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EDITORIAL

STONE HUNGRY HUNTERS - A reader contribution.

As a stone collector myself, I notice how many other gatherers there are about the countryside these days. I began this acquisitive habit in early years when I was decidedly nearer the ground, and the stones, therefore, in clearer view. Now with the passing of years and the better sight of youth, I find the stones which attract me most tend to grow larger and more and more beyond the reach of the diminishing muscle power.

Some stone gatherers are only interested in precious varieties like opals and emeralds - they are the OPULENT perfectionist type; while agate hunters, a tenacious breed will eagerly travel hundreds of miles, or more, to reach so called richly studded grounds. Undeterred by hunger or weariness they will slave for hours of back aching torture turning over boulders to find the treasures.

I no longer seem interested in the pretty or precious stones, but find them interesting for qualities which satisfy the touch and feeling for form in their natural state. To me this process of selecting the desirable in stones has been evolving over the years, and now I find myself admiring the natural sculpture in granite outcrops, and stark sandstone mossip which in youth I may have passed without really noticing.

One of the most famous of temple gardens in Kyoto, former capital of Japan, consist of strangely shaped ancient rocks grouped in raked gravel gardens and they are patterned by lichen in unnamed delicate colours. Buddhist monks rake radiating patterns in the surrounding silvery gravel early each morning in this walled garden, where monks meditate before the visitors arrive. It has a strangely stimulating, yet calming atmosphere.

On the banks of the Mersey River, one day in the rain, I found a most delightful dolerite boulder, complete with dimples and knobs like a ready made Barbara Hepworth sculpture. Some weeks later we returned and with a gantry



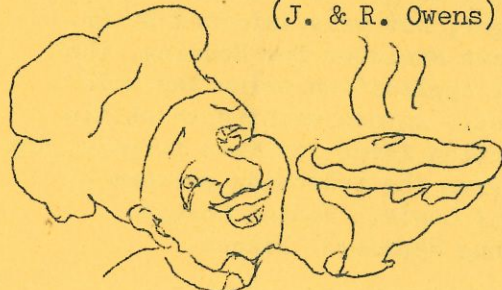
"I THINK I'D DROWN MYSELF TOO IF I LOOKED LIKE THAT!"

Editorial continued:

managed to load this treasure into the back of a utility to a life of recognition and admiration in my garden in Launceston. Since then I've moved house to the East Coast, but more kind friends came to the rescue with winch and trailer, and now this great brown beauty lolls among the soft grey native stone, an obvious foreigner, but such an attractive one. Seagulls drink from the dimple, letting me know very rudely if it has not been filled in time for breakfast, and the bird bath standing nearby is neglected by all the birds who call on me.

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S T. M A R Y S B A K E R Y
(J. & R. Owens)



CAKES

PIES

PASTIES

WHOLESALE & RETAIL

Editorial cont.

Wrestling with a heavy stone wall, which I ill-advisedly began a few years ago, I realise too late the dangers involved in collecting anything. Pebble collecting so obviously leads to an unbridled greed for huge boulders - small cottages lead to a longing for large mansions - "appetites grow as they are fed" to misquote Shakespeare.

NOTICE

In recent months The Valley Voice has been produced by a keen but nevertheless rather small staff. It has been necessary for us to operate on both Wednesday & Thursday nights in the week of publication.

Our contributors advertisers and readers would assist us immensely if they could oblige by ensuring that all articles for publication are in our hands by 7.30 p.m. on the Wednesday Night. Of course, late articles will continue to be published, depending on space available.

Like all other papers, Valley Voice is faced with increasing production costs and postal charges. Here, again, our readers can help by recommending our local paper to friends and associates and thus delay a price increase.

You can also help us to keep costs down by enclosing 50c with your classifieds, Return Thanks and other small notices. It is not economic for us to send accounts for these.

Piffle, Whatson, Church, Club and Organisation Reports, and Reader Contributions are all printed free of charge. Charges for other advertisements / Notices available on request.

