

A REAL FAMILY AFFAIR

MOSQUITOES ARE TENNIS VICTORS

Clear English Courts By Bloodthirsty Attacks on Players

LATE SEASON Removal of Stagnant Water is Best Preventive

Swarms of vicious mosquitoes, with an uncommonly painful bite, are making many tennis courts in the country completely unplayable.

"On the South-West Coast of England, in particular, players are suffering from intolerably itching blisters."

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CAN YOU INVENT ANY OF THESE?

Hints to Those Who Have Creative Minds

In view of the second international exhibition of inventions, which opens at the Central Hall, Westminster, on October 13, a booklet "What you wanted," issued by the Institute of Patentees, is particularly opportune.

Among the needs of the movement enumerated are the following: A method of conveying speech direct and readily to paper; Key that will not lose its identification; Pipe that can be easily and effectively cleaned;

Electric toaster that will, if possible, cut off the current before the toast begins to burn; Noiseless aeroplane; Aeroplane that can be easily managed by a boy or girl;

Handbag that does not become discolored by water or rain after being subjected to heavy rain; Process to eliminate rust; Noiseless gun; and Transmission of speech by light.

Altogether there are nearly 100 "needs" classified as "What's wanted." So now you inventors...

ANGRY PROTESTS AT POSTMARK ADS.

British Firms and Sweethearts Object to New Project

The Government's plan to turn everybody's private letters into advertisement hoardings is meeting with a growing volume of protest from all quarters.

Under the Economy Act the Postmaster-General is empowered to accept advertisements which will be incorporated into the Post Office date stamp and thus appear as part of the postmark on all letters passing through the machine.

The scheme has been roundly condemned, both by advertisers and the general public, mainly on the ground that a firm that sends its catalogues out by post may find them stamped with a rival firm's advertisement.

"Envelopes sent for the conveyance of matter through the post surely are the property of the senders," says one writer.

"As such they should not be used for any purpose other than the legitimate one of stamp cancellation and postmark, without the sanction of the senders."

"Public Property" predicts a new terror for sweethearts when he writes: "With what care the lovelock swain in future will have to choose the time of posting, lest a letter to his fair fate one should follow forth: 'Drink more vinegar and grow thin!'"

LEFT £800, BUT DIED IN POOR HOUSE

Surprise Find During Search of Laborer's Trunk

William Hoger, a laborer belonging to Cremarty, who died in Inverness Poor-house (East Lothian) after being an inmate for about a week, left over £800 in bank deposit receipts.

MAJOR'S TRIP IN WIFE'S CLOTHING

Masqueraded in West-End Hotel to Win a Friendly Wager

POLICE INTERFERED Charged With Unlawful Possession But Secures Dismissal

"If there is anything more extraordinary than this man's conduct, it is his explanation of it."

This remark was made by the Bow street magistrate (Sir Charles Byrom) when David Lewis, aged 36, a company secretary, of Hinxworth, Hockley, Essex, was charged with being in unlawful possession of woman's clothing and jewellery.

Lewis was taken by the police to a major in the Reserve of Officers. Detective-Sergeant Lynch said he saw the man enter a hotel in Southampton row dressed as a woman.

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ETON BOYS AND PIT LADS MEET

Owners and Men as Guests of the Duke of York

CLASS SWEEP AWAY Royal Camp Experiment Proves to Be Great Success

The Duke of York, of course, can take no part in the industrial dispute, which has now entered its fifth week, but he has invited representatives of both sides to his holiday camp near New Romney, which is an experiment in boyhood psychology.

A Lancashire colliery owner and miners on strike from Northumberland, Durham and the Welsh valleys are guests of His Royal Highness, and today they were in an experiment in boyhood psychology.

When this experiment was first started a few years ago it was described as a "hub-bub" camp of mystery. Launched as a rather daring experiment, its success in fostering the corporate spirit among boys is established, and today the Duke of York, who has been invited to the public schools and from various industries have been sharing the joys of a glorious Bank Holiday in the common bond of boyhood.

At first the youths from the idle coalfields and the lads from the Eton playing fields were a bit shy of one another. The Eton boys wondered if an introduction was necessary, but the pit lads soon found that in the Duke's camp anything in the nature of social or class distinction was swept away.

