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New Business

Sam Jay has started a chicken hatchery in Robert Lee which will make it very handy for any one wanting chicks for any and all purpose. He will hatch high-class, selected chicks. Robert Lee could support a good big hatchery. Smiley, Texas, has a hatchery of about 320,000 capacity.

The State Fair of Texas with two new records during the past two years in attendance, each of which exceeded the million mark, has set its 1941 goal at 1,500,000 visitors, according to Harry L. Seay. Plans are being formulated for its greatest program.

Visiting In the Allen Home

Mrs. E. J. Clegg and children, Barbara Allen and Joey of Cataumet, Mass., have been visiting for three weeks her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Allen, and relatives Miles and San Angelo.

Mrs. L. D. Evans and boys, and Verdan Allen of Winslow, Arizona, have also been visiting in the Allen home.

Mrs. Clegg and children have gone to Arizona for a week's stay. She will be remembered as Miss Ruthelle Allen and Mrs. Evans, Miss Lucille Allen.

Verdon Allen is a brakeman on the Santa Fe railroad.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jameson and Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Dougherty of Altus, Okla., visited Sunday and Monday with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Service. On Monday Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Escue and Mr. Mrs. J. H. Escue, Mrs. Jack Cowley, Mrs. Roy Casey and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Service all met at the Service home for lunch and visited thruout the day.

Mrs. Harris, mother of Mrs. T. A. Richardson, came in Monday to visit her daughter and family for a few days.

Sergeant H. L. Lewis, of Camp Bowie, spent Sunday here with his parents. He was accompanied by Mrs. Lewis.

6000 onion plants \$15.00
3000 cabbage plants \$1.50
1000 strawberry plants \$1.50
Nice large full pack
W. W. Warren, Carrizo Springs, Texas.

Texas service stations and other oil distributing facilities represent a total of \$150,000,000 in this state.

For every \$100 paid the Texas oil worker, state and local tax-collectors collect an additional \$36 from his employer.

We are glad to report that Wayne Clift is able to walk again with the help of braces fitted to his needs in Ft. Worth where he has been for treatment. F. C. Clark took Wayne to Ft. Worth several days ago and went after him last Thursday. Wayne is at home in San Angelo.

Bridge Party

Mrs. F. C. Clark was hostess Tuesday afternoon of last week with a bridge party honoring her sister, Mrs. Rial Denman, who left Sunday to make her home in Texas City. The Valentine motif was used in all decorations.

Mrs. H. L. Scott won high score in the games. Gifts were presented the honoree. Those present were Mesdames J. S. Craddock, H. L. Scott, H. E. Smith, J. C. Snead, C. S. Brown, A. J. Bilbo, Paul Good, Marvin Simpson, Ray Stark, W. B. Clift; Delbert Vestal, Cortez Russell, T. A. Richardson, W. R. Denman, Miss Metta Russell, and Mrs. Paul Brown of San Angelo. Tea guests were Mrs. W. H. Bell, Mrs. A. F. Landers and Mrs. T. M. Wylie.

A Gentleman Is--

"A man that's clean inside and outside, who neither looks up to the rich nor down to the poor. Who can lose without squalling, win without bragging, and is considerate to women, children and old folks. Who is too brave to lie, too generous to cheat and too sensible to loaf. Who takes his share of the world's goods and lets others have theirs."

With \$30,000 offered in premiums for the 1941 National Hereford Show, the State Fair of Texas will offer its greatest premium list for what is expected to be the greatest livestock show ever held in this section.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson Jewel attended the District Bankers Convention in San Angelo Wednesday.

Miss Pauline White of San Antonio, a sister to Mrs. S. F. Malone, spent several days in Robert Lee, leaving here she went to Camp Bowie where she has a position as army nurse.

Observer Readers

New and renewals to the Observer the past few days are: John Gramling, Sweetwater; M. E. Trimble Bronte; J. C. Cobb, Artel Roberts, Henry Radde, Sterling City; J. I. Murtshaw, H. C. Allen, O. E. Gerron, Odessa; Bob Patterson, Jim McCutchen, Claud Carter, Farlingen; Henry Wyatt, Clayton Carraway, Blackwell.

Ask the fellow that likes good coffee where he gets it. Rattiff has it.

FOR SALE

Bundle feed, Cane and maize. See Dr. Griffith.

The M System Store celebrates their 4th anniversary this week. During their four years in Robert Lee this firm has had a wonderful business. They are ever on the alert to serve the public with prices and quality goods.

A Commendable Deed

The neighbors and friends of John Mitchell gathered at his home Tuesday with tractors and plows and prepared his land for spring planting. Mrs. Mitchell has been sick for some time and he had not had the opportunity to work in his field. The ladies came and brought the good things to eat, and in all they had a grand feast.

O. E. Gerron, county attorney of Ector county, and a former resident of this county, was here on business and meeting old friends Tuesday. He had his date set ahead on the Observer while here.

More money is invested in the petroleum industry than any other American industry except railroad transportation.

Alilenian On Honor Roll

Mrs. Elgene Jones, a student at Draughton's Business College, was on the honor roll of the college for the past term.

Mrs. Jones' friends and relatives who are subscribers to the Abilene Times will be interested in this news item.

Mrs. Jones is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wyatt. Mr. Jones, a Staff Sergeant in 1st Battalion Headquarters Battery, is stationed at Camp Bowie. -- Abilene Times.

NOTICE

Feb. 19 will have a few baby chicks, rds, barred rocks and buff orpingtons.

Place orders now for future delivery.

JAY HATCHERY.

Wiley Escue of Mineral Wells and Mrs. Hattie Day of Robert Lee were married at Mineral Wells recently. They will make their home in Robert Lee.

Mrs. W. J. Cumbie, Mrs. H. L. Scott, Mrs. G. C. Allen and Billie spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Roach at McLean, Texas.

Judge and Mrs. Bell visited Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lowry at Ballinger Sunday, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Turner of Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Clift carried Mrs. Allen Davis and Patty to their home at Taft Sunday.

Miss Sybil Simpson of Monahan visited homefolks in Robert Lee Sunday.

Rial Denman came in the week end and moved his family to Texas City, where he has work.

For Sale

Four Horses and one Mule See Marvin Jones at Dr. F. K. Turney's ranch. Robert Lee, Texas.

Your news items sent in are very much appreciated. Thanks.

J. H. Hurley

J. H. Hurley, an old time citizen of Robert Lee, died Tuesday night and was buried Wednesday in Robert Lee cemetery. We were unable to get all the information we desired for this week's issue and it will appear in next week's issue.

Card of Thanks

Dear friends, if we only had words to express to you our deep appreciation and gratitude for your sympathy and constant helpful care during the long illness and death of our precious father. How unworthy we feel of the many, many acts of kindness you have shown us.

May our Heavenly Father's richest blessings be yours is our prayer.

Lena Hurley
Myrtle Hurley
Ada Hurley
Pearl Hurley
Elbert Hurley and family
Charley Hurley, daughter.

