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SHORT STORY

Big Red's Cure

By Helen Lungworthy

3 Minute Fiction

THE reason my husband has been nick-named Big Red is because he's over six feet tall, carrot-topped and peppery dispositioned. While painting our home and reaching far out from the top of the ladder Big Red fell. There were more people than the doctor and I to realize that my husband had broken his leg. He was howling mad!

Surprisingly, though, Big Red wasn't too bad a patient during his long hospitalization. Yes, leave it to him—he did a royal job, nothing simple and routine! His fracture required specialists, operations and enough paraffin around his bed to make it resemble Frankenstein's nightmare. That's my Big Red!

During those long months before he came home Big Red said that the thing he was most thankful for was that he was away from the Sanders, the Markhams, and the Keatings.

Perhaps in other neighborhoods there are more family's like those three. If so, I can sympathize with all who live neighbor to thoroughly nice but thoroughly tiresome folks.

Farm Topics

Water Supply Vital In Farm Fire Control

Annual Damage Amounts To Over \$100 Million

Recently a New Jersey farmer's barn was set afire by lightning, and despite the efforts of three fire departments from nearby villages, the barn was a complete loss.

Two factors combined to defeat the firemen. There was a delay in notifying the fire department because the fire wasn't immediately noticed. There wasn't a good supply of water near the barn from which the pumps could draw.

These conditions are common to most properties in rural or small town areas. If rural residents can find means to correct them, they

Tsushimas Island Group Strategically Located

The Tsushimas, an island group lying in 120-mile-wide Korea Strait between Korea and Japan, have a way of turning up in the news when wars are made—or settled—in the Far East.

As truce talks progress, the Republic of Korea is now reported to be showing interest in the possession of these strategic islands under the provisions of the forthcoming Japanese peace treaty.

Whether they press the claim or not, the Koreans have long insisted that the Tsushimas "belong historically" to their country. Japanese sources contend, however, that the islands have been in Japanese hands since the 7th century.

Still another Far East government which has historic links with the Tsushima area is the Soviet Union, notes the National Geographic Society. It was in Tsushima Strait, east of the islands, that Russia's Imperial Fleet met decisive defeat in the Russo-Japanese War of 1904-5.

Students of naval strategy point to the Russo-Japanese battle of May 27-28, 1905, as a classic example of lessons to be learned from relative ship lineup, speed, armor, and the ability to strike hard and fast.

"The battle of Tsushima," wrote one British expert soon after the action, "is by far the greatest and most important naval event since Trafalgar."

Its results were to be of far-reaching significance in determining the future international balance of power in the Far East. For Tsarist Russia's acknowledgment of Japan's sphere of influence in Korea was soon followed by the taking over of the peninsula as a virtual Japanese protectorate, and later by its formal annexation.

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They have a tape recording of what they describe as corn growing. Herbert Jacobs, telegraph and farm news editor of the Madison Capital Times, thought up the idea. With the aid of Wisconsin U. experts the experiment was conducted in a 100-acre stand of university raised corn.

Recording equipment was carried 500 feet into the field. Microphones were carried deep into the corn rows. There was no wind or other noises to complicate the recording, the experimenter reported.

When the experiment was over and the recording played, Verner E. Suomi, associate professor of meteorology at the school, said, "When background noises subsided, you could hear that corn growing."

Farm experts report corn makes 80 per cent of its growth during night-time and will grow as much as two to five inches in one night.

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Farm Land Prices Up Sharply in Nebraska

Farm land dollar values in Nebraska have increased 124 per cent since 1939, according to figures of the bureau of agricultural economics. In the west north central region of the country, of which Nebraska is a part, prices have increased 3 per cent during the four months ending in July. This despite the usual seasonal reduction in farm real estate activity and a downturn in farm products.

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