Errors Other Folks Have Made

Everyone has read we should not scare a child with threats that "the big black dog" or "the policeman will get you." But I never realized how important the warning is until my own little boy was about a year old. He cried a great deal, and to quiet him I'd tell him he had better stop crying or the black dog would get him. For the moment he would stop crying. Soon I was using the "big black dog" threat to get him to mind almost everything. Now at two years of age he is scared of all dogs. No matter where he sees one he starts screaming and almost goes into hysterics. I only hope my little girl patience I can correct an injustice I've done to both child and dog. Mrs. H. C.

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I accused a neighbour boy of stealing $3 from us. Soon afterwards in checking over our bills, receipts, etc., and praying over the matter, the thought came to me that we had ordered baby chicks with the money. Although I begged his forgiveness, and that of his parents, my husband and I have never regained their friendship. Mrs. J. R. L.

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I let my hospital insurance lapse. Within one month two of my children had appendecitomies. The cost was far greater than payments on the policy would have been for several years. M. L.,

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Last spring I made the mistake of not spraying my fruit trees. It looked as if we were going to have a big crop to sell, but as the ripening season drew near the fruit developed brown rot and we barely had enough for our own use.

Mrs. B. H. G.,

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I planted seven rows of beans during midsummer and failed to spray them early and regularly. I started in such a start that I could not control them. I lost several bushels of beans in this way. It pays to plant early and spray at regular intervals when beans are 2 or 3 inches high. Mrs. R. L. M.,

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I let my only son play high school football at the age of 13—which was entirely too young, as he was often playing against boys who were much older and stronger than he. When he was 15 he was hurt in a game. The X-ray showed a ruptured lung. Pneumonia developed in the other lung and after 41 days of intensive suffering and struggling for his life he died.

Alleged Slayer

Milton Babich, 19, above, of Milwaukee, Wis., faces trial on charges of killing 16-year-old Patricia Birmingham, whose sister, Kathleen, he married secretly. Babich is alleged to have stated in a confession that he shot Patricia, weighted her body and threw it into the Milwaukee River. He claims the shooting was accidental.

Modern Etiquette

by Roberta Lee

Q. How many attendants should a widow have at her second wedding?

A. Never more than one attendant, and often none at all.

Q. What are a few acknowledgements of an introduction that are forbidden by social usage?

A. "Pleased to meet you," "Delighted to know you," "Charmed, I am sure," or any other such extravagant phrases. "How do you do" is the accepted form.

Q. Is it ever permissible to use unmatched paper and envelopes in correspondence?

A. The paper and envelope should always match, both as to size, quality, and color.

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Pink and Chubby

Miss H——— wore a rose crepe afternoon dress with matching fat ——Denison (Texas) Herald.

Atomic energy official says we will have to learn to live with the atom. What a nerve-shattering thought!

WHAT GOES ON IN THE WORLD

Newsweek Photo

Waiting for Joe—Although Joe DiMaggio is out of action "indefinitely" with an injured heel, the New York Yankee star's uniform is ready and waiting for him. Cleaned and pressed, the suit with the big number five hangs in the Yanks' dressing room at Yankee Stadium, as the Bronx Bombers prepared for a DiMaggio-less opening day.

SPORTS & &c

by A SIXBIT CRITIC

The day after the late lamented Detroit Red Wings seeped out of the Stanley Cup picture we ran across a friend who is considerable of a hockey fan. We found him in a quandary, which is a tough spot to be in unless you are equipped with a map or compass, or else have a seeing eye dog.

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(Which reminds us that the annual campaign for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind is about due, and if there is any organization which better deserves your support, we personally have never run across it.)

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But to get back to this friend of ours. When we asked him just what was biting him, he replied that he couldn't decide just what to do in regard to the Maple Leaf hockey team. "If that was the real Maple Leafs we just saw flatten the Detroiks," he said, "I am thinking seriously of consulting my lawyer, and I will ask him if I cannot sue the club for the return of all the money I spent on tickets throughout the regular season on the ground of false pretences."