The Valley Voice is a non-profit organisation run by a staff of voluntary workers as a community service.

THANKYOU.

HOMES FOR FINGAL

For some considerable time, The Fingal Branch of the A.L.P. Have been endeavouring to get Commission Homes built in Fingal, but were informed by Mr. Doug Lowe Minister for Housing, that lack of Application being the main deterrent. Anyone wishing to obtain application forms for this purpose, may do so from the following persons, -:
Mrs. Pat Cowie, Fingal Garage.
Mrs. Doug Saunders Fingal.

CLASSIFIEDS

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PIANO TUNING.....Mr. Kevin Ezzy will be working in the St. Marys area between February 11th and 16th. Tuning \$13 (pensioners \$10). Mr. C.H. Johnson will be taking bookings on behalf of Mr. Ezzy.

WANTED TO BUY.....Two young nanny goats, contact C. Muggeridge, Harefield Road, St. Marys, or mail address c/- St. Marys Post Office.

WANTED TO BUY.....One double barrel 16 or 20 gauge shot gun. Mathinna 201

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AGENTS FOR: VICTA CHAIN SAWS

miss piffle

Marie Birch has returned to Mangana after spending several weeks with her friend Michelle Johns of Devonport.

Mrs. Russel is spending a few days with her mother Mrs. L. Oliver.

Nurse Parker has returned to Launceston after a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Jack Parker of Mangana.

Mr. Reg Thorold of Camden N.S.W. has come over for a week and is visiting his sisters at Falmouth.

Mrs. Tarrgett of Cornwall has returned home after a short holiday with her daughter and son-in-law Mr. & Mrs. Mort Francis.

Mrs. Fred Yates of Longford spent a few days with her mother Mrs. Pat Ward of Mangana.

Mrs. M. L. Oliver has returned home after visiting her daughter in Hobart.

Mr. & Mrs. Geoff Dean and family have returned to Launceston after a camping holiday at Falmouth.

Mrs. Lacom has returned to Melbourne after a visit to her sister Mrs. Pat Ward at Mangana and also to see her mother who is in St. Marys Hospital.

Mr. & Mrs. Lyle Causby have returned to Melbourne after a holiday with Mr. & Mrs. Upton at Mangana, and Mr. & Mrs. Eric Causby at Avoca.

The Lions Club St. Helens conducted a stall and auction at the Sports Carnival and were most successful, these funds will go towards the little Park. A working bee will be held at Parkside turnoff on Saturday and Sunday, February 2-3. Thanks to all who helped to make a success of this effort.

Mrs. Pauline Targett is in Melbourne undergoing tests at the Alfred Hospital. We all wish her the best.

Roslyn Targett is in Melbourne enjoying her annual holidays.

The pretty Wedding took place last Saturday in the St. Helens Methodist Church of Elizabeth Grose, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred Grose, and Fred Powell of Cairns, Queensland. Elizabeth was attended by her sister, Mrs. Marjorie Casbault of Geelong, and her neices Kelly and Mandy Hamilton of St. Helens. Fred was attended by Ken Grose. A reception followed in the Parish Hall. Fred and Elizabeth will make their home in Cairns.

WHAT SON ??

St. Helens Church of England Bible Study Circle at the Rectory on Tuesday 5th Feb. at 2.30 p.m. All Welcome.

St. Helens Church of England Parish Council will be held in the Parish Hall at 8 p.m. on Thursday 7th, February.

St. Marys Senior Youth Club tonight in the High School Hall. 7.00 - 9.00 p.m.

Fingal Valley Welfare Committee Annual Public Meeting. Cornwall Hall. 18th March.

The South Launceston Bowling Club will be at St. Helens Hotel-Motel for the long weekend, this is an annual event they will be playing St. Helens.

St. Marys Hospital Auxiliary Meeting. Feb. 4th, 7.30 Hospital Recreation Room. All Welcome.

