

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Paul Hubert, of Bordeaux, France, 1863, served 21 years in solitary confinement before it was discovered that nobody was killed. Actually, Hubert was convicted of killing himself, believe it or not!

Sandy MacLeod of Lorne Valley Prince Edward Island, scared the wits out of many people by standing on his head atop a tombstone in the local cemetery.

It only takes 12 minutes for gossip to circle the globe.

If you think you are handicapped consider Walter Callow of Camp Hill Hospital, Halifax, Nova Scotia. Callow is known as the "human log" because he has been completely paralysed since shortly

after the first great war. He was injured in a plane accident over Ontario in 1917. Callow is also blind; but he still keeps smiling. Moreover, he is a successful business man, and conducts his affairs from his hospital bed through a private secretary. Mr. Callow is undaunted. He likes to meet visitors and no doubt will be glad to reply to any questions that you may wish to ask him.

Every sailor who crosses the equator for the first time is given a thorough dousing by his shipmates. As the ship approaches the "line," Father Neptune and his consort come aboard and attend to the ceremony.

When a Naval Wedding takes place an evergreen garland is slung between the masts of the ship. Sometimes the garland is tied with a white ribbon.

On arriving home from Foreign Service warships fly a long white

pennant, whose length depends on the number of years the ship has been abroad.

In the German army dogs are trained to lay telephone wires. Tennyson's Locksley Hall contains this prophecy: "Heard the heavens filled with shouting, and there rained a ghastly dew."

The oldest Daddy in Prince Edward Island is Edward Shepherd of Charlottetown. Shepherd, now 95, has a daughter who is five years old.

What number is also the name of a family? You'd never guess that one. So here it is "1792." Yes, sure, the 1792 family of Caumontiers, France. Beside Mom and Dad 1792 there are four sons with the calendar month names, namely: January 1792, February 1792, March 1792 and April 1792. March 1792 died in September, 1904, and April died in January, 1906.

Although he has consumed a quart of whiskey every day for 30 years, Robert Porte of Cambridge, Mass., is reckoned the best chrome plater in his state.

There are three sides to every question: my side, your side and the right side.

Within the Arctic Circle the sun keeps above the horizon all the 24 hours hence the name "The Midnight Sun." The midnight sun can be seen at the North pole in June and in the Antarctic in December.

Most students will tell you that the famous Matterhorn Mountain is in Switzerland. It is partly in Switzerland and partly in Italy.

The Ladybird is not a bird at all, it is a beetle. And a titmouse is not a rodent. It is a small bird.

Recently an aspiring author rushed into an editor's private office in New York City and, pointing a gun at the editor's head demanded: "Publish my stuff, big boy, or you'll never do any more publishing in this world!"

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With All My Love

(By Virginia Bowes) (Continued)

Betty Crowell had been sobbing violently and now she struck out in a new burst of violence, clanging viciously at Steve Calridge's neck, throwing herself upon him in a frenzy. Steve turned, shielding his face with one arm while he held her off with the other.

"Betty, please," he said calmly. "Don't carry on like that." He forced an arm around her and pulled her close to him, not affectionately but only for the purpose of restraining her. His loathing of the girl could not have been more evident. "You and Hanley played a dangerous and a terrible game—and you lost. Try to show the same indifference to human life now than you showed before."

Clare's eyes turned to Eddie Franklin as Steve was speaking and an understanding passed between them that needed no words for its expression. If Eddie had ever had suspicions of Steve Calridge, he didn't have them now.

Burrows, the Calridge chauffeur, came in then. He had driven Steve and Betty out to the airport, arriving there almost at the instant that the crash had occurred. He'd been helping the firemen and the emergency squad from the hospital in extricating Clay Hanley's remains from the wreck that lay there on the concrete runway.

He supported Clare on one side and Steve on the other as they walked to the car. Eddie Franklin, stead-fastly refused to leave just then, but he finally promised that he would call at the Calridge place that evening. Steve beckoned to one of the hospital attendants outside and told him to take Betty Crowell back to the hospital with them, by force if necessary, and to have Dr. Martin, the head of the staff, take care of her. "I imagine she ought to be kept under sedatives for quite some time," he said. "But you tell Doc that I'm putting her in his hand."

Clare herself, at Steve's insistence, took sleeping powder when she got home and it was nearly 8 o'clock when she finally awoke. Colby brought her dinner upstairs and Steve sat with her while she ate. Then he went downstairs while she dressed, and when she came down a little later Eddie Franklin and Steve were together.

"I was just telling Mr. Franklin," Steve said "that he must get over the notion that the accident was his fault. I could feel just as guilty as he if I tried, but actually no one was at fault but Hanley himself."

"I took the plans Hanley had sent to the bank and showed them to the Crandon outfit in New York and one of the experts said flatly that they were out of the question and he proved to me that the very first test of such plans would mean death for the pilot. That's why I came in on the early train instead of the evening one; I wanted Hanley to know about this at the first possible moment. Of course I had no idea he was going to test the plane today."

"Incidentally, when I got to the office, I called home to talk to you, Clare, and tell you not to go any further with your flying lessons from Hanley. The Crandon people showed me pretty conclusive evidence that he and someone in my office—Betty Crowell, of course—were responsible for that fatal crash at the Billet plant a year ago. Crandon is voluntarily dividing the contract with Billet, as a matter of fact, just on that account."

He hesitated a moment then, staring at the fat cigar that he rolled between his fingers. Then he looked up at Clare. "Perhaps you and I could talk to Mrs. Caswell about these plans that Roger drew up. Mr. Franklin tells me that she gave them to you. I thought when Hanley came here that I might put up a plane factory near the airport some day, and now I think we both have the design for an outstanding plane and an outstanding man to operate it." He turned then and wandered out of the room.

Eddie got up, a smile distorting his swollen face. "Hello, Clare," he said. "Hello, Eddie."

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