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We tried to soothe his injured feelings as best we could, telling him that maybe it was the real, blown-in-the-bottle Maple Leafs he had watched trying to untrack themselves during the months of October, November, January, February and March. "They wore the same uniforms," we said, "and they looked very much the same when posing for their pictures."

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"Then in that case," he made answer, "I feel it is my bounden duty to go and report them to the stewards and demand a saliva test for every one connected with the outfit, with the exception, maybe, of Foster Hewitt and Wes McKnight, who gave their best all times and didn't spare a tonsil." So we left him still wondering which course to take.

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The International League season is just about to start as we write this and there is a long and dusty road to travel ere the pennant race is decided. But if the Toronto Baseball Club keeps up its present gait, we have no hesitation in predicting that ball fans of the Quince City and surrounding territory will have something more to draw them to the stadium than the prospect of watching a lot of noisy sure-thingers parked back of third base trying to chisel one another out of a few small bets.

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For one thing, the club has made a real clean-up and paint-up job of the ball park. And we may inform you that it wasn't before it was time by any manner of means. In fact, they say that in their clean-up operations the workmen came across almost everything that has been missing around Toronto for ages, excepting the body of Ambrose Small.

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Anyway, it promises to be a baseball layout with considerable class, and one to which a man need not be ashamed to take his wife, or lady friend—or both, for that matter, although maybe not both at the same time.

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Then there is the matter of the dope book which the ball club has put out for the information of radio announcers, sports writers and similar trash. It is one of the most complete and well-gotten-up affairs of its kind we have ever seen, and a real credit to whoever compiled it. It—and the refurbishing of the stadium—have convinced us that the Toronto Baseball Club really means business, and intends to give the fans something more than promises of "Better things next summer."

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Looking over the volume in question, we couldn't help marvelling at how many different clubs had been represented—or misrepresented—in the loop since Toronto first became part of it way back in 1884—also the different names the league itself had gone under.

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First of all, it was the Eastern League. After that, for one season, the New York State League. Then the International League, the International Association, the Eastern Association, the Eastern League, again the International League, the New International League, and lastly—so far—the International League. For changing names, it could give Babe Ruth a real run for her money, and no fooling.

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As for the cities taking part—well, to put it briefly, there were no less than 42 of them, all told and—and if you think they are going to be all told in detail in this space, you are mistaken. But, a hasty glance reveals such teams taking part as the Philadelphia Athletics, Hamilton, Ontario; Ottawa, Saginaw, Bay City, Wilkes-Barre, Lebanon, Long Island City, and a whole lot more that we had long forgotten were ever in there.

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However, this will suffice regarding the Toronto ball team and the International League for the time being, but we hope to have more worth reporting at a later date. As a one-time resident of Toronto, and a long sojourner in its vicinity, we would hate to have outsiders get the idea that hockey and formchart reading cover the full extent of its athletic addictions.

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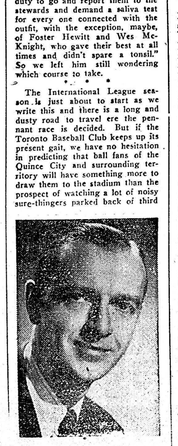
While engineers of the New York Power and Light Corp. pondered plans for a hydro-electric dam on the Cacanaqua River, beavers moved in, built one 126 feet wide and 6 feet high, and flooded 15 acres. Confident it can be done, the engineers are complaining their plans.



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ton Sykes is from his great-grandfather Noah."

In London, Mr. Sykes stated that the spy story was ridiculous. In North Carolina Dr. Smith said, "We are not going to change our plans."

And there, for the time being, the matter rests.

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

Quite a number of western diplomats and employees of foreign missions to Czechoslovakia have been "invited" to leave that country during the past year, on what appear to be very flimsy charges of "spying."

One case, which may have serious consequences, is that of Captain Philip Wildash, a British representative in the Allied Military Permit Office, which sanctions visits to and across the three western zones of Germany. He was expelled from Czechoslovakia last March, but the matter is by no means closed as yet.