Ladies interested in singing in Choir for Womens' World Day of Prayer. March 1st. Please attend practice in Methodist Church Tuesday 29th, at 7.30.

Notice to spinners.

Come on you would-be spinners, learn to be expert! Mrs. Haley is starting classes in the Old Bakery St. Helens, February 22, and she will continue them weekly on Friday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 Ring Mrs. Haley at Pyengana 73 6149.

MISS PIFFLE con't

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Curry are spending the long weekend with Mrs. Curry's parents Mr. & Mrs. Selby Targett. The couple leave next weekend for three week's holiday travelling to New Zealand & Fiji. Michael recently gained his B.E.C. degree at the University of Tasmania.

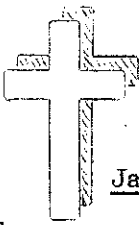
Mr. & Mrs. Lance Pilgrim of Cornwall had their son, Dennis and Daughter-in-law Helene and their first little Grandchild, Annette home for the Christmas while home little Annette was Baptised in the Holy Trinity Church St. Marys. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Lohrey were God Parents.

Mr. Bruce Lutwyche has been transferred from Brisbane, Queensland to Burnie with Tourist Bureau. He and his wife and family have settled into their new home in Burnie.

Rodney and Jenny Lutwyche and their three boys have returned to Bougainville Island, after spending their holidays with their parents, Mr. & Mrs. Lutwyche and Mr. & Mrs. Scales. They enjoyed seeing many relatives and friends.

Mark Cruse is holidaying with Robert Schier at Falmouth.

FROM THE PULPIT



CHURCH NOTICES

John Jankin's Sermon

The minister said, last night, says he,
"Don't be afraid of givin';
If your life ain't nothin' to other folks,
Why, what's the use o' livin'?"
And that's what I say to wife, says I,
There's Brown, the mis'rable sinner,
He'd sooner a beggar would starve than give
A cent toward buyin' a dinner.

I tell you our minister's prime, he is,
But I couldn't quite determine,
When I heard him a-givin' it right and left,
Just who was hit by his sermon.
Of course there couldn't be no mistake
When he talked of long-winded prayin',
For Peters and Johnson they sot and scowled
At every word he was sayin'.

And the minister he went on to say,
"There's various kinds o' cheatin',
And religion's as good for every day
As it is to bring to meetin'.
I don't think much of a man that gives
The Lord amens at my preachin',
And spends his time the followin' week
In cheatin' and overreachin'."

I guess that dose was bitter enough
For a man like Jones to swaller;
But I noticed he didn't open his mouth,
Not once, after that, to holler.
Hurrah, says I, for the minister-
Of course I said it quiet-
Give us some more of this open talk;
It's very refreshing diet.

The minister hit 'em every time;
And when he spoke of fashion,
And a-riggin' out in bows and things
As a woman's rulin' passion,
And a-comin' to church to see the styles,
I couldn't help a-winkin'
And a-nudgin' my wife; and, says I, "That's yOu";
And I guess it sot her thinkin'.

Says I to myself, that sermon's pat;
But man is a queer creation,
And I'm much afraid that most o' the folks
Won't take the application.
Now if he had said a word about
My personal mode o' sinnin',
I'd have gone to work to right myself
And not set here a-grinnin'.

Just then the minister says, says he:
"And now I've come to the fellers
Who've lost this shower by usin' their friends
As sort o' moral umbrellas.
Go home," says he, "and find your faults
Instead of huntin' your brothers';
Go home," he says, "and wear the coats
You've tried to fit on others."

My wife she nudged, and Brown he winked,
And there was lots o' smilin';
And lots a-lookin' at our pew;
It sot my blood a-bilin'.

