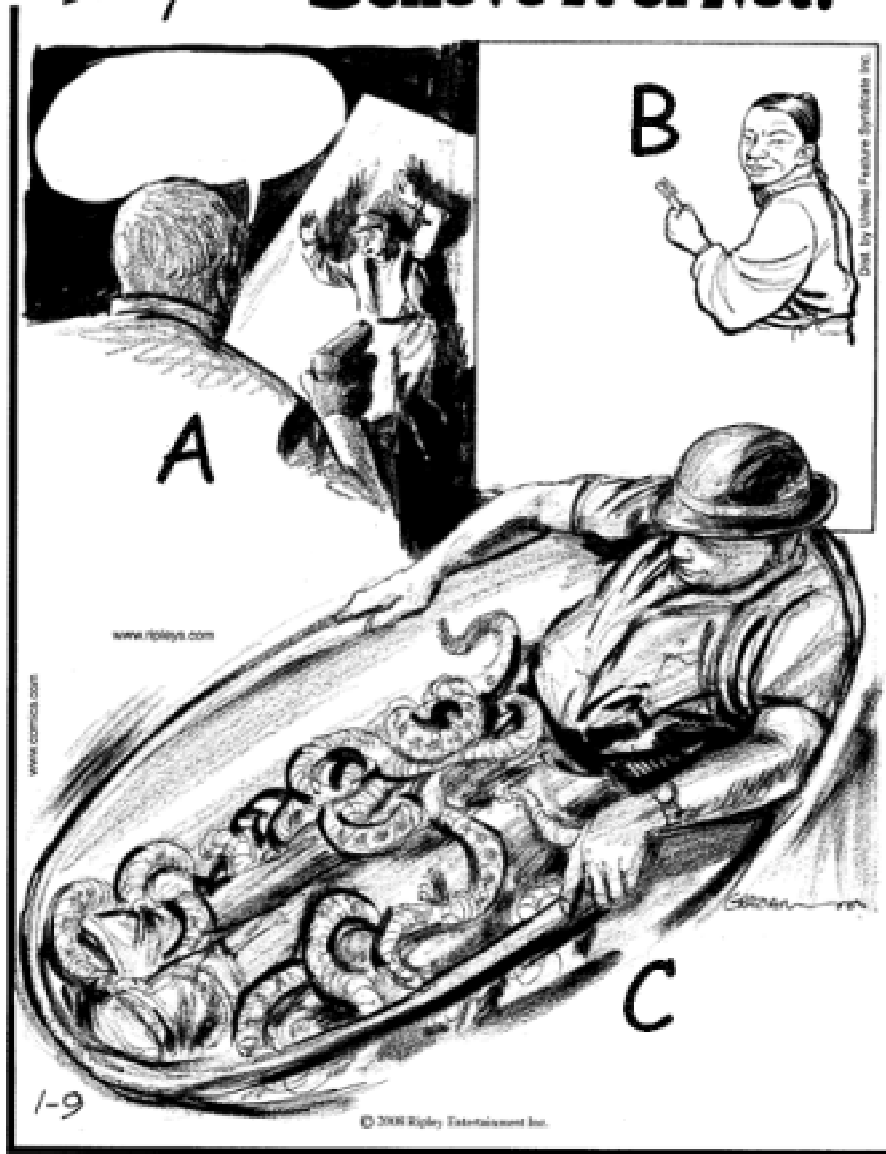


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< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ "Now - clean up the mess you made!" Adrian McKinnon of Montgomery, Ala., caught a burglar robbing his home on Oct. 16, 2007, and forced him to clean up the mess he had made - at gunpoint!
- (2) _____ On Nov. 5, 2007, Jack Bibby of Texas sat for 45 minutes in a tub filled with 87 venomous rattlesnakes!
- (3) _____ "The toothbrush" Earliest known forms have been around since 3000 B.C., but the bristle toothbrush, similar to what we use today, was invented in China in 1498. Hog's neck hairs were used. The use of Nylon bristles started in 1938!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) What did the burglar do after he was caught robbing Adrian's home?
- (5) How long did Jack sit in a tub filled with rattlesnakes?
- (6) When did people start to use Nylon bristle toothbrushes?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) A (2) C (3) B
- (4) He cleaned up the mess he had made.
- (5) He sat there for 45 minutes.
- (6) They started to use them in 1938.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

"Now - clean up the mess you made!"
 「さあ、散らかしたものを片付けるんだ！」

Adrian McKinnon (人名)
 Montgomery, Ala. (地名)
 caught ... ~ing 「...が~しているのを目撃した」
 a burglar 「泥棒」
 robbing his home 「彼 (Adrian) の家で盗みを働いている」
 on Oct. 16, 2007 「2007年10月16日に」
 and forced him to ~ 「そして、彼 (泥棒) に~させた」
 clean up the mess he had made
 「自分 (泥棒) が散らかしたものを片付ける」
 at gunpoint 「銃で脅して」

"The toothbrush" 「歯ブラシ」
 Earliest known forms 「知られうる最古の形態」
 have been around since 3000 B.C.
 「紀元前3千年以来のものである」

but 「しかし」
 the bristle toothbrush 「剛毛の歯ブラシ」
 similar to what we use today
 「今日私たちが使うものに似ているのだが」
 was invented in China 「中国 (国名) で発明された」
 in 1498 「1498年に」
 Hog's neck hairs 「ブタの首の回りの毛」
 were used 「用いられていた」
 The use of Nylon bristles 「ナイロン毛の使用」
 started in 1938 「1938年に使われ始めた」

On Nov. 5, 2007 「2007年11月5日に」
 Jack Bibby (人名)
 Texas 「テキサス州」 (地名)
 sat for 45 minutes 「45分間座っていた」
 in a tub filled with ~ 「~でいっぱい風呂桶の中に」
 87 venomous rattlesnakes 「猛毒のガラガラヘビ87匹」