

Is That So?

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Of all animals, insects alone have adapted themselves to every climatic and topographical condition. You'll encounter them almost everywhere, crawling, creeping, and flying up to altitudes exceeding 15,000 feet: from the north polar regions to the Antarctic on glaciers, in hot springs, in fresh and brackish waters, and even in caves where daylight never penetrates.

Because they have been so inextricably associated with man—either as friend or foe or neutral—they have become a very part of his thinking and talking as witness the many proverbs pertaining to insects which I gathered from Dr. Lucy W. Clausen's fascinating book, *Insect Fact and Folklore* (Macmillan, N.Y.). Here are some—check off those which you have met before:

The butterfly that brushes against thorns will tear its wings. The beetle is a thing of beauty in the eyes of its mother. Kneading is a grasshopper. The cockroach is always wrong when arguing with a chicken.

About the common fly—seemingly most pestiferous but extremely important as a pollinator—there are many. Even a lion must defend himself against the flies. Flies are easier caught with honey than vinegar. Where there is honey, there will the flies swarm. No fly gets into a shut mouth. A fly before his own eyes is bigger than an elephant in the next field. Some people 'stain' a coat and swallow a camel.

The bee, without whose assistance we would not have many of our fruits, has perhaps more proverbs associated with it than any other insect. Here are some: *Busy as a bee.* Bee in your bonnet. Where there is honey, there are bees. He who would gather the honey must bear the sting of the bees. The bee is better than a handful of flies. His head is full of bees (a Scotch saying of a drunkard.)

Beeline (meaning a direct route)—such as the bee makes upon getting his fill of nectar and returning straightway to the hive. A drop of honey will not sweeten the ocean. If you want to gather honey, don't kick over the beehive.

In addition to these sayings, a beehive forms the central motif of the Great Seal of the State of Utah; on the Continental U.S. flag bill, issued Jan. 14, 1778, an agave is represented in which two beehives are visible with the motto, *Sic Floret Republica*—Thus flourishes the Republic; the clock above the entrance to The Bank For Savings in the City of New York is decorated with bees to represent thrift.

Now for the ant. Go to the ant thou sluggard, consider her ways and be wise. Even an emmet (ant) may seek revenge. Even an ant is eight spans long as measured by its own hand. None preaches better than the ant and she says nothing.

Med or a hornet

As for the hornet, I know of only two. As mad as a hornet. Stirring up a hornet's nest.

The flea comes by many. Nothing should be done in a hurry except catching fleas. It's a valiant flea that dare

eat his breakfast on the lip of a lion. The fatter the flea, the leaner the dog. A bag of fleas is easier to keep watch over than a woman. He who sleeps well does not feel the fleas. Dogs have fleas in order to keep them from thinking about being dogs. And I'll wager each one of you readers could add another half dozen.

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Miss Clink Promoted In Health Department

Miss Frances Clink, member of the Jackson county health department since 1945, has been promoted to supervising public health nurse, Dr. A. Erin Merkel, public health physician, reported Thursday.

The position was previously held by Miss Dorothy Collard, who resigned in November to become a consultant for the state board of health.

Prior to coming to Jackson county, Miss Clink was affiliated with the Del Norte, Calif., county health department. She received her bachelor of science degree from the University of California, became a registered nurse after study at the San Francisco Hospital school of nursing and received her certificate in public health work after a year of graduate study at the University of California.

The U.S. Post Office Department owns 19,000 trucks and contracts for an additional 3,500 trucks. In addition, the department uses many more commercial trucks for bulk mail shipments between cities.

On The Side

By E. V. Durling
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To what age can a woman remain beautiful? There is no reason why an intelligent woman of strong character cannot still be beautiful when 60 and over. Here is what Arnold Bennett once said of Mme. Jean de Reszke: "She was aged nearing 60, slim as a girl, beautifully dressed in black, very beautiful even now."

Geography
How well informed are you as to geography? How do you think you would do on a quiz program with that as a category? Here's a question for you. I was informed that a man sailed his 67-foot yacht from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Los Angeles, Calif., harbor. Can you state offhand without looking at a map what would be the best route for a yacht to take from Grand Rapids, Mich., to Los Angeles harbor?

Passing By
Bea Danville. Erudite eye-filling stylist. Author of the best selling book of helpful hints on fashion titled "Dress Well On A Dollar A Day." Bea began her career as a stylist with Mlle. Parvy in London and in New York has been associated with Lily Dache, Charles James and Mainbocher. So, sir, perhaps you

better buy Bea's book and request your wife to study it. That might eventually save you some money.

