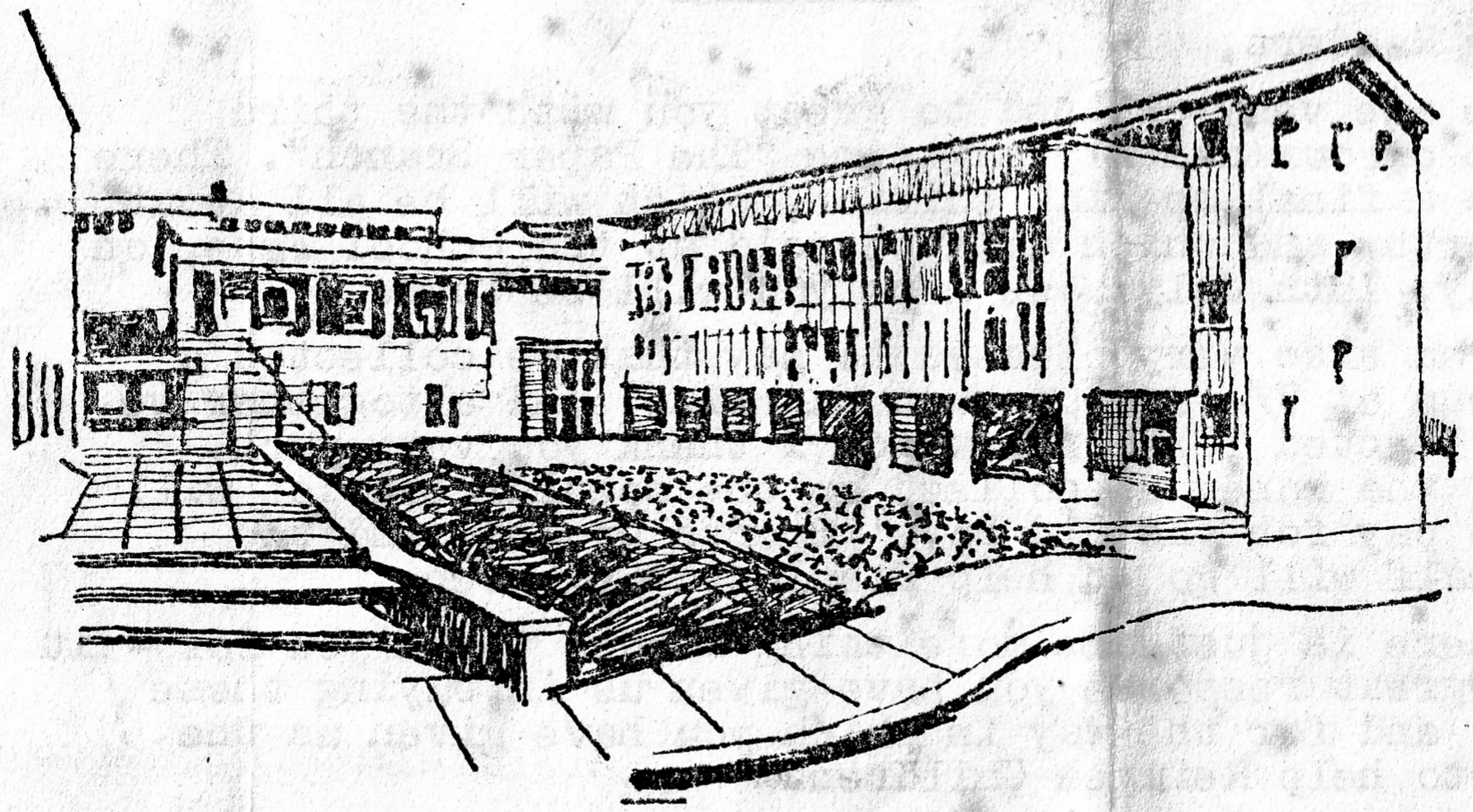
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Editorial

Dear Readers,

We are very pleased to greet you with the third edition of our monthly magazine "The Paper Branch". There will be a final special edition, which will be all about Wandsworth, and which will be sold at the School Fête, on Saturday, 18th July. We hope you will be there !