The British Embassy held that the attitude of the Czech police showed clearly that Wildash's guilt had been prejudged and sent a letter of protest to the Czechoslovak Foreign Ministry. The reply rejected the British protest and asserted that the Government had acted within its rights and in strict accord with diplomatic usage.

How far the three western Governments are prepared to go in pressing the Czech Government for guarantees that incidents like that of Wildash will not occur again is a matter for speculation. If they decide to go all out in support of the fundamental liberties involved, there may be grave trouble stirred up, not only in Czechoslovakia but throughout other "satellite" countries. Probably the whole thing depends on just how the big boys behind the walls of the Kremlin feel about it; although, of course, nothing like that can be said in any way officially.

TIP TO GARDENERS

Plants can fool the best of us. So often a stray seedling is saved as being a choice plant, only to turn out to be a weed. Stray tree seedlings are the worst offenders, coming up among our shrubs or along the foundation of the house, where we forget them until they are so big we have to ruin some good shrub or shrub to get them out. Watch out for seedling trees coming up in the middle of a choice lilac or Japanese snowball.

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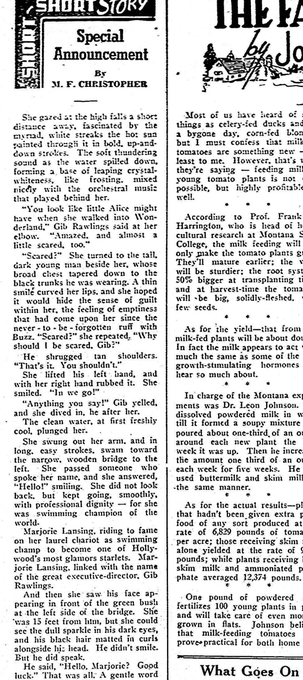

She gazed at the high falls a short distance away, fascinated by the myriad, white streaks the hot sun painted through it in bold, up-and-down strokes. The soft thundering sound as the water spilled down, forming a base of leaping crystal-whiteness, like frosting, mixed nicely with the orchestral music that played behind her.

"You look like little Alice might have when she walked into Wonderland," Gib Rawlings said at her elbow. "Amazed, and almost a little scared, too."

"Scared?" She turned to the tall, dark young man beside her, whose broad chest tapered down to the black sneaks he was wearing. A thin smile curved her lips, and she hoped it would hide the sense of guilt relating to the feeling of emptiness that had come upon her since the never-to-be-forgotten ruff with Buzz. "Scared?" she repeated, "why should I be scared, Gib?"

He shrugged tan shoulders. "That's it. You shouldn't."

She lifted his left hand, and with her right hand rubbed it. She smiled. "In we go."

"Anything you say!" Gib yelled, and she dived in, he after her.

The clean water, at first freshly cool, plunged her.

She swung out her arm, and in long, easy strokes swam parallel to the narrow, wooden bridge to the left. She passed someone who spoke her name, and she answered "Hello!" smiling. She did not look back, but kept going, smoothly, with professional confidence. Gib was swimming champion of the world.

Marjorie Lansing, riding to fame on her laurel chariot as swimming champ for the past two years, Gib's wood's most glamorous starlets. Marjorie Lansing, linked with the name of the greatest executive-director, Gib Rawlings.

And then she saw his face appearing in front of the green bush at the left side of the bridge. She was 15 feet from him, but she could see the dull sparkle in his dark eyes, and his black hair matted in curls alongside his head. He didn't smile. But he did speak.

He said, "Hello, Marjorie? Good luck." That was all. A gentle word to comfort her in her new venture.

She reached the dam formation and climbed upon the narrow catwalk on top.

Gib was clambering up beside her, a big smile on his face.

She grinned, tossing a sun-kissed tan shoulder. "Gib,"—she said, and her voice was tired, weary. "Gib let—let's get it over with, now."

He walked along behind her. He said, low, "Over with? You mean you're tired? You want to go home?"

