

Those Crazy Bartletts

By Peggy Dera CHAPTER TWO Part Two

Celia couldn't just stand there staring, unnoticed, with Rusty just behind her, so she moved forward, saying shyly, "Hello, I'm Celia — remember me?"

Buzz and Mary Sue turned as though startled to discover there was anybody else in the world besides themselves. Mary Sue put her glass on the mantel and came to Celia with a gracious smile, her lovely hands extended, saying, "Why, Celia dear — how nice to see you! And how pretty you are! Isn't she pretty, Buzz dear?"

She kissed Celia lightly on both cheeks, and Buzz said, "She's almost as pretty as you were the first time I saw you — remember?" He shook hands with Celia as though she had been a stranger, and turned to greet Rusty, saying heartily, "Well, I'll be darned — old Randy's boy! Darned if you don't look like him — the spittin' image, isn't he, Ma' Sue? Gosh, I'm glad to see you Rusty!"

Rusty beamed happily and shook hands with Mary Sue. By that time Honey had come in, an arm about a thin, big-eyed little girl with short, fluffy blonde curls framing her too-long face. Mary Sue's beauty, repeated, in her two eldest daughters, had completely skipped Susan, who was an absurdly accurate image of Buzz.

Rusty turned and, seeing Honey, his eyebrows went up. "Hi, this isn't the lady that met me at the train? The one in overalls? How do you do it — with mirrors?"

Honey laughed, accepted the glass of tomato juice her father extended. Susan was peering owlishly at Celia, and when Celia met the big, shy eyes she smiled warmly, and Susan blushed to the tips of her ears.

"Hello, Susan," said Celia gently. "Poor Susie's so terribly shy," said Mary Sue.

A middle-aged, dignified Negro in a black house jacket and a neatly tied bow tie appeared suddenly in the doorway, saying firmly, "Dinner is served."

Buzz had offered his arm to Mary Sue. Rusty hesitated just for a moment before the three girls, and then won Susan's small heart forever by bowing low before her and offering his arm. Pink to the ears with pleasure, Susan's little head went up and she walked beside Rusty like a queen being led to her throne by a courtier.

The dinner had progressed pleasantly enough. Once Rusty had asked Mary Sue, "Did you like trouping with the show, Miss Bartlett?"

"I loved being with Buzz, anywhere, any time," Mary Sue had said simply, and smiled at him. Buzz had looked at her with a look in his eyes that was as warm and ardent as a kiss.

And Celia felt more out of it than ever. Celia excused herself at ten o'clock the first night on the plea of being sleepy and tired after her journey, and went upstairs.

She had been asleep for several hours when she was awakened by a bright white light filling her room. At first she thought it was moonlight, but as she roused from sleep she realized it was too bright for moonlight. She had a moment of panic in which she wondered if it could be fire; but when



NO SIGN OF LIFE — Only the tail section (circled) is visible in this airview of the site where an Air Force C47 crashed on Lookout Mountain, 65 miles north-

east of Phoenix, Ariz. The plane carried 26 persons, including 19 West Point cadets who were returning to classes. Searchers reported no sign of life at the crash site.

Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Last year will go down in Alberta's history as the year in which snow fell every month except during July and August.

Mr. Joseph Therault of Methean Station, Nova Scotia, is the only farmer in the Maritime Provinces who can boast of having a round barn. With only one sill in the centre, it has a diameter of forty-two feet. In this unique building the cattle have to stand fanwise facing the center or point.

The hayloft is all in one with a square opening directly above the main floor, for unloading hay. In the whole of Canada there is but one woman mayor, namely, Mayor Charlotte Whitton of Ottawa.

The Indians of North America were cultivating and using pumpkins as early as 1500 B. C. And strange but true, the pumpkin is really a squash.

Recently a balloon was launched she slid out of bed and ran across to the window, she saw that the lawn was flooded with light coming from electric fixtures partially hidden in the surrounding trees, and there on a level bit of velvet lawn Buzz and Mary Sue were playing croquet!

She turned back to her room and looked at the small brown and gold leather traveling clock on the dressing table. A quarter to three in the morning — and Mr. and Mrs. Buzz Bartlett were playing croquet on a floodlit lawn!

Celia stood for a little at the window watching the two strangers who, incredible as it seemed to her at that moment, were her parents; then she drew the shade over the window and crept back into bed.

To be continued

ed at a garden party in Kingsbury England, with an attached cord asking the finder to return it. It came back with a letter from Germany and an appeal for a crippled girl for whom medical supplies were needed. Funds are now being raised for the medicines.

The curious bursting of the seed — holding fern seed and scattering them to the four winds are often so little observable, that, at one time, it was believed that the plants sprung from invisible seeds. Hence arose the superstition, that the carrying of a piece of fern rendered a person invisible. Thus, Shakespeare: "We have the receipt of fern seed — we work invisible." Beaumont and Fletcher: "Why did you think that you had Gyges' ring, or the ring that gives invisibility?" And Ben Johnson: "I had no medicine, sir, to go invisible, no fern-seed in my pocket."

Fern were connected with other old exploded notions, which we need not stop to specify. In eastern lands, where the language of affection is expressed by flowers and herbs, the fern is the emblem of sincerity and friendship.

The growth of ferns and other plants as a matter of amusement in glass-cases, led to the idea of building cases for rearing certain animals in water. Globular crystal jars with fresh water for goldfish had been known at a comparatively early date, but it was a great step forward when the Zoological Society of London began about 1852 to exhibit a collection of living aquatic animals in houses within their grounds. This, so far as I have been able to gather, was the first aquarium of any size, and attracted so much attention, that the keeping of aquaria became a favorite parlor amusement.

When a Russian is about to set out on a long journey, he invariably seats himself just prior to the time for saying farewells. Those present imitate him. After a short time spent in talking of different things, they all rise, and each embraces the traveler in turn before he departs.

Notwithstanding the numerous investigations that have been made into the nature of Soophyte life, it is still full of mystery. They are creatures destitute of many of the chief organs of ordinary animals; they are minus eyes to see, feet to walk, fins to swim; and they have neither breathing nor blood circulating systems such as the larger animals have.

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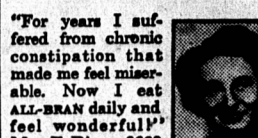
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jelly-like creature. They know what they want to eat, as well as knowing what not to eat, and when danger approaches they throw out their long tentacles to protect themselves.

Some flowers are so regular in their hours of opening and closing that one of the ancients formed glass, he called the flower's measuring glass, in which each hour was represented by the flower which opened or closed at that particular time.

16TH CENTURY HOME GUARD CANTERBURY, England — (CP) William Urry, Canterbury's archivist, has found documents showing the town had a home guard as far back as 1588. The unit was formed because of the threat of the Spanish Armada.

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