"The Sign of the Three Melons" is one of the jokes of the Duke's camp, which is on the site of the old Littleton aerodrome. As I passed the butan's office, where the boys have deposited hundreds of pounds of holiday money, my head bumped against three melons hanging outside the door like a pawnbroker's three brass balls.

I am not sure whether they were melons or vegetable marrow, but they add color to the camp and are a source of humorous inspiration.

EXCHANGING VIEWS At one of the Clyde-side shipyards from the Staffordshire potteries, from the iron and steel works in South Wales, and the Eton boys coming from one of the biggest bathing parades on the South Coast, I listened to them as they sauntered along the beach exchanging views on industrial well-being, an Eton boy learning all about what it feels like to go down the mine, and the pit lad enthralled by a first-hand account of an Eton cricket match.

J. G. Peterson, the camp chief, told me that this Royal experiment had led to the better understanding among representatives of the nation's boys, and had encouraged the more tolerant spirit in industry. The boyhood in 53 industries are at present exemplified.

The camp ground is a little unsuitable for cricket, so the boys play new and old-fashioned games in which the weak have an equal chance of success as the strong. The land boat game, borrowed from the navy, suggests a race of centipedes. A team move with the nurse-housekeepers, Elizabeth Gray Sutherland, for life, with remainder to her (Mrs. Sutherland's) children.

Her nieces, Hilda Dymoley Webb, Nita May Schreiber Blysoome, Constance Schreiber Blysoome and Mary Way, receive £4,000 each, and all other her property to Adrian John Hill Short, of Trinity rise, Tulse Hill, S.W.

FOUR PLAYERS IN SUSPICION OF CONNECTION WITH SEPARATE FIRES WHICH BROKE OUT IN THE PORT OF DUNKIRK, the charred remains of a Communist newspaper being found in the vicinity.



The chief civic positions of the town of West Bromwich, England, will next year be occupied by three members of one family. Mr. Cottrell the present mayor will become deputy mayor. His wife, Mrs. Grace E. Cottrell, has been elected as woman mayor-elect. As woman mayor-elect she has nominated her elder daughter Alison to be mayoress. The picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Cottrell and Miss Cottrell in the grounds of their home in Perton Grove, Wolverhampton.

WOMAN'S DRESSES PUZZLED JUDGE

Thought Two Dozen Modern Frocks Were Mere Handful

UNPAID BILL Charitable Witness Considered Some Hats 20 Years Old

Mrs. Justice Rowlatt, considered one of the greatest experts on the complications of Income Tax Law, recently acquired some information about the complications of women's dress.

Before him, Mrs. Bee St. Vincent Farrant, Park Place, London, claimed £170 from Mrs. Louisa Hooker, a former proprietress of an hotel in Curzon street, Mayfair, as damages for the alleged loss of articles entrusted to the defendant. Mrs. Hooker denied liability.

Mrs. Farrant's case was that she stayed at the hotel upon March, 1924, and when she returned to her home in the White Forest, the alleged loss of articles was £170. Mrs. Farrant, a fashionably-dressed woman, was giving evidence, she said that one of the missing articles was a bird of paradise worth £15.

IRD OF PARADISE. "What do you do with a bird of paradise?" asked Mrs. Justice Rowlatt. "Wear it," was the answer. "How on earth can you wear a bird of paradise?" was the next question. "On your hat," replied the witness.

Later his lordship pronounced the query, "What is a runner?" and on Mrs. Farrant giving a demonstration of a runner, he observed she might have transmitted, as though he were in the transmitting studio watching the persons moving about.

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POST OFFICE PEN DID NOT HELP IN LOVER'S EPISODE

"You want me to write you a long letter, dear. If I was to write all day I could tell you 100 more than that I love you—and this post office pen is rotten, anyway."

This love letter, read during the hearing of a case at Newcastle Police Court, caused laughter.

"GHOST" HOAX WAS CAUSE FOR ALARM

Crowds of People Hunted With Pokers and Sticks

TRAFFIC HELD UP Boy of Thirteen Utilised His Ventriloquial Powers

Thousands of people in the Attercliffe district of Sheffield have been hounded by an innocent-looking boy of 13.

Nightly they have been searching for a "ghost," who made weird cries and showered stones and bottles on to roofs of houses.

The "ghost" has now been laid by Superintendent Hughes, of the city police, who brought into the station a lad who lives near the scene of the "visitations," and who admitted that he was the culprit. He apparently possesses ventriloquial gifts.