Senate Okays Metcalfe's Proposal

Austin, Feb. 18 -- The Senate State Affairs Committee today favorably reported a bill by Senator Penrose Metcalfe of San Angelo extending three years from Jan. 1, 1945, the time in which the Upper Colorado River Authority may comply with requirements for obtaining federal and state financial assistance.

Census Bureau Tells Where Texans Live

More than a third of the population of Texas is in its 102 cities and towns of more than 5,000 population, the Census Bureau announced Saturday. Total population of Texas is 6,414,824, of whom 2,571,185 live in the towns and cities of more than 5,000 population. Approximately half of these are in the so called "big four" cities, Houston, Dallas, San Antonio and Fort Worth.

Breaking the figures down further, the Census Bureau said that 2,911,389 Texans reside in places of more than 2,500 population and that this constitutes the urban population of Texas. Its rural population is 3,503,435.

Twenty towns in Texas reached the 5,000 mark between 1930 and 1940. They were: Alamo Heights, Arice, Brady Bay City, Cameron, Colorado City, Cuero, Edinburg, Graham, Henderson, Kilgore, Lockhart, Odessa, Robstown, Rusk, Texas City, Weatherford, Weslaco and West University Place.

Texas oil workers each year buy \$60,000,000 worth of farm and livestock products supplied by Texas farmers and ranchers.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gramling of Sweetwater spent Sunday here with homefolks.

The war is on here. Everybody's fighting Rattiff's good coffee and hamburgers.

ALAMO THEATRE

"THE BEST IN SCREEN ENTERTAINMENT"

ROBERT LEE TEXAS

Friday, Saturday and Sunday Matinee

Feb. 21, 2 and 3

Wallace Beery-Ann Rutherford Leo Carrillo IN

"WYOMING"

WITH

Joseph Calleia-Paul Kelly

Also Comedy and Latest News

Wednesday only Money Nite Feb 26

Leon Errol-Lupe Valez-Donald Woods IN

"Mexican Spitfire Out West"

SNOW EAGLES

TEXAS THEATRE

BRONTE TEXAS

Friday and Saturday Feb. 21-22

Micky Rooney Lewis Stone-Judy Garland IN

"Andy Hardy Meets Debutante"

Also Comedy and News

Tuesday Only Money Nite Feb. 52

George Murphey-Brenda Joyce-Ralph Bellamy IN

"Public Deb No. 1"

ALSO CARTOON

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS

By Edward C. Wayne

Churchill Asks U. S. for 'Tools, Not Men,' To Aid Britain in Defeating Dictators; Lease-Lend Measure Passed by House; England-Rumania Split Diplomatic Ties

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)
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**WANTED:
Tools—Not Men**

Great Britain can "finish the job" (of defeating the dictators) if the United States will maintain a supply of the necessary "tools," said Winston Churchill, British prime minister, in a world-wide radio broadcast. He expressed the opinion that American troops would not be needed to insure a victory over the Axis powers.

"But we do need most urgently an immense and continuous supply of war materials . . . and we need to bring them here," continued the British statesman. Then he warned of Hitler's effort to prey upon shipping and coupled this with another warning that the long-predicted German invasion of the British isles might be near.

He spoke of the war soon entering "upon a phase of greater violence," and stressed the possibility of a Nazi thrust in the Balkans.

The British victories in Africa and the shelling of the Italian port of Genoa by the British fleet came in for their share of praise in the prime minister's remarks.

RUMANIAN:

Break

Day after Churchill's address came word from Bucharest that the British minister there had informed Rumanian Premier Ion Antonescu that Great Britain was breaking diplomatic relations with that country. Britain has been threatening to do this ever since last fall, when Rumania allowed hundreds of thousands of German troops to enter the country. This is usually the last step before an outright declaration of war.

LEND:

Spend and Spend

The rhyming trio of words describing the British Aid bill, lend, spend, send, reached their first climax when the house passed the measure with a majority of 95 votes and after several amendments, most of them with administration approval, had been placed in the measure.

There was, after all, little curtailment of the President's "all-out" powers in the final form of the measure as the house passed it.

A ceiling of \$1,300,000,000 was placed above the bill, but it was made plain that if this is not enough, all congress need do is raise the ceiling.

The time limit placed on the bill ostensibly was two years, but as a matter of fact, it carried on to 1946, through a provision that contracts made on or before July, 1943, could be carried on, but not after July, 1946.

The President is ordered to keep records of what is lent, spent and



Alf Landon, 1936 G. O. P. Presidential nominee, is pictured as he told members of the Senate Foreign Relations committee they should do nothing that would "trick" this nation into war. In general his testimony favored aid to Britain, but opposed the present Lease-Lend bill.

sent in the way of aid to warring democracies, particularly, Britain, and must report each 90 days, but there is a special provision that the President may withhold details provided he thinks it in the best public interest to do so.

The Gallup poll found 54 per cent of the people in favor of the bill, 15 per cent in favor with reservations largely covered by the amendments, 22 per cent only, positively against it.

In general, the bill went to the senate little changed from its original ideas but with certain safeguards which the congress felt public clamor demanded. That these safeguards did not hamstring the measure seemed quite positive.

SENATE:

Warming Up

Many were the signs that the eventual action in the senate will be far more exciting than the brief passage-at-arms which took place in the lower house.

Just as Lindbergh had been the chief anti-administration testifier before the house committee, so he was before the senate foreign relations group.

Yet his statement before the latter seemed much better prepared, much more restrained, better thought out than his previous two expositions of his premise that "Britain can't win, therefore America shouldn't stick her neck out."

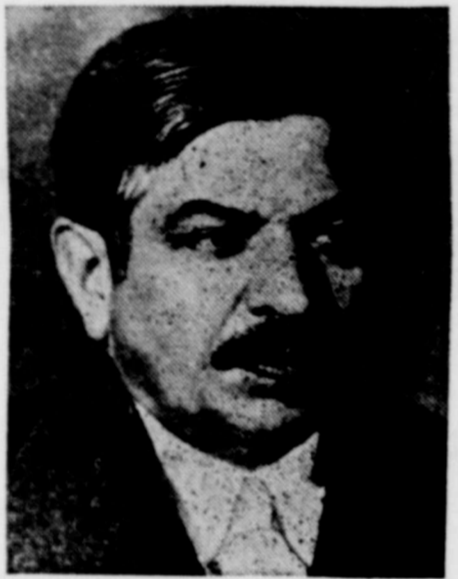
There was little doubt in administration circles that the bill would pass senate as well as house, and create in this nation a huge arsenal for Britain. But indications were that there would be a bitter fight before all was over.

FRANCE:

At Crossroads

Most sensational crisis of recent months confronted France, with Laval the big issue.

The crisis was brought to a head when Germany, after Laval's ouster from the Petain Vichy regime, de-



PIERRE LAVAL
"The Big Issue."

manded his return to power as a price for continued German-French collaboration.

