

## Bush Mailman Has A Lonely Round

Only Three Houses Sighted in Week's Trip of 240 Miles.

In the Australian outback, where homesteads may be 50 miles apart, and 200 miles or so from the railway, the lot of the postman, or "mailman," as he is called, is not an easy one, writes a contributor to the Sheffield Telegraph.

He collects his mails at the nearest township, and then sets out on a long, lonely round, which may last any time from a week to a month.

If the nature of the country permits he will use a light motor lorry, but just as frequently some form of horse coach or buggy is necessary. In the far North, during "the wet," pack horses are necessary to swim the bridgeless rivers.

Where horses are used, it may take a week to deliver letters at five or six homesteads, so great are the distances between them. The writer, who has frequently accompanied outback mailmen on their rounds, on one occasion sighted only three houses on a three-day journey of 240 miles. Two or three other homesteads lay some miles off the track, but were not visited. The only sign of their existence was their letter boxes, which consisted of a deal box nailed to a tree. One homestead was no less than 25 miles from its own letter box.

If the mailman's arrival at a homestead coincides with nightfall, the family puts him up for the night. Otherwise he sleeps under the stars. It is customary, and not in the nature of charity, to give the bush postman whatever food he may need to help him on part of his journey.

### Turned Loose

A mail team will range from four to seven horses, and frequent changes are necessary. A team is often left unattended by some isolated water hole, where the mailman will find them again on his return journey. The animals are not likely to stray far in a country where water is scarce. The mailman works under contract with the Government. He may add to his income by carrying passengers, although in one lonely district the writer was the only passenger in a year. He can also act as carrier. And one bush postman at least, after delivering H.M. mails, proceeds to sell sweets.

Many an Englishman does not even know what his postman looks like, but not so the bush dweller. When the mailman stays the night, he is usually treated as an old and welcome friend. Seated with the family at the evening meal, he will retail the gossip of the track, and enter fully into the family life. The writer once witnessed a very creditable conjuring and ventriloquist entertainment given by a versatile mailman to celebrate a twenty-first birthday in a homestead 87 miles from anywhere.

Long journeys; dry and featureless country; scorching suns. It sounds a tedious and trying life. But there is usually something of interest lurking round the corner, and the interest is sometimes tragic. The mailman just mentioned once found a dead man on the track, and had to dig a grave and bury him on the spot. (A mailman is often made a Justice of the Peace to authorize him to deal with such a situation.)

Swollen rivers without bridges have claimed their postal victims. And there is no outback postman who has not had his breakdown. One crashed his lorry into a boulder the rains had washed down on the track. The injured man dragged himself twenty miles on foot to the nearest habitation, where he collapsed. The writer was involved in a smash in which two horses of the team were killed. Though uninjured, the mailman and his passenger were stranded miles from anywhere. Accidents of this kind are not infrequent.

But the mailman takes the rough with the smooth with characteristic British calm. And though he may not realize it, no branch of H.M.'s service does more credit to the service than the postman of the Never-Never.

### CODDLING THE COW

It happened in a small grocery store, where they kept anything from a two-foot rule to a pearl necklace. Court plaster and sausages were also sold, if necessary, you could get a hair-cut or a horse shod in the backyard.

A farmer stopped there to get some liniment to rub the rheumatism out of a cow, and two or three days later he returned with a grievance.

"Look 'ere," he said. "I wish you would be little more careful how you throw yourself about behind that counter. The other day you gave me some eau-de-Cologne instead of liniment, and hang me if I didn't put it on the cow afore I found out what it was."

"It hasn't hurt her, has it?" broke in the grocer.

"Can't say it has," answered the farmer; "but ever since I put that sweet-smelling stuff on 'er she's done nothing but look at her reflection in the duck pond and sigh."

Pat was applying for a job at the blacksmith's. The smith agreed to try him. "Listen," the blacksmith said. "I'm going to bring this horseshoe from the fire and lay it on the anvil; when I nod my head, hit it hard with this hammer." Pat obeyed his instructions to the letter; the blacksmith never nodded his head again.