Asides
My progress continues to amaze me. Now I have a reader in the town of Truth and Consequences, N. M. Also one in Anna Maria, Fla. And one in Hungry Horse, Mont. . . . A book written many years ago titled "Holt's Care and Feeding Of Children" earned a clear profit of over a million dollars for its authors. Books on infant care are practically always best sellers.

Almost Confidential
Have you a friend of Swedish birth or descent? Ask him who Desiree Clary was. If he doesn't know, you can tell him that was the name of a girl of Irish descent who became Queen of Sweden. . . . Am asked where Carrie Jacobs Bond spent the "perfect day" she wrote the song about. Carrie wrote "The End Of A Perfect Day" after a ride around the countryside near Riverside, Calif.

Get It Right
What inspired the nickname of John W. "Bet-A-Million" Gates? Get it right. While racing in England, Gates bought a six-

year-old Irish-bred horse named Royal Flush which had a reputation of being a bad actor. Enoch Wishard, trainer for Gates, soon had Royal Flush behaving himself. When the thoroughbred was entered for the Stewards Cup race at Goodwood, Wishard, a laconic fellow, simply said to Gates, "Your horse is ready." Royal Flush opened at 40 to 1. Gates backed him down to 2 to 1. Ridden by Johnny Reiff, Royal Flush won by five lengths. Gates won about a million dollars. Then a London sportscribe referred to him as "Bet-A-Million" Gates and the nickname stuck.

In A Few Words
"With women," observed Arthur Brisbane, "life really begins at 50. At 50 a woman has more brains, more heart, more courage, more energy than at any other age; and at all ages woman has more real courage, mental and spiritual courage than man."

Please Note
Are you a camera fan? Ever hear of Nicephore Niepce? If not, ask the man where you buy your photographic supplies about him. If he doesn't know all about Nicephore Niepce, including how to pronounce his name, he should be ashamed of himself. Niepce was the originator of photography. He took the first photograph ever made. That was in 1826.

Elections Scheduled In Ashland Tuesday

Ashland — A special election will be held Tuesday, March 12, in Ashland on two city property lease issues.

The first measure involves property at Winburn Way and Nutley st. The lease is sought for erection of a U.S. forestry service office building and pumper unit quarters.

The second measure involves property in Lithia park. The lease is sought for expansion of Shakespearean Festival association facilities.

Notices for Placer Claims Filed in County

M. A. Cramer, Royal Klumph, Sara Kim Cramer and Monroe Hemphill of Medford have filed location notices in the county clerk's office for eight placer claims in the vicinity of Draper. They state they located the claims, containing tungsten and other metals, on March 4. Four of the claims have been named "Crch No. 1" and the other four have been named "Crch No. 2."

REAL OUTLAW SENTENCED
Pittsburgh — (U.P.) — Edward G. Outlaw, 29, of nearby Homestead, was sentenced Thursday to five years in prison for burglary. Judge William F. Cercone told him: "You certainly lived up to your name."

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away with the famous Manufacturers' Trophy, hands down!

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FLYING MILE (two-way run)

CLASS FOUR (6-cylinder engines)
Chevrolet—1, 2, 3; Car A—4; Chevrolet—5!

CLASS FIVE (low-priced V8's)
Chevrolet—1 (new class record), 2, 3, 4, 5—and Chevy won every other place in the first 10.

ACCELERATION (one mile from standing start)

CLASS FOUR (6-cylinder engines)
Car Y—1; Chevrolet—2, 3, 4, 5.

CLASS FIVE (low-priced V8's)

Chevrolet—1 (new class record), 2, 3, 4, 5—and Chevy won the first 18 places!

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Senate Adopts Resolution 26

Salem—(U.P.)—The Oregon Senate, after an expression of misgiving by some of its members, has adopted Senate joint resolution 26 to create a pioneering Senate interim committee to investigate any problems that might arise between sessions.

Sen. Warren Gill of Lebanon said the matter was experimental, but one purpose was to determine if such a committee could not cut down on the number of interim committees subsequently needed.

Sen. Monroe Sweetland of Milwaukie expressed apprehension that the resolution was too broad, giving the committee the right to examine all things.

Sen. Donald R. Husband of Eugene said he feared it would be a full time job for members of the committee. He said the scope was so wide he didn't think the committee would be able to do any good on anything.

But Sen. Walter J. Pearson of Portland pointed out that this would be merely an experimental move and if it was found unsatisfactory in any way, it could be abandoned at the next session of the Legislature.

On final passage, only seven senators voted against the resolution.

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