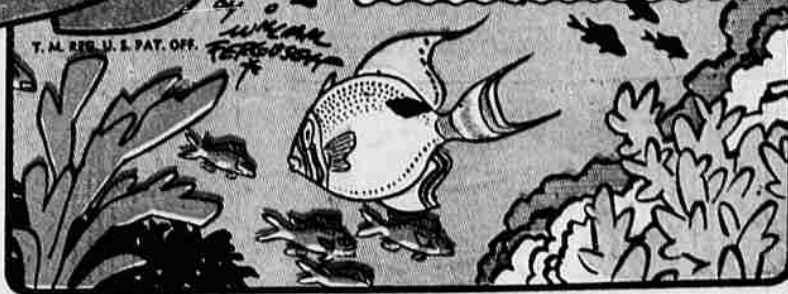


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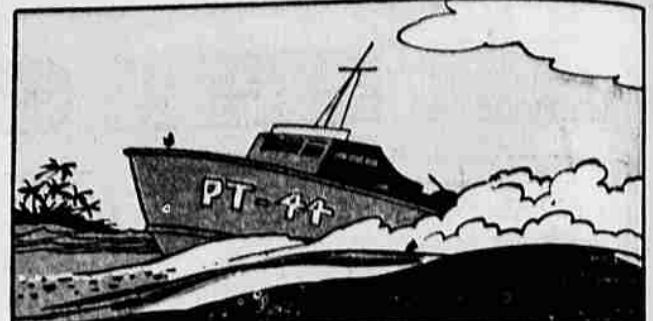
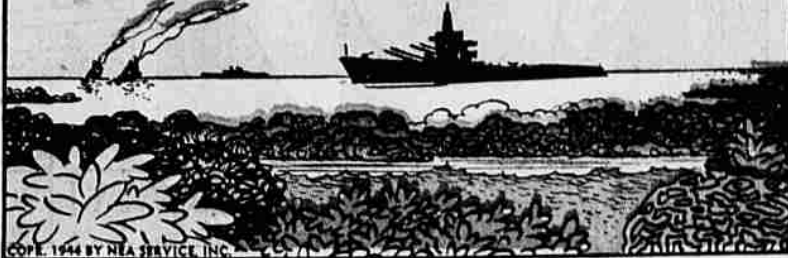
CORAL

FOR CENTURIES, HAS BEEN IMPORTANT IN MAKING ORNAMENTS! TODAY, CORAL-BUILT ISLANDS ARE USED IN MAKING HISTORY

CORAL IS FORMED OF SKELETONS OF TINY SEA ANIMALS, AND IS COMPOSED OF CARBONATE OF LIME FROM THE WATER. COUNTLESS BILLIONS OF THESE SKELETONS BUILD ATOP SUBMERGED VOLCANIC PEAKS...AND ISLANDS ARE BORN.



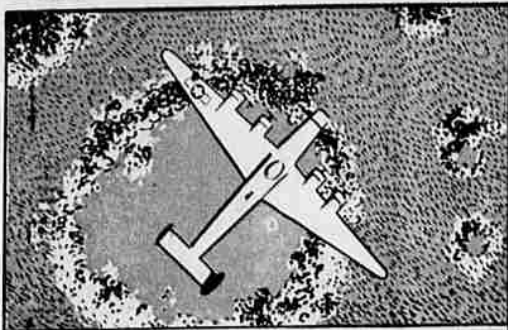
BARRIER REEFS ARE LARGEST OF ALL! MANY MILES MAY SEPARATE THEM FROM THE LAND! AUSTRALIA'S GREAT REEF IS OVER ONE THOUSAND MILES LONG, AND 20 TO 30 MILES FROM THE COAST.



THREE TYPES OF FORMATIONS ARE BUILT UP BY THESE CREATURES...FRINGING REEFS, BARRIER REEFS, AND ATOLLS... ALL CAPABLE OF CHANGING THE ENTIRE COURSE AND OUTCOME OF ISLAND WARFARE.



ONLY IN THE WARM SOUTH PACIFIC DO WE FIND THE REEF-BUILDING CORAL! THEY CAN THRIVE ONLY IN SEAS WHERE WATER TEMPERATURES DO NOT FALL BELOW SIXTY-EIGHT DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.



FRINGING REEFS EXTEND OUT FROM ISLAND SHORES, WITH NO OPEN WATER BETWEEN! ATOLLS ARE CIRCULAR REEFS THAT ENCIRCLE NOTHING...EXCEPT A LAGOON.

RIGHT OR WRONG?

by FANCY

(A) THIS OFFICIAL IS SIGNALING "OFFSIDE."

(B) WATER FREEZES AT 32° CENTIGRADE.

(C) THE JAYHAWK IS THE STATE BIRD OF KANSAS.

(D) A SHIP'S GALLEY IS THE KITCHEN.

- ANSWERS
- (A) RIGHT
 - (B) WRONG
 - (C) WRONG
 - (D) RIGHT

FRECKLES and his FRIENDS

by BLOSSOM

I HAVEN'T GOT ANY MORE NICKELS! HAVE YOU?

NO...AND I WANNA PLAY NUMBER 5 AGAIN... "LUCY WAS A LADY"...

MAYBE IF I JIGGLE THE MACHINE, IT'LL PLAY IT AGAIN, FREE!

OH, OH! SOMETHING BUSTED!

LOOK WHAT YOU DID! YOU BUSTED NUMBER 5! AND IT WAS MY BIGGEST MONEY-MAKER!

I'LL BE GLAD TO BUY YOU ANOTHER RECORDING OF "LUCY WAS A LADY!"

THERE AIN'T ANOTHER RECORDING OF IT IN TOWN! AND I GOT CUSTOMERS WHO PLAYED THAT RECORD ALL DAY LONG!

I'LL FIX YOU! SIT ON THAT STOOL AND DO AS I TELL YOU TO DO!

TEN MINUTES LATER

WHAT RECORDING ARE YOU GONNA PLAY, MISTER?

NUMBER 5!

WOULDN'T YOU RATHER PLAY ANOTHER RECORDING INSTEAD?

LISTEN, BUDDY... WHEN I WANT TO HEAR NUMBER 5, I WANNA HEAR NUMBER 5!!

YOU HEARD WHAT HE SAID! HE PUT HIS NICKEL IN, AND HE WANTS TO HEAR NUMBER 5!

LUCY WAS A LADY AND HER LAST NAME WAS O'GRADY...

WALKIN' UNDER A LADDER IS BAD LUCK!

AW, IT'S NOT EITHER!

IT'S JUST A SILLY SUPERSTITION!

I TOLD YOU IT WAS BAD LUCK!

