Great African Bird Sanctuary

As day ends and dusk descendenter Pieter-Maritzburg, birds in over Pieter-Maritzburg, birds in twos and threes and large akeins flying in that instinctive formation which has inspired aerial manoenvres may be seen against the crimsoning sky coming in from all directions toward one point.

"Where are they making for?" the newcomer asks, bewildered by the sight of so many snowy-white creats here cranes hereons, the

the sight of so many snowy-white egrets, blue cranes, herons, the sacred Egyptian ibis, and the wild ducks flapping their night-black wings, writes Shirley Aspoas in The Christian Science Monitor.

Recently I visited Martizburg, the capital of Natal, and, like many another newcomer, wondered where these thousands of birds were concerning. I was told they were on gregating. I was told they were on their nightly flight to the Allison Bird Sanctuary, where they roosted 'til dawn. The next evening at dusk, Mr. Allison, a former mayor of the elty, drove me out to see this sance

tuary which he originated.

A disused quarry, from which
material had been dug to build the town hall and other buildings, had disfigured one of Natal's loveliest valleys. Fed by the waters draining off the surrounding hills, this quarry soon filled up. The gum trees, wattles, and syringas growing in the pit died after being flooded and held up gaunt, gray branches above

It did not take the birds long to discover that these skeleton trees made a fine roosting place, and it is estimated that as many as 30,000 birds gather there nightly, flying in from a radius of 20 miles. The white egrets, or tick birds, which spend their days in the corn fields, following the cattle as they graze, to catch the grasshoppers, roost

there every night.

Since the sanctuary was pro-claimed 10 years ago, they have nested there and hatched their young by the thousand each sea-son. At first glance, the trees in the lake look a sthough they are covered with large, white blossoms, but then they move and the "blossoms" are seen to be masses of ens of other varieties of birds roost there and water fowl inhabit the

As though conscious of their It is so long - almost ten months -since we made the forecasts al-luded to, and at first we thought royal birthplace, two magnificent swans, with necks held high, waited their snowy whiteness across the water, moving with that incompar-able grace. These swans were a gift sent out from Cookham-on-Thames that our esteemed customer must have blown his top. However, on booking up the files, we found that we had predicted that the Phila-delphia Phils and the St. Louis Browns WOULD NOT win top honors in their respective baseball leagues; that the Kings Plate would His Majesty's swan master Since then, they have nested and eyenets have been reared. fall to a colt or filly foaled in an-



Accidents happen much too often. Two persons die in accidents every ten minutes and 200 more are injured.

Indian Say "White Man Loco"

ing as some of these "classics" that have gone before. Speed, after all, is a comparative thing; and a contest would write the best comment on between two evenly matched cocktwo pictures, one of a dilapidated, descried house and the other a washed-out field. This is what he roaches can be fall more exciting than one between CITATION and thousand-dollar plater. Both pictures show white man

crazy. Make big tepec. Plow hill. Water wash; wind blow soil. Grass gone, land gone, door gone, winhockey via the ether route need have no fears or forebodings of a dull winter. Even if the puckdow gone; whole place gone to hell! Buck gone. Squaw, too. Pa-poose gone. No chuckaway, no pig, jugglers are slowed down to a walk, the microphone-maestros will manage to make it sound as exciting as though it were the CHARGE OF THE SIX HUNDRED with the no corn, no cow, no hay, no pony.

"Indian no plow land. Keep grass. Buffalo eat. Indian eat buffalo. Hide make tepee, make moccasin. Indian no make terrace, no build dam; no give damn. All time original cast. As for the lads whose task it is to describe the games for daily newspaper readers — well, they have added a neat touch reeat. No hunt job, no hitch-hike, no ask relief. No shoot pig. Great Spirit make grass. Indian no waste anything. Indian no work. White man heap loco." cently by detailing the exact number of stitches necessary to close the wounds of the various hockey gladiators.

