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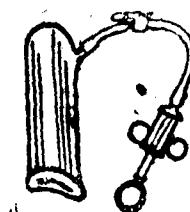
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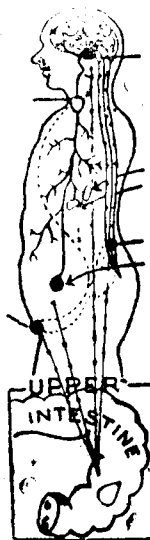
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GHOST STORIES

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St John Bosco (1815-88) made a pact with his friend and fellow student Comollo that whoever died first would try to communicate to the other the state of his own soul. Comollo died on April 8. After the funeral, 23-year-old John Bosco sat waiting on his bed in a dormitory containing 20 other seminarians.

So begins one of the most famous of modern ghost stories "Midnight struck," as Bosco himself later told it, "and I then heard a dull, rolling sound from the end of the passage . . . While the noise came nearer the dormitory, the walls, ceiling and floor of the passage re-echoed and trembled behind it . . . The students in the dormitory awoke, but none of them spoke . . . Then the door opened violently of its own accord without anybody seeing anything except a dim lights of changing color that seemed to control the sound . . . Then a voice was clearly heard 'Bosco, Bosco, Bosco, I am saved.' . . . The seminarists leapt out of bed and fled without knowing where to go . . . All had heard the noise and some of them the voice without gathering the meaning of the words."

To many churchmen St. John Bosco's experience might seem all in the day's work and not only in Bosco's Italy. Even in supposedly sober England, rectories appear hardly less haunted than castles. Perhaps, the greatest expert on those teasing, furniture-toosing, ructionous ghosts called poltergeists was the late British Jesuit, Father (bursten, who wrote two books

aphlets on the subject. Do the
SPE when they haunt the living?
Shane: "It is possible that they
are aware, but the tremendous authority of
St. Thomas Aquinas favors the view that
the dead are not aware of their own apparitions. Other spirits may be acting the part. In this, St. Thomas has touched one of the stumbling blocks of modern Spirit-

nallism. Manifestations may be genuine, but not the manifesters."

Sir. Shane's own original contribution to his collection is what he calls "the last word" on the Coonian Ghost-a Thing that troubled the peace on a house in Coonian, Ireland with rappings, rushings, snatchingst snorings and butting out of lights. Three priests were sent by the bishop to cope with it by exorcism and prayer. One reported that he felt it like an eel twisting around his wrist; another saw the bedclothes of an empty bed heaving where the chest of an occupant would be. "Soon we could hear the heavy breathing, the gurgling in the throat . . . what country people would call 'a hard death. 'The Thing won out in the end. The haunted family eventually went off to the U. S., and "the gallant clergy, who made such constant efforts on their behalf, seem to have been the worse for it. One priest had a nervous breakdown, another spinal meningitis and the third facial paralysis."

On Jan. 5, 1939, 17-year-old Maria and her grandmother were passing a bridge where three years before the body of Giuseppe Veraldi had been found, apparently a suicide. Maria stopped still, stared at the riverbank and fainted. When she regained consciousness, she spoke in a coarse, masculine voice. "I am Pepe," she said, and she began to drink wine and smoke cigarettes, play cards, and write in the hand writing of the dead Giuseppe Veraldi. She told how his friends had drugged his wine, thrown him over the bridge and beaten him to death with an iron pipe. Then she acted out the crime. Eventually she returned to her normal self when the dead boy's mother ordered "him" to leave her. Twelve years later a letter came from one of Giuseppe Veraldi's cronies, now living in Argentina, confessing to the crime just as Maria had described it.

CALIFORNIA TREASURE HUNT

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When Donald Bartlette an oil-company worker, and six of his friends in Bakersfield, Calif. decided to hunt for uranium, they did it the easy way. They bought a 495 dollar scintillator and drove along the country roads in Kern County around Bakersfield. One day last December, as they drove along the Walker Pass road through the southern Sierra Mountains, the needle of the scintillator began to "go crazy." Bartlett and his friends scrambled out, soon found the reason: a big granite outcropping studded with pockets of radioactive ore (autunite). When they tunneled into the mountainside, the Sunday prospectors found enough ore to give California its first solid uranium rush.

Last week the treasure hunt in oil-and-cotton-rich Kern County had reached feverish proportions, as shoe clerks, tin smiths, bankers, doctors, and Hollywood bit-players filed some 200 claims in the county

recorder's office. Thousands more rode into the hills in everything from jeeps to Cadillacs; in their spare time, even housewives hopped in the family car and cruised hopefully about the area.

In Bakersfield Sears, Roebuck & Co. was hard put to keep Geiger counters and the more sensitive scintillators in stock, had already sold "hundreds" of them. Complained a professional ore analyzer: "My phone rings all right long. They call from all over the U. S. and they want to know if the fluid come out here and look for uranium."

Last week Donald Bartlett and his associates added to the excitement; they sold their "Miracle Mine" to Manhattan Geologist-Engineer M. William Ditto, representing a number of interests, for an announced "1,000,000 Dollar." Actually, the buyers paid only 35,000 Dollars, promised to pay the rest in royalties.

BEAUTY AND BRAINS

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The bitter battle was over. Marilyn Monroe, a 5 ft. 5½ in. blonde weighing in at 118 alluringly distributed pounds, had brought to its knees mighty 20th Century-Fox.

It all came to a head a year ago. Fox wanted to type Marilyn once again as an emptyheaded, wriggle-hipped blonde. Complaining that she was being miscast, and could fill a dramatic role as well as a satin sheath, Marilyn walked out. Fox promptly took her off the payroll.

Off to Manhattan flounced Marilyn. She incorporated herself while skeptics snickered. She studied "to improve myself" under Director Lee Strasberg at

Manhattan's Actors' Studio. She caused near-riots at Broadway openings.

