1 p.m. from the Airport via St. Eleanors to Notre Dame Street to Central Street to Clark Street to Summer Street to Beatty Avenue to Granville Street to Harvard Street to Eustane Street to Fitzroy Street to Central Street to Water Street and to Santa's Toyland in HOLMAN'S.

Please Note—  
Children  
Visiting Santa  
Must Be  
Accompanied By  
An Adult

If Weather Is Unfavorable SANTA Will Go Direct To His TOYLANDS at HOLMAN'S At 2 P. M. -- Friday Charlottetown -- Saturday Summerside