What the German ultimatum was had not been published, but it obviously included a virtual abdication of Petain from power, with Laval to be given practically dictatorial powers, with Petain in a puppet position of authority.

To this Petain evidently had countered with a proposition which retained him as chief of state, with Laval in charge of domestic problems and Admiral Darlan in charge of the French navy and foreign affairs.

The issue, at least to most observers, was a renewal of Germany's anxiety to get hold of two things—the French fleet, and a base for naval and air operations in Africa from which to bolster Mussolini's beaten legions.

Darlan and Petain took a firm stand that neither of these German objectives would be granted, not in answer to German demands, but in press statements and in messages to Admiral Leahy, American ambassador who had just arrived on the Vichy scene.

The issue became critical when Laval summarily refused to accept the posts offered him, flatly throwing down the gauntlet, and as Laval was ostensibly backed up to the full by the German reich, it became a simple question of whether French-German collaboration would end, and that Free France would be on the spot, or whether the fleet and the African base would be surrendered as a sad aftermath of unsuccessful war with Germany.

None knew what the outcome would be, but it seemed certain that if France agreed to surrender the fleet, or made a move to do so, it would be the signal for further outbreaks of British naval action against the war vessels of her erstwhile war partner.

What would happen should Petain stand firm, not even the wildest speculation could reveal.

Congress 'Ghost'



Margaret Russell, Pamphleteer, is shown in death's-head mask and black shroud as members of the House of Representatives saw her when she electrified the Lease-Lend bill hearing by suddenly appearing thus and screaming in the house gallery. Interviewed later, she said: "I wanted to dramatize for the women of this country that death will be the victor."

DEFENSE:

Program on Spot

The lend-lease bill fight served to place in bold relief public criticism of the progress of the general defense program. In some states cantonment construction at army camps was so far behind that National Guard regiments, called out for national service, were forced to start their year of training in their home cities, for lack of facilities to house them.

While senators and other witnesses in Washington were castigating the war department for the lack of proper defense equipment, William S. Knudsen and his defense construction staff were going ahead and publishing occasional figures showing what plane production was accomplishing.

In January, for instance, 296 war planes, many of them trainers, were built and delivered, and it was revealed that this was more than had been completed in a whole year of ordinary production.

Yet, as soon as such figures were released, they formed fodder for new attacks, as it was pointed out that most of this production was being sent to Britain.

There was no sign of a diminution of labor trouble, with strikes bursting forth or threatening as fast as the NLRB and other conciliation forces of the government got one quelled.

Latest to threaten was a strike of 750,000 workers on the nation's Class 1 railroads, who were preparing to vote on a demand by 14 brotherhood organizations for vacations with pay.

In the meantime, plant construction was speedily going ahead all over the country, a \$300,000,000 contract for merchant marine shipping was given out, and Knudsen reported that he saw signs of an extremely rapid increase in the output of planes in the near future.

ITALIAN:

Armies Whipped

A most definite and complete defeat had been handed to the Italian armies in Libya, completing one of the most dramatic phases of the European war and writing a strange page in modern history.

For only a few short months ago Winston Churchill had told the house of commons that they need not expect anything in Africa but a British delaying action. He said:

"Our forces there are outnumbered from five to ten to one. We must expect discouraging reports from all the African fronts."

Sure enough, the Italians moved ahead into Egypt, they threatened the Suez canal, the British fell back to Marsa Matruh, and all looked quite as black as Churchill had painted it.

Suddenly, for a never-to-be-explained reason, the Italian advances stopped, and were not resumed.

Just as suddenly General Wavell ordered a "test-tube" attack to try out the strength of Italy's position. An advance was started which still was sweeping all before it, with every important town in Cyrenaica captured, the armies of Graziani shattered and in full flight, and the British moving rapidly in on Tripoli.

Four hundred and fifty miles of Mediterranean coastline was in British hands, and if the Reich wanted to send aid to Italy, it would have to be through a French base—at least that was the conclusion drawn from the Franco-German crisis.

Washington Digest

Reciprocal Trade Plans Have Role in 'Next Peace'



Hull May Have Answer to Totalitarianism; British Farming Program Greatly Changed by War Demands.

By BAUKHAGE

National Farm and Home Hour Commentator.

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WASHINGTON.—There is a peace-machine in Washington, all oiled and ready to start the moment the last gun is silenced in Europe. From it may come a plan which the democracies can offer the world as an alternative to the totalitarian way of life.

This peace-machine is not new, but it has never been given a fair trial. Cordell Hull has the patent.

It may never be allowed to function, but it is a cheering thing, to know that it is there.

It is simply reciprocal trade agreement machinery which Secretary Hull is insisting shall be kept as nearly intact as possible, ready to be put into operation the moment the tanks are moved out of the way. For Mr. Hull believes firmly that out of all the uncertainties which surround this uncertain world, when the war is over one thing is going to happen: Either the system of free intercourse among nations is going to exist in the world, or the totalitarian system will dominate.

Changing Viewpoint.

More and more, people are coming to feel that there cannot be a world economically half-slave and half-free. Unless all nations can be united under a system of mutually profitable trade, totalitarian methods will be forced upon all nations and it is axiomatic that when a government begins to create artificial restraints in the field of business, gradually you will be forced to curtail political and social freedom, too.

The Nazis know their system is not the best system, though they don't admit it to the people. Germany's great economist, Hjalmar Schacht, admitted as much before the war. The system of free enterprise, he said, was the best system, but Germany, because of her "emergency" had to adopt its own system. He did not say that this emergency was created because Hitler, in order to carry out his theory of domination, had to spend the nation's wealth, its goods and its labor, on a huge unproductive armament industry. Of course, lack of free trade intercourse before Hitler's advent had helped to impoverish Germany.

Hull's Theory.

Secretary Hull believes that the roots of war grow in the soil of evil economic conditions, that war cannot be prevented unless nations indulge in mutually profitable trade.

He says that today, as he has always said it, although his reciprocal trade agreement program has been burned to ashes in the flames of war. But he is keeping his machinery oiled and is ready to start it again if he gets the chance. It may well be the foundation-stone of the peace to come, if his policies are permitted to dominate that peace.

The story of Mr. Hull's battle for his beliefs is a fascinating one. It was the result of a lifetime of study. Because of his knowledge of economics, which has astounded foreign statesmen with whom he has come in contact, he was chosen for the post he holds. His first effort and his first failure took place when the London economic conference, called shortly after he came into office, broke down. He took that defeat in his stride, eliminated from the government Raymond Moley who opposed him at the conference and packed his bag for South America. The result was the first reciprocal trade treaties with our southern sister nations. Slowly he built on until finally came the agreement with Great Britain, taking in a huge area of the English-speaking world. Then, just as he was winning supporters to his cause, war came and the structure was smashed. But it did not smash the faith of Cordell Hull, and it is on this faith that he is building the hope for a better world to come, a faith and a hope that is refreshing amidst the gloom of the pessimists who refuse to see any light beyond the battle clouds that today cloak all the far horizons.