Such Language

which will bear, and probably get, further development. In fact, we shouldn't be too much surprised to The young husband had just arrived home from the office.
"What's the matter, darling?" he see scoring statistics reading something like this:

G A SR SG Total
Ezinicki 10 7 23 32 72 asked. "You look flustered."
"Oh, I've had a dreadful day,"

his wife answered.
"First Baby cut his first tooth, The "SR" and "SG" - just in case then he took his first step, and then you're worrying about it—would stand for "Stitches Received" and "Stitches Given"! he fell and knocked out his tooth." "Well, and then what happened?" asked her husbandman.
"Oh, darling," she answered in
a shocked voice, "he said his first

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This last, we think, is something



In The Colossal Tradition - Hollywood's adjectives seem to

affect canines, too, for Gregory Peck's Alsatian police dog re-

cently put on quite a production of her own Her 13 puppies merited some nursing aid from the actor, who admits he can't

produce pictures as fast as his dog produces puppies.

A reader of this column has

draws our attention to the fact that we have not, so far, ventured to predict the outcome of the current

Big League hockey race, or maybe

it should be "endurance contest". He says "you were 100% correct in your baseball and race track fore-

casts, so maybe you are quitting when you are ahead!"

winner would be three years of age,

So the customer, as in all well

regulated establishments, is right. That is calling them 100% — and we

only wish we could have found a bookmaker who would have laid a

Now, much heartened by these

almost-forgotten triumphs, we dust off the old crystal ball and peer into

And unless our skill as a seer has

the end of that 70-game schedule, they will be slowed down to such

Might be, at that, fully as interest-

Anyway, those who take the

the depths to try and discern what is going to happen in the National

price against the selections.

Hockey League.

Cold Cure

here's another remedy you can add to the list. It comes from Texas, and is reputed to work four times

out of five.
When you feel a cold coming on,

When you feel a cold colling on, before you go to bed, drink a glass of grapefruit juice, either fresh or canned, with a tablespoonful of baking soda added. Repeat the dose the following night. When

THE FARM FROM

John Russell

Probably most of you have read about this outstanding event al-

the cold should be gone.

Sounds simple enough.

start colds in the best of us.

Changes in weather frequently

This experiment with the Brooklin farm should make Canadians
six up and think Hundreds of deseared, unproductive farms are
strewn across the country. Many
others are offering a marger existence to their owners. It has now
been proved that such wornout land
can be restored. Perhaps not in one
day as was the case with the Brooklin farm, but through co-operative
efforts of governments and individral farmers over a period of time.

And now here are some facts
about copl losses which are really
astonishing. We all know that the
ravages caused by pests and plant
disease are great, but probably did
not realize their full extent. Anyway, at the recent meeting of the
International Congress of Crop
Production, held in London, Eng.
it was estimated that 50 per cent.
or all the crops grown, harvested
and stored are ravaged by plant
diseases and insect pests.

According to authorities of the
Food and Agricultural Organizavion of U.N.O., annual losses of
world grain crops alone to insects
and diseases amount to 65,000,000
tons. Yearly losses from potato
blight were given as 10 per cent.
of the entire crop. Even aiter
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crops are harvested, an additional
loss of eight per cent. is suffred.

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knowledge concerning the control of pests and diseases has been gradually expanding. Research has brought forward many new and highly effective insecticides and fungicides. But these are not the final answer, state international ag-ricultural experts. Their solution to the problem as a whole would be to convince farmers that gains equal to those derived from fertilizer applications can also be obtained from use of modern crop protection

Modern Art

For 11 days artists and critics studied admiringly an abstract painting called "Composition" at a local art show in Leeds, England. Then a more observant viewer discovered it was hanging upside down—with the painter's initials topsy-turvy in the upper left-hand corner.

Artist Alfred Common was pleased to hear it.

