

Strange As It Seems

by Elsie Hix

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Clues include 'Cut of meat', 'Insect', 'Widgion', 'Arabian garment', 'Vehicle', 'Girl's name', 'Repeat', 'Cryonics', 'Chant', 'Defamed', 'Meadow', 'Turns around track', 'Sailor (colloq.)', 'Light rain', 'Aid', 'Horse's neck hair', 'Headed', 'The lava', 'Brillie', 'Initial', 'performances', 'Singer', 'Musical instrument', 'Part of church', 'French for "summer"', 'Veritas', 'Goal', 'Dreize', 'Rud's bama', 'Consumes', 'Kilil', 'Cuddled', 'Claps', 'Hurried', 'Furniture', 'Afternoon', 'Middle-aged woman', 'Entrails', 'Heavy blow (slang)', 'Part of church', 'Heavenly body', 'Slave', 'Container', 'Falseness', 'Prefix: three'.

The Medical Roundup

by Walter Alvarez

A New Operation for the Deaf... Recently in this column I mentioned the fine book of Dr. George W. Frankel, of Los Angeles, entitled "Let's Hear It." Dr. Frankel tells me that, about three years ago, a surgeon performed on him the operation of "mobilization of the stapes," with complete restoration of his hearing. Now for the first time in 25 years, he can hear normally without the help of a hearing-aid.

In the operation for mobilization of the stapes, devised by Dr. Samuel Rosen of New York, a tiny bone called the stapes (situated in the middle ear)—is loosened up so that again it can vibrate up and down in the little window that leads into the inner ear, where the nervous part of the hearing mechanism is situated. Obviously, only those persons whose deafness is of the type which is due to the sticking of the stapes in the window can hope to get relief with this operation.

Some of those who are not helped by this operation can next try the Lempert operation in which a new little window is made between the middle ear and the inner ear. This allows the waves of sound to pass through where they can be perceived by a complicated mechanism something like a tiny marimba. Dr. Frankel tells me that recent improvements in the technique of mobilization of the stapes make it possible now for at least 60 per cent of suitable candidates to get a successful result.

Obviously, not all deaf persons should immediately write me asking where to go for this operation. They should first consult a good ear man to see what type of deafness they have. Tape Worms... Quite a few persons want to know about the symptoms of a tape worm; how one gets rid of a worm, and how one gets rid of him. Among jesters, a person who eats inordinately, with a huge appetite, is supposed to have a tape worm, but this is not really true. Another jest is to the effect that people with tapeworms can say "we," like kings and queens and editors!

Actually, tape worms are common in certain countries where many people are fond of raw or smoked meats. The three commonest tape worms come from beef, and pork and fish. I would never think of eating so-called "tartar steak" or ground raw meat. In this country, eating such foods is not so dangerous as it is in uncivilized places, because in every slaughter house we have government inspectors to condemn animals found to have tape worms in the bowel, with little nodules scattered throughout the muscles. These nodules contain the encysted form of the worm. I wouldn't think of eating raw or poorly-cooked pork, not only because of the danger of getting a tape worm, but because of the greater danger of getting trichinosis, which is an infestation of the muscles by a tiny worm.

In the lake district of Minnesota, the Finns sometimes acquire a dangerous type of tape worm which produces a severe anemia. They brought it with them from Finland, and then managed to give it to certain fresh water fishes. Now, if one eats such a fish—smoked and not cooked—one can get the tape worm which is called a Bothriocephalus. Usually, people who get a tape worm should soon find out

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MARRY HIM? BUT—SHE'S JUST GIVE ME ONE REASON! ... HERE COMES THE TARGET DRONE! ... FIRE! ... OH, DEAR GOODNESS! WHAT'S THAT? ... YOU IDIOTS! THAT WASN'T A TARGET DRONE!!! IT WAS SOME BLASTED CIVILIAN IN A CAB!

JUSHAD—I WANT YE TO RUN THIS CUP OF CORN MEAL OVER TO MIZ CAPHART'S AS FAST AS YORE TWO LAIGS WILL CARRY YE... WHAT'S ALL TH' RUSH ABOUT, AUNT LOWEZEY—CAN'T I JUST MOSEY ALONG?

MAMA, CAN I GO OUT WITH MY GIRL FRIENDS TONIGHT? ... YOU CAN GO OUT WITH THE GIRLS TONIGHT BUT DON'T COME HOME TOO LATE... DAGWOOD—TAKE OFF YOUR HAT AND COAT—I WAS TALKING TO COOKIE... WELL, I THOUGHT THAT WAS ODD

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MUTT, I GOT THE CHANGE FROM HEAD TO FOOT AND MONEY TOO! I FEEL WONDERFUL! ... For Bargains, Read The M-T Ads