I am also very pleased to say that we collected a grand sum of 7/- on our last Magazine, and altogether we have collected 18/4, for which I thank you very much. Half of the money we collect on the special edition will help to pay for the Old Boys' Sports Ground, and the other half will go to help Displaced Children.

There is just one more thing I must thank you for - it is the great response you have given us in buying these papers, and for the way in which you have given us the chance to help Refugee Children.

Yours sincerely,

J. Fisher (Editor)
J. John (Treasurer)
ROBIN KNIGHT (Secretary)

8th July, 1959.

COME TO THE FÊTE

The Starling

Starlings are very common. In the winter they come to towns in thousands to sleep at night, and go into the country again in the daytime. Those that live far away from any town will gather together in great numbers at night in the woods, or in the reed beds by the sides of ponds.



The Starlings nest in towns too, and are very fond of building in chimney stacks. This often causes the smoke of our fires to puff into our rooms, because the bird's nest prevents it from escaping away. They also like to build in drainpipes round the roof.

Starlings lay sky blue eggs.

The Starling

M.Thomas (Cromwell)

9.5.59.

A Visit to the News of the World

One Saturday night, my Dad took me to see the "News of the World" being printed.

Metal moulds of the type are made. They are fixed onto

a board in order. Then a sheet of cardboard is put onto it, and it is put into a press for three minutes. The card is then bent into a semi-circle, and molten metal is poured on.

When the card is removed, the metal is set on it, and can be trimmed. Then two of these cards are fixed to a wheel which is covered in ink, and fixed to a machine which prints the paper.

1,000 rolls of paper are used. Each roll is five miles long.

9.5.59

M.King (Gibbon)

Tanks

The first tanks to be used in warfare made their appearance against the Germans in World War I, 1914-18. They came as a great surprise to the German Army, and were very successful. Their main armour was three two-pounder guns, and they also carried machine guns. The tanks were nick-named "Big Willie".

There was one thing wrong with this tank. It became bogged down when it rained heavily. The engine was at the rear of the tank and made a good target for the enemy to shell at.

The second type of tank I am going to write about is called the " Valentine". This was a much smaller tank, but faster and more powerful than Big Willie. The Valentine tank had a 25 pounder gun in the turret, and better viewing for the gunner.

It was used against Rommel's Afrika Korps in the Middle East. Its speed was roughly 25 miles per hour, and it was very manoeuvrable.