"I regard it," said he, "as a compliment on the coherence of the design,"

ready. Perhaps some of you were personally present. But just in case some of you missed either reading about it or witnessing it, I'm going to pass along a brief description of what happened near Brooklin, Ont., one day in September. That was the day when more than 8,000 people watched a dilapi-dated 140-acre farm converted — almost as though by magic — into

Prior to its rebirth, the farm was in a miserable state. The buildings were sagging and weatherbeaten and unpainted for years. Wind ero-sion had played havoc with the top

And unless our skill as a seer has olean departed, here is what the future has in store, hockey-wise:

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r Richard Hill Wilkinso "It's about time," said Uncle Ralph, "that you, my dear Con-stance, were married. You're nearly 25, which is the verge of the in-eligible age. Don't let popularity turn your head, my dear, it won't last forever. One of these days you last forever. One of these days, von will find yourself seeking a man, instead of being sought after. And that, Uncle Ralph added, "often means disaster."

Connie Brigham wrinkled her cute little turned-up nose, closed one eye and stared soberly at Uncle Ralph with the other. Uncle Ralph cleared his throat and began to let his gaze wander about the room. He felt guilty ... "Which," said Connie, with the

slightest of twinkles, "is a polite way or suggesting that I accept Bob Merrill, and forget all about Don Baxter." She stood up and ruffled Uncle Ralph's hair, an act which he resented delightfully. And Connie went on: "Uncle Ralph, jus why is it that you dislike Don so much? I think he's fascinating."

Uncle Ralph snorted. "Donalu Baxter," he said, "is not a fit young man to become the husband of any girl. He's flighty, unreliable, impulsive, and out of a job. You never can tell what he's going to do next." "He's romantic," said Connie.

"He's after your money," said Uncle Ralph. "And he's so good looking," said "And he's so good looking," said Connie.
Uncle Ralph coughed. "On the other hand, Bob Merrill is dependable, honorable, manly, steady. You can count upon him to make you a good husband."

"That's just the trouble," said Connie. Connie.
"What's just the trouble?" asked "He's steady and dependable. So

easy to read. Life with Bob would be safe, yes, but it would also be monotonous."

Despite his outward jovialness while conversing with Connie, Uncle Ralph was worried. I wish, thought Uncle Ralph, I only wish something would happen to open her eyes. Drat that Don

Two days later, Uncle Ralph had With this in mind, Uncle Ralph rose from the veranda chair in which he was sitting, only to see Connie coming slowly up the walk.



doleful and sorrowful of expression She sighted Uncle Ralph, stopped and smiled whimsically. "I guess you were right," she "About what?" asked her Uncle

"Don? How was I right about going to do next."
"Hhat's he done, now?" "He's married Decided to last

night about 6 o'clock. At 6.30 he was a married man." "Oh, hum." said Uncle Ralph. He was not one to gloat, hence sup-pressed his delight with a masterful effort. He merely said, mildly. "Well, that's that. Sort of turned out like I said it would. Well, you'll be happier with Bob, He's a man in a million."

Connie shook her head. "I can never marry Bob. Uncle Ralph. That's what makes me feel so bad. Tsck, tsck. That's no way to talk. You'll get over Don soon enough. Bet a thousand the girl he married is not worth one-tenth of "Yes." said Connie, "she's worth all of me. I'm the girl that Don married."

Death and Taxes

Two floor traders on the Toronto

Stock Exchange were philosophizing in the Exchange cafeteria. "You just can't figure this mar ket," said the one. "It goes up when it should go down and down when it should go up."

"It's the same old story," said th other, "the only things you're certain of are death and taxes."
"Yes," replied the first, "but of thing about death is it doesn't get worse every time Parliament meets."