Last week as the battle ended; the clear winner was Marilyn Monroe Productions Inc. (President: M. Monroe.) Her contract called for her to do four movies for Fox in the next seven years, gave her approval of directors. It permitted her to do any outside movies, plays or TV appearances she chooses. Next month Marilyn will start her first movie under the new contract. She will play an emptyheaded, wriggle-hipped blonde, but with acting possibilities in an adaptation of William Inge's Broadway hit *Bus Stop* (a Monroe-approved play) directed by Josh Logan (a Monroe-approved director).

ALL-METAL HIP

When Air Force Veterinarian Harry A. Gorman was working for a master's degree at Ohio State University, he designed an all-metal device to replace the hip joint in injured dogs. One of the judges who passed on Colonel Gorman's work was Orthopedic Surgeon Judson Wilson, the artificial joint looked so good and worked so well in dogs that Dr. Wilson decided to try minor design changes that would make it suitable for human patients.

Last week, in Columbus' University Hospital, Gene Snyder 26, a victim of rheumatoid arthritis, who already had a partial artificial joint (made of steel) in his right hip, was laid out on his right side and anesthetized. Surgeon Wilson made a long incision clear down to the bone, and exposed the left hip joint which had been fused by the arthritic inflammation. He sawed off the top of the thigh bone (femur), ground the remaining end of the bone to the right depth and angle. He reamed out a hemi-

spheric cavity in the pelvic bone, to accommodate the socket, part of the metal ball and socket joint. Dr. Wilson drove a long shaft (bearing the ball) into the marrow cavity and fitted a flange (just below the ball) to the head of the femur. Another flange, on the socket, he screwed to the rim of the acetabulum (the socket cavity in the pelvic bone). A collar to hold the ball in the socket completed the device (see diagram). Patient Snyder will be walking in three weeks.

Dr. Wilson will perform two more such operations, then wait six months to observe results before recommending wide adoption of the Gorman joint. But he has high hopes for it. Moving parts are metal against metal, lubricated by body fluids, so no foreign material is in moving contact with human tissue (which has caused trouble in some earlier plastic and metal restorations). Made of Stellite (a chromium cobalt alloy), the joint should outlast the life of the recipient, with no corrosion.

SECOND SIGHT

When John Howard Griffin was an Air Force sergeant in the South Pacific in 1945, a bomber caught fire on the ground. It exploded as Griffin was running toward it. Two weeks later, enemy bombs fell near the base, and Griffin gradually lost his sight. Doctors laid this to a blockage of circulation in arteries supplying the eyes. After the war, Griffin turned to writing books which he dictated on a wire recorder, notably *The Devil Rides Out*, a 1952 success about a man's tortured search for God in and out of a monastery. Three years ago he married without ever seeing his wife or, later, their two children.

Last week, as Griffin walked alone and unaided from his workshop to the house on his parents' farm outside Mansfield, Texas, he began to see again for the first time in ten years.

Knowing that many cases of apparent blindness are relieved by a shock, Griffin explained: "There was no bump, no jar. Nothing

had happened. Suddenly every thing looked like red sand in front of my eyes." By the time, a doctor arrived, Griffin could make out the color of his blue suit and read a prescription blank. Near shock from the experience Griffin was put on heavy doses of sedatives, given "cylinder glasses" to help pull his eye muscles back to useful strength. His vision, Griffin estimated, was about 20-160.

Although Griffin belittled the possibility, the only plausible medical explanation of his case was that his blindness had been mainly, if not entirely, hysterical, i. e., brought on by the emotional shock of bomb blasts. Dissolution of a long standing blood clot would not explain his recovery, as such a clot would soon have caused irreparable damage to the eye's nerves. Seeing his wife and children for the first time, he said: "They are more beautiful than I ever suspected. . . I am astonished, stunted and thankful."

TRAGIC LOVE

As a top box-office draw for at least 20 of his 35 years, handsome, open-faced Chinese Movie Star Huang Ho might well be called the John Wayne of the Far East. Already a big name in Shanghai before World War II, Huang turned his back on his homeland when the Communists took over and as the idol of Free Chinese movie fans from Java to Malaya went on making up to ten pictures a year in Hong Kong and Formosa.

A sober, serious-minded young hero on the screen Huang was equally sober and serious in his private life. As a rising star in Shanghai, he spent his evenings studying medicine instead of going to nightclubs, and throughout his career preferred a good book to an evening on the town. He had not married "who," the Chinese fan magazines asked over and over again, "would be the lucky girl?"

Last week, in the tortured and tormented confessions of a would-be suicide, reprinted on the front pages of Hong Kong's leading newspapers, the question was answered. The girl who captured the handsome hero was a dark and devious adventuress as full of schemes and subterfuge as a Communist cell. Pert, pretty and dynamic, Huang Hsien-nu was the reigning queen of the Hong Kong opera, with a score of movie credits to her name as well. The protegee and wife of a former Hong Kong movie star whose Red sympathies had carried him back to the mainland she had been helped to fame and fortune by a series of profitable associations with some of Hong Kong's wealthiest businessmen. One of them wanted her to divorce her husband after he went back to Canton. It was simple enough: all she did was advertise in a local paper that she and her husband were no longer living together. For this the new admirer made her a thoughtful gift of 80,000 dollars. Some afterward, pert little Hung startled both the lover and Hong Kong opera-goers by departing for Canton money and all, to make communist movies with the husband she had officially renounced.

And that was not all. Before leaving, sprightly and fickle, little Hung had captured still another heart—that of the matinee idol Huang Ho himself. He had met her two years before in a movie studio. "She was fragile," he wrote later, "and looked as though she must have tasted the bitterness of life. I held her in high esteem, and never for a single moment cherished an impure thought toward her." But soon after their meeting, much to the shy young actor's surprise, Hung called him on the telephone. "She poured out her heart to me," he wrote. "She told me how much she cared, that her longing could no longer be concealed." In his diffident way, Huang tried to suppress the singer's ardor, but "she said she knew exactly what she was doing."

What Hung was doing turned out to be exactly what her husband's Communist bosses wanted her to do, and as Huang spent more and more time in the company of his new love, he saw less and less of his old friends. Hung gradually persuaded the hypnotized actor to desert his family, his career and his principles. "I decided to throw in my whole lot for her sake alone," he wrote. "I wanted to share everything, good or bad, with her. I sold myself unconditionally and promised to do whatever she wanted."