She looked at him curiously. "I'll see Jimmie Coun right away," Gib said.

She stood aside as he spoke to the tall, black-haired orchestra leader. Suddenly the music stopped, and Gib and Jimmie Coun standing on the platform in front of the musicians. Jimmie Coun was smiling. She saw him, in the dreadful moment was now at hand.

And then, in his soft, articulate voice, he said, "Ladies and gentlemen, Mr. Gib Rawlings has invited you here for the special announcement he promised a short time ago. Gib and I thank him for giving me the privilege of making it. I take pride in announcing the engagement of your friends and my friends, and the world's friends . . . Miss Marjorie Lansing and—Mr. Buzz Hatley.

She stared, wide-eyed and mystified, and felt a cold hand on her elbow.

She looked up into Gib's face and felt tears well in her eyes. Warm tears of happiness.

"I didn't realize until I saw your face, and his face, there under the bridge," Gib said. "Funny isn't it, how little things like that sometimes can change everything?"

"Yes," she said. "Yes . . . ."

She nodded. "Yes, get it over with, so that we—we both can go home."

It is hard for a girl to go auto riding on a cold night without getting a chap on her lips.

Most of us have heard of such things as celery-fed ducks and, in a bygone day, corn-fed blondes; but I must confess that milk-fed tomatoes are something new — at least to me. However, that's what they're saying — feeding milk to young tomato plants is not only possible, but highly profitable as well.

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According to Prof. Frank M. Harrington, who is head of horticultural research at Montana State College, the milk feeding will not only make the tomato plants grow. They'll mature earlier; the vines will be sturdier; the root systems 30% bigger at transplanting time; and at harvest-time the tomatoes will be big, solidly-fleshed, with few seeds.

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As for the yield—that from the milk-fed plants will be about double. In fact the milk appears to act very much the same as some of the new growth-stimulating hormones we hear so much about.

In charge of the Montana experiments was Dr. Leon Johnson. He dissolved powdered milk in water till it formed a soupy mixture and poured about one-third of an ounce around each new plant the first week it was up. Then he increased the amount one third of an ounce each week for five weeks. He also used kelthane and skim milk in the same manner.

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As for the actual results—plants that hadn't been given extra plant food of any sort produced at the rate of 6,829 pounds of tomatoes per acre; those receiving skim milk alone yielded at the rate of 9,814 pounds; while plants receiving both skim milk and ammoniated phosphate averaged 12,374 pounds.

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One pound of powdered milk fertilizer 100 young plants in pots, and will take care of even more if grown in flats. Johnson believes that milk-feeding tomatoes will prove practical for both home gardeners and commercial growers. And after the milk had made such a startling showing on tomatoes, Johnson tried it on young onions —and with similar results!

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Which will be enough about milk for the time being—now something about the milk producers—the cows. The Dominion Experimental Farms have just issued information about the value of dehorning, some of which I'm going to pass along to you, in hopes it will be found of value.

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Nature gave horns to the wild cow for her protection. Today they're of not practical value, and fully developed horns may cause serious injury to udders, while painful body wounds result from hooking and fighting among cattle.

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The dehorning is quite simple. The calf should be thrown, or tied securely, not only to make your work easier but also to make the deforming material can be applied only to the horns. The horn buttons should be fully grown to make them easy to locate. (With the caustic treatment, the stick should be held in dry spots to prevent getting your fingers burned).

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The horn button is then rubbed with the moistened end of the stick over an area the size of a 25 cent piece. The skin will redden and the horn button will become bare. A ring of vaseline around the base of the button will prevent any excess moisture from the treated area leaking over and burning the calf's eyes or face. Other calves must not be allowed to lick the treated area as the caustic will burn skin tissue badly.

A very powerful chemical preparation is becoming quite popular. It may be applied by painting the horn base with a small paint brush. This method does not use as much caustic as a solid drying ingredient which seals the treated area quickly. It is said to be equally effective in stopping horn growth as the caustic treatment.

