

PRAIRIE GUNS

By E. E. HALLERAN



Terry Donovan saves Sue Leonard from certain death after Morgan Hapes and his friend, Barlow, kill her father. She joins Mrs. Plyly and rides with her to Hays City while Terry gets valuable papers and Sue's money away from Barlow. He enters the Indian fighting with his friend, Willie Andrews, and Abe Plyly, and when the threat is over the three go to Hays City for Sue. Terry and Sue marry in a hasty ceremony and then he and Abe set out to find the papers Terry had buried for safety. Gillespie, owner of the hotel where Sue's father was shot, tries to kill Sue over the papers. He is captured and the papers examined. The identity of all the crooks is explained.

CHAPTER XXV

Terry headed for the door, pausing when he heard steps behind him. "Abe?" he whispered cautiously.

A hand sought his and he could feel the soft curves of Sue's body against his own. "Even in the dark I'm not flattered," she murmured. "Do you want company?"

He slipped an arm about her waist, noting that she was already wrapped in a coat. "Foolish question," he retorted. "Let's go."

At dawn Sue went back to the house, leaving Terry to stare in the misty east.

He found the pasturage easily enough and it was while he was hobbling the horses that he heard the flat bang of a gun.

Not a figure appeared in the little hollow where the house stood but on the crest of the ridge where he and Sue had stood guard there were nine horsemen. He could distinguish the angular form of Morgan Hapes, the lumpy bulk of Al Grinnel and the powerful figure of Barlow.

They seemed to be conferring as though not sure of their course. Presently Hapes sent flankers out in either direction until men were spread all along the ridge. Then he and Barlow rode forward toward the house. When they were within a hundred yards they halted and Hapes rose in his stirrups.

"Plyly! This is the law. I'm callin' on you to surrender an outlaw named Donovan. I've got a warrant for his arrest. He's wanted for the murder of a gent named Jackson Leonard. Send out Leonard's daughter too; she's his accomplice. Send 'em out here and we'll make yuh no trouble."

Abe's voice had almost an eerie ring as he bawled a reply and Terry realized that the old man was shouting his answer through a loophole in the sod walls. "You ain't the law and we know it!"

"Yuh got thirty seconds," Hapes shouted. "Either yuh send out Donovan and the girl in that time or we'll smoke yuh out. First yer grain field and then the house. Better come through."

"It's still the same answer," Plyly replied.

Trouble at The Sod House

Terry could not quite get into position before the men reached the wheat so he rose on one knee, drawing fine with his .44 on the outlaw who was already fumbling for matches.

The other man yelled a warning but the boom of Terry's gun drowned the words. Instantly there came the rattle of many other gunshots as the men on the ridge raked the grain field. Terry snapped a second shot at the other flanker, then both men were riding hard for the ridge, one of them sagging in his saddle.

Donovan had time for a brief moment of grim satisfaction; then hot, stinging pain clutched at the calf of his leg. One of those wild slugs from the far ridge had taken effect. Somebody over there must have a rifle.

He pulled a bandana tightly around the leg in an effort to stop the flow of blood, then he started toward the house, crawling now for more than one reason.

He was just in time to see the beginning of a wild assault by eight of the raiders, the ninth man having lost all interest in the proceedings by reason of the bullet Donovan had put into him.

The lead riders were in the house yard when the defense opened up with a regular volley. Two outlaws went sprawling from their saddles and another rider seemed to lose control of his horse as the wounded animal rose screaming and staggered off to the right. The man tried to spur the pony clear but had to jump instead as the horse went down. He landed running and came on at a headlong pace, straight toward the cover of the wheat field.

Donovan rose to meet him, pitting the .44 against the outlaw's Henry carbine. The man saw him and halted, throwing the carbine to his

shoulder hastily.

Clear of the gun smoke he saw that his shot had told but had not been fatal. The outlaw was stumbling but he was sighting his carbine again. There was a blend of explosions as Donovan fired from the ground and this time the Hays man went down to stay.

Then Terry had a chance to see what was happening at the sod house—and it was not a comforting sight. Three of the attackers had died in the yard but the other four were now on the slope behind and above the house. It was a blind spot for those inside. The only wall on that side was the blank cut of the dugout. The defenders could not see the men on the upper hill but the raiders could fire down through that flimsy roof.

With the thought Terry was up and crawling again, this time



Willie Andrews broke into a song he had used before— Terry grinned at Sue.

headed out into the open in an attempt to get possession of the dead outlaw's carbine.