3.6.59

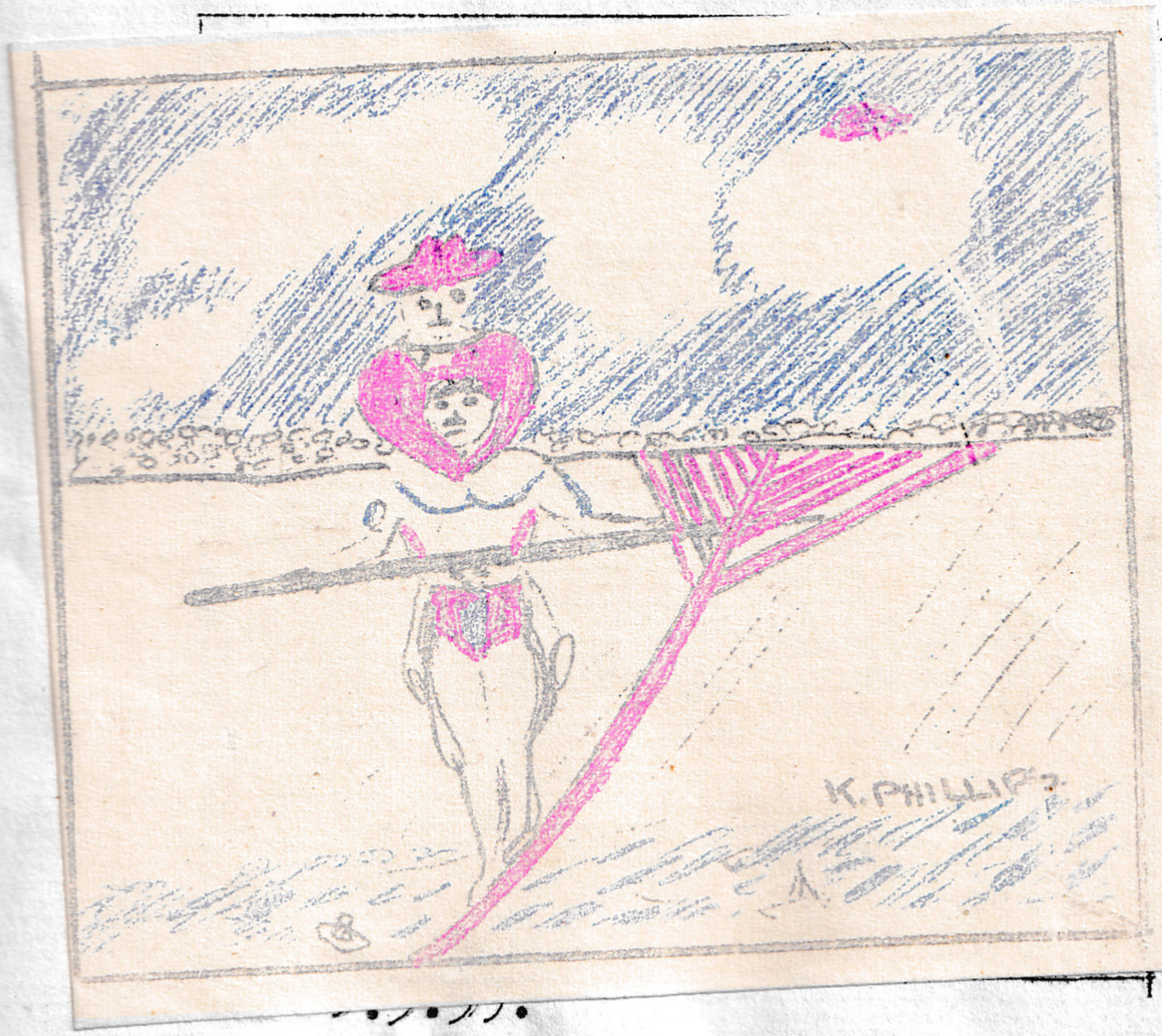
M.W.Ward (Gibbon)

Blondin

Blondin was a great man. He lived from 1824 to 1897. People called him Charles Blondin, but his real name was Jean François Gravalet, and his real name will go down in history, owing to his marvellous feat which he succeeded in doing in 1859 when he walked on a tight-rope across Niagara Falls.

But he was a born showman and he was a Frenchman. This was not the only way he walked across. He found several ways of doing it. He did it blindfold, pushing a wheelbarrow, carrying a man on his back. Once he fried an egg in the middle of the rope !