British Farm Program Undergoes Changes

"Farming as usual" in Great Britain. We think of the British isles these days as one great fortress, a tangle of barbed wire, of trenches, tank-traps and pill-boxes. As a matter of fact, it is still a place where

there is seed-time and harvest, where fields are tilled and cattle are fed. For the farmer in those beleaguered islands, is as important as the soldier.

However, while I was informed by a man who has been in England since the war started that air-raids had not affected agriculture at all, there are some exceptions to be noted. And the war has to some degree changed the farmer's program.

In normal times the crowded islands depend largely on other lands for their food. Now the rich meat and dairy products of Scandinavia are cut off, there are not enough ships to spare from the war supply trade to permit much shipment of foodstuffs. But since wheat is vital, animals must give place to grain.

As a result, millions of acres of grassland in Britain are being turned into wheatfields. In normal times, live stock was the chief agricultural product, but, according to recent reports to the department of agriculture, Britain is fast becoming a wheat-growing nation. As the "Wiltshire farmer," whom I quoted recently in these columns, said, "farming goes on much as usual except that the harvests are heavier and the city youths are called in to help in the fields, replacing the men of military age who have been called to the colors. And meat is scarce."

Of course, air raids have affected the farmer little because the attacks are concentrated on cities and factories. Live-stock losses, according to a recent report to the foreign relations division of the department of agriculture, have been less than were expected. Sheep and cattle, because they have a tendency to herd, have been killed in greatest numbers. Horses and hogs, being greater individualists, have suffered least. Cattle in barns are safest. When an animal is killed by bombs, the farmer is compensated by the food ministry only in proportion as the carcass is valuable as food. There is no compensation for unedible casualties.

Canada's Wheat Problem.

Meanwhile inability to ship her wheat to the mother country is providing a serious problem for the Canadian farmer. By the time this reaches print, the Ottawa government may have provided an arrangement for paying farmers for storing surplus wheat such as we have in this country. Temporary storehouses are being used and church basements in some cases have been used. Government fees for storage may soon take the place of church suppers for raising funds, and already basements and church parlors are being converted into temporary granaries. The Canadian government is contemplating the erection of four 50,000,000-bushel terminals.

Under normal conditions, if the British used their grazing lands for wheat raising, it is said the islands could probably become self-sufficient as far as breadstuffs are concerned, and there is some talk of pursuing such a policy in Britain after the war. But no one can tell what policies any country will follow when the world has finally struggled back to peace. But for the British and Scotch farmer, the transition is not difficult for he has been accustomed to alternating plowed land and meadow in the past.

QUOTES...

Cheering Theory

A profitable agriculture invariably means prosperity in other industries.

—Elmer Sexauer, Brookings Institution.

Any Takers?

The coming session of congress is not only a crucial opportunity for the farm organization—it is a challenge.

—Representative Cannon of Missouri.

Don't Root

Men, keep your heads up, the hog is the only animal that always looks down.

—Judge Muse of Dallas.

They Know the Rules

The British may be tough business competitors if they win the war, but at least they shoot the same kind of crap we do. Hitler doesn't.

—Theodore Goldsmith, financial writer.



Hawk in the Wind

BY HELEN TOPPING MILLER

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CHAPTER XVI—Continued

"You're not going! There's the mill! I—despise you!" declared Lucy. "What a fool I've been—crying—over you—I never want to see you again. But—there's the mill. It has to go on. It has to go on. And we can't run without sulphides and magnesium and the right formulas. You're not going—because I'm going to lock you in!"

Daniels jumped too late. She had swung with the heavy door, crashed it shut, and he heard the heavy padlock he had himself put on, clack fast on the outside.

"You're not going, Stanley Daniels," she shrielled at him through the panels. "You can sit in there and make up your mind to that! You can make up your mind to—be a man! You're going to stay in there—till I get good and ready to let you out!"

He dragged at the door, beat unavailingly on the heavy panels. He swore at her.

"You crazy little fool!" he shouted. "You crazy devil!"

But she was gone. He kicked the panels in wrath, but the effort was wasted and he knew it.

Heavily he sank on the greasy stool, watched an upset bottle of acid trickle slowly to the floor.

Who would have thought that quiet, mousy little thing had so much fire in her? His anger relaxed a little. He had been sick, shaken and miserable with a mixture of shame and dread all night. Toward dawn he had decided that the only thing to do was to leave town.

But now his neck stiffened a little, his jaw set. So—she thought he was yellow, did she—the spunky little devil? He'd show her—he went to the door and gave it a resounding kick.

CHAPTER XVII

The lawyer who came at noon, with Wallace Withers, was a suave stranger.

He was, so he stated, from Baltimore. He represented the Messrs. Payne, Cragg, and Hooper.

"And Withers," added Virgie. "I do not represent Mr. Withers. I am not connected with the local enterprises of my clients, Mrs. Morgan. I am retained to prosecute a suit for damages for Mr. Cragg against your—superintendent, I believe—Mr. Thomas Pruitt."

"You didn't overlook anything, did you?" drawled Virgie.

"It is the function of an efficient attorney to overlook nothing. Very wisely, we think, Mr. Pruitt accepted our advice—which was to settle out of court. With more serious action pending it would be unfortunate for him to be involved also in civil matters, to which he could not give his attention. So he decided to make suitable settlement with my client, Mr. Cragg, and I have here—"

—he unfolded a paper—"an order upon you, Mrs. Morgan, to deliver to me fifty shares of stock in the Morgan mills—the property of Mr. Pruitt."

Virgie sprang up.

"It's a trick!" Virgie cried. "Tom wouldn't sign away his stock. He didn't know what he was signing. He told me so. You tricked him—a helpless old man—in prison!"

"I assure you, Mrs. Morgan, that every document was carefully read to Mr. Pruitt."

"What of it? He wouldn't understand. He was scared and numb—you can scare Tom to death with a legal paper. You tricked him! He would have killed all of you before he'd give up his stock in this mill!"

"I can believe that. Mr. Pruitt's mania for homicide must be embarrassing to you. But—we do not trick people, Mrs. Morgan. We find it unnecessary." The oily voice ran like horrid fingers over her. "So, if you will read this order, please? You will notice that you are directed by Mr. Pruitt, as the custodian of his stocks and property, to deliver to me fifty shares of Morgan mill stock, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars par value."

"I won't deliver it. I'll fight you through every court in this country first!"

"Of course, you understand that that attitude is quite futile. We can compel you to deliver the stock, Mrs.

Morgan. We can bring an officer here with a writ—"

"Bring a dozen officers—if you can find one who'll serve a writ against me!"

"You exaggerate your importance and your invulnerability, I fear. The stock will be taken to Mr. Pruitt for signature to transfer—"

"Transfer to whom?"

"Mr. Withers has contracted to purchase it, I understand."

"I thought so."