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Now, something about the serious losses which seem bound to occur among baby pigs. Every good hog man knows that it is impossible to nail down all the causes for such losses. But there is a growing belief in the minds of many expert veterinarians and research men that undue chilling during the first twelve hours after farrowing is one of the most common and important factors involved.

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Such chilling not only upsets the vital balance of blood sugars, but also lowers the pig's resistance to any disease — encouraging the growth of any bacteria that may be in the air, just looking for a spot on which to pounce.

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In their wild state, sows farrowed their pigs during the warmth of Spring sunshine, and on a bed of clean leaves. An efficient farmer should try, as best he can, to duplicate such natural environment by providing artificial heat where necessary, and strictly sanitary farrowing pens.

What Goes On In Canada During May

A number of important exhibitions, celebrations and conventions are scheduled throughout Canada during the month of May, according to a survey released here by A. A. Gardiner, general passenger traffic manager, Canadian National Railways.

NOVA SCOTIA

May 9-11—New Glasgow—Music Festival
May 13-18—Sydney—Cape Breton Festival of Music, Speech and Drama
May 26-31—Halifax—Halifax Music Festival

QUEBEC

May 4 —Montreal—Opening games of Montreal Baseball Club
May 15-22—Montreal—Le Music Hall de Paris
May 23-28—Montreal—Showboat Theatrical Company
May 23-28—Montreal—Grand Morton Circus
May 30 —Montreal—McGill University Convocation

ONTARIO

May 7-21—Toronto—Dufferin Spring Race Meet
May 21-28—Toronto—Ontario Jockey Club at Dufferin
May 24 —Guelph—Ontario Agriculture College Convocation
May 27 —Guelph—Bruce County Day at O.A.C.
May 30-June 3—Toronto—Greenwood Club at Woodbine
May 30-June 11—Toronto—International Trade Fair
May 30-31—London—Kinette Antique Fair
May 30 —Sudbury—Fun Parade Show sponsored by Sudbury Lions Club

MANITOBA

May 7-15—Winnipeg—Shriners' Circus
May 27-28—Winnipeg—Lions Club Fun Parade

SASKATCHEWAN

May 2 —Regina—National Tourist Week
May 4-5-6—Saskatoon—Light Horse Show
May 16-19—Regina—Musical Festival
May 27-28—Saskatoon—Fat Stock Show

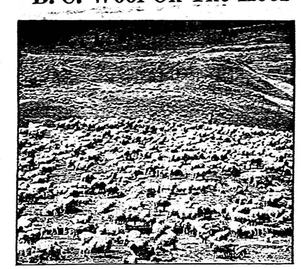
ALBERTA

May 11-14—Calgary—Horse Show
May 24 —Edmonton—Spring Race Meeting

BRITISH COLUMBIA

May 1 —Ashcroft—May Day Celebrations
May (throughout)—Blue River—Spring Skiing
May 1 —Kaslo—Opening Day Sailing Derby
May 1-3-4—Mission—Music Festival of Fraser Valley
May 4- 7—Victoria—Spring Garden Festival
May 2- 7—Powell River—B.C. Products Fair
May 8-10—Victoria—Rotary Club District Convention
May 11-14—Vernon—Industrial Exposition
May 12-15—Victoria—Washington State Warehouse Convention
May 11-12—Victoria—Late Spring Flower Show
May 14-16—Victoria—Institute of Chartered Accountants Convention
May 19-21—Victoria—Pulp and Paper Convention
May 21-24—Victoria—May Queen Celebrations
May 22-25—Victoria—Canadian Legion Convention
May 28-June 2—Victoria—I.O.D.E. Convention
May 24-28—Vancouver—Stampede
May 24 —Duncan—Indian Carnival and Regatta at Cowichan Bay
May 24 —Keremeos—Rodeo
May 24 —Hope—Lions Carnival
May 24 —Kaslo—Victoria Day and Crowning of May Queen Celebrations
May 24 —Kelowna—Gyro Sports Day
May 24 —Mission—Elks Big Day in [illegible]
May 24 —Penticton—Sports Day

B. C. Wool On The Hoof



Acres of Canadian Wool On The Hoof—Studding the rolling landscape of the 6000-it-high alpine pastures of British Columbia, thousands of sheep of the Hayward Ranch near Kamloops, B.C., are being fattened and sheared on their 1800-acre spring range. The lambs are destined to provide next fall's lamb chops, and their wool may become the yarn for that new suit for Easter, 1950. From this spring range, the sheep will be moved to a summer pasture 150 miles away.

