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WORLD AT YOUR ELBOW

Paris.

One must hand it to the French for taking a realistic viewpoint. Believing (like the rest of us) that the postwar world is upside down, a Parisian takes steps to see it right way up. The sense of his approach to ice cream is obvious. Since it travels upwards to the stomach at only half the speed at which it makes the downward journey, enjoyment of the cornet's flavour is more than doubled.

The beauty of the Eiffel Tower is also heightened when observed from this original position. As explained to spectators, the upside-down man never gets a crick in his neck through tipping his head too far back.

His friends don't find his posture unaccommodating. On the contrary, his feet are never in the way... and he's never known to spill his victuals on his waistcoat. Why not try his system next time you dine at the Savoy?

Brest.

Turning to the serious side of French affairs, her Fleet stages its first Naval Review since the war. In the Harbour of Brest a formidable fighting force is reviewed by the President of the Republic, M. Auriol, and Vice Admiral Lammurier, France's First Sea Lord.

Among the vessels in the harbour, are several which saw the conquered period of naval history under the Vichy Government. The future of the Fleet may be an interesting one, for it has been placed at the disposal of United Nations.

Florida.

Under review in Florida is the fish population of Marineland Aquarium. Now there's every reason for the census, as three sticklebacks have been reported missing. Counting the fish is fairly simple so long as the whole catch keeps swimming in the same direction.

The only difficulty lies in identifying the fish. Anyway is a turtle a fish? Maybe you can answer that one... but can you guess what kind of waterproof chalk the diver is using?

The turtle returns to see if he has been chalked up on the Beard as Rock Turtle. The census continues... and the count is sixteen thousand... four hundred and twenty one, no sorry... 22.

FISH STORY

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X Here's a job that promises steady employment- census taker at Florida's Marineland. The fish are a bit shy about answering personal questions - and the sharks sometimes get nasty - so you've just got to count them one by one. Careful, Algernon, you've already marked up that fellow the first time around. It's against the rules to count any of them twice.

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X There must be some catfish around here someplace! Be sure you get them down.

X What's the population?
~~How many fish are there?~~ Twenty-nine thousand, six hundred and fifty-four. Oh, oh, this turtle wasn't counted. Twenty-nine thousand, six hundred and fifty-five. ~~And there's a new guppy.~~
We've got another job for you, Algernon - out in the Atlantic.