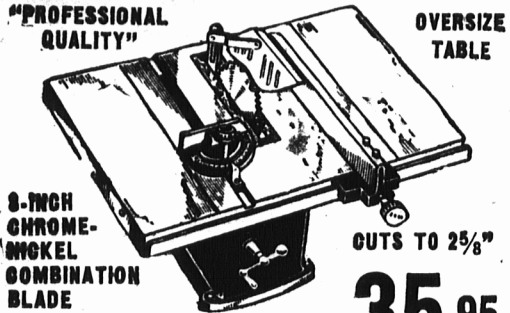


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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

The plains Indians preserved their winter stock of meat by pounding it with stone hammers until it was finely powdered. Fat and berries were then added and it was stored away.

Choice buffalo steaks were placed on the tops of tall trees to keep the meat fresh during hot weather. Strange as it may seem all continents are shaped like a saucer, the middle being the lower and flattest part.

The highest temperature ever recorded in southern Texas was 130 degrees above zero. In the early days, when a plains Indian baby was born, it was rubbed all over with warm fat from a deer or from a buffalo cow. This was done to make the infant's skin soft and smooth. The next step was to wrap the little redskin in soft-tanned rabbit or squirrel skins, and then put in its cradle, which was made of buffalo hide. The women painted sharp-edged designs, like diamonds and triangles on the cradles with different colored earths.

Another kind of cradle was made of cedar wood lined with soft skins. Both kinds were very comfortable and safe. The Plains Indians child spent most of his first two years in his cradle and liked it so well that he cried when he was taken out of it.

Apart from feeding and taking care of the infant's needs, Indian women never fussed over their babies as do white mothers today. The infant enjoyed a position where he could watch everything that went on around him and still be safe out of the way while his parents were busy with the duties of life.

Boys of the Plains Indians were taught to ride alone at the age of six years, and girls were given their first dolls at this age.

A boy when about six was inducted into the "Rabbit Society Dance" so called from the way they hopped about and imitated rabbits at play.

From the Rabbit Society to the Herders' Society covered a period of about thirteen years and brought to an end the child's playtime period. Upon reaching his 14th year, the Indian boy was presented with a horse, a real bow and arrows, and permitted to have a go at the big game along with the men of his tribe.

When a boy killed his first buffalo, his father cut out his tongue and gave it to him. The boy in turn gave the tongue to some elderly person. This custom was to teach the young brave to be generous and deal kindly with old people. The young hunter ate none of his first kill. In this way he learned to provide for his family. Now a full-fledged man he was permitted to go on war raids, steal horses, and look for a spirit guardian to help protect him for the rest of his life. Seeking a spirit guardian was a very sacred thing and when once found the vision secret lay locked up in the discoverer's heart for ever afterward.

Marriages between French-Canadians and Indian women were banned for a time in 1735 unless performed with the special consent of the governor or post commandant.

Child marriages were not uncommon in pioneer days and we read of the four daughters of one, Mr. Cavillard, being married at 11 years; 12 years, 14 years and 15 years respectively. Each daughter received from her father a bull, a hog and a sow, hen and roosters, 2 barrels of salted pork and some cash!

Because the color of her skin was turning a light yellow, a London woman consulted with her doctor. "What are you eating?" the medical man asked her. "A pound of carrots every day for the past year," she told him. The doctor took her off the carrot diet and sent her to hospital for observation, and she regained her normal color in a few weeks.

The British medical journal, reporting on the case, said it was the first time such a case had come to their notice.

The gals marry old and young in Yugoslavia. The latest in the former group is 106-year-old Fanjija Iglic who became the bride of 72-year-old Anton Sustar.

Among certain tribes of Indians relatives of deceased persons gashed the skin of their legs and arms till the blood came. For a whole year the beloved family painted their faces with ashes. All the dead person's effects were burned and the name of the dead was never spoken again.

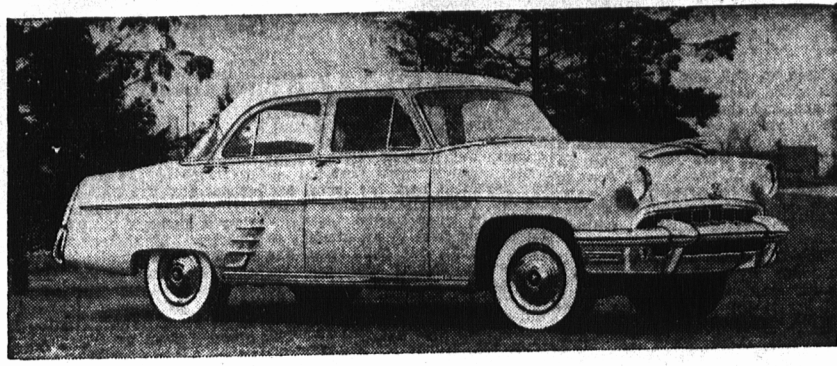
Contract Bridge

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 he was not up to that play and so had to acknowledge defeat.

In view of the entry situation in dummy, the discard of clubs was very bad. Declarer should have thrown off diamonds! He could then cash the club king, lead to the ace and ruff a club, and return twice more to dummy with diamonds to set up and reach the established fifth club.

BURGESS BEDTIME

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 "There is just as much room as there has been," squeaked Mite crossly.  
 "There won't be, so go away and stop bothering me," was the sharp retort, and Mite was rudely pushed away from the doorway where he had been looking in. Nettie Meadow Mouse wasn't coy now. She wasn't the least bit coy. She clicked her sharp little teeth in a way that sounded most unpleasant. "Now go!



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"There isn't room for you," she repeated and clicked her teeth again.

"I don't see why," squeaked Mite angrily. But he did the next day when he returned. He simply couldn't stay away. When he looked in through the doorway he forgot the sharp things he was going to say, the quarrel he had intended to pick. For a moment or two he forgot he had a tongue. He simply stared. On that soft bed were six squirming, tiny, helpless baby Mice.

They were not pretty. They were far from being pretty. But their mother gazed over them as if they were the most beautiful babies in all the Great World. No doubt in her eyes they were. It is always that way with mother eyes.

"Now you see why there isn't room for you," squeaked the mother. Then she turned her back on him and began to fuss over her precious babies. Of course those were Mite's babies too, but he didn't think about that. He just wasn't interested. After all, only eight weeks before he himself had been a helpless mite just like one of those squirming babies. Now he was quite grown up and a father, although still growing. In size he would not be fully grown for another month.

Eight weeks later, when he was sixteen weeks old, an "Old One" to the young Mice of Mouseville, he was a grandfather. Yes, sir, he was Grandfather Mite, looked up to, and wise in the ways of Mouseville. He was a grandfather several times over yet himself just four months

of age, an old young one, old in his world, but very young, a mere baby, in your world and mine. But that is how it is in Mouseville. Life is lived fast there.

Reports No Sign Of Doping Gangs

LONDON, Dec. 5 (AP)—The Jockey Club, Britain's ruling body of horse racing, said Thursday an inquiry failed to show evidence of doping gangs operating on race tracks. The club said 22 cases of alleged doping of race horses were reviewed. The investigation stemmed from newspaper reports alleging horses, particularly some favorites, had been doped.

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