

'Cool as a Cucumber' Saying Found To Be More True Than Just Expression

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 New York (U.P.)—The inside of a cucumber is two degrees cooler than the outside, the vicinity of a bus exhaust is a hotter place than the vicinity of a tailor shop's steam press, and the hinges of Hellgate are not so torrid as you might expect.

These facts, and others equally valuable, emerged from a survey of this steaming city made by a reporter equipped with a precision electric thermometer.

The thermometer, furnished by the Minneapolis-Honeywell Co., was used to check temperatures that seemed to need checking. It was the type usually used by field engineers to check instruments; it gets the true reading by touching the end of a wire to the surface being checked.

Thus, you can check the inside of a policeman's shoe while his foot is still in it, find whether a man is truly hot under the collar, and thrust it into the middle of a cucumber.

The reporter and a skilled operator of the temperature gadget, G. L. Eberly of Philadelphia, went first the other day to the turbine and boiler room of a big power plant, then into an air conditioned restaurant for lunch, to Hellgate Bridge (for door hinges), to the East river

for swimmers, and onto the streets of Manhattan.

The air temperature was 93, the wind brisk, the sky overcast so that there was little direct sunlight.

You might want to tack the following jotted list to the wall for ready reference in hot-weather arguments. All temperatures are in degrees Fahrenheit and are subject to change without notice:

- Air in vicinity of turbine operator, 112.
- Inside of shoe of turbine operator, 102.
- Air inside McCarthy's Steak Joint on 2nd ave., 76.
- Interior of dry martini (with peel), 51.
- Beer in glass (with medium head), 54.
- Glass of ice water, 40.
- Inside of chicken pot pie, 178.
- Coffee, black, 172.
- Same coffee, cream and sugar added (and one sip taken), 145.
- Cigarette at lighted end, 300.
- Hinges of Hellgate, 101.
- Under collar of guard who chased us off Hellgate Bridge, 94.
- Top of baldheaded man's bare head (when sun came out), 98.
- Dry, freshly sunburned shoulder of redhead, 92.
- Same shoulder when redhead emerged from river, 84.
- Inside shoes of patrolmen on Fifth and Park ave., 95.
- Vicinity of bus exhaust, 147.

Vicinity of steam press (with pants inside), 125.

Interior of same cucumber, 91.

with chicken pies. Another is that it might be wise for bald-headed men to wear hats or carry parasols.

Keep a cool head, men. The figures show the hot-foot situation these days is really nothing to get steamed up about.



BIG BLOWOUT—Young Donnie Desfor, 3½, finds this job takes a mouthful as he stands on the table to blow out 75 candles during Diamond Jubilee party in Los Angeles for the University of Southern California. Donnie's dad is a USC grad.

British Marriage Act May Be Changed So Margaret Can Marry

London (U.P.)—Two British newspapers indicated today that Britain's royal marriage act may be changed to permit Princess Margaret to wed the man of her choice.

There was no mention of divorced Group Capt. Peter Townsend but the implication was there. Margaret will celebrate her 25th birthday on Aug. 21.

The Daily Telegraph mentioned the Royal Marriage Act of 1772 for the second day running, and between the lines was the hint that the law might be changed.

Actor Denounces Subcommittee Probe

New York (U.P.)—Lou Polan, the rugged sheriff of the Broadway hit play "Bus Stop," yesterday threw a House Un-American Activities Subcommittee hearing into turmoil with a shouted denunciation of its investigation of Communism in the theater.

Pounding the table, the tall, hawk-nosed theater veteran charged that the subcommittee was conducting an "inquisition," and said he would "not aid it" by answering questions.

For five minutes committee chairman Francis E. Walter (D-Fa.) and his counsel, Frank Tavernier, tried to out-shout the 51-year-old, Russian-born witness. A standing room only audience applauded Polan.

Walter repeatedly rapped his gavel for order. Finally, after Polan's attorney, David Scribner, got into the shouting act, Walter dismissed Polan, cutting off his attempt to read a long statement of protest.

The tabloid Daily Sketch raised the question a little more bluntly. In two-inch tall banner headlines on page one it said: "Princess Margaret — will the law be changed?"

The Sketch answered its own question with, "While the world guesses at Princess Margaret's intentions after her 25th birthday, the belief is growing among lawyers in touch with the government that the Royal Marriage Act may be amended."

But first, the Sketch predicted, the Princess would have to renounce her rights to the throne (she is third in line) and give up the state allowances of \$6,000 pounds (\$16,800) a year now and 15,000 pounds (\$42,000) after she marries.

She might also have to give up her title as princess and her status as "her royal highness" which entitles her to a curtsy, the Sketch said. But this would be up to her sister, Queen Elizabeth II.

Theoretically she could renounce these rights without a change in the Royal Marriage Act. But a change could take care of any possible parliamentary objection to her action.

Fire Fighters Mop Up Blaze Near Happy Camp

Yreka, Calif. (U.P.)—About 100 men yesterday were mopping up a forest fire near Happy Camp, Calif., which burned over 600 acres of Douglas fir timber during the week end.

One man, Vernon Keller, a Happy Camp logger, suffered a broken shoulder during the blaze when heavy equipment knocked over a tree which fell on him. He was taken to a Medford, Ore., hospital.

As We Live

By ELIZABETH HURLOCK, PH.D.

Adopted Child Entitled To Both Parents' Love

Any child, whether adopted or of its parents' flesh and blood, has a right to expect the love of both parents.

(Q) "I was deeply touched by your advice in a recent article about adopting a baby. We adopted one two years ago. My husband, like the man in your column, was not a nix to adopt a baby but he agreed to do so to please me.

The doctor told me I would never have a child after I had a miscarriage, and I feel that life is not complete without children. We adopted a little boy and I love him very dearly. He is nearly two and a half now, and like all children his age, is into everything and sometimes gets very balky.

"My husband has never shown much interest in him and seems rather to resent having to stay at home on account of him, pay doctor bills, etc. Recently, he has been very impatient with the boy and tells me he wonders if the child is normal, if the 'bad blood' is coming out," etc. Of course we know nothing about his parents, but he seems like a perfectly normal child to me. As the boy gets older, unless my husband changes his attitude, I'm afraid there will be a lot of trouble. It shows, as you pointed out, that it is unwise to adopt a child unless both parents really want to. I am finding this out daily."

(A) Yes, it is unwise and unfair to a child to bring him into a home where he is not 100 per cent wanted. There are so many people waiting to adopt a child that it seems terribly unfair to put a child into a home where only one parent wants him.

However, in this case it is too late to send the child back to be placed in a family where he would be more welcome. Therefore, it is up to his parents to see that their home offers the child what he, as their child is entitled to.

I think it would be wise to consult a guidance counselor. Have the child tested to convince his father that he is perfectly normal. The counselor could point out to your husband how unfair he is to the child and to himself.

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LOG ACCIDENT FATAL

Portland (U.P.)—Charles Curfas, 37, Estacada, died Saturday in a local hospital from injuries suffered last Wednesday when he was crushed under a pile of logs near Estacada.



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