## Do You Value Your Health?

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### THRIFT WITH COLD VEGETABLES

Too many vegetables are sometimes cooked in the best regulated houses. Far too often, also, these are thrown away as uneatable when, with a very little trouble, they could be made very palatable.

Cold greens, for instance, should be placed in a saucepan of boiling water and covered for two minutes. The water should then be strained from them, and when the vegetables are served they will be found to be as good as when first cooked.

It is quite useful to keep carrots ready dressed for use in an emergency. They should be cut in round pieces about an inch thick, and warmed in butter sauce or thick gravy. Cold carrots may also be cut into any shape to serve with ragouts or hashes, or they may be cut into narrow strips and used in soups. To give parsnips a second life they should be mashed with butter, milk, and salt, and heated in the oven in a small buttered basin.

Onions, of course, do not look well when they are warmed, as they are likely to turn black. They will do nicely for flavoring soups or curries, however, provided that they are placed in when the soup or curry is boiling.

Potatoes can be served for a second time in a variety of ways. Mashed and mixed with a little milk and water they can be formed into buttered shapes, floured and browned in the oven, or before the fire. When they are whole they can also be dipped in bacon fat or dripping, sprinkled with salt and floured, and baked in the oven in a tin. Another way to deal with potatoes when cold is to fry them in batter. To do this they should be cut into rather thick slices and dipped into a mixture made by beating an egg with a tablespoonful of flour and a tablespoonful of cold water, and then fried in plenty of fat.

### BRAMBLE JELLY

Gather rather under-ripe fruit and wash if necessary. Put into a preserving pan with enough cold water to half cover it. Cook berries slowly for an hour or longer, bruising them down with a wooden spoon to extract all juice. Strain through a jelly cloth and leave to drip all night. Measure the juice next morning, return it to a clean preserving pan and let it boil for fifteen minutes. Add three-quarters of a pound of sugar (warmed in the oven) to each pint of liquid. Stir until dissolved, then boil all together until jelly will set.

### Practice Needed

Wilson was suffering badly at the hands of the barber. After the third cut he decided to make a protest.

"I say, my man," he said, "I notice you have a sign outside your shop, 'We Aim to Please.'"

"That's right," returned the barber merrily, "that's our motto."

"Then don't you think you'd better take a day or two off for target practice?" came the customer's retort.

Lawyer: "Have you ever been in jail?" Witness: "Yes, sir, once." "Ah! For how long?" "Long enough to whitewash a cell which was to be occupied by a lawyer who had robbed dozens of his clients."



# Too Much ACID

Many people, two hours after eating, suffer indigestion as they call it. It is usually excess acid. Correct it with an alkali. The best way, the quick, harmless and efficient way, is Phillips' Milk of Magnesia. It has remained for 50 years the standard with physicians. One spoonful in water neutralizes many times its volume in stomach acids, and at once. The symptoms disappear in five minutes.

## Louisiana Honors Evangeline



Kirtles and Normandy caps, the traditional dress of the Evangeline period, were the official costume of this group of pretty girls, who formed an important and attractive section of Louisiana's delegation to Acadians to Grand Pre, N.S., on August 29, for the celebration of the 175th anniversary of the expulsion of the Acadians, held under the auspices of the Dominion Atlantic Railway. The group posed for the camera beside the memorial church in Grand Pre Park, centre of the festivities, which were attended by Acadians from all parts of the United States and Canada. Official Dominion and Provincial, French and American representatives were in attendance.

## Bobbed Hair Does Not Need Brushing?

It may be imagination, but with the coming and staying of short hair, the brush and comb seem to have fallen into neglect. A regrettable thing, for if these fall into neglect the hair falls into neglect, too, and is swift to show signs of it, just as it is swift to respond to care and attention.

Long hair always seems to receive more brushing than short hair, but short hair has the advantage that it is easier to brush it upwards as well as downwards. It is very good for the hair to brush it from the nape of the neck upwards—the wrong way of the hair, as it were.

The stiff bristled brush is always best for the hair unless the hair is exceptionally fine and comes out a good deal. Hair is apt to come out in the spring and autumn when new hair is growing and the dead hair automatically gives place to it, but this is nothing to worry about. When hair comes out habitually it is wise to abandon anything in the way of vigorous brushing for the time being; it is also wise to try to find some remedy, of course.