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARYS:

January 27th

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| St. Helens | 8.00am |
| St. Marys | 10.00am |
| Fingal | 6.30pm |

February 3rd

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| St. Marys | 8.30am |
| Mangana | 10.30am |
| St. Helens | 6.30pm |

ANGLICAN PARISH OF FINGAL/AVOCA/CULLENSWOOD:

January 27th

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| Avoca | 10.00am | F.S. |
| Cornwall | 10.00am | F.S. |
| Fingal | 7.00pm | H.C. |

February 3rd

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| Fingal | 10.00am | M.P. |
| Avoca | 11.00am | F.S. at 'Rosylea' |
| St. Marys | 7.00pm | H.C. followed by Parish Cl. |

METHODIST CIRCUIT OF ST. MARYS-ST. HELENS:

January 27th

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| St. Marys | 11.00am |
| St. Helens | 7.30pm |

February 3rd

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| St. Marys | 11.00am |
| St. Helens | 7.30pm |

ANGLICAN PARISH OF ST. HELENS:

January 27th

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| St. Helens | 8.00am | H.C. |
| St. Helens | 11.00am | M.P. |
| Pyengana | 11.00am | H.C. |

February 3rd

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| St. Helens | 8.00am | H.C. |
| St. Helens | 11.00am | H.C. |
| Falmouth | 9.15am | H.C. |

Says I to myself, our minister
Is gittin' a little bitter;
I'll tell him, when meetin's out, that I
Ain't at all that kind of a critter.

- Selected

HEALTH NOTES

With the summer and holidays here our thoughts are turned to the beach, river or pool and the pleasures of swimming and other aquatic activities. However, we must always be alert to the possible dangers and observe the basic rules for water safety:

1. Watch children all the time they are in or near the water.
2. Do not allow children to get out of their depth.
3. Discourage dangerous "horse-play".
4. Check new swimming spots for any hidden dangers.
5. Ensure that your children are taught to swim as early as possible.
6. Learn to administer mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.

HOME SWIMMING POOL

In addition to these rules for the beach a home pool requires extra care.

1. Provide safe access into and out of an above-ground pool.
2. Place in such a position that the full water area can be observed and is not obscured by the sides.
3. Cover or fence a home swimming pool at all times when not in use to prevent unsupervised access. Ensure that the fencing performs this purpose and is not just another challenge.

BUOYANCY AIDS

Inflatable floats or "bubbles" can give a child confidence and help in learning to swim. They are not intended to be life-jackets. A child wearing such a buoyancy aid must still be closely supervised by an adult.

WATCH CHILDREN WHENEVER THEY ARE IN OR NEAR THE WATER.

GARDENING NOTES

Ferns:

Ferns need to be moist all the time. They will die immediately you forget to water them. Feed regularly when growing Fish emulsion is best. Aquasol will kill them. Putting them outside in a shady place during summer works wonders. Charcoal is especially good for ferns (size as big as a pea will be) and the potting mixture must contain peat, plus the addition of some powdered charcoal, and a little bone dust, which keeps sodden ground sweet. A good potting mixture for ferns is :- 3 parts loam containing plenty of compost, 2 parts finely broken up oak leaves (well rolled and put through a $\frac{1}{4}$ " seive) $1\frac{1}{2}$ parts coarse washed sand and peat, and charcoal.

Ferns have a very fine root system and like a gritty mixture. They grow best in clay pots rather than plastic. Once established

occasional doses of weak sulphate of ammonia (1 teaspoon not heaped to a gallon of water) poured round the roots after watering is beneficial. Most ferns like humid conditions, but not direct sun or dry heat, or draughts. They hate gas or electric heaters. Sit your pots on a tray of gravel and keep the gravel wet this will provide humidity in a warm room.

HOME MADE INSECTICIDES:

Boil 3 lbs rhubarb leaves in 3 quarts of water for $\frac{1}{2}$ hour, strain and bottle. Dissolve 4 oz. soft soap in 4 pints of hot water and mix with the rhubarb liquid when cool. Good for slugs and aphids on roses.

Tomato leaves contain a poisonous chemical. As you prune the side shoots chop up before soaking in water. Leave overnight, then strain and dilute. This spray is used for aphids, caterpillars and grasshoppers. Try a weak solution first, then, if that's not strong enough for a kill, a little stronger.