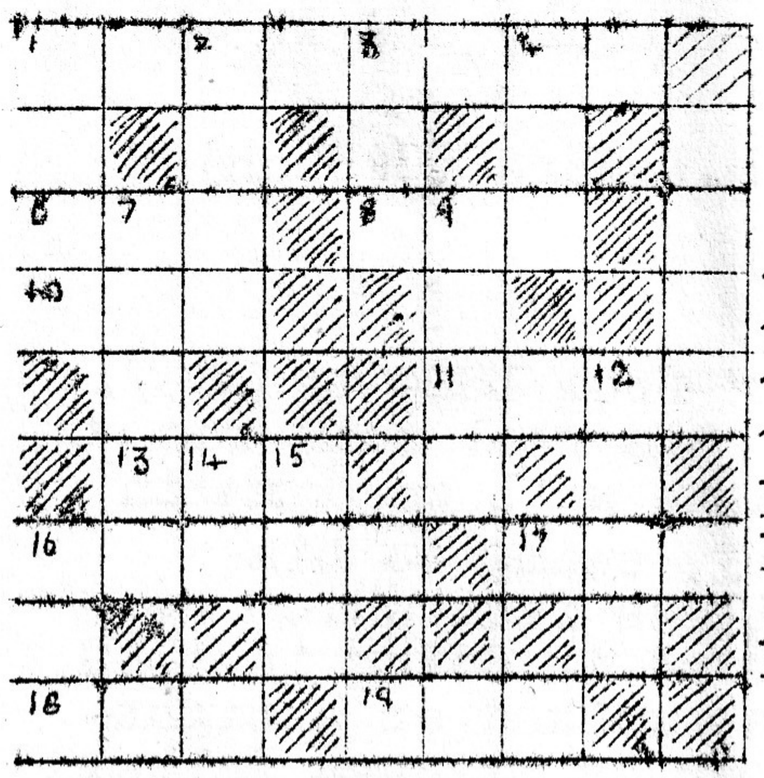
Blondin doed at seventy-three, at Ealing.



Blondin on his Tightrope

K.Phillips (Cromwell).

A CROSSWORD



Clues Across:

1. The most terrible river in America.
6. The second name of a French heroine.
8. When someone keeps talking.
10. First name of film star (man).
11. What an elephant has.
13. What makes an oven work.
16. It has no legs.
17. Where you stop on hiliday.
18. An everyday word to answer a question.
19. What you wear on your head.

Clues Down:

1. What you find in a mine.
2. You wear it in your shoe.
3. What you do in the sports.
4. Man's best friend.
5. What a donkey does.
7. When the king is on the throne.
9. You find them on the ground.
12. It is in the scullery.
14. On the front of a motor car.
15. You find it in the air.
16. What do you call someone who tells the opposite side your plans ?

3.6.59

R.Clarke (Morley)