"Look here, Virgie, you're wasting your breath," Wallace put in. "This is all settled. You can't do a thing about it."

"I'll see about that."

"I reckon we'll have to fetch a constable." Wallace mustered pious patience with an obdurate woman. "She's hard-headed. Talk won't be any use. She keeps it in that safe—"

"How do you know where I keep it?" Virgie flashed at him. "I suppose you've got some more spies on my pay-roll? Your Mr. Daniels has done pretty well. I suppose you set those fires yourself?"

"You are being very unreasonable, Mrs. Morgan," soothed the lawyer. "We are being very lenient with Mr. Pruitt. My client has been permanently injured without justification or excuse—"

"You might as well hush," declared Withers patiently. "Come along and we'll fetch somebody she will listen to."

The door banged behind them. Virgie stood still in the middle of the room, still shaking with white rage.

"The thieves!" she muttered.

Tom's stock in the mill! Blood of his blood—a piece of his heart! A part of what David had built—the mill that Tom had loved, for which he had given his life! And Wallace Withers would own it. She knew Wallace. The camel's nostril would be inside the tent. In a year he would harass, torment, eventually destroy her—wrest from her control of the property. Poor Tom—to have wished to do so well for her—and in his blundering, misguided zeal, to have done so ill!

They would be back presently, with some country constable, who would turn red when she looked at him, but who would drag from an unsavory pocket a paper with the seal of a magistrate upon it, and compel her to open the safe.

A sudden thought came to her. Swiftly she bent and twisted the combination of the safe. The heavy door moved open slowly, and she flung it back and unlocked the inner compartment. Flat, taped bundles of paper slid into her hand. She sat on the floor, turning them over rapidly. All the papers on the Hazel Fork property—she knew those well, she had had them out the day before with Wills. Her own stock in the mill tied in an envelope—she counted the shares. All there. But—that was all!

Twice she turned over the entire contents of the compartment. Then in a panic flurry she pulled everything out—old ledgers, old bills, contracts, and leases. Papers that David had filed, papers she herself had put carefully away; tax receipts, deeds to timber lands, insurance policies, she unfolded each, shook it, opened and shook every book, searched frantically.

Tom's stock—and Marian's—was gone!

But—how—who—

No one but Lucy knew the combination. Lucy and Tom. And Tom was locked in jail.

She was still sitting there, shaking out papers, staring at the empty spaces in the safe when the door opened. She started, then saw that it was Marian who stood there.

"Mother! What has happened?" Marian exclaimed.

Virgie tied a tape with cold fingers. "We've been robbed," she said.

"A lawyer came—Wallace was with him. They tricked Tom into signing away his stock last night. They're coming back with an officer to make me give it up. And—it isn't here! It's gone. And your stock—the stock your father left for you—is gone, too!"

Marian closed the door, slid the bolt.

"Mother—get up—and sit down here. You're white as a sheet. You're shaking all over."

"I can't sit down. They'll be here any minute. They won't believe me. Some fool took it, I suppose—some of the sneaks who've been working for Wallace. It couldn't be Lucy—"

"Oh, no—not Lucy!"

"She knows enough to know that the stock's useless until it's signed over. But—nobody else knew the combination."

"Tom knew it. And—I know it."

"You?"

"Tom wrote it down for me. Mother—sit here and let me bring you some cold water. The stock isn't gone, Mother. It's safe. I took it."

Virgie sank limply into the old chair that had been David's.

"You took it?"

"I took it over to the court-house. To be registered. Tom signed it over to me—a week ago. It's mine. He couldn't give it to anyone else—because he has already signed it over to me. He was going to leave it to me—in his will. He told me so. And I saw the will. He left it here with Lucy that day—when he went up to Hazel Fork. Tom wanted me to have it. So—the last time I went to the jail, he was worrying about it. And—I wanted that stock, Mother—I'm ashamed to tell you why I wanted it. I wanted to control the mill. I wanted to make you fire Branford Wills—and now—I'm ashamed! But—the stock is safe. They can't touch it."

Virgie's hands fell limply. "Pick up that mess," she muttered, sagging back in her chair. "I give up."

"Here—drink this—"

"I'm all right. It's just—too much has been happening behind my back. Even you—"

"I told you I was ashamed. But anyway, we saved Tom's stock. Maybe we can beat them yet."

Virgie looked numbly at her child. David's child—with her finely cut profile, her dark eyes and resolute

mouth. Gallant and splendid—and indomitable. Like David.

"So—you own the mill!" she said.

"Are you angry, Mother?"

"I don't know. It was a shrewd thing to do. Your father would have thought of it. I—seem not to think of things—soon enough."

"You're wonderful, Mother. I don't want to run the mill. I couldn't. I'm not wise enough or strong enough."

"I seem not to be wise, either. Lock the safe, Baby—those men will be back."

"They're coming now. It looks like an army."

No one noticed Lucy, coming in at the back door, because so many people were entering by the front way.

Lucy's eyes were blazing and a little wild. Her chin had a dogged angle, and scarlet coins burned in her cheeks. She looked younger, lighter, aglow with a sort of fantastic triumph, almost defiant. She pulled out her chair, then waited as the odd procession filed in.

"Mr. Payne," the lawyer introduced the newcomers, "and Mr. Hooper. And this officer, I suppose, you know?"

The shambling constable, looking awkward and on fire with curiosity jerked at his hat and said, "Howdy, Mr. Morgan."

"Hello, Ed," greeted Virgie. "You travel in poor company."

"This here is somethin' I got to do," fumbled Ed. "I ain't so set on it—but you know how things is—"

"Go ahead," ordered Virgie, curtly.

Ed rummaged out his paper. Wallace Withers pulled out his heavy old watch and ran his thumb over the crystal, thudded it back again. Lucy's eyes were big and anxious. Only Marian stood calm, smiling a one-sided smile.

"I got an order here," began Ed, "for some stock—belongs to Tom Pruitt—"

"Go on and serve the paper," snapped Withers, "I got to get home. It's most time to milk."

"Don't bother, Ed," Virgie said, "I know what's in that paper. It

won't do you any good to read it to me. These gentlemen—and their attorney—are very astute. They know exactly what they are doing. You investigated the ownership of this stock, I suppose, gentlemen?"

"Certainly!" snapped the man Payne.

"You're just stalling, Virgie—and it won't do you a bit of good."

"I'm not trying to do myself any good, Wallace. I'm doing you good. You got that order by fraud—and I can prove it. That might not sound so well in court—"

"We got it square—Pruitt knew what he was doing. He knew he was signing away his stock—he had to save himself."

"Sounds funny," Virgie's voice drawled. "I've known Tom a long time. He was a shrewd old mountain man. He knew what he was doing most of the time—except when he lost his head because he was being robbed. It's hard to believe he'd sign an order to deliver that stock to you—yesterday, that was?—when he had already transferred it—a week ago!"

"I don't believe it!" barked Withers.