Brushes should be washed as often as the hair is washed, or more often if the hair is not washed every fortnight or so. Clean brushes help to keep the hair clean. Always rinse the brushes in cold water, standing the bristles downward in the water. This helps to keep the bristles stiff. When silver brushes are being washed care should be taken to keep their frames out of the water.

### Best Out of Sight

Combs must be cleaned even more frequently, for with short hair they seem to be in almost perpetual use, and once they get clogged with dust you can never be quite sure that the dust does not go back into the hair again. Keep a special comb for your handbag, and a bigger and more important one to keep your brush company. Never on any account leave hair combs in your comb. It is an unhealthy, dust-collecting habit, besides being an extraordinarily unsightly one. Keep a hair tidy of some description handy or, if you use a waste paper-basket in your bedroom, deposit your hair combs there.

Last, but not least, have a brush and comb bag. A square of checked gingham left over from one of your summer frocks will make an admirable one if you have not one already. Keep your brush and comb in this, and so keep them free from dust. The habit of leaving a brush and comb out on the dressing table or chest of drawers is another unhealthy and dust-gathering one. Brushes and combs, like most other toilet accessories, are best kept out of sight, and safe from harm's way in your dressing table drawer.

"If the workers put as much interest into their politics as they do into their football matches we could alter the face of England in the next 10 years."—Ellen Wilkinson, M.P.

John—"May I have the last dance with you?" Jean—"You've just had it."

Minard's Liniment a household friend.

## Give Confidence To Young Mothers

A simple and safe remedy for the common ills of babyhood and childhood should be kept in every home where there is either a baby or a young child. Often it is necessary to give the little ones something to break up a cold, allay fever, correct sour stomach, and banish the irritability that accompanies the cutting of teeth.

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### HEREDITARY KEY SOUGHT FOR FINGERPRINT PATTERN

Iowa City, Iowa.—It won't be long until science will be able to remark that Junior has his daddy's eyes, his grandmother's nose and his mother's fingerprints, Dr. John A. Larson, University of Iowa psychiatrist and criminologist, believes.

And when that time comes, Dr. Larson says, danger of babies being mixed up will be almost wiped out. Dr. Larson is the inventor of a new "single point" system of classifying fingerprints, and he is also credited with having perfected the first working model of the "lie detector" now used for examination of suspected criminals.

Though science has not yet discovered accurately just what features of a fingerprint pattern constitute its "dominant" and "recessive" hereditary factors, Dr. Larson is convinced that there are such inherited characteristics, just as facial or bodily configuration among relatives betray family kinship.



"Your wife must be awfully in love with you. She has written to you every day since she has been away." "These are only little notes to tell me to send her something she forgot to put in her trunk."

12-MILLION-YEAR-OLD LOG FOUND BURIED IN BASALT

A log of a seven-foot tree, found 150 feet below the bed of the Yakima River, in the State of Washington, and estimated to be 12,000,000 years old, was reported last week by the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

The log was found when a tunnel was being bored under the river by the United States Reclamation Service.

Arthur Koehler, expert on wood identification, designated the tree as a species of sequoia. It lay in solid basalt, believed to have been poured out of one of the Columbia plateau volcanoes.

PLAYING WITH TOTO

The old lady was sitting on a bench near the eighth green of the golf course.

Presently an unseen golfer hit a ball onto the green, and Toto, the old lady's dog, ran out, and promptly seized it.

The next moment the golfer came over the crest of a hill and began waving his arms and shouting indignantly.

"Put the ball down, Toto," cried the old lady. "Here comes the kind gentleman to knock it for you again."

Minard's Liniment aids tired feet.

## Owl Laffs

Farming is man's most delightful occupation—if he can sit in the shade and get somebody else to do it.

Carl—"May I hold your hand?" Helen—"Are you frightened?"

A lot of week-end wrecks are caused by week-end drivers.

Vitamines and Calories

Methuselah ate what he found on his plate, And never, as people do now, Did he note the amount of the calorie count.