On Time

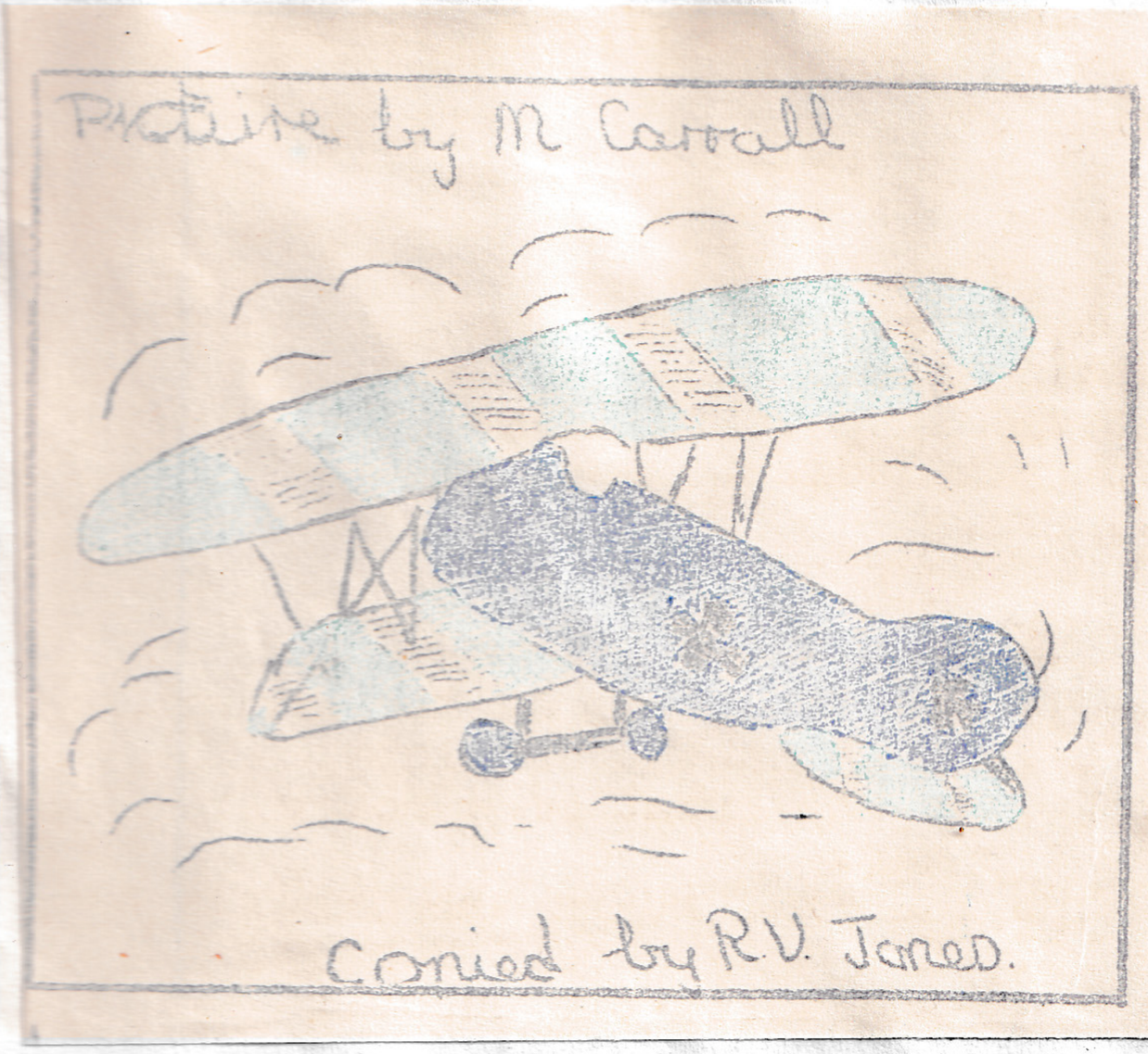
It's half past eight,
Oh, I'll be late,
School begins at nine.
Where's my cap ? Where's my gloves ?
Will I be there on time ?

3.6.59.

R.V.Jones (Gibbon)

Albatros D.V. 5.

This plane, which came into use in 1917 met the same success as the earlier model. Its performance was very good. It often tried to go into a dive, but couldn't because it would crash. So in the war our planes used to dive down to escape the German planes.



Despite the large number built, in August 1917 it was replaced by the Fokker Triplane.

Wing span: 29 ft. 7 ins.
Length: 24 ft.

Speed: 138 m.p.h.

The Albatros D.V.5.

M.Carroll
(Cromwell)

9.5.59.

Are animals in Rockets being treated Cruelly ?

I think that animals in rickets are being treated cruelly, and so do a lot of other people. When you read in a paper that a dog has been sent up in a rocket, that is the last time he'll see the earth again.

To be put inside a Sputnik isn't very nice for animals. And the scientists know that the animals won't come back alive. Sometimes the animals are fortunate to come back to earth. But others arn't so lucky.

So I think that a leader should be picked, and sent to the War Ministry to ask them if they can stop sending animals up into space. A few weeks ago the Americans said theywere going to send a man into space. He won't ever see Earth again.

25.5.59. R.Knight (Morley)

Man-like Creatures

The most popular monkey is the Chimpanzee, which is a relation of the Gorilla. The Chimpanzee is like human beings in its being able to reason, and its love of fun. In most zoos there is nearly always a chimpanzee's tea-party, and they try to be like humans at table.

They say that the gorilla is the nearest relative to humans, although it is a peace-loving animal (despite its strength).