His emergence from the wheat field brought a quick yell from Barlow. Bullets crashed around him but he crawled on, fighting off the pain which was making him half sick.

Terry Hurries To the Rescue

The buck of the carbine against his shoulder seemed to drive away some of the fog and he could see the motley army which staged its sally from the sod house. Abe, Mrs. Plyly and Sue were coming around the side of the soddie, firing as they came, while shots from the far side indicated that Willie was making a feat there.

The move seemed to catch the raiders by surprise as they milled on the hillside. Donovan threw another hasty shot at them just as two men and a horse went down. It left only one man in the saddle and Terry knew that it was Barlow. The big man put spurs to his mount and

thundered across the slope toward the grain field.

Terry pumped another cartridge into the carbine's chamber and waited, instinctively certain of Barlow's intentions.

A single slug from Abe's gun whined over Barlow's head, then the firing stopped entirely. The watchers seemed to realize that this was to be the last act of the battle between the outlaw leader and the man who had broken his carefully organized band.

Barlow came on at a gallop, riding low with his Colt blazing as he came. Terry saw that the big man intended to ride him down so he discarded the carbine and drew his .44 again. It would be handier at close quarters.

He pulled himself to one knee, ready to lunge in either direction. The move was almost fatal. A slug battered at his short ribs, numbing the whole side but not halting the upward motion of his gun. There was a vicious stutter of explosions as the two men exchanged shots at close range, then Terry threw himself aside to avoid the trampling hoofs.

He was holding on to consciousness now by will power alone, fighting nausea as he rolled desperately for another shot. It was not necessary. Barlow was toppling from the saddle, dead before he ever hit the ground.

Having held out for so long, it was a little foolish for Terry to faint at that point. He felt ashamed of himself but not for long. After that he knew nothing at all until he was conscious of being jolted around.

Finally, however, he opened his eyes to find himself under a blackened roof. Abe Plyly's voice was rattling excitedly "... and it's a danged good thing we got this Gillespie jasper alive. With the reward money we'll be able to put in some grain that'll make them eastern dirt grubbers pop their eyeballs! Yessir, this country's just about the best wheat land ye'll ever ..."

All's Well That Ends Well

"Stop braggin', Abraham," his wife admonished. "Pride goeth before a fall and a haughty spirit before destruction."

Terry's head was clear now and he chuckled a little at the way the Plylys had gone back to normal. At the sound Sue came to his side with a hasty admonition. "Be quiet now. You've got nothing to giggle about. "Don't be so modest," he retorted. "You're a plenty for any man to be happy over. Just wait 'til I have time to make you believe it."

From some point just out of sight Willie Andrews broke into song with a couple of lines he had used before:

"... We'll raise Old Ned, my wife and me, We'll raise a darned big fam-ilee."

Terry grinned up at Sue. "See what I mean?" he murmured.

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5. The legendary William Tell was a native of what country?
6. As a rule there are how many eggs to a pound?

THE ANSWERS

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4. Genuine mohair is obtained from angora goats.
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6. Ten.

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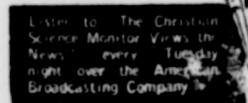
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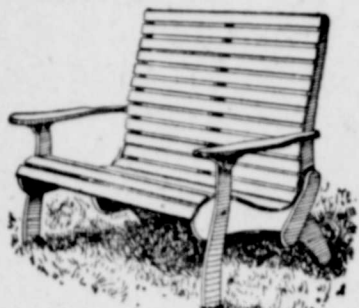
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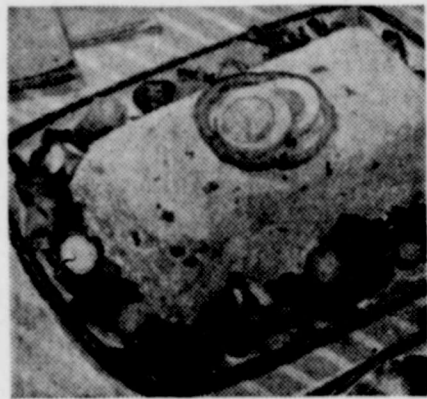
Cook in Cool Morning To Avoid Sweltering Over Stove at Dinner

ARE YOU the homemaker who's sweltering over a hot stove preparing the evening meal, somewhat on the grumpy side, short with the family and generally discontented? Or are you the cool and neat homemaker who simply opens her refrigerator door and swishes food on the table with neat flourishes?