Born On The Battlefield

Nobody likes the idea of a child being born in prison. So we can imagine the shock a Manchester business man had recently when he went to see his birthplace and discovered it was Strangeways Prison.

Where would you have liked to be born if you could have chosen the place?

The first birth to take place in an aeroplane occurred in 1929 as a direct result of the mother's ambition. She was Mrs. M. D. Evans, whose 7½ lb. baby girl first saw the light of day circling in a Fokker 'plane 1,200 feet over Miami, Florida. Half an hour before the birth, the mother was taken by ambulance to the aircraft and lifted aboard. Also in the 'plane were her husband, a doctor, the baby's grandmother, two nurses, and two pilots. After the birth, the 'plane descended quickly and an ambulance rushed mother and child to hospital.

To be born on a battlefield must be unique. This happened to the late Donald McKenzie, a Birmingham railway guard, who was born on the field of Waterloo. His birth took place just after his mother had carried her husband's body away from among a heap of slain soldiers.

An English comedian, Fred Wright, was born in a theatre during a 'performance in which his mother was playing a leading part.

Train births—one took place in the Flying Scotsman in 1929—can raise awkward registration problems. Registrars sometimes have to refer to time-tables to find the district through which the train was travelling, when a birth occurred.

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Sign in an Alabama cemetery: "Make This Your Permanent Home."

The Coming Age Of Wood

In the Near East, as well as the Orient, barren waste lands have taken over where the forests were cut down. The "land of milk and honey," the land that gave Solomon those cedars of Lebanon for his temple, are waste lands today. Europe is doing somewhat better in planning forest usage so as not to utterly devastate the land; but for North America—the continent that has been called the last stand of the virgin forest—the outlook is not too rosy.

Fortunately, there is no date or time limit set by the author for his new era. It might come about suddenly through government management of forests, forcing owners or industries to replant denuded areas; to co-operate with paper and pulp makers to utilize scrap lumber, sawdust, undersize limbs and the like, as well as the choicest parts of the heartwood; to clean up slash and trash which, when left on a forest floor, adds tinder to fires; to treat sawdust and bark in order to make use of the lignin and cellulose they contain.

Although government intervention does not automatically spell wide use of forests, in general government forests are usually better managed than private forests. But whatever the legal status of a potential output of 9,000 million acres of forest land in the world, it can, and must, concludes the author, end the chronic scarcities of material goods that have harassed man's existence. Forests must be managed as a cropland—not mined and despoiled.

Some Facts About Elephants

An elephant's skin measures from one-eighths of an inch to two inches in thickness. It takes a year to tan an elephant skin. Yet an odd-ity for an oak draw blood.

The average life span of an elephant is 50 years, and its average weight is three tons.

Elephants suffer from pneumonia, colds, consumption, tumors, flat feet and corns. When they become ill, their trainers take care of them exactly as if they were humans. If they have a cough, a steel instrument holds their mouths open while the trainers put giant pills down the animals' throats.

Elephants cannot stand cold. In chilly climates they wear special blankets that cover their ears, trunks and tails.

Elephants have to be taught to like peanuts after they come to civilized countries. They eat no peanuts in their native jungles.

In Newfoundland Colorful Names

Now that Newfoundland is Canada's tenth province and its rail, steamship and telegraphic lines are operated by the Canadian National Railways, the railway staffs in other parts of Canada and the United States have been handed some colorful community names and picturesque speech to deal with.

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