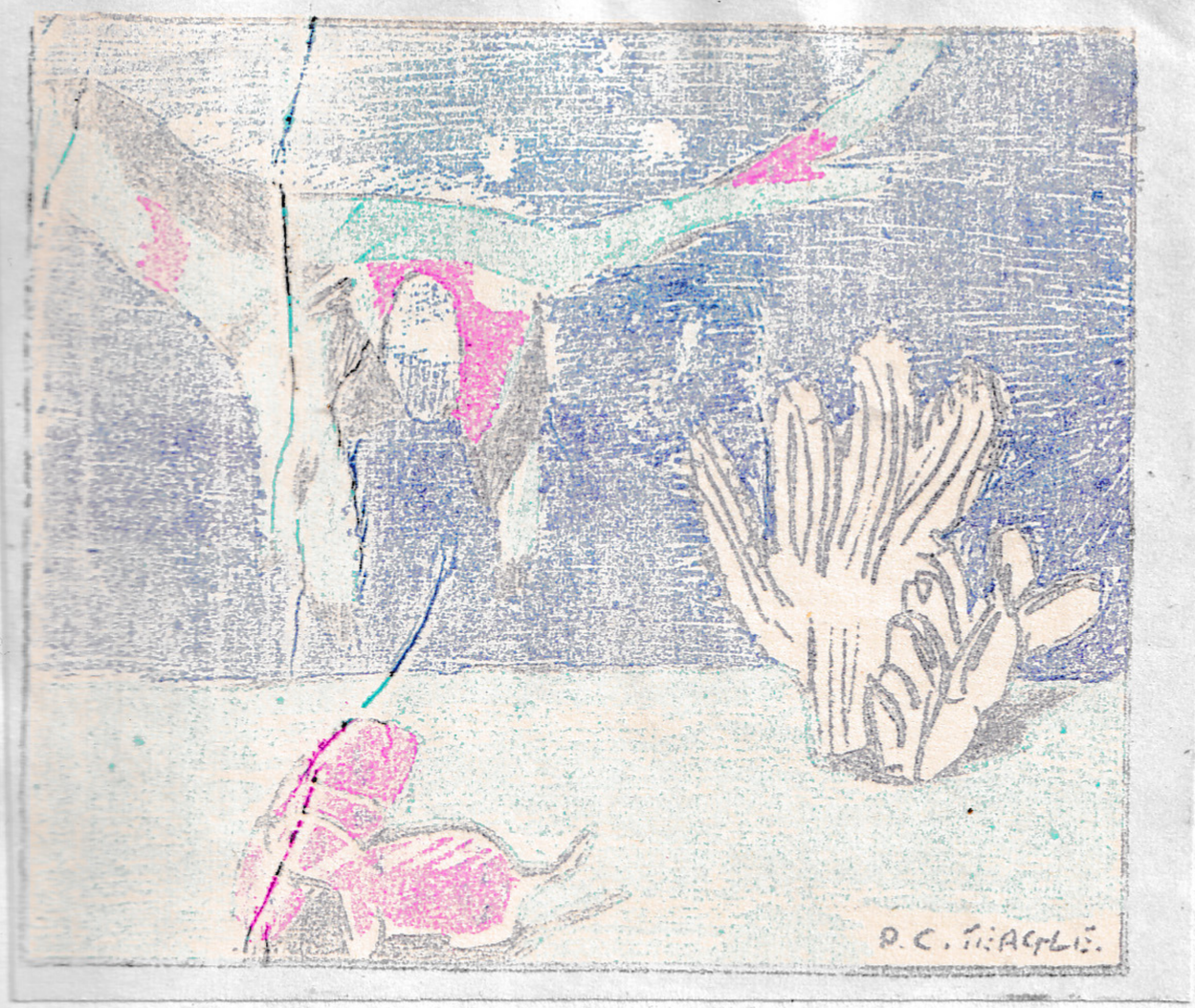
Another man-like creature is the Gibbon. It is found in Asia, and is the smallest of the man-like apes. These animals can move very rapidly on the ground. The spider monkey is sometimes mistaken for the Gibbon when it is on the ground, but the spider monkey has a tail, and it is easy to see which is which when they are up in trees.