If you have a large bed of mint, chop some up and use between rows of cabbage as a mulch cabbage moths hate it.

Grow Nasturtiums around your fruit trees and around the vegetables, aphides hate them.

Toads and Frogs have large appetites for ants, moths, caterpillars, flies, slugs. Both are night workers, so are the slugs etc. Lady birds are a gardeners best friend.

PIFFLE Con't

Mr. Michael Schier has joined his brother John from Melbourne and gone to the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand and plans to tour the islands, for a fortnight after the games. They will be away for a month.

The Valley Voice offers a very sincere welcome to our new Doctor and we hope he enjoys living in St. Marys.

THE VALLEY VOICE welcomes to the Staff Miss Roberta Stuart who takes the position of Junior Typist. We congratulate Roberta also on her appointment as Assistant to the Secretary of the St. Marys District Hospital.

Thanks go to those who have helped with the Valley Voice over the holidays:- Mrs. Jenny Muggeridge, Sister O'Connell, Ron and Carmen Sumner and Erica Burgess, Joanna and Caroline Dean.

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Signs of the Times?

We understand that lately there has been a shortage of many commodities including quality paper, but we were staggered when a notice for publication was handed to the Valley Voice Written on TOILET PAPER!!

MEALS ON WHEELS ASSOC. ROSTER

ST. MARYS

27 M. Britton
28 Mr. T. Hall
29 C. Johnson
30 Mrs. J. Spilsbury
31 Mr. K. Bullock

FEB

3 Bob Rochfort
4 Margaret Bullock
5 Gordon Salter
6 Perc. Llewellyn
7 Jessie Cornelius

FINGAL

27 Mr. J. Clements
28 Mrs. H. Williams
29 Mrs. Boot
30 Mrs. Don Woods
31 Mrs. Alex McKenzie

FEB

3 Mr. Lance Parker
4 Mrs. R. McKenzie
5 Mrs. P. Rowlings
6 Mr. C. Bean
7 Mrs. C. Johns

PORTLAND

Jan 28 B. Campbell
29 N. Scott
30 S. Hume
31 P. Burns

Feb 1 P. Hume
2 J. Barber
3 G. Clarke
4 C. Cairns
5 E. Treloggen
6 P. Burns

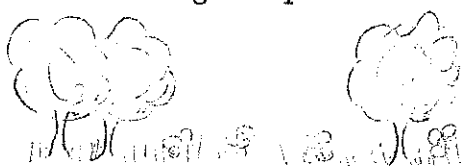
PORTLAND COUNCIL NEWS

Councillor John Tucker has moved for greater development of vacant lands within town boundaries. He has stated that whereas the services of sealed roads, reticulation of waste and sewerage, and street lighting are being extended around the shores of Georges Bay. The alternative and proper development would be to promote the usage of vacant lands within the town of St. Helens. To this end He has, by notice of motion, fore - shadowed a move to discard the principle of services rates and charges for vacant lots and to charge these vacant areas the equivalent of a minimum household charge.

Cabinet has decided after a lot of thought that the Noxious Weeds control should remain with Local authorities, and those weeds listed as dangerous would be controlled according to the prescribed regulations, the Regional weeds Inspector will continue to maintain a close liaison with Local authorities so the standard is maintained.

The Tas Library Board has been giving consideration to major changes in planning which could result in significant improvements of the Library services to the people in Portland Municipality.

The Conservation Trust has in its members and at its command considerable scientific knowledge which may be of use to people in an advisory capacity at any time so that the proper development may occur in the best available knowledge of possible effects.



FISHING NEWS.