"The transfer is recorded. You can see the record at the court-house. That will be about all today, gentlemen—" Virgie drew herself up superbly.

"No—not quite all," said a quiet voice from the door.

Branford Wills stood there, lean and calm and tall, a folded paper in his hand.

"Mr. Payne, I assume?" he said.

"And Mr. Hooper? I have just come from Hazel Fork, gentlemen—"

The lawyer interrupted. "This is another matter, sir. We do not know you."

"I am employed by Mrs. Morgan. My name is Wills—formerly with the National Park Commission. I have been investigating the area on Hazel Fork—upon which I understand you gentlemen, all of you, intend beginning some extensive operations in lumber and pulp wood?"

"What's your business?" demanded Withers. "If you've been interfering up there, Virgie Morgan—"

"Mrs. Morgan has not been interfering," Wills said. "Mrs. Morgan knows nothing about this. I happen to be a government cartographer, formerly, as I have said, with the Park Commission. I made the road maps for that area. There has been, evidently, some confusion and delay in surveys and condemnation suits—owing to the confused condition of the title to the land—a condition you gentlemen were very quick to take advantage of, but—I would not advise you to begin timbering operations on that land, gentlemen—now or ever!"

"You're very smart, young fellow," snapped the man Hooper, "but I happen to have a court order that allows me to timber that area to satisfy my claims and those of my associates. Do you think I'd be fool enough to invest money in a proposition like that if I didn't know what I was doing?"

"Unfortunately," Wills smiled a slow, dry smile, "I do not know what sort of a fool you are, Mr. Hooper. I am merely advising you for your own good. I have sent to Washington for plats and surveys for confirmation of what I know to be the truth—they should arrive by Monday. But—I happen to know that I am right. I went over the land today to be sure. I do not think you will cut any timber on the land formerly belonging to Tom Pruitt."

"What are you crashing in here for, anyway?" demanded Wallace Withers, angrily. "And what are you getting at, anyhow?"

"I'm advising you not to cut timber on Hazel Fork, Mr. Withers—you nor anyone else. Of course, I can't prevent you—but I can bring it to the attention of people who can prevent you— That land up there, gentlemen, belongs to the people of the United States."

"You're a meddling young fool!" stormed Withers. "What do you know about it?"

"Perhaps," suggested the lawyer uneasily, "it might be well to look into this matter, gentlemen."

"We'll look into it. And we'll look into that stock transaction, too. It has a fishy sound to me."

"By all means investigate thoroughly. You'll find—as I found, gentlemen—that that area of land up there is included in the boundaries of the National Park. Probably the condemnation suits to establish ownership are lost somewhere in the maze of other lawsuits and claims that have been filed on the property. But I wouldn't advise you to cut any timber there till you have satisfied yourself where the boundary lies. It's easy to take timber away from old men—and to rob women—but don't try it on the Government of the United States, gentlemen. That will be all. Good afternoon."

Lucy let her breath out slowly as the procession filed out the door.

"It's like the movies!" she gasped.

Wills was standing still, tall and lean and purposeful, in the middle of the room.

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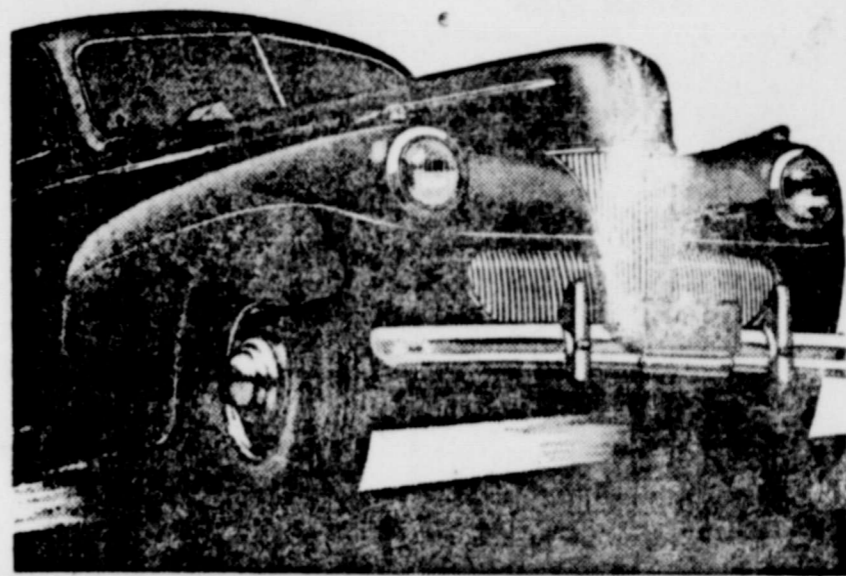
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By CHERIE NICHOLAS



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In regard to costume suits, the big news is that of wools keyed to the dominate note in prints, the two going fifty-fifty in an ensemble technique. This flair for combining print silk with wool in related color is one of those fashion gestures that bids fair to develop into a far-flung vogue as the season progresses.

Capes have dashed into the limelight of fashion dramatically and importantly. Yes, indeed, capes are just about to "steal the show" this spring, the smartest being full length. Some are of soft wools in beige or cinnamon or navy, if you

Cravat Silk



With m'lady's present flair for accessories to match her hat milliners are turning more and more to beautiful silk weaves as likable media for their creations. For the postilion hat and matching jacket ensemble pictured, Lilly Dache, noted for high artistry in hat design, uses men's bright cravat silk diagonally in a most effective manner.

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please. The light-colored wools have blended fur collars, while the navy versions take on a military aspect after the manner of officers' capes. At any rate, fashion is making a dramatic play on capes, both in pastel wool weaves and navy.

Another highlight in fashion's realm is that of woolknits in pastels and rich dark colors. Many of the wool knits can scarcely be told from woven wools, and they are styled to perfection in jacket dresses, sweaters, coats and ensembles. Note the casual little frock above to the left in the picture. A frock of this type is almost a necessity for a young gad-about who takes week-end trips and who is "dated" for informal daytime affairs. Fashioned of light blue jersey, it has a basque top with scalloped edges, and the jersey is gored in soft flattering lines for skirt fullness.

Important background for jewels is the beautiful evening sweater shown to the right above. It is in strawberry pink wool chenille yarn. The ribbed drape at the hips with front zipper closing and the long sleeves make it particularly new and smart.

The pretty dress below to the left in the group is a cream beige wool. Its gathered neckline, front plume effect and jewel buttons are outstanding style points.

Plaid and striped woollens promise to be better than ever this season. Their coloring will be, for the most part, pastel. An interesting color note about the smartest of plaids is that so many feature the new yellows and golden hues. The clever tweed spectator suit which you see on the seated figure claims distinction in that it goes in for vogueish yellow and gold, patterned with cream beige. The make-up of the costume—entire includes, in addition to the beautifully cut jacket a yellow woolknit sweater and a matching felt hat.

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Whims of Fashion

Slacks are becoming less floppy and fulsome.