When at last Hung left for the mainland, Huang was left virtually alone in Hong Kong his family, friends and money gone, his career reduced to the making of low-paid Red propaganda films at a local Communist studio. Finally, broken in heart and health, he decided to join his love in Canton. The meeting was brief and terse. Less than a week later, Huang Kong, were, a few days before Christmas, he was found in a hotel room all but dead from an overdose of sleeping pills. Last week, as doctors nursed Huang Ho back to life, his millions of fans could read the story of the girl he loved, in the suicide note which he had titled: *Hung Hsien-nu Killed Me!*

DEATH IN THE EVENING

New York's LaGuardia Field lay dreary and grey under a pelt of snow. In mid-afternoon 95 chattering, winter-clad passengers deposited themselves impatiently aboard Northeast Airlines' 2:45 p.m. flight to Miami, strapped themselves in their seats and settled back to contemplate the prospects of frolicking in the 80° warmth of Miami Beach—Just four airline hours away, they thought.

The minutes on the ground stretched into hours, for LaGuardia was hemmed in by fog and snow to within three-quarters of a mile's visibility, and the unrelenting snow had piled up on the big wings of Northeast's DC-6A. Flight 823's Captain Alva March, 48, a 19-year transport veteran, stood by waiting for clearance. Finally Pilot Marsh checked the weather again, decided to go. It was 6:01 p.m. when

the plane lumbered down the runway into the darkness, lifted heavily of the ground and, slowly gaining altitude, went into an inexplicable left turn over the East River. Only twelve seconds after the takeoff, it steepened its turn and began to settle. Seconds later it hit the ground, burst into flames. Flight 823 was down on tiny Rikers Island in the middle of the river.

Screaming passengers—many of them with clothes blazing—jumped from the wreckage and staggered away. First to the rescue were 50 fast-moving trustees from the island city-run penitentiary, who rushed outside, fought their way to the planeside and helped survivors to safety. The count: of the six crew members and 95 passengers aboard, 20 killed, 50—odd hospitalized. Said Pilot Marsh dazedly: "Her power just drained out. She just wouldn't go up."

Some friends of mine have a large farm near us, and they were recently visited by a young woman from the city. She seemed interested in everything about the farm, and especially in some big, rucky capons in the chicken yard.

"My, what large roosters," she remarked admiringly to the cook, who was scattering grain for these feathered eunuchs. "What a noise they'd make if they all started crowing at once."

"Nope," the cook said. "They don't do no crowin."

"They don't?" exclaimed the surprised visitor. "I thought all roosters crowed. What's the matter with these?"

"Well, Miss," the cook said with a smile, "I reckon it's because these roosters ain't got nothin' to crow about."

KILLER WHALES

FOR MEDICINE

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"[He is] gifted with such wondrous power and velocity in swimming as to defy all present pursuit from man," wrote Herman Melville of the finback whale. "This leviathan seems the banished and unconquerable Cain of his race." Captain Ahab and his men felt the same way, concentrated on other, slower beasts (notably the sperm whale, a species to which Moby Dick himself belong-d). But today, with steam power and steel cables, the 'unconquerable Cain' of the ocean, the fin and the blue whales,* are hunted vigorously and among the most interested hunters is modern medicine.

One twilight night last week when eight bells sounded midnight aboard the British factory whaling ship *Southern Venturer*, breasting the sullen swells of the Antarctic Ocean, it meant "They're off!" The 1957 whaling season was officially open. All hands were ready for the first leviathan. Soon from over the leaden horizon came one of the mother ship's brood of smaller ships, towing a monstrous fin whale by its tail. Then began a mechanized dissection such as Melville did not imagine even in his most tortured dreams.

Drawn up the gaping skidway by steel cables thrumming on giant steam-driven winches, the whale reached the broad afterdeck. A gang of workmen, wielding long-handled flensing knives, sliced off the thick blubber in foot wide strips. The winches whined again and dragged the naked, bloody carcass 60 ft. farther along the slimy, slippery, halficed deck to stage two. Here another flensing gang sliced off the meat. A neat, well-directed blow, as from an executioner's ax, served the backbone at the neck, and the gigantic head (20 ft. long in an average 60 ft. whale) was dragged to the foredeck.

There Magnus Anderson, 41, a stocky, white-haired Norwegian, stood by with a

12-ft. Steam-driven saw. "The winch pulls head right dead in front of my saw," as Anderson describes his work. "I say 'Whol' when the part I want for first cut is opposite my blade. It is just behind the middle of head. I turn down saw, zuff-zuff, then I stop saw, nip in quick and grab the gland-messy purple and hard like rock-on edge of brain. I grab, twist and pull like hell."

The gland that calls forth Magnus Anderson's specialized skill is the pituitary, whose function is unknown in Melville's today. Today medicine knows the pituitary as a master gland in the body's complex and delicately balanced hormonal system; it secretes among others, the master hormone ACTH which regulates activity of the adrenal glands astride the kidneys.

To find the whale's glands in a 20 ft head, Anderson must show uncanny judgement, for a misplaced stroke of the saw could slash through the pituitary itself. In 1956 Anderson retrieved 871 glands from 808 blue and finwhales and got a bonus of a bottle of rum for every 100 glands. (On other ships an estimated 30,000 more whale pituitaries were gathered). An average season's catch of pituitaries will bring the owners of one ship little more than 200 dollars, but says a spokesman, "our policy is waste not, want not—particularly for medical purposes."

Another source of ACTH is the tiny hog pituitaries, not used as it takes half a dozen of them to make a single average medical dose. The world-wide demand for the hormone is now so great that many manufacturers are turning to the far larger whale glands—the size of an egg. Melville's pelagic Cain (the killer whale's now help to supply doctors with a valued treatment for at least 30 diseases from common and crippling rheumatoid arthritis to scleroderma.