Such Crust-These well-bread gentlemen are judges at London's annual exhibition of bread and confectionery. Though they spend much time loafing on their job, they are still very much in the dough.

cession when it looks the same. And always I have heard of the

marvelous lookout from that part of the Mountain known as Rattle-

snake Point, but as yet I have never

CHRONICLES GINGER FARM ondoline D Clarke

snake Point, but as yet I have never been there. Awice I tried to find it, but never quite succeeded because I could not find the trail through the bush. But yesterday at noon Bob said, "If you really want to go over to the Point, I'll take you." He didn't have to ask twice. Daughter and I both went—Partner stayed home to listen to the hall cause—the World Series, I A heat wave in October . . that is really a little too much! But it is what we are getting. At this very minute the thermometer stands at 80 degrees—and in Ham-ilton it is 85. Dear knows what the ball game-the World Series, I So, after climbing the Mountain in the car, and then following the trail through the bush for about half a mile on foot. I was at last able to look down from the Point instead of looking up, as I had been the property of t ilton it is 85. Dear knows what the humidity may be. Anyway, there was enough dampness in the air this morning to give plenty of trouble. The ground fog was so thick our neighbor couldn't find his cows. That meant he didn't have his milk ready when the truck called so he said he would take it down later. When he was ready, he loaded his car with the milk cans—and then the car wouldn't start. He came over to ask Bob to give him a tow. Bob was quite willing and left his ploughing to lend a trade to be a so that we couldn't quite see the lake, but the autumn colors were plainly visible in all their glory. Bright green wheat fields and dark brown ploughed land were in sharp contrast, each showing up the —and then the car wouldn't start.
He came over to ask Bob to give him a tow. Bob was quite willing and left his ploughing to lend a hand, but neither his big truck nor the little pick-up was the least bit accounting. For its practice hand. contrast, each showing up the beauty of the other—almost in the same way that a blonde and a brunette often look so well toco-operative. Fog is pretty hard on spark plugs. However, by means of cranking and a few other tricks gether. We must have been viewing some wonderful ploughing because the fields looked just as if someone had gone over them and drawn straight lines with a huge ruler. that Bob seems to know, the pick-up finally consented to start; then t pulled our neighbor's car along the road until it, too, began chug-ging away; by this means, the milk was finally delivered and everyone was happy. Sounds rather like the nursery story, doesn't it, where "the pig finally-got over the stile and Maybe it is a silly idea, but I feel I have accomplished something by going to Rattlesnake Point. It seems to me one should know as much as possible about the sur-

Remember?
However, this warm weather was certainly ideal for those away for the holiday week-end. Daughter was home and was enjoying it. But Partner was suffering because he was wearing lightweight woollen underwear and was afraid to take it off! But this morning was a little too much so I was rudely awakened by a querulous inquiry:

| Most a disgrace to have lived around here so long and yet have to confess that I had never been to the Point. After all, it is one of the beauty spots in Halton County and has been a landmark for generations. And then, too, as I looked down from its dizzy, rocky heights, I wondered what secrets belonged to its past. Did the Indians use it as a look-out? Was

Just imagine, we have been liv-ing here, at Ginger Farm, for 26 years! And for 26 years I have looked towards "the Mountain" and watched its every mood. I have seen it dark and forbidding; I have seen it bathed in sunshine; I have watched alternate light and shade whencing its heavy train fact, the enhancing its beauty—in fact, the Mountain changes so often that there are rarely two days in suc-



Foundling-Nippy, the little gray squi the fact that his adopted brothers and sisters are having their lunch while he looks on. Nippy had his. He gets to eat first because he is something special in the kitty cat fami y. He was found in a nest in a light pole by a lineman, taken home and promptly adopted into the feline family.

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____ Dear Feed

The new minister was enthusiastic about foreign missions, and one of his first tasks was to call retired from one of the strangest jobs in London, England.

support.

"I'm sorry," replied one wealthy farmer, "but it's no use asking me.
I don't approve of foreign missions."

"But surely," the minister perrounding, country wherever one happens to live. I felt it was al-most a disgrace to have lived sisted, "you know that we are commanded to feed the hungry."
"That may be," came the grim reply, "but can't we feed 'em on

ititle too much so I was rudely awakened by a querulous inquiry:
"What have you done with my summer shorts?" The chances are by the end of the week weather cenditions will change and the same voice will be asking, "Where are my heavyweight longs?"

