

**Small Worlds Around Us**  
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**Man Transported In Air But Is Far From Flying**  
 A feather is a wonderful thing; its touch is light and gentle; those unsteady folks who "could be knocked over with a feather" are really a bad way. That old proverb is meaningless, but it's supposed to indicate how unstable we are at the time. But the feather itself is more complicated than a casual observation would indicate.

There are, of course, several kinds of feathers, even on the same bird, and all cleverly designed to serve a specific purpose. The bird itself the creature that grows the feathers, is a highly specialized piece of apparatus. Even its bones are different from other animals, they are hollow instead of being filled with marrow. Contributing to extreme lightness without sacrificing strength, they are air-filled.

Within the body of the bird is a complicated mechanical mechanism that grows feathers instead of hair, and is so arranged that the feathers are shed, or moulted in its wings; strong, but still with great flexibility; tail feathers are similar. Too, most birds have underfeathers, under other feathers; those that round out the bird's body are called contour feathers; under these are the delicately fine, fluffy feathers called "down." These lack the stiffening shaft, or vane of the tail or flight feathers, and have practically no weight at all; they insulate the bird's body against heat and cold.

**Immature Feathers**  
 Pinfeathers are the immature feathers that the bird starts off with shortly after emerging from the egg. Pinfeathers develop from the bird's skin, from tiny pits, and are fed with blood and nourishment. When the pinfeather becomes a fully developed feather the blood supply is automatically cut off, and the feather, although still attached to the skin, is lifeless and capable of no further growth. They have no nerve, and no feeling. Prick a pinfeather and the bird jumps, injure an adult feather and the bird feels no pain, no sensation.

Nature took many things into consideration when she arranged the moulting of feathers from a bird's body. She, Mother Nature, designed these not so simple objects we call feathers, to be moulted only when new ones were ready to replace the old, so that the bird would not experience a single interval when flight was impossible. Those birds whose wing feathers are shed, as in some of the waterfowl, must hide themselves during the time new flight feathers are forming.

**Specialized Organs**  
 Of course, a bird is a biped; so are we, and actually the bird flies by waving what in the human animal would be its arms; and the wings, like our arms, are highly specialized organs. With its feathers, its hollow, air-filled bones, and its streamlined body, the bird accomplishes something toward which man has always aspired — free and easy flight. We constantly brag about our ability to fly; an utterly ridiculous statement.

Watch a sea gull soar overhead, or come to rest on the sand without a sound or a tremor, or a song bird come to a graceful stop on a swaying tree branch. Compare these motions with the thunderous and prolonged rush of an airplane, and you cannot honestly say, that man can fly. Just because a man operates an airplane, or rides in one, doesn't make him a flyer; man has not come any closer to flying than has a rabbit, or a puppy dog. The fact is he never will fly; he isn't built that way. But he proudly says, "I just flew in from," or "I fly wherever I go." If human ego was a wing, or even a handful of flight feathers, he would have something to "flap about."

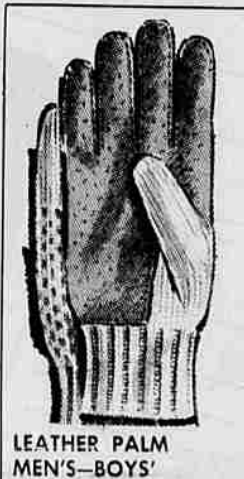
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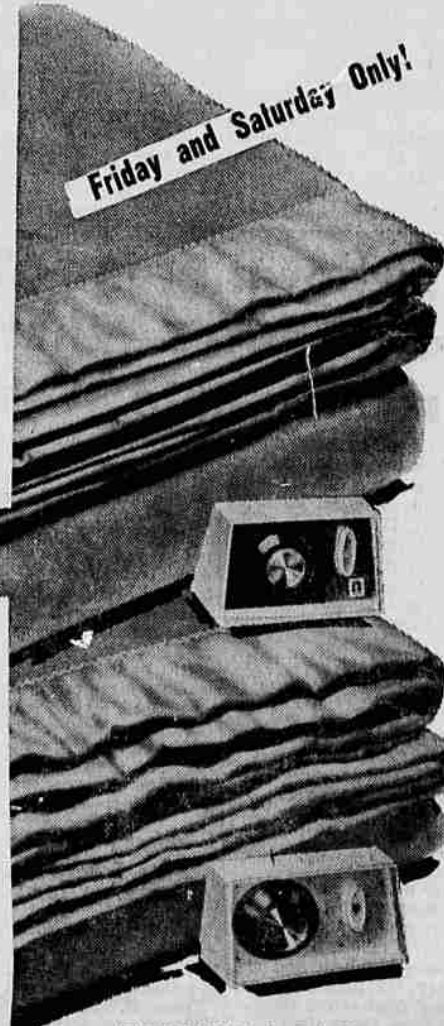
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 PORTLAND (UPI) — The weekly report on fishing conditions by the State Game Commission:

Southwest: Few steelhead being caught by bank fishermen in Winchester area near Roseburg; Coos and Coquille systems have been dropping; Rogue in the Graves Creek to Grants Pass areas has been slow but a lot of steelhead are in the river.

**FAITHFUL WASHER**  
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