THE DAILY MAIL, FREDERICTON.

Not all Dyak men are equally cap-

The tree selected depend's on the

War Skiffs From Single Log

doubtable ironwood is used. Aside

man in any Dyak kampong.

DYAK WOMEN ARE VERY CLEVER **DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEIR TOOLS ARE RATHER CRUDE**

ducts manufactured.

uses are so extensive and various. plaiting there would be no sleeping in every tribe, some men who are ex-Mats of many kinds are also required mats, no seat mats, no sireh boxes, no pert canoe builders, and to them is Myriad are the soulful verses -sleeping mats, dining mats, as well baskets, no braided rotan for cords delegated this work. The successful I've indited to coy June. as those on which to dry the padi rice, and ropes, and no thread for use in boat builder is a most honored crafts. Patron month of cops and nurses and the triangular, tent-shaped affairs dressmaking. that serve as umbrellas, writes William O. Krohn, in "In Borneo Jungles.'

The heavier platting is mostly done almost any size strands of cane. Fin- with much labor and great patience. but it must be of firm wood, since for er and softer work is made from pan- Suitable clay is found only at very daily use it dare not be easily put out August-lit by plenilune. danus leaves, especially where light- few places along the Mahakam River. of commission, thereby causing great ness of weight is a desideratum.

made from the leaves of the fan palm, it is carefully sifted. It is then dam-with staunch bottoms for encounter- Say that it's far best, or I'll which is as flexible and light as the pened and thoroughly mixed and ing the rapids and the rocky river Bash you head against a tree finest raffia. Sleeping mats that are kneaded with rice chaff, which is add-beds, whirlpools and waterfails. to be carried on a trip, as well as um- ed to increase its cohesiveness, just as brellas, are made from the fan palm hair was formerly used by us in mixmaterial, for the reason that when ing plastering for the interior walls For the majority of boats the reso made they are very light to carry of houses.

Women Use Crude Tools

the rotan is done exclusively by the fashioned into pottery shapes over consideration. strands, so that a new one may be homemade pottery serves well as i. e., a single log. the punch.

Another important industry among It has been said that if you take boat they are practically helpless. the Dyaks is their basketry and mat- away bamboo and ironwood you take tivity is there greater variety of pro- as truthfully be said that if you take from which to make a cance. Nor do must be dragged over land in order as a good stand of runners has been But, travel where he may, he can't away rotan you take more than half all the men of the tribe possess the Baskets of many sizes, shapes, the articles that are indispensable to same proficiency in fashioning a boat kinds and texture are made, for their a Dyak's existence. Without rotan after the log is selected. There are

Pottery of Fine Design

It is first thoroughly dried, then pow- inconvenience. Boats for long jour- Quick I am in fierce denial The finest softest specimens are dered on the rice block, after which neys, must be longer, very sturdy June bows to no rivalry

and can be rolled into small compass. The next step is the rolling of this from its natural durability, ironwood mixture into sheets like dough for is impervious to insects and other or-

pie crust or from which to cut bis- ganisms that feed upon wood. In a The collection and preparation of cuits. These sheets are formed and warm climate this is an important

men, but the making of mats, hats, round stones and placed in the hot For daily use the boats are from and baskets is done by the women. sun to dry and bake. They are glazed 25 to 30 feet long and 25 to 30 inches This rotan cane work and mat-making by dusting powdered rosin over the wide, while the great war boats are requires two crudely made tools- entire surface, after which they are from 65 to 85 feet in length and are a punch for spreading the woven placed in a crude charcoal oven. This also hewn out of one piece of timber

inserted, and a hook for pulling the cooking utensils, but if allowed to It can be readily seen that the manstrands through the openings made by stand too long in water they fall apart ufacture of a boat, especially one of the larger ones, is too great an under- daughter." and crumble.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18, 1928

Every Family Has Boat taking for one man. After selecting **FERTILIZER** the tree from which it is to be made industry among the Dyaks. Next to and cutting the straight tree trunk to their concern for food and shelter and the required length it must be taken clothing, the construction of boats re- to the water's edge.

quires a large part of the time and It is, therefore, necessary that the productive labor of these jungle peo- man who essays to contract a boat ple. Every family desires to have at have the help of others among his friends and relatives. The number releast one boat of its own. Without a quired to assist depends on the size of the contemplated craft, and other cir-! making. In no line of the Dyak ac- away the Dyak's home. It can just able of selecting a suitable tree trunk cumstances such as the distance it by an application of fertilizer as soon Omsk, Cork or Barcelona,

VOLATILE

Roses, love and languid moon.

typ of canoe desired. For plying be- Those there are who utter praises Pottery of good design and practical tween the rice fields and the home, For months other than Queen June

is.

Sun

Yet (the fact may sound ironic) When its last days have flown by, That I chant in tones larconic "June is dead, long live July!"

She-Me? No not at all; guite

There goes that old rascal who tilizer in proportion. did me out of \$50,000.' "How did he do it?"

APPLICATION **FOR BERRIES**

(Experimental Farm Note)

August until well into October the newlyfor med strawberry plants are laying down their fruit buds for next season's crop. From September 1 to 15 appears to be the most active period of fruit formation for Eastern Canada and field trials have given us our greatest results at this time when fertilizers have been used. An application of fertilizer, made to the plantation about September 1, will be amply with rotan, which can be split into utility is made by the Dyak women only a small, light boat is required, May-when grass as green as baize repaid in increased production next season. As research work at Ottawa is demonstrating the value of proportions between the mineral ele ments of teh soil and nitrogen, it would appear advisable to use a complete fertilizer rather than nitrogen alone, unless it is known for certain that the soil is well stocked with the mineral elements. Such a complete fertilizer may consist of the following: 200 pounds nitrate of soda, or its equivalent in some other equally -VITO CARACAPPA in New York suitable nitrogenous fertilizer, 100 pounds acid phosphate and 50 pounds nuriate of potash. The above propor-He-You always have to be of a tions appears to meet the needs of the strawberry plant satisfactorily and on soils of good tilth could substitute an acre application. On poorer soil's simply increase the quantity of each fer-

> This may be applied by broadcasted over the plants, providing that "He refused to let me marry his immediately after applying a heavy canvas or some other material is

dragged over the foliage to dislodge any fertilizer that may have adhered to it. If this is done the amount of foliage injury is practically negligi-

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