He ate it because it was chow. He wasn't disturbed, as at dinner he sat, Destroying a roast or a pie, To think it was lacking in granular fat

Or a couple of vitamins shy. He cheerfully chewed every species of food.

Untroubled by worries or fears, Lest his health might be hurt by some fancy dessert, And he lived over nine hundred years.

The folks who find fault with the modern dances are either old or fat, or both. Yeah, you bet!

"Darling," he cried, falling on his knees and covering her little white hands with kisses, "can't you see that I love you?"

She drew herself up to her full height. "Well," she said, "I should hate to think this was just your way of behaving in company."

We can hardly claim to be civilized until we abolish the present day funeral expenses.

### The Seven Mistakes

There are seven mistakes of life that many of us make, said a famous writer, and then he gave the following list:

1. The delusion that individual advancement is made by crushing others down.
2. The tendency to worry about things that cannot be changed or corrected.
3. Insisting that a thing is impossible because we ourselves cannot accomplish it.
4. Refusing to set aside trivial preferences in order that important things may be accomplished.
5. Neglecting development and refinement of the mind and not acquiring the habit of reading and study.
6. Attempting to compel other persons to believe and live as we do.
7. The failure to establish the habit of saving money.

Aunt Martha (shopping for a parrot)—"Now can you assure me it isn't given to the use of shocking language? Where did you get it?"

Proprietor—"From a sailor, ma'am. But—"

Aunt Martha—"Oh that's all right. Just so you didn't get it from one of those flappers."

An ice cream vendor's pushcart in Richmond, Ind., bears this sign: Give Your Tongue a Sleigh ride. Ice Cream Cones, 5 Cents.

The modern girl never worried about her complexion going flat. She always carries a spare.

### Analogy

Louise is beautiful, but too slow; She shakes her head when I entreat; She's like a Florida bungalow—Modern, but no heat.

A woman says it is impossible to go through life without telling a fib. She says she just has to say something nice about her husband once in a while.

Credit Customer—"I'm not the worst liar in town." Mercant—"On the contrary, you are the best."

An ounce of silence is worth a ton of explanations.

He who laughs last sometimes gets the horse laugh for being so dumb he couldn't see the joke at first.

Among what is known as the "car-purchasing" class in Great Britain, ten motor-cars are bought for every baby born.

## DO YOU SUFFER FROM CONSTIPATION?

Countless remedies are advertised for constipation. Many relieve for the moment but they are habit forming and must be continued. Others contain calomel and dangerous mineral drugs, which remain in the system, settle in the joints and cause aches and pains. Some are harsh purgatives which cramp and gripe, and leave a depressed after effect.

Avoid lubricating oils which only grease the intestines and encourage nature's machinery to become lazy.

A purely vegetable laxative such as Carter's Little Liver Pills, gently touches the liver, bile starts to flow, the bowels move gently, the intestines are thoroughly cleansed and constipation poisons pass away. The stomach, liver and bowels are now active and the system enjoys a real tonic effect. All druggists 25c and 75c red pkg.

## Who said "Blue Monday?"

WASHDAY—hardest in the week for many women. Especially if there are children.

But it needn't be "blue." When you begin to feel tired, make yourself a cup of tea. It will rest you!

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I CANNOT TELL

I cannot tell how all the stars Retain their rhythmic way, Or how the sunset's golden bars Shut out the light of day— But I can tell when loving eyes The secrets of my heart surprise.

I cannot tell how migrants wing Their course o'er land and sea, Or how returning summers bring Their bounteous gifts to me— But I can tell how love for love O'er all earth's treasures ranks above.

I cannot tell how this round earth Revolves about the sun, Or how the autumn's priceless worth From cloud and clay is won— But I can tell how kindness may Fill life with sunshine every day. —A. B. Cooper in "Tit-Bits."

"Will you marry me?" said Archie. "I don't know," replied Muriel; "I've always said the man I marry must be both brave and intelligent." "Well, didn't I save you from drowning?" said Archie. "Yes," agreed the girl; "I admit that was brave, but it didn't prove you to be intelligent." "Oh, but it did," said Archie. "I upset the boat on purpose."

"All my life I have been a sojourner on this planet rather than a native of it."—George Bernard Shaw.

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