Sixty new colors for spring clothes were inspired by scenic beauties of the U. S.

Tunics and sashes made in South American and Mexican colors will return to favor.

One group of all-metallic dresses is designed with lines that are almost tailored in their simplicity.

Modern handbags are more efficient and are made of better materials than the former French models.

Campus favorites this season are suede "western" clothes—Bolero sets, plaid flannel and gingham shirts, corduroy skirts.

The military vogue appears again in an attractive evening cape or coat that is a copy of those worn by officers in the army and navy.

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Lesson for February 23

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JESUS CALLS TO PRAYER

LESSON TEXT—Luke 18:1-14. GOLDEN TEXT—Lord, teach us to pray.—Luke 11:1.

Imitations may be so clever as to cause us to marvel, but to the one who knows the real thing, they are "just imitations." Particularly is that true in the realm of the spiritual. Make-believe faith in God fools only the hypocrite and those who know as little as he does of real Christianity.

Prayer is undoubtedly the greatest privilege of the Christian, putting him and his life in touch with the omnipotence of God. But it must be real prayer, not just some formal exercise which masquerades under the name of prayer. We combine the two parables of our lesson to contrast prevailing prayer and powerless prayer.

I. Prevailing Prayer.
The prayer which really lays hold upon God and brings results must be the expression of a life of prayer. It is no occasional effort brought about by a great need or a deep sorrow. We must pray

1. Without Ceasing (v. 1). Jesus had just been talking of the trying days which were to come (Luke 17:26-30). To stand fast for Christ in a day when almost all the influences are against such faith, a man needs real prayer or he will surely faint.

To pray constantly is not necessarily to be saying the words of prayer, but is the outreach of the life toward God, the setting of our minds on things above. That we can and may do at all times and in all places.

2. With Assurance (vv. 2-9). If an unjust judge will respond just to escape the constant plea of a widow, we may rest assured that God, who is just and looks upon His people in loving-kindness, will not fail to respond to their plea. He says, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and show thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not" (Jer. 33:3).

3. In Humility (vv. 13, 14). We come to God, not to demand, but to humbly plead the blood of Jesus Christ. That was what the publican did. When he said, "Lord, be merciful," he used the word "propitiated," which refers to the mercy seat on which the blood was sprinkled as a propitiation for sin (see Exod. 25:17, 18, 21; Heb. 9:5; Lev. 16:5). Such a plea brought salvation to the repentant sinner.

II. Powerless Prayer.
We use the word prayer here in the broad sense, for strictly speaking there is no such thing as prayer without power. Men call it prayer, but it accomplishes nothing because it is offered

1. In Self-sufficiency (vv. 9, 11). Those who trust "in themselves" will naturally do what the Pharisee did; he "prayed with himself." "He had an intellectual conviction, but that does not make a contact with God. Hell is full of intellectual conviction. God? Oh, yes. But he was so occupied with himself he could not get away from himself" (Morgan).

2. With Boastful Pride (vv. 9, 11, 12). Despising others, the Pharisee boasted of his own fine character and good works. "God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble" (James 4:6). It is proper that a man should live uprightly, but if it only makes him self-righteous it becomes a barrier between him and God (Luke 18:14).

3. For the Sake of Publicity (v. 11, cf. v. 13). While the publican hung his head and stood afar off to offer his prayer, the Pharisee apparently took a prominent place and spoke with a loud voice. Jesus described that kind of prayers in Matthew 6:5 as just putting on a publicity "stunt." When men had seen them pray, the transaction was finished. They had not been in touch with God at all.

The result of the two prayers is so well described by Dr. J. Campbell Morgan that we quote his words:

"Two men at prayer. One, eloquently, in phrases circling round his own personality with which he was pre-eminently pleased. The other, hating his sin, and grasping out after the infinite and tender compassion of God to operate for him. . . . The man who justified himself remained unjustified. The man who sought the compassion of God went back to his house justified."

Smiles

Still Feeling
First Draftee—You know, I feel like I'd like to punch that hard-boiled top sergeant in the nose again.
Second Draftee—Again?
First Draftee—Yes, I felt like it yesterday.

Wading In
"Can I see Mrs. Dobson?" asked the charity collector.
"I'm sorry," replied the maid, "but Mrs. Dobson can't see you now. She is in the middle of a plate of soup."

WHAT PRICE?
"That man is so honest he wouldn't steal a pin."
"I never thought much of the pin test. Try him with an umbrella!"

For His Comfort
Stranger (savagely)—You're sitting on my hat, sir!
Old Gentleman—So I feel, sir! And I hope in the future you will wear soft hats, and not these hard-brimmed abominations.

Some men smoke impromptu cigarettes—the kind you pick up as you go along.

Agreeable
Prof. Bjorn—Mr. Dzudi, what is your idea of civilization?
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Mary Was Looking for Another Way Out!

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"Now, Mary," said the housewife, stepping on to the landing, "when you wish to pass down to the garden, go down this way."

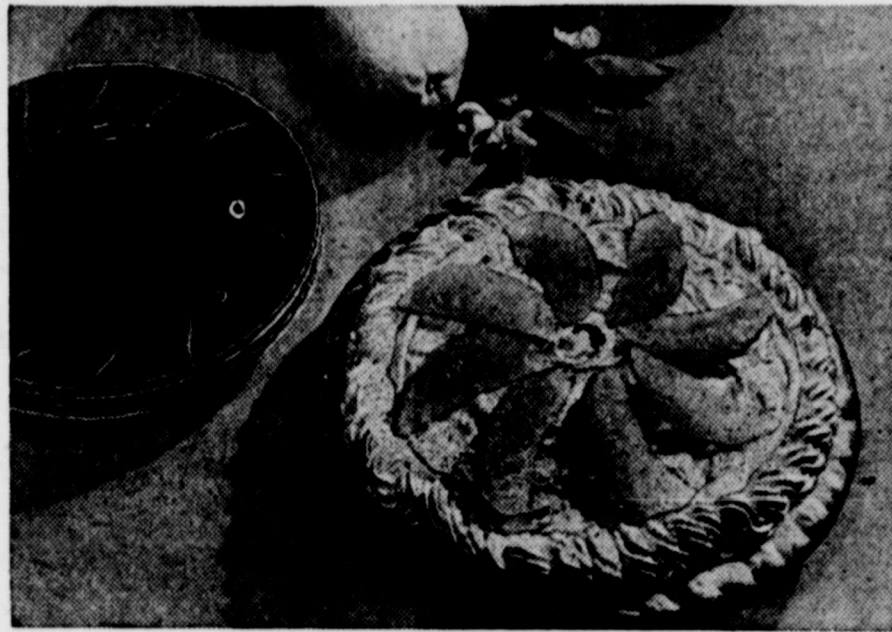
At that moment she slipped, and with a great bumping noise she was precipitated to the bottom.

"Good gracious, mum!" gasped the maid. "Are ye hurt?"

"No; it's nothing," replied the dishevelled mistress as she arose.