* The blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived-up to 100 ft., 150 tons. The finback reaches 80 ft. and 100 tons.

THE GEISHA GIRL

Like School-girls on commencement day, the geishas of Japan gather together on the day of the Seven Herbs at the end of Japan's New year feasting to receive their awards for a year well spent. As the fragile and mannered geishas of Gion, one of Kyoto's most famed geisha districts, trooped into the auditorium of their two-story training academy for the annual ceremony of a new geisha year, the balconies were ringed with the faces of teachers, music masters and tea-house madams smiling benignly at their charges.

"Unfortunately" the 70 year old academy president cried in his high voice at the commencement address, "the general public has the mistaken notion that we of the geisha world are one of the main targets of the current anti-prostitution law and it is up to you, the true geishas, to dispel this conception. The true geisha's life is her art. Study hard and always strive for its perfection." Soon afterward, the school star pupil, vivacious, 19-year-old Mariko, was awarded top prize for the year.

Though G.I.s may at times have been confused (or misled) to old-school Japanese, even the thought of comparing a geisha to a prostitute is abhorrent. With the collapse of old traditions and the adoption of new standards in democratic Japan, the tightly cocooned and tradition-entrusted world of the geisha (whose name means literally "person of art") has undergone some drastic changes and constantly faces the threat of more. A good geisha today must be able to play not only the ancient mandolin-like shamisen and the plaintive flute but an adequate 18 holes of golf as well, in case her patron wishes her to accompany him on a

country-club weekend. She should be able to discuss not only the classic poets but also atomic energy, a subject now taught at the geisha academy. Her dancing should be at least as up-to-date as the mambo and the cha-cha-cha. ("Very handy when you're saddled with an obnoxious guest whom you don't like touching," said one geisha of the mambo.)

But if the manners have changed to some extent, the geisha's true function has not. In essence, it is to be all that a wife should be if she didn't have to wash the dishes, bear the babies, clean the house and grow old and tiresome. To casual guests at a party or to the patron she hopes will one day claim her permanently, the geisha must be tireless and fascinating, solicitous and flattering, soothing and delightful, ready to make conversation, play a game or listen to pompous discourse at the whim of her customer.

In recent years the number of fully qualified geishas has dwindled markedly. In Tokyo there are only one-third as many before the war. New laws forbidding the sale of children have cut down the source of supply. Compulsory education laws have cut into the necessary training time (ten years minimum before the war) and as a result the standards of behaviour have fallen. Today a geisha will not send a perfumed note, folded with calculating carelessness and full of allusions to nature, via a trusted messenger. Instead she will just pick up a phone and dial.

Few modern geishas object seriously to the changes that have taken place in their profession.

The Discovery of Spina

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Spina, the half-mythical Etruscan "Venice" on the swampy Po delta, was one of the world's great cities in the 5th century B.C. Ancient writings tell tales of its wealth and luxury, but over the centuries the silt of the Po has been pushing the shore line into the Adriatic. Cut off from the sea, Spina declined in late Roman times to a village; then it disappeared. Cemeteries believed to be connected with it were found and recently excavated by both thieves and archaeologists but the remains of the city itself lay obstinately hidden under the flats and shallow lagoons of the advancing delta. Some skeptics maintained that Spina has always been only a myth, rather than a real city.

One expert who never lost faith in Spina was Dr. Nereo Alfieri, director of the Museo di Spina in Ferrara. Dr. Alfieri had won a great reputation by finding ruins known only by legend. (Once he found a Roman temple by asking shepherds the way to a "shrine.") He was sure that some time, somehow, he would find Spina. Last week he could report results.

For eight years he winnowed cryptic manuscripts, dug test holes in promising bits of marsh. He did not find Spina, but he did not give up hope: a government reclamation project was slowly draining the lagoons that covered its presumed site. When the water receded, the exposed flats showed nothing of interest, but Dr. Alfieri, an old hand at archaeological detective work, waited for nature to add the final, necessary touch.

The Valle Pega, the most promising lagoon, was drained two years ago, but for a year it remained as barren as a beach at low tide. This spring the mud turned faintly green with plants. The plants indicated nothing until the reclamation agency had the area photographed from the air. Dr.

Alfieri hurried to Ravenna to look at the pictures, which were taken at 12,000 ft. by Italian air force Veteran Vitale Valvassori. Some of the shots showed faint markings that Alfieri's experienced eye spotted at once. He hired Valvassori, partly with his own money, to take detailed, low-level pictures in both black-and-white and color.

When the new pictures were developed, they showed a broad, L-shaped canal 60 ft. wide and equivalent to the famous Grand Canal that is the main street of Venice. Closer study showed other canals and scores of rectangular blocks for houses and public buildings. The built-upon site covered 850 acres, the plants growing darkly green over silted canals and yellowish green over unruined brick and rubble.

Cautious digging last fall in the soggy soil uncovered ancient wooden piles like those on which Venice is built. Among them were fragments of pottery that could have come only from the 5th century B.C. "All my doubts dissolved," said Dr. Alfieri. Other experts agreed, and last week Italian and foreign archaeologists were swarming to his diggings to see for themselves.

The Spina site will produce no stately columned temples. All that remains is the foundations of the city, but when they are excavated carefully, they may yield information more interesting than any number of temples. The brilliant Etruscan culture, which flourished before the great days of Rome, is a deep mystery. Etruscan tombs are stuffed with striking art works, but Etruscan remains other than tombs are scarce. Out of Spina, covered for 2,000 years with preserving mud, may come knowledge of Etruscan buildings, government, religion and social structure. Historians may learn where the Etruscans came from; they may even find a key to their written language which turned into a puzzle 2,000 years ago.