The next event to be conducted by the Scamander Angling Club is another combined bream and surf contest. This will be held next Saturday 26th January from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday was selected to avoid a clash with St. Helens Game Fishing Club who had already advised their members of a rally day on Sunday. Five Scamander committee men are also keen game fishermen. Entry and weigh-in for both surf and bream will be the Scamander bridge boat ramp. A newsletter showing fixtures for the next six months will be posted to all financial members shortly, but please tell all your friends about Saturday. Our last contest held on 30th December saw another victory to the weather over our new forecaster (the Hobart experts have had some poor performances lately as well). The North-East gale stopped even Jack Midson and no surf fish were caught. First prize in the bream section was won by junior Phillip Pegg with 1 lb 1 oz, equal second were J. Vendekamp and A. Smeekes (two Visitors). Ladies trophy went to Mrs. Jean Schier who, like most others, got wet and still caught fish, thus disproving the old saying. St. Helens Game Fishing Club will be our next Sunday from 7 a.m. Professional fishermen were reporting "acres of tuna" near Eddystone on Monday, so if the weather is kind, it should be a good day. Bluefin are still being caught off St. Helens by Tom Tucker.

CRICKET

The last two Saturdays were taken by a two day match against Tunbridge. St. Marys batted first and aided by poor fielding by Tunbridge, went on to score 9/220 declared, with Graham Woods knocking up 83. Philip Midson n.o. 30 with 5 boundaries. Tunbridge were all out 132, the bowling highlight being a hat-trick, all clean bowled, by Les Newman. N. Rist took 6/63. Another two day match begins at St. Marys tomorrow, the opponents being Campbelltown. St. Marys still occupies top position on the premiership ladder.

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DID YOU KNOW that each snail has 135 rows of teeth, each row having 105 teeth? Altogether, this means that over 14,000 teeth per snail are munching away at our cherished plants. What a motive for murder.

Snails I kill without a pang,
I do not mind that squashy prang.
Snails to me are all no-hopers,
I look upon them as interlopers.
I really find it quite incredible,
That some folk seem to find them edible.

L A T E C L A S S I F I E D S

POSITION VACANT

Kind, reliable person required on school days to care for two year-old girl in our home and to help with housework. Apply: Mrs. Max Rushton St. Marys.

WANTED Board for a 15 year old girl. Scamander area. Phone Mathinna 15.

FOR SALE

Old type house on double block centre of St. Marys. Also block facing Frank St., St. Marys.

WANTED TO BUY

Base for Victor Mower, two stroke. Mrs. M. Lutwyche. St. Marys.

Mrs. K. Lohrey, Ealmouth is making up an order for Hobbytex. Anyone wanting anything, please get in touch with Mrs. Lohrey before February 2nd. Phone Scamander 725133.

THE COW

The cow is a useful animal that gives us milk and meat.
Hides to make our boots and shoes, gelatine from its feet;
And there's no waste in nature for how often to be sure,
Are we told mulch our gardens with well rotted cow manure.

KOMPETITION KORNER

Entries close today. Results will be published next issue of Valley Voice.

RECIPE WITH A DIFFERENCE

Take 2 eyes, 2 ears, 2 hands, 2 feet, 1 large heart, 1 oz commonsense and one good dash of willpower. Flour with humour and cheerfulness and sprinkle with a good show of smiles. Blend together with the milk of human kindness and the Love of God. Serve with liberality and sacrifice.

SMILE A WHILE

"I see you've given up teaching your wife to drive."

"Yes we had an accident."

"You did! What happened?"

"I told her to release her clutch, and she took her hands off the wheel."

BREATHING DIFFICULTIES

BREATH HOLDING: The child holds his breath until he turns blue in the face. He may keep it up until he loses consciousness or even has a minor fit. This is usually a behaviour disorder, and nearly always follows anger, usually at being frustrated.

Treatment

The child will not damage himself during one of the attacks, even if he goes on to the extent of precipitating a fit. The fit is seldom serious.

So leave the child alone. Do not try to "snap him out of it" by putting his head under the cold tap, holding him up by his feet and slapping his back, or any similar shock tactic.

If the fit is not preceded by a temper tantrum, suspect an illness. Call your doctor.

