

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The Loyalty Islanders all play music and dance. Indeed, they employ rhythm and grace in all the actions of life.

Men and boys spend much of their leisure moments in "dolling up". Here the women pay no attention to their hair, except to keep it short. It is the males who go in for special hair-dos, oil, perfumes, and what not.

No clothing is worn until the age of twenty-five or thirty, and then everybody dresses alike, except that chiefs wear more elaborate ornaments.

In olden times the inhabitants of the island were cannibals. If a man had a surplus of wives and a very large family, it would be all right, now and then, to cook one of his own children to eat out the family larder.

The coming of Christianity changed many beautiful customs and traditions among the Loyalty Islanders and led to sav, civilization has exchanged new vices for old ones.

It is interesting to note that dancing has always been in vogue. This is true all over the world. The dance was first practiced as part of a religious ritual, and still is in many countries.

Until a few centuries back it was not uncommon to see dancing in English Cathedrals. Crossing over the English Channel to the land of sunny France, we learn that priests danced in the choir at Easter up to the 17th century.

We see this rhythm also in the world of lower animals and insects. The moths and the butterflies, the ostrich and many birds, with their fellows innumeral, dancing their love steps to attract the female of their choice.

Indeed the dance lies at the beginning of art, and I fancy we shall find it also at the end. New Zealand has a group of fossil reptiles having three eyes. The third eye is on the top of the head.

The State of Michigan last year used some paper snow fences which were found to be very practical. The fences were made of two wide strips of reinforced paper which were burned after the winter had passed.

Siamese quads were born to a cat at the home of Ed Hess in Kentucky. The kittens were joined together at the stomach, and had a total of 17 legs. A fifth kitten in the remarkable litter was normal.

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Burgess Bedtime

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thought of making this his real home, but decided that the bramble-tangle was better. You see, he likes to live above ground rather than underground, the way Johnny Chuck does.

Being a true son of Peter Rabbit he was happy-go-lucky, and inclined to be a little lazy. You know Peter doesn't believe in doing any work he doesn't have to. Ragged-Ear did cut a path to the middle of the bramble-tangle, and for a time was satisfied with this. Later he cut other paths, working when he felt like it, and only when he felt like it.

Once he had a visitor; it was Old Jed Thumper, his grandfather, although he didn't know this. Old Jed Thumper was Mrs. Peter's father. Old Jed was most unpleasant.

"What are you doing here?" demanded Old Jed Thumper. He sounded cross.

"Just living here for a little while."

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LONDON, Oct. 8 (CP)—A suggestion that Canada's Governor-General, Vincent Massey, or Prime Minister St. Laurent be invested with one of the great ceremonial offices at the coronation of the Queen next year, was made by Senator W. Rupert Davies of Toronto and Kingston, Ont., in a letter published Tuesday by the Times.

Standard and high sheriff last year for this native county of Montgomeryshire, the Senator offers the idea in support of proposals in the United Kingdom press that overseas Commonwealth subjects be given a more active part in the Queen's coronation.

Too few residents of Great Britain, the Senator's letter says, are aware of the fact that the Dominions are completely autonomous or that Queen Elizabeth is as much

the Queen of Canada, Australia, and the other member nations of the Commonwealth overseas, as she is of the United Kingdom.

"Anything that can be done to tighten the bonds of the Commonwealth at this time should be done," the Senator writes, "even at the inconvenience of some of the British high officials and peers of the realm, many of whom seldom grace the House of Lords when there is work to be done."

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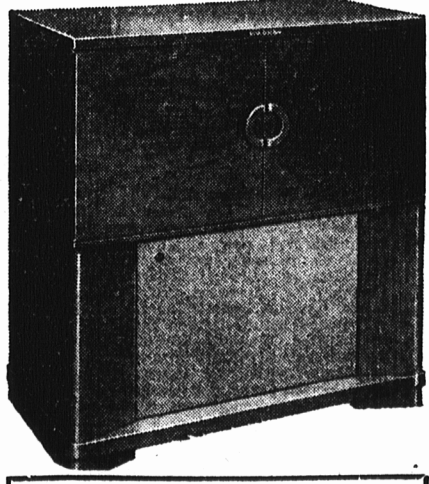
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