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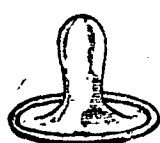
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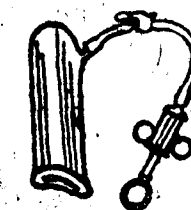
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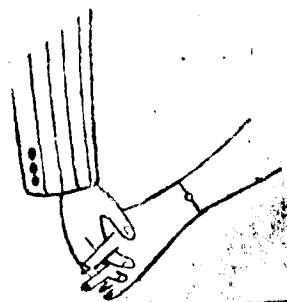
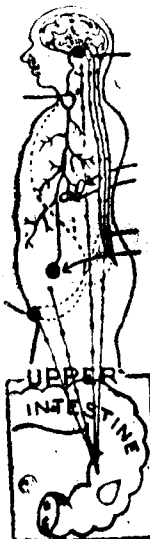
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So begins one of the most famous of modern ghost stories: "Midnight struck," as Bosco himself later told it, "and I then heard a dull, rolling sound from the end of the passage . . . While the noise came nearer the dormitory, the walls, ceiling and floor of the passage re-echoed and trembled behind it . . . The students in the dormitory awoke, but none of them spoke . . . Then the door opened violently of its own accord without anybody seeing anything except a dim lights of changing color that seemed to control the sound . . . Then a voice was clearly heard 'Bosco, Bosco, Bosco, I am saved.' . . . The seminarists leapt out of bed and fled without knowing where to go . . . All had heard the noise and some of them the voice without gathering the meaning of the words."

To many churchmen St. John Bosco's experience might seem all in the day's work and not only in Bosco's Italy. Even in supposedly sober England, rectories appear hardly less haunted than castles. Perhaps, the greatest expert on those teasing, furniture-tossing, ructionous ghosts called poltergeists was the late British Jesuit, Father Herbert Thurston, who wrote two books various pamphlets on the subject. Do the dead know when they haunt the living? Writes Sir Shane: "It is possible that they are aware, but the tremendous authority of St. Thomas Aquinas favors the view that the dead are not aware of their own apparitions. Other spirits may be acting the part. In this, St. Thomas has touched one of the stumbling blocks of modern Spirit-

ualism. Manifestations may be genuine, but not the manifesters."

Sir. Shane's own original contribution to his collection is what he calls "the last word" on the Coonian Ghost-a Thing that troubled the peace on a house in Coonian, Ireland with rappings, rushings, snatching at snorings and butting out of lights. Three priests were sent by the bishop to cope with it by exorcism and prayer. One reported that he felt it like an eel twisting around his wrist; another saw the bedclothes of an empty bed heaving where the chest of an occupant would be. "Soon we could hear the heavy breathing, the gurgling in the throat . . . what country people would call 'a hard death.' The Thing won out in the end. The haunted family eventually went off to the U. S., and "the gallant clergy, who made such constant efforts on their behalf, seem to have been the worse for it. One priest had a nervous breakdown, another spinal meningitis and the third facial paralysis."

On Jan. 5, 1939, 17-year-old Maria and her grandmother were passing a bridge where three years before the body of Giuseppe Veraldi had been found, apparently a suicide. Maria stopped still, stared at the riverbank and fainted. When she regained consciousness, she spoke in a coarse, masculine voice. "I am Pepe," she said, and she began to drink wine and smoke cigarettes, play cards, and write in the hard writing of the dead Giuseppe Veraldi. She told how his friends had drugged his wine, thrown him over the bridge and beaten him to death with an iron pipe. Then she acted out the crime. Eventually she returned to her normal self when the dead boy's mother ordered "him" to leave her. Twelve years later a letter came from one of Giuseppe Veraldi's cronies, now living in Argentina, confessing to the crime just as Maria had described it.

CALIFORNIA TREASURE HUNT

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When Donald Bartlette an oil-company worker, and six of his friends in Bakersfield, Calif. decided to hunt for uranium, they did it the easy way. They bought a 495 dollar scintillator and drove along the country roads in Kern County around Bakersfield. One day last December, as they drove along the Walker Pass road through the southern Sierra Mountains, the needle of the scintillator began to "go crazy." Bartlett and his friends scrambled out, soon found the reason: a big granite outcropping studded with pockets of radioactive ore (autunite). When they tunneled into the mountainside, the Sunday prospectors found enough ore to give California its first solid uranium rush.

Last week the treasure hunt in oil-and-cotton-rich Kern County had reached feverish proportions, as shoe clerks, tin smith, bankers, doctors, and Hollywood bit-players filed some 200 claims in the county

recorder's office. Thousands more rode into the hills in everything from jeeps to Cadillacs; in their spare time, even housewives hopped in the family car and cruised hopefully about the area.

In Bakersfield Sears, Roebuck & Co., was hard put to keep Geiger counters and the more sensitive scintillators in stock, had already sold "hundreds" of them. Complained a professional ore analyzer: "My phone rings all right long. They call from all over the U. S., and they want to know if the shuld come out here and look for uranium."

Last week Donald Bartlett and his associates added to the excitement; they sold their "Miracle Mine" to Manhattan Geologist-Engineer M. William Ditto, representing a number of interests, for an announced "1,000,000 Dollar." Actually, the buyers paid only 35,000 Dollars, promised to pay the rest in royalties.

BEAUTY AND BRAINS

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The bitter battle was over. Marilyn Monroe, a 5 ft. 5½ in. blonde weighing in at 118 alluringly distributed pounds, had brought to its knees mighty 20th Century-Fox.

It all came to a head a year ago. Fox wanted to type Marilyn once again as an emptyheaded, wriggle-hipped blonde. Complaining that she was being miscast, and could fill a dramatic role as well as a satin sheath, Marilyn walked out. Fox promptly took her off the payroll.

Off to Manhattan flounced Marilyn. She incorporated herself while skeptics snickered. She studied "to improve myself" under Director Lee Strasberg at

Manhattan's Actors' Studio. She caused near-riots at Broadway openings.

Last week as the battle ended; the clear winner was Marilyn Monroe Productions Inc. (President: M. Monroe.) Her contract called for her to do four movies for Fox in the next seven years, gave her approval of directors. It permitted her to do any outside movies, plays or TV appearances she chooses. Next month Marilyn will start her first movie under the new contract. She will play an emptyheaded, wriggle-hipped blonde, but with acting possibilities in an adaptation of William Inge's Broadway hit *Bus Stop* (a Monroe-approved play) directed Jack Logan (a Monroe-approved director).

