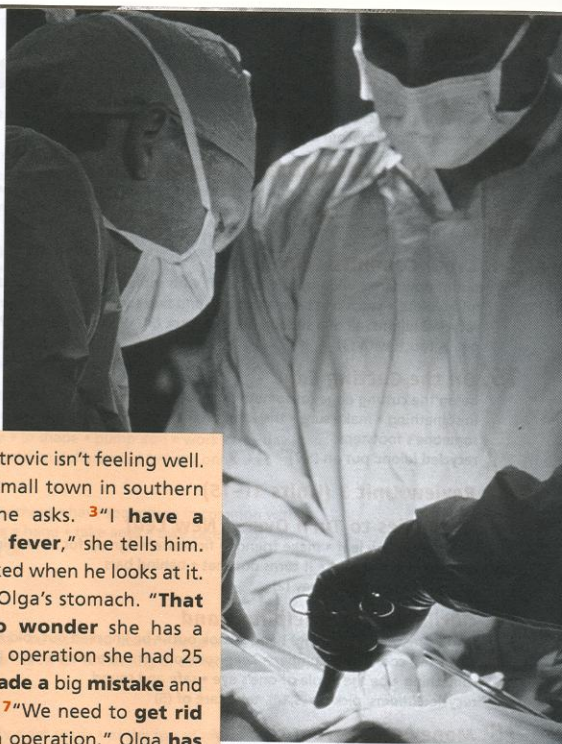


It's No Wonder!



1. Quick Reading

Look at the pictures on page 3.

What is the story about?

Now read quickly to get the main idea.

SARATOV, RUSSIA ¹One day, Olga Petrovic isn't feeling well. ²She goes to see the doctor in her small town in southern Russia. "**What's the matter?**" he asks. ³"I **have a stomachache.**" ⁴And I'm **running a fever,**" she tells him. ⁵The doctor takes an x-ray. He's shocked when he looks at it. There's a 12-inch piece of metal in Olga's stomach. "**That takes the cake!**" he thinks. "**No wonder** she has a stomachache!" ⁶Olga remembers an operation she had 25 years ago. Apparently, the surgeon **made a big mistake** and left a medical instrument inside her. ⁷"We need to **get rid of it,**" says the doctor. "You need an operation." Olga **has cold feet** and wants to **put it off.** But her doctor wants her to have the operation **right away.** ⁸Now the medical instrument is gone and Olga is recovering.

9. Fish Turns the Tables on Fishermen

Turn the tables on someone • be crazy about someone or something • be surprised

New idioms and expressions

(it's) no wonder	it's not surprising
What's the matter?	What's wrong?
have a stomachache	feel pain in one's stomach
run a fever	have a high body temperature
That takes the cake!	That's really strange!; That's the worst!
make a mistake	do something incorrectly
get rid of something*	remove something
have cold feet	be afraid to do something
put something off*	delay or postpone something
right away	immediately

Words in parentheses () can occur with the idiom, but don't have to.

*phrasal verb (see Lexicon, pp. 116–150 and Appendix D, pp. 112–115)