When the young practical joker was laid by the heels he confessed that his method was to get into a bedroom window, "throw" his voice and the noise, and then dash out and join in the hunt.

Promising never to do it again, the boy was let off with a serious warning.

FLYING ANTS WON IN GOLF CONTEST

Unusual Plague Routs Players on New Forest Course

Plagues of flying ants are reported in parts of Hampshire and North Kent. Bathers at Tankerton, near Whitstable, had to leave the water because the ants settled so thickly upon their faces that they were unable to open their eyes. Cyclists had to dismount and a doctor motoring to an urgent call had to stop several times to "clear the ants from his eyes." Pedestrians were smothered.

A swarm of winged ants drove players off the Bramsham golf course in the New Forest. The players seemed to be alive, and great difficulty was experienced in obtaining sand from the boxes for teeing, there being to all appearances more ants than sand.

The insects also settled on the players, penetrated their garments, covering them with stings, until in desperation they gave up the game and returned to the club-house. The ants had won.

BRITAIN FIRST IN TELEVISION WORK

Two Licences Issued for Regular Transmission of Scenes

The first of their kind—have been granted to the company which has taken over the Baird "Television."

Regular transmissions of vision are now taking place on a wave length of 200 metres, between the company's head office at Motograph House, St. Martin's-lane, with the call signal "2TV," and Green Cable, Harrow ("2TV"), the company's experiment station.

Amateurs listening in on 200 metres will hear a droning sound like that made by an aeroplane high in the sky.

This will probably be the face of Capt. Hutchinson, the business director of Television, Ltd., at Motograph House.

If the listener had a receiving television he would see on the screen the face moving, or whatever else might be transmitted, as though he were in the transmitting studio watching the persons moving about.

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MR. TRAPNELL, for the defence, said the only damage done was in forcing the locks of the contents of the boxes the hotel took every possible care.

Mrs. Hooker said she was reluctant to keep the plaintiff's boxes, and she was doubtful about getting the bill paid.

There were 28 hats packed together in the box. "I have never seen such a conglomeration in my life," she added, "and, speaking charitably, some of the hats were at least 20 years old."

STRANGE QUESTIONS PUT TO RESCUER

Couple Saved from Drowning at Bridlington Concerned About Clothes

Hearing a cry that a boat had been capsized William Stephenson, a Flamborough man, plunged into the sea at Bridlington and saw three people—a woman and two men—struggling in the water.

He swam to the woman and got her to safety; then he plunged in again and saved one of the men. The other man was hauled up the sea wall by a rope.

The man Stephenson rescued said: "Where can we get our clothes dried?" Stephenson replied: "I don't know, but I shall have to ride home five miles to get mine dried."

The woman: "Where's my hat?" Stephenson: "I don't know. Be thankful you are safe."

MARTYR TO X-RAY SACRIFICED LIFE TO HELP VICTIMS

Major John Hall-Edwards Carried on Despite Great Pain

AN ARTIST Painted Sketch by Holding Brush With Leather Finger

Major John Hall-Edwards, the X-ray pioneer who died in Birmingham recently, who did more in England than any other man to extend the application of X-rays to the relief of the suffering, and was a victim of the rays with which he worked.

His left hand and forearm were amputated in February, 1908, and four months later he lost four fingers of the other hand.

He was then radiographer to the Birmingham General Hospital, where for 20 years he was senior medical officer to the X-ray department.

A Birmingham man, Dr. Hall-Edwards was among the earliest enthusiasts to take up the practical study—regardless of danger—of the Röntgen Rays.

THE KING'S SYMPATHY. His experimental work was eagerly followed, and despite his own conviction that he had fallen a victim to the X-ray dermatitis, he continued his researches.

For his devotion to science Dr. Hall-Edwards was awarded in 1908 a Civil List pension of £120, and in 1922 a medal and an annuity of £100 by the Carnegie Heroes Fund trustees.

The King expressed his appreciation of Dr. Hall-Edwards' services by entrusting to Mrs. Hall-Edwards, in which he added the hope (the letter was sent at the time of her husband's first operation) that the doctor's second arm might be saved.

The doctor took a prominent part in the public life of Birmingham. He was a city councillor and a member of the Art Gallery Committee, and LEATHER FINGER.

From boyhood the doctor had cherished an ambition to become an artist, and his interest in art increased during his later years. Recently at a private exhibition of pictures and sculpture at the Royal Society of Medicine, Dr. Hall-Edwards showed a sketch which he had painted by holding his brushes between his remaining thumb and a leather finger strapped to his knuckle.

