

Many False Choppers In United States

By HAL BOYLE

NEW YORK (AP) — How sure are you of your own teeth? Nearly 22 million Americans don't have teeth, about 13 per cent of us all. The tooth you may save by brushing could be your own!

Here's an old reminder of a present truth: One marriage in four ends in divorce.

I am informed that if you melted the Statue of Liberty down, you could make 30 million pennies from the copper of it. But since the old girl has given 10 times that many golden dreams, it is likely we can continue to afford to keep her on her same old stand—better investment.

Can you name four animals whose names end in "x"? Don't overlook ibex, lynx, fox and ox.

Five years after cancer is recognized in women, 37 per cent of them are alive; of men, 26 per cent endure.

Someone has figured out that 61 per cent of new car buyers live in the suburbs.

Nature note: The snail, often rebuked for its slowness, has a top speed of three inches a minute, yet retains an overlooked virtue—it is strong. It can pull up to 200 times its own weight.

Bad insects make us neighbors. Japan is troubled with an insect pest there called the Colorado beetle. Here it is called the Japanese beetle.

It was just 60 years ago that—in Wichita, Kan. — Harry Nation made her first hatchet raid against a saloon. You just never see girls like that any longer, although here and there you do encounter one who attacks a deaf bar with a broken martini glass while crying for more.

A nice hope: The average baby born in the United States today can expect to live half again as long as one born in 1900. The next problem is to explain to it why it is all worthwhile.

Here's a funny discovery: Psychologists have found that students who have the highest I.Q. and make the best grades also generally have the widest and readiest sense of humor. Moral: If you want better grades, laugh harder—particularly when the professor tells a joke.

How much do you dream? Science has found, about 20 per cent of the time, asleep. Awake, on the job? Well, what does your boss think of you?

The average American housewife carries out about 1,000 pounds of garbage yearly.

It was Joseph Hergesheimer who observed, "So long as you are learning, you are not growing old. It's when a man stops learning that he begins to grow old."

Two Choices For Award

By BOB THOMAS

HOLLYWOOD (AP) — Some days you just can't make a buck in this town.

Hear me out. There is this Oscar race, see, and a couple of guys in it named Burt Lancaster and Spencer Tracy. The gimmick is that they're both working on the same picture right now, "Judgment at Nuremberg."

So what would be more natural than a feud between these two hot contenders?

I tried it out with Lancaster. "Pretty hammy guy, this Tracy, huh?" I said insistently.

"What's that?" Lancaster inquired. I confessed my mission and he said sadly, "Things are pretty tough in your racket, huh, kid?"

Failure. Okay, I tried it with Tracy, who can be counted on to growl or grouse on any topic. "Quite a ham, that Lancaster," I commented offhandedly.

"He's a fine actor," Tracy corrected. "I think he might walk off with the Oscar this year. Either him or Jack Lemmon. Me? I ain't got a chance. They wouldn't give it to me again. I've had it."

Double failure. Well, you can't win them all. Anyway, I got a chance to sit in Tracy's dressing room.

As every film historian knows, Tracy has a couple of Oscars, dating back to 1937 ("Captains Courageous") and 1938 ("Boys Town"). He could be the first star to hit a triple, since he's up for "Inherit the Wind."

"I'll never make it again," he insisted. "I don't really care. Not about the final award, anyway; it doesn't matter to me what the 2,400 members of the academy think. But I am pleased with the nomination, because that is voted by the actors only. That means something."

Will he attend the festivities this year?

"Hell, no, I didn't even go when I won," he replied. "Well, I did go one time. The other time I was in the hospital having a hernia operation."