The Babboons are the largest and strongest of the monkey family. If a baby baboon wants to go on a travel with its mother, it clinches under its parent's body. Babooms travel in large groups, and they prefer open country. There are just over twenty species of baboons in Africa.

25.5.59. M.R. Colbourne (Pitt)

The Attack of the Prairie Falcon

All over the prairie small furry heads appear in the grass, and bright eyes peer nervously about. Prairie dogs must always be careful, for their enemies come from all sides - from underground, along the surface, or even from the blue sky above.



The Falcon Swoops

For down from the sky, fast as light, may drop the deadly prairie falcon. With its claws and hooked beak, it comes to rip the soft flesh of the prairie dog's back.

The Falcon is a swift hunter, and is related to the hawk. He can strike almost before his presence is known. But he knows that the Prairie Dogs have an alarm system, so he often comes in low, at grass top level, sneaking up for his first kill. His first blow stuns his prey. Then in mid-air again he brakes, circles swiftly, and drops on the dazed victim, his claws ready to snatch the victim off to his nest.

3.6.59. P.C.Teagle (Cromwell)

COME TO THE FETE

What effect does Television have on Children ?

Does Television have a good or a bad effect on children ? Should children stay up until late hours at night watching television, or should they go to bed early ? Do children get any education out of television ?

These are the questions that a lot of parents are asking themselves. Does television give children bad nerves, or does it change their thoughts ? If television does make children scared in watching plays or films, I reckon parents should do something. The parents say there's not much they can do about it, but the trouble is they will not put themselves out.

In some ways I agree with the parents. They can't send their children to bed everytime there's a play on which they do not tink is suitable, because the children might go against their parents. I reckon plays or films should not be on until late, except for a few which are not very scaring.

But I reckon parents should do something about all this, and be ready to put themselves out.

9.5.59. J.Fisher (Gibbon)

A Minute or So

When dinner time comes,
And Baby is cross,
How happy is mother to know
That a tin of Baked Beans
Amd Tomato Sauce
Are prepared in a minute or so !

3.6.59. R.V.Jones (Gibbon)

Dogs

The Pekingese is a great favourite among the toy breeds of this country. It was first introduced in 1860, when three men brought five of them from Peking just after the war. One, which was given to Queen Victoria, was called Sooty. The dog's weight is about 10lb. His colour is black, cream, fawn and white. The Pekingese has a long straight coat, with his tail curled.



The Italian Greyhound is very much like a small whippet in its smooth skin and marking. In Tudor times he was not popular, but he is now. In appearance he has a short coat, long tail, large eyes, and fawn, blue and slate are his colours. He is about ten inches tall, and weighs about six to eight pounds.

The Italian Greyhound

25.5.59. P.Morrison (Gibbon)

Deep Sea Divers

In the job of the deep sea diver cold, darkness and water pressure are only some of the hazards which he has to face. When he goes down, the men in the boat slowly pump air to him. Whenever he goes down 10 feet, 4½ lbs. sq. in. of pressure is forced on his body. Therefore his diving suit is made of alluminium alloy, and weighs about half a ton. All the joints are flexible to make work easy for him underwater.

His job varies from surveying under water for bridges, or salvaging old wrecks of ships. Half of a mile is one of the deepest dives ever made, and it was done by an American scientist, Dr. William Beebe, in 1934.

17.6.59. C.Davies (Cromwell)

Bees

What is that which moves the summer air
With peaceful murmering among the flowers ?
And I'm alone this lazy afternoon,
To watch the ancient sundial count the hours.

There's nothing like the murmer of the bees
While other life is sleeping in the heat,
And fields stretch out like a patchwork quilt
To where the sky and meadows meet.

25.5.59. J.Yeomans (Cromwell)

Solution to Crossword

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