"Then ye've got down it fine, mum!" declared the girl. "But if that's the way I've got to go down, the job's too strenuous for me!"

Household News
By *Eleanor Howe*



THE ANSWER TO A HOSTESS' PRAYER.
(See Recipes Below)

TAKE A PEEK AT YOUR PASTRY

Many a cook who shines brightly at cake-baking sadly admits that she doesn't have the knack of making flaky, melt-in-the-mouth pastry. She feels that it is something she can't help, like the color of her eyes or her hair. But a careful look at her pie crust through a magnifying glass or microscope often gives a clue as to what is the matter.

Flaky pastry is made up of many, many thin layers of dough separated by thin, thin air pockets or spaces formed when the layers of fat and flour are separated by steam during the baking.

Part of this flakiness depends upon the manner in which the fat is cut into the flour and part upon the handling of the dough. If a part of the fat is rubbed in with the fingers or a pastry blender, until it is in very small particles and is evenly distributed throughout all of the flour; and if the remainder of the fat is cut in so that it is in fairly large pieces about the size of navy beans or peas, then the crust has an excellent chance of being both tender and flaky. The large pieces of fat separate the flour into layers, while the small particles tend to make the dough more tender.

If all the fat is distributed in small particles the crust is apt to be "crumbly" rather than flaky.

Orange Meringue Pie.

- 1 cup sugar
- 5 tablespoons cornstarch
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon shredded orange peel
- 2 cups orange juice
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Orange pastry pie shell
- 3 egg whites
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 1 orange

Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt, add orange peel and juice and cook in double boiler until thickened, about 15 minutes. Add beaten egg yolks and cook 2 minutes. Remove from heat and add butter and lemon juice. Cool. Pour into 9-inch Orange Pastry pie shell. Cover with meringue, made of egg whites beaten stiff with sugar. Brown in moderate oven (325 degrees Fahrenheit) for about 15 minutes. Decorate top of pie with sections from orange. Peel fruit with sharp knife, removing skin and inner membrane down to juicy meat. Cut out on each side of dividing membrane and lift out section by section.

Deep Dish Apple Pie.
(Serves 6)

- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 2 cups apples (sliced thin)
- 1/2 cup water
- 3/4 cup raisins
- 1/2 cup orange juice
- 1 teaspoon orange rind (grated)
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon cloves
- 1 cup walnut meats (chopped)
- 3/4 cup general purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg

Combine 1 cup sugar, the apples, water, raisins, orange juice, orange rind, cinnamon, cloves and cook over a low flame for about 15 minutes. Remove from fire and add nuts. Pour into a shallow greased baking dish. Mix following ingredi-

ents lightly with a fork: the flour, remaining 1/2 cup sugar, baking powder, salt, and the egg and sprinkle over apple mixture. Place in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees Fahrenheit) and bake for approximately 30 minutes.

Individual Chess Pies.
(Makes 7 tarts)

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 whole egg
- 1 cup raisins (coarsely chopped)
- 1/2 cup nuts (coarsely chopped)
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 egg whites
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 6 tablespoons sugar

Cream butter until soft and light. Add sugar gradually, creaming until mixture is fluffy.

Beat together egg yolks and whole egg with rotary beater. Blend with creamed mixture and then add raisins, walnuts, and lemon juice. Place mixture in top of double boiler and cook over boiling water, stirring constantly until thick, about 25 to 30 minutes.

When filling has thickened fill individual baked pastry shells (3 1/2 inches in diameter across top). Beat egg whites until foamy, then add salt and sugar gradually, and continue beating until meringue will stand in stiff points. Place tarts in moderate oven (350 degrees Fahrenheit) for about 10 minutes or until lightly browned.

Make pastry using one cup flour for tart shells.

Horn o' Plenty Pie.
(Makes 2 9-inch pies)

- 1 9-ounce package mincemeat
- 1 1/2 cups water
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 3 eggs
- 1 15-ounce can condensed milk
- 1/2 cup water

Break mincemeat into pieces, place in saucepan, add water and sugar. Bring to a boil and boil 1 minute. Cool. Thoroughly mix pumpkin, salt, spices, eggs condensed milk and water. Add cooled mincemeat and blend thoroughly. Pour into unbaked 9-inch pie shells. Bake in hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) 10 minutes, reduce temperature to moderate (350 degrees Fahrenheit) and bake about 35 minutes longer, or until filling is set.

Toasted Coconut-Butterscotch Pie.

- 1 1/2 cups light brown sugar
- 3/4 cup bread flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3/4 cup cold milk
- 2 egg yolks
- 2 1/4 cups scalded milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- Coconut

Mix sugar, flour and salt. Add cold milk slowly. Blend until smooth. Beat egg yolks slightly and add to first mixture. Add the scalded milk slowly. Place mixture in double boiler and cook, stirring constantly, until the mixture thickens. Remove from heat. Add vanilla extract and pour into baked pie shell. Cool. Just before serving top with whipped cream and sprinkle with toasted coconut.

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The Questions

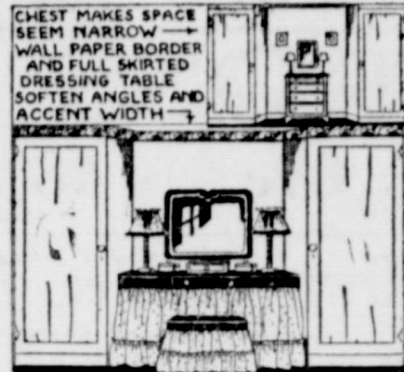
1. Who fixed the mean length of the year at 365 1/4 days and decreed that every fourth year should have 366 days?
2. How much of the world's railway mileage is in the United States?
3. Who holds the record for the longest cabinet service?
4. How large was the Continental army in the Revolutionary war?
5. How many Presidents died on July 4?
6. Does the starfish travel far?

The Answers

1. Julius Caesar.
2. Thirty per cent.
3. James Wilson, who was secretary of agriculture from 1897 to 1913.
4. Army records show that 528,274 regulars and volunteers fought in the Revolutionary war.
5. Three Presidents—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe.
6. The farthest distance ever traveled by any starfish is approximately 5,000 feet.

HOW to SEW

By **RUTH WYETH SPEARS**



WHAT could be a greater luxury than two extra closets in your bedroom! That is exactly what a young friend of mine thought. But, when they were built in, she was painfully conscious of their angles and the room seemed much narrower. This sketch shows you how the feeling of width was restored and the angles were made to melt away.

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added an exciting color note to the plain painted walls. The chest of drawers in the upper sketch was moved to another part of the room, and the long spacious dressing table was built into the space between the closets. The top of the table and stool and the frame of the mirror were enameled porcelain blue which was one of the colors in the wallpaper border. Dotted swiss skirts were fastened on the inside of the finishing boards across the front of the table and around the stool with snap fastener tape—one side tacked to the wood and the other sewn to the skirt tops.

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