ALL-METAL HIP

When Air Force Veterinarian Harry A. Gorman was working for a master's degree at Ohio State University, he designed an all-metal device to replace the hip joint in injured dogs. One of the judges who passed on Colonel Gorman's work was Orthopedic Surgeon Judson Wilson. The artificial joint looked so good and worked so well in dogs that Dr. Wilson decided to try minor design changes that would make it suitable for human patients.

Last week, in Columbus' University Hospital, Gene Snyder 25, a victim of rheumatoid arthritis, who already had a partial artificial joint (made of steel) in his right hip, was laid out on his right side and anesthetized. Surgeon Wilson made a long incision clear down to the bone, and exposed the left hip joint which had been fused by the arthritic inflammation. He sawed off the top of the thigh bone (femur), ground the remaining end of the bone to the right depth and angle. He reamed out a hemi-

spheric cavity in the pelvic bone, to accommodate the socket, part of the metal ball and socket joint. Dr. Wilson drove a long shaft (bearing the ball) into the marrow cavity and fitted a flange (just below the ball) to the head of the femur. Another flange, on the socket, he screwed to the rim of the acetabulum (the socket cavity in the pelvic bone). A collar to hold the ball in the socket completed the device (see diagram). Patient Snyder will be walking in three weeks.

Dr. Wilson will perform two more such operations, then wait six months to observe results before recommending wide adoption of the Gorman joint. But he has high hopes for it. Moving parts are metal against metal, lubricated by body fluids, so no foreign material is in moving contact with human tissue (which has caused trouble in some earlier plastic and metal restorations). Made of Stellite (a chromium cobalt alloy), the joint should outlast the life of the recipient, with no corrosion.

SECOND SIGHT

When John Howard Griffin was an Air Force sergeant in the South Pacific in 1945, a bomber caught fire on the ground. It exploded as Griffin was running toward it. Two weeks later, enemy bombs fell near the base, and Griffin gradually lost his sight. Doctors laid this to a blockage of circulation in arteries supplying the eyes. After the war, Griffin turned to writing books which he dictated on a wire recorder, notably *The Devil Rides Out*, a 1952 success about a man's tortured search for God in and out of a monastery. Three years ago he married without ever seeing his wife or, later, their two children.

Last week, as Griffin walked alone and unaided from his workshop to the house on his parents' farm outside Mansfield, Texas, he began to see again for the first time in ten years.

Knowing that many cases of apparent blindness are relieved by a shock, Griffin explained: "There was no bump, no jar. Nothing

had happened. Suddenly every thing looked like red sand in front of my eyes." By the time, a doctor arrived, Griffin could make out the color of his blue suit and read a prescription blank. Near shock from the experience Griffin was put on heavy doses of sedatives, given "cylinder glasses" to help pull his eye muscles back to useful strength. His vision, Griffin estimated, was about 20/150.

Although Griffin belittled the possibility, the only plausible medical explanation of his case was that his blindness had been mainly, if not entirely, hysterical, i. e., brought on by the emotional shock of bomb blasts. Dissolution of a long standing blood clot could not explain his recovery, as such a clot would soon have caused irreparable damage to the eye's nerves. Seeing his wife and children for the first time, he said: "They are more beautiful than I ever suspected. . . I am astonished, stunned and thankful."

TRAGIC LOVE

As a top box-office draw for at least 20 of his 36 years, handsome, open-faced Chinese Movie Star Huang Ho might well be called the John Wayne of the Far East. Already a big name in Shanghai before World War II, Huang turned his back on his homeland when the Communists took over and as the idol of Free Chinese movie fans from Java to Malaya went on making up to ten pictures a year in Hong Kong and Formosa.

A sober, serious-minded young hero on the screen Huang was equally sober and serious in his private life. As a rising star in Shanghai, he spent his evenings studying medicine instead of going to nightclubs, and throughout his career preferred a good book to an evening on the town. He had not married "who," the Chinese fan magazines asked over and over again, "would be the lucky girl?"

Last week, in the tortured and tormented confessions of a would-be suicide, reprinted on the front pages of Hong Kong's leading newspapers, the question was answered. The girl who captured the handsome hero was a dark and devious adventuress as full of schemes and subterfuge as a Communist cell. Pert, pretty and dynamic Huang Hsien-nu was the reigning queen of the Hong Kong opera, with a score of movie credits to her name as well. The protegee and wife of a former Hong Kong movie star whose Red sympathies had carried him back to the mainland she had been helped to fame and fortune by a series of profitable associations with some of Hong Kong's wealthiest businessmen. One of them wanted her to divorce her husband after he went back to Canton. It was simple enough: all she did was advertise in a local paper that she and her husband were no longer living together. For this the new admirer made her a thoughtful gift of 80,000 dollars. Some afterward, pert little Hung startled both the lover and Hong Kong opera-goers by departing for Canton money and all, to make communist movies with the husband she had officially renounced.

And that was not all. Before leaving, sprightly and fickle, little Hung had captured still another heart—that of the matinee idol Huang Ho himself. He had met her two years before in a movie studio. "She was fragile," he wrote later, "and looked as though she must have tasted the bitterness of life. I held her in high esteem, and never for a single moment cherished an impure thought toward her." But soon after their meeting, much to the shy young actor's surprise, Hung called him on the telephone. "She poured out her heart to me," he wrote. "She told me how much she cared, that her longing could no longer be concealed." In his diffident way, Huang tried to suppress the singer's ardor, but "she said she knew exactly what she was doing."

What Hung was doing turned out to be exactly what her husband's Communist bosses wanted her to do, and as Huang spent more and more time in the company of his new love, he saw less and less of his old friends. Hung gradually persuaded the hypnotized actor to desert his family, his career and his principles. "I decided to throw in my whole lot for her sake alone," he wrote. "I wanted to share everything, good or bad, with her. I sold myself unconditionally and promised to do whatever she wanted."