Since 1906, when the first symptoms of X-ray dermatitis appeared, Dr. Hall-Edwards had a continuous fight with pain.

"For years," he said recently, "I have hardly known any sleep but the sleep of absolute exhaustion, which often it was necessary for the doctor to take narcotics to induce sleep, and so acute was the pain that he was sometimes obliged to operate in order to bound above his head in order to obtain some slight relief."

Part of the Portland estate, belonging to Lord Fitzroy de Walsingham, was sold last year for about £3,000,000, while for a plot of land in the city a sum equal to £80 per square foot was offered in 1922.

ANTIQUEARIAN HAS UNearthed PRIORY

Foundation of 'Merton Church Revealed After 500 Years

After four or five years of excavation work Colonel H. F. Blidd, D.S.O., Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries, is nearing the completion of his voluntary task of unearthing the foundations of Merton Priory Church, which have been buried for about 500 years.

"What we want to do is to lay out the site as a public park, with the historic foundations exposed for all to see," Colonel Blidd said.

"If funds are forthcoming the whole thing can be completed in a month or two. The treasurer of the fund is Knapp Fisher, receiver-general of Westminster Abbey, and the Speaker of the House of Commons has become a patron; it was in the Chapter House of the church that one of the first English Parliaments sat in the reign of Henry III.

"Today we have been at work on the west gate and have cleared what appear to be the foundations of a large porch."

"The public will not be able to see all the ruins, as about half the site is covered by Merton Abbey Station. "A tree marks the site of the high altar. This is a cluster in battle the choir. Near the altar some time ago we found the skeletons of four priors."

Answered Groom's Appeal and Gave Famous March on Radio

A wireless enthusiast, unable to arrange for an organist to play Mendelssohn's Wedding March at his wedding, sent an S.O.S. to 2-L.O.

The listener, a Workington (Cumberland) man, and his future wife were particularly anxious to have the march played, and so the program department approached the organist of St. Lawrence Jewry, London, and asked him to play it on the day of the wedding, September 7, after the time signal at 1 o'clock.

Normally the march takes about four minutes, but the organist, Lewis Jones, consented to play the Repeat, which brought the period up to about six minutes.

Lord speakers were installed at Workington, and the bride and bridegroom, with their guests, heard the strains of the well-known march during the wedding breakfast.

FAMOUS ARCADE FALLS INTO HANDS OF BUILDERS NOW

Private Property in Centre of London Now of Great Value

OVER CENTURY OLD Burlington Arcade Off Piccadilly Always Remained in Cavendish Family

Burlington Arcade has been sold by Lord Chesham, its present owner, to a building syndicate.

The price and the purpose to which the arcade is to be devoted are kept strictly secret for the present.

The arcade was built in 1819 as a bazaar by Lord George Cavendish—who was afterwards called to the House of Lords in the lifetime of his father, the Duke of Devonshire, as Earl Harrington. About 60 years ago it came into the possession of another branch of the Cavendishes, of which Lord Chesham is the head.

The arcade is about 200 yards long, and runs from Piccadilly to Burlington gardens. It is private property, and the gates are closed every evening.

A uniformed commissionaire is always on duty, and he exercises the right of the proprietor to exclude undesirable characters.

It is said to owe its origin to the fact that Lord George Cavendish desired to keep the entrance to his house free of street refuse.

An interesting feature of the connection of the family with the famous arcade is that the commissionaire who do duty there are past non-commissioned officers of the 10th Hussars, the regiment with which members of the Chesham family have been associated.

SEVERAL OLD FIRMS. One of the commissionaires, Sgt.-Major Foster, served in the regiment for 21 years, while in another instance son has followed father as a guardian of the arcade.

The present peer was for several years an officer in the famous "Tenth" (King Edward's regiment), and was wounded by the war.

The arcade has long been known in the Service as the "10th Hussars Alley."

Two of the shops have been held by the same firm for upwards of a century.

Land in the neighborhood of the arcade has increased enormously in value of late. A building site in Oxford street of 20,000 square feet was sold in 1919 for £247,500. A bid of £140,000 for No. 1 Stratton street, Piccadilly, the residence of the late Baroness de Rothschild, with an area of 20,000 square feet, was refused in 1922.

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