

in swamp waters. Together they ruminated in hippopotamusing silence, until one turned slowly toward the other and said with a pachydermic sigh: « Can't think why I keep thinking its Thursday.»

Some laughter greeted the story, but after a pause one lady guest inquired in a vaguely puzzled voice: « And what day was it? »



A Collection of Collectives

IT might be said that all the world's a collection made up of all kinds of individual collections and collectors.

There are such civil (more usually uncivil) collectors as debt collectors, tax collectors, garbage collectors, and charity collectors—to mention but a few. And there is a similar collection of collections such as church collections, stamp collections, curio collections, and (more curious still) collections of people.

A collector of collections for CUE found that in making his collection he used a varied collection of collectives. Everyone has heard of a gaggle of geese, a shoal of herrings and a school of porpoises, but how many have heard of the collectives collected by this collector?

Starting with the army, the collector (he's now APR) became mixed up with headquarters and discovered these:

- a negative of quartermasters*
- a giggle of typists*
- an argue of adjutants*
- a titter of telephonists*
- an injection of M.O.'s*
- a drill of dentists*

Still thinking in terms of the army, he became entangled with

- a jazz of jeeps*

- a hadit of soldiers*
- a surplice of padres*
- a Shaef of war correspondents*
- a thistledown of paratroops*
- a frustration of pin-ups*
- a thankqueue of Tuis*

and he could not resist:

- a smirk of signorinas*
- a shufti of Wogs*

Then his thoughts wandered homewards and he pondered on:

- a bleach of blondes*
- a pot of landlords*
- a bacchanalia of barmaids*

which somehow produced:

- an echelon of elephants*
- a slither of snakes*

But he had other recollections, too:

- a flight of bookmakers*
- a gurgle of crooners*
- a gargle of chemists*
- a goggle of girls*
- a heard of rumours*

He says a collection of collectives can produce quite amusing results. Fortify yourself with a vestful of vinos and try it some time.