When at last Hung left for the mainland, Huang was left virtually alone in Hong Kong his family, friends and money gone, his career reduced to the making of low-paid Red propaganda films at a local Communist studio. Finally, broken in heart and health, he decided to join his love in Canton. The meeting was brief and terse. Less than a week later, Hung Kong, were, a few days before Christmas, he was found in a hotel room all but dead from an overdose of sleeping pills. Last week, as doctors nursed Huang Ho back to life, his millions of fans could rest the story of the girl he loved, in the suicide note which he had titled: *Hung Hsien-nu Killed Me!*

DEATH IN THE EVENING

New York's LaGuardia Field lay dreary and gray under a pelt of snow. In mid-afternoon 95 chattering, winter-clad passengers deposited themselves impatiently aboard Northeast Airlines' 2:45 p.m. flight to Miami, strapped themselves in their seats and settled back to contemplate the prospects of frolicking in the 80° warmth of Miami Beach—Just four airline hours away, they thought.

The minutes on the ground stretched into hours, for LaGuardia was hemmed in by fog and snow to within three-quarters of a mile's visibility, and the unrelenting snow had piled up on the big wings of Northeast's DC-6A. Flight 82's Captain Alva March, 48, a 19-year transport veteran, stood by waiting for clearance. Finally Pilot Marsh checked the weather again, decided to go. It was 6:01 p.m. when

the plane lumbered down the runway into the darkness, lifted heavily of the ground and, slowly gaining altitude, went into an inexplicable left turn over the East River. Only twelve seconds after the takeoff, it steepened its turn and began to settle. Seconds later it hit the ground, burst into flames. Flight 82 was down on tiny Rikers Island in the middle of the river.

Screaming passengers—many of them with clothes blazing—jumped from the wreckage and staggered away. First to the rescue were 50 fast-moving trusties from the island city-run penitentiary, who rushed outside, fought their way to the plane side and helped survivors to safety. The count: of the six crew members and 95 passengers aboard, 20 killed, 50—odd hospitalized. Said Pilot Marsh dazedly: "Her power just drained out. She just wouldn't go up."

Some friends of mine have a large farm near us, and they were recently visited by a young woman from the city. She seemed interested in everything about the farm, and especially in some big, ruffy capons in the chicken yard.

"Y, what large roosters," she remarked admiringly to the cook, who was scattering grain for these feathered eunuchs. "What a noise they'd make if they all started crowing at once."

"Nope," the cook said. "They don't do no crowin."

"They don't?" exclaimed the surprised visitor. "I thought all roosters crowed. What's the matter with these?"

"Well, Miss," the cook said with a smile, "I reckon it's because these roosters ain't got nothin' to crow about."

KILLER WHALES FOR MEDICINE

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"[He is] gifted with such wondrous power and velocity in swimming as to defy all present pursuit from man," wrote Herman Melville of the finback whale. "This leviathan seems the banished and unconquerable Cain of his race." Captain Ahab and his men felt the same way, concentrated on other, slower beasts (notably the sperm whale, a species to which Moby Dick himself belonged). But today, with steam power and steel cables, the 'unconquerable Cain' of the ocean, the fin and the blue whales,* are hunted vigorously and among the most interested hunters is modern medicine.

One twilight night last week when eight bells sounded midnight aboard the British factory whaling ship *Southern Venturer*, breasting the sullen swells of the Antarctic Ocean, it meant "They're off!" The 1957 whaling season was officially open. All hands were ready for the first leviathan. Soon from over the leaden horizon came one of the mother ship's brood of smaller ships, towing a monstrous fin whale by its tail. Then began a mechanized dissection such as Melville did not imagine even in his most tortured dreams.

Drawn up the gaping skidway by steel cables thrumming on giant steam-driven winches, the whale reached the broad afterdeck. A gang of workmen, wielding long-handled flensing knives, sliced off the thick blubber in foot-wide strips. The winches whined again and dragged the naked, bloody carcass 60 ft. farther along the slimy, slippery, halficed deck to stage two. Here another flensing gang sticed off the meat. A neat, well-directed blow, as from an executioner's ax, served the backbone at the neck, and the gigantic head (20 ft. long in an average 60 ft. whale) was dragged to the foredeck.

There Magnus Anderson, 41, a stocky, white-haired Norwegian, stood by with a

12-ft. steam-driven saw. "The winch pulls head right dead in front of my saw," as Anderson describes his work. "I say 'Who!' when the part I want for first cut is opposite my blade. It is just behind the middle of head. I turn down saw, zuff-zuff, then I stop saw, nip in quick and grab the gland-messy purple and hard like rock on edge of brain. I grab, twist and pull like hell."

The gland that calls forth Magnus Anderson's specialized skill is the pituitary, whose function is unknown in Melville's today. Today medicine knows the pituitary as a master gland in the body's complex and delicately balanced hormonal system; it secretes among others, the master hormone ACTH which regulates activity of the adrenal glands astride the kidneys.

To find the whale's glands in a 20 ft head, Anderson must show uncanny judgement, for a misplaced stroke of the saw could slash through the pituitary itself. In 1956 Anderson retrieved 871 glands from 808 blue and fin whales and got a bonus of a bottle of rum for every 100 glands. (On other ships an estimated 80,000 more whale pituitaries were gathered). An average season's catch of pituitaries will bring the owners of one ship little more than 200 dollars, but says a spokesman, "our policy is waste not, want not—particularly for medical purposes."

Another source of ACTH is the tiny hog pituitaries, not used as it takes half a dozen of them to make a single average medical dose. The world-wide demand for the hormone is now so great that many manufacturers are turning to the far larger whale glands—the size of an egg. Melville's pelagic Cain (the killer whale) now help to supply doctors with a valued treatment for at least 30 diseases from common and crippling rheumatoid arthritis to scleroderma.

* The blue whale is the biggest animal that has ever lived—up to 100 ft., 150 tons. The finback reaches 80 ft. and 100 tons.