Just imagine, we have been living here, at Ginger Farm, for 26 the Point twists like a snake, or is it because that area was known to be infested with poisonous reptiles? Probably many oldtimers are familiar, with stories and legends of Rattlesnake Point that have been handed down from one generation to another—stories and legends which tabould like year, when to



The Age of Tin

In spite of everything that has been said about this being the Atom age, this is most definitely the Tin age.

That is why a party of scientists

and experts have recently been ex-amining the many disused tin mines in Cornwall. They want to be sure in Cornwaii. They want to be sure that all of them have been worked out. If there is a possibility of rin being there, or a new vein in the vicinity the Government will re-open them. Most of our present problems would be solved if we could mine more rin states a writer to energy-giving sugar, giving them a far finer flavor. A look at the calendar warns us time to dig the parsmips and store them for eating later in the winter.

To store them, just bury them—
fresh dug—in a cold, but frostfree place, such as a box of sand in your cellar. could mine more tin, states a writer in "Answers." America uses more of this metal

than any other country in the world. But she has no supplies of It may be that yours is one of her own and has to depend on imports, and Britain and the Empire control more than half the world's the families that doesn't like — or THINKS it doesn't like — parsnips. So today I'm passing along three recipes which, if you give them a trial, I think will help to output. You need no statistics to prove just how advantageous it would be to our dollar position if we could increase exports of tin change that family belief. First Parnsnip Patties 6 medium-size parsnips 1/2 cup light cream 2 tblsps. flour

to America. A hundred years ago 10,000 tons of tin covered the world's requirements. To-day, the mines of the world are touching a total output of 200,00 tons annually. Yet it is not nearly enough.

pipes, to say nothing about motor-

cars, refrigerators, or compasses.

I have not even mentioned the

purpose, as it was in years gone

by, but the tin can manufacturers use 50,000 tons annually, in spite of

the fact that tins are made of sheet

are left lying in either. There would

also be far less possibility of your

water pipes bursting if they were

Queer Job

William James Ashmore has

made from tin.

the chimneys.

Method: Cook parsnips in boiling water until tender. Cool, peel and It would be impossible to wage mash. (If the parsnips have woody cores, cut in half lengthwise, and strip out the tough fibres). Should make two cups. Stir in cream, flour, war to-day without adequate sup-plies of tin. It was lack of it that contributed to the downfall of Germany. To name but a few things, tin is indispensable in the making of both bombs and bomb fuses. A butter or drippings to get nice erisp crust. Makes 8 patties. battleship could not be built without it, nor could a tank, a range finder, a machine-gun, an aeroplane, a telescope or a tractor.

Next come parsnip chips, and just last winter, these were sampled by several people who said they were "parsnip-shy" — and they simply gobbled all that had been We need tin to enable us to live as we do. Can you imagine your life without a wireless set, without a telephone, and with no possible replacements of either gas or water Parsnip Chips 6 large parsnips Ice water (or very cold)

> Method: Peel parsnips and silce per quart) at least two hours. Fry in deep fat (365° F.—hot enough to brown an inch cube of bread in 1 minute) until crisp and golden brown. Drain on absorbent paper. Sprinkle with salt and serve. Makes

enough to serve six. Then, of course, there's parsnip soup. Some folks think it's just about the best there is, especially when made as

Cream of Parsnip Soup 2 tblsps. chopped onion 2 tblsps. butter 4 large parsnips Celery stalk chopped I tsp. salt

Pepper 2 cups chicken stock (or 3 chicken bouillon cubes dissolved in 3 cups boiling water) 1 cup light cream 2 thlsps. chopped parsley
Method: Cook onions in butter
until soft and yellow. Peel and

slice parsnips. (Can use cooker

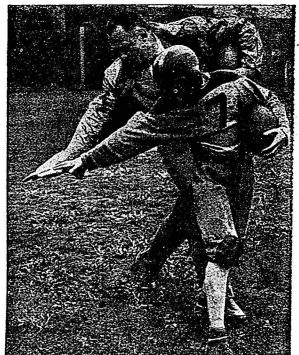


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By Arthur Pointer



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