FITS (CONVULSIONS)

Fits vary both in the magnitude of the convulsion and in duration. Some may consist of slight trembling or twitching of one arm or one leg, without any effect on the child, who remains conscious. On the other hand, the child may cry out and fall down. He will remain rigid for a few seconds and then twitch violently all over.

During this phase his eyes may roll up, his face become congested, and his lips turn blue. His breathing will be labored and noisy and his teeth clenched. Frothing at the mouth is caused by saliva forced through the clenched teeth. The child may be incontinent.

During the actual fit he is unconscious, and afterward often confused and exhausted.

Cause

A fit is a symptom of an underlying disorder. Approximately 45 percent are due to infections, causing fever; 30 percent are due to epilepsy; and 25 percent to a variety of miscellaneous conditions.

Epilepsy is divided into two groups. Minor epilepsy may cause only a split-second stopping of what the child is doing. In major epilepsy, where the fit is severe, the child often loses consciousness.

Treatment

There is nothing you can do to shorten the length of a fit.

If the child is near a fire or in the bath, move him to safety, on to a soft rug or carpet on the floor. Loosen his clothing at the neck and waist. If possible, place a soft gag, such as a rolled-up handkerchief or the handle of a wooden spoon, between the teeth, at the corner of the mouth. Make sure your finger does not get between his teeth, or it may be damaged. Do not attempt to forcibly restrain the convulsion movements of his limbs.

If he has a high fever, tepid sponging is extremely valuable. Notify your doctor as soon as possible when your child has a fit for the first time.

STARPROBE

By Pegasus

Fortnight beginning 25/1/74

ARIES: March 21 - April 20

You can introduce greater harmony into your home and community now. The first weeks are ideal for romance, new interests, ideas etc. Best days 25th, 29th, 6th

TAURUS: April 21 - May 20

At times, you can seem indifferent to those who love you during the month of January. You would rather discuss heart-felt aspirations and matters with a complete stranger. Best days 26th, 3rd, 7th

GEMINI: May 21 - June 20

A month of windfalls, both financial and social. Accept suggestions, invitations. Follow your heart in love matters. Concentrate less on the physical and material. Best days 27th, 3rd, 6th

CANCER: June 21 - July 22

A good month for making new starts. Your flair for personal independence is strong during the second and third weeks. There are some strictures in money matters, so beware. Best days 26th, 27th, 4th

LEO: July 23 - August 22

Some of the advice you received during the first days of the year may not bring the results expected. It is better to depend on your own sense of right and wrong and stick to it. Best days 30th, 2nd

VIRGO: Aug. 23 - Sept. 22

Take inventory of what is positive and negative in your make-up. Resolve to be a more effective worker, a more humane and considerate person. There is much you can do to help. Best days 31st, 5th, 7th

LIBRA: Sept. 23 - Oct. 22

You bring inspiration to others in what you say and do this month. As a result, you can win new popularity and the approval of others. Best days 28th, 1st, 4th

SCORPIO: Oct. 23 - Nov. 22

Social prestige and pastimes come to the fore as soon as the New Year gets under way. Possessions are important. You may decide to change your place of residence or business. Best days 30th, 2nd, 5th

SAGITTARIUS: Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Resist the impulse to blow off steam just because you sense the inefficiency of those about you. Try to be more understanding now, a little generous to individuals less fortunate. Best days 25th, 27th

CAPRICORN: Dec. 22 - Jan 19

Fine aspect for considering a long distance journey, a change of employment, residence, career. There are numerous business and social opportunities within reach. Best days 26th, 1st

AQUARIUS: Jan. 20 - Feb. 18

Do not be afraid of changes that are being suggested to you in business. Study new trends. Some of them mean business and financial opportunity. Best days 30th, 31st, 7th

PISCES: Feb. 19 - March 20

Mixed planetary aspects can bring conflicts in your thinking. While you attempt to see both sides of each issue so much, you are apt to appear to be rather indecisive. Best days 28th, 30th, 6th

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