THE GEISHA GIRL

Like school-girls on commencement day, the geishas of Japan gather together on the day of the Seven Herbs at the end of Japan's New Year feasting to receive their awards for a year well spent. As the fragile and mannered geishas of Gion, one of Kyoto's most famed geisha districts, trooped into the auditorium of their two-story training academy for the annual ceremony of a new geisha year, the balconies were ringed with the faces of teachers, music masters and tea-house madams smiling benignly at their charges.

"Unfortunately" the 70 year old academy president cried in his high voice at the commencement address, "the general public has the mistaken notion that we of the geisha world are one of the main targets of the current anti-prostitution law and it is up to you, the true geishas, to dispel this conception. The true geisha's life is her art. Study hard and always strive for its perfection." Soon afterward, the school star pupil, vivacious, 19-year-old Mariko, was awarded top prize for the year.

Though G.I.s may at times have been confused (or misled), to old-school Japanese, even the thought of comparing a geisha to a prostitute is abhorrent. With the collapse of old traditions and the adoption of new standards in democratic Japan, the tightly coconed and tradition-entrusted world of the geisha (whose name means literally "person of art") has undergone some drastic changes and constantly faces the threat of more. A good geisha today must be able to play not only the ancient mandolin-like shamisen and the plaintive flute but an adequate 18 holes of golf as well, in case her patron wishes her to accompany him on a

country-club weekend. She should be able to discuss not only the classic poets but also atomic energy, a subject now taught at the geisha academy. Her dancing should be at least as up-to-date as the mambo and the cha-cha-cha. ("Very handy when you're saddled with an obnoxious guest whom you don't like touching," said one geisha of the mambo.)

But if the manners have changed to some extent, the geisha's true function has not. In essence, it is to be all that a wife should be if she didn't have to wash the dishes, bear the babies, clean the house and grow old and tiresome. To casual guests at a party or to the patron she hopes will one day claim her permanently, the geisha must be tireless and fascinating, solicitous and flattering, soothing and delightful, ready to make conversation, play a game or listen to pompous discourse at the whim of her customer.

In recent years the number of fully qualified geishas has dwindled markedly. In Tokyo there are only one-third as many before the war. New laws forbidding the sale of children have cut down the source of supply. Compulsory education laws have cut into the necessary training time (ten years minimum before the war) and as a result the standards of behaviour have fallen. Today a geisha will not send a perfumed note, folded with calculating carelessness and full of allusions to nature, via a trusted messenger. Instead she will just pick up a phone and dial.

Few modern geishas object seriously to the changes that have taken place in their profession.

The Discovery of Spina

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Spina, the half-mythical Etruscan "Venice" on the swampy Po delta, was one of the world's great cities in the 5th century B.C. Ancient writings tell tales of its wealth and luxury, but over the centuries the silt of the Po has been pushing the shore line into the Adriatic. Cut off from the sea, Spina declined in late Roman times to a village; then it disappeared. Cemeteries believed to be connected with it were found and recently excavated by both thieves and archaeologists but the remains of the city itself lay obstinately hidden under the flats and shallow lagoons of the advancing delta. Some skeptics maintained that Spina has always been only a myth, rather than a real city.

One expert who never lost faith in Spina was Dr. Nereo Alfieri, director of the Museo di Spina in Ferrara. Dr. Alfieri had won a great reputation by finding ruins known only by legend. (Once he found a Roman temple by asking shepherds the way to a "shrine.") He was sure that some time, somehow, he would find Spina. Last week he could report results.

For eight years he winnowed cryptic manuscripts, dug test holes in promising bits of marsh. He did not find Spina, but he did not give up hope: a government reclamation project was slowly draining the lagoons that covered its presumed site. When the water receded, the exposed flats showed nothing of interest, but Dr. Alfieri, an old hand at archaeological detective work, waited for nature to add the final, necessary touch.

The Valle Pega, the most promising lagoon, was drained two years ago, but for a year it remained as barren as a beach at low tide. This spring the mud turned faintly green with plants. The plants indicated nothing, until the reclamation agency had the area photographed from the air. Dr.

Alfieri hurried to Ravenna to look at the pictures, which were taken at 12,000 ft. by Italian air force Veteran Vitale Valvassori. Some of the shots showed faint markings that Alfieri's experienced eye spotted at once. He hired Valvassori, partly with his own money, to take detailed, low-level pictures in both black-and-white and color.

When the new pictures were developed, they showed a broad, L-shaped canal 60 ft. wide and equivalent to the famous Grand Canal that is the main street of Venice. Closer study showed other canals and scores of rectangular blocks for houses and public buildings. The built-upon site covered 85 acres, the plants growing darkly green over over-silted canals and yellowish green over unfruitful brick and rubble.

Cautious digging last fall in the soggy soil uncovered ancient wooden piles like those on which Venice is built. Among them were fragments of pottery that could have come only from the 6th century B.C. "All my doubts dissolved," said Dr. Alfieri. Other experts agreed, and last week Italian and foreign archaeologists were swarming to his diggings to see for themselves.

The Spina site will produce no stately columned temples. All that remains is the foundations of the city, but when they are excavated carefully, they may yield information more interesting than any number of temples. The brilliant Etruscan culture, which flourished before the great days of Rome, is a deep mystery. Etruscan tombs are stuffed with striking art works, but Etruscan remains other than tombs are scarce. Out of Spina, covered for 2,000 years with preserving mud, may come knowledge of Etruscan buildings, government, religion and social structure. Historians may learn where the Etruscans came from—they may even find a key to their written language which turned into a puzzle 2,000 years ago.

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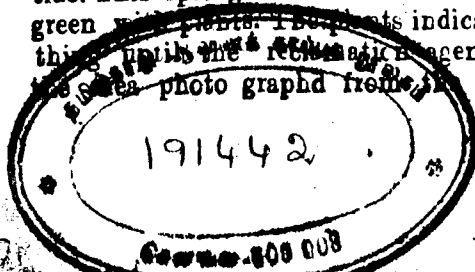
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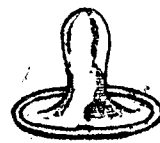
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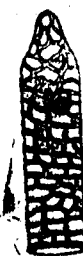
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