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Strange But True

By F. H. MacArthur

Over 65 per cent of Canadians own their own homes which is a fine testimony to the soundness of the economy of our country. Only 50 per cent own their homes in Uncle Sam's country. American airmen are taking such a shine to British girls that they are marrying them at the rate of 200 a month. Of the 167,374 inmates in penal institutions in the U. S. A. 3.7 per cent are women. The custom of kissing is a natural expression of affection. It is curious to note the analogous manifestations among animals, and some of the lower tribes of men. A dog displays its affection for its master by licking his hand. A ewe distinguishes her offspring by the olfactory sense and apparently derives pleasure from its exercise. The same sense is used among men not only to distinguish as in the case of Jacob and Isaac, but also as a mark of affection. Among the mongolians, for instance, it is found "as a mark of paternal affection, instead of embracing", while the Burmese "do not kiss each other in the Western fashion, but merely press the lips to the nose and cheek and make a strong exhalation."

A glance into the origin of etiquette will bring up many amusing and amazing facts. When the great Dr. Livingston visited new African tribes, by way of salute they threw themselves on their backs on the ground, and rolling from side to side, slapped their thighs as an expression of thankfulness and welcome.

In past ages, when the Emperor of Russia was crowned, the nobility did homage by bending down at his feet to the ground. In Dahomey, the natives crawl like snakes on their stomachs while approaching a superior. The Japanese salute superiors by kneeling, but in the street merely making a gesture as if they were going to kneel. This action survives among ourselves as the curtsy.

One hundred and seventy-four years ago, in 1780 winter set in the middle of November and continued until the middle of April. During that long winter there was not a single thaw. One snow storm followed closely on the heels of another, until the ground was covered under to such a depth that travel was put aside, except in needy cases. Indeed, the only travel was made on the rivers. The cold was so intense that barnyard fowls died in their winter quarters, frozen stiff. The deer, bear, foxes and other wild animals sought shelter from the fierce winter around the

cabins of the settlers, but many perished in the forest for want of food, which lay buried beneath the snow. No rain fell, and the settlers were compelled to melt snow to furnish water for themselves and their livestock.

When the terrible winter of 1780 began many leaves still clung to the trees, and many of the trees and shrubs were putting forth new growth. In other words, winter fell upon the settlers like a thief in the night.

It is stated in Hildredth's Pioneer History that the cold year of 1880 saw lakes and rivers frozen solidly as far south as Maryland. The cold and stormy winter was the basis for many a fantastic and tall tale. Yet strange but true, such a winter as I have just described covered what is now the Maritime provinces, the New England States and Western Prairies, and the Central Portion of what is now Canada and the United States, and everything was bound in fetters of ice. There was no thermometer to register the weather, but the year comes down in history and tradition as one of the worst ever experienced on the North American continent.

A host in himself—the cannibal who eats his entertainers. There is no crime in Lapland, except murder, that is punished more severely than marrying the girl against the wishes of her parents.

On a certain day, the parents of the girl and the suitor and their friends, come together, and the boy and girl are placed opposite to one another, so that they

Durelle Collects Praise For Showing In Fight

NEW YORK, (CP)—Yvon Durelle, an elusive light heavyweight from Belle Isle, N.B., lost a fight and won a lot of friends here Monday night.

The former Canadian champion, billed as a sacrificial lamb for 18-year-old Floyd Patterson, one of the hottest fighters in the New York area, lost the decision unanimously. But the post-fight can get a good look at one another and say their two bits worth of talk.

Lunch follows this tete a tete and then the company heads for wide open spaces, where the "race for a wife" is run. Distance: about a quarter of a mile — and the gal is given the start, so that if she is a good runner she won't have much difficulty in avoiding the suitor, for if he does not overtake her before she reaches the finish line she is free, and he may never seek her hand again.

If for any reason the girl does not like the boy she will easily outdistance him in the race for a wife due to her getting a good start over her suitor. On the other hand, if she likes the boy, and wants him for her husband, she has only to hit a slow pace, and allow him to overtake her.

The Lapps are not remarkable for their morals or honesty — but their marriage relations are among the most peaceable and happy ones to be found any place.

criticism seemed to be directed almost entirely against the winner while the loser collected most of the praise.

Matchmaker Teddy Brenner of Brooklyn's Eastern Parkway arena said he'd welcome a return visit by Durelle, possibly in a rematch against Patterson. Local fight reporters, while in general agreement that the young Brooklyn Negro has a lot to learn, were generous to his beaten foe.

Caswell Adams of The Journal-American pronounced him "as sound as the Canadian dollar," adding that Patterson was "completely confounded by the crustacean manoeuvres of the wily guy from New Brunswick."

Wants Another Bout
Murray Rose of The Associated Press noted that Durelle was able to take Patterson's punches well, traded punches willingly with the 1952 Olympic champion and made him miss so badly that Patterson twice nearly landed on the canvas.

In 10 fights, Durelle was the third man to go the eight-round distance with Patterson, who is prevented by his age from fighting over the 10-round route.

a pain in his stomach but added that he feels he could knock Patterson out in a rematch, particularly in Canada "where the air is nice and clean."

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