If you aren't the latter, then do something about it now. Plan several menus for each week that have most of the food prepared early in the morning so they may be served chilled for dinner.

Some women always will object to this plan because, they say, the food is so light that husbands are not fully satisfied. The dishes I'm giving you today are on the hearty side even though they are served cold.

It's a good idea to serve some hot food with a cool meal, but this food



Egg and cheese loaf is an ideal supper dish because it has a high protein content. It can be made on the cool morning of a hot day and served for supper because of its welcome coolness.

may take the form of things that really cook within a short time.

Good hot foods to serve are vegetables, soups, biscuits or fruit or berry cobblers or other puddings.

IF YOU LIKE good solid meat on the table, as most men do, it can be served cold with just as much relish as a sizzling roast. Why not try one of these?

Swiss Salad. (Serves 4)

- 2 cups cubed cold lamb or pork roast
- 1 cup cooked peas
- 1/2 cup walnut meats, broken
- 2 hard-cooked eggs
- 6 stuffed olives
- Lettuce
- French dressing
- Mayonnaise
- Paprika

Marinate meat and peas in French dressing and chill. Add nuts and arrange on lettuce leaves. Sprinkle with paprika and dot with mayonnaise. Cut eggs into slices and remove yolks. Arrange the white rings around the salad. Cut olives into rings and place one inside each egg white. Press egg yolks through a sieve and sprinkle over salad.

Beef-Cheese Plate. (Serves 6)

- 6 slices cold roast beef or corned beef
 - 6 slices Swiss cheese
 - 6 deviled eggs
 - 6 tomatoes
 - 1 cup cole slaw
 - Green and ripe olives
 - Potato chips
- Place tomatoes stuffed with cole slaw in center of platter. Bank with green and ripe olives. Alternate slices of cold meat with cheese and place around platter. Garnish with potato chips.

Egg and Cheese Salad Loaf. (Serves 6 to 8)

- 2 tablespoons gelatin
- 1/2 cup cold water
- 1 1/2 cups real mayonnaise
- 8 hard-cooked eggs
- 4 cups grated Cheddar cheese
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 4 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 2 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- Radish roses
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- Chilled Tomato Juice
- *Salmon Supper Salad
- Toasted Rolls
- Cherry Cobbler
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Soften gelatin in cold water and dissolve over hot water. Cool and add real mayonnaise; mix well. Dice hard-cooked eggs, reserving a few slices for garnish. Add chopped eggs with cheese, celery, salt, green pepper, pimiento and lemon juice to mayonnaise mixture; mix well. Pack firmly into a loaf pan which has been rinsed with cold water. Chill until firm or chill overnight. Unmold on serving plate and garnish with radish roses, carrot curls and watercress. Decorate top with green pepper rings and egg slices.

***Salmon Supper Salad.** (Serves 6)

- 1 head iceberg lettuce
- 3 green onions, diced
- 2 cups canned peas
- 2 tomatoes, cut in wedges
- 1 tall can salmon
- 3 hard-cooked eggs, sliced
- 1/2 cup French dressing
- 1/2 cup real mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons chopped green pepper
- 3 tablespoons chopped pimiento
- 1 clove garlic

Cut lettuce into cubes and place in salad bowl or platter. Sprinkle with diced onion and canned peas. Arrange tomato sections on lettuce. Place large pieces of salmon in center and surround with slices of egg. Blend French dressing and real mayonnaise, add green pepper, pimiento and garlic. Just before serving, remove garlic. Serve with salad.

COOK THE MEAT in this recipe on a cool day, then make an aspic for it and you'll have an excellent dinner, fit for company:

Pot Roast in Aspic. (Serves 12)

- 4 to 5 pound rump roast of beef
- 1 large chopped onion
- 1 clove garlic, grated
- 2 tablespoons butter
- Salt, pepper and paprika
- 1 1/2 pints boiling water
- 2 bay leaves
- 1/2 cup tomato pulp
- 1 tablespoon flour

Brown onion and garlic in butter; add well seasoned meat and sear quickly on all sides. Add boiling water and bay leaves. Cover and simmer for two and one-half hours.



If you're one of those people who likes salmon in its natural state, serve it in nice chunks with these delightful accompaniments such as lettuce wedges, sliced eggs, canned peas and tomatoes. This makes a pretty and welcome cool platter for Sunday night supper or lunch.

Add tomato and more water if necessary; continue cooking meat until tender. Thicken gravy with flour mixed with a tablespoon of cold water.

Aspic.

- 2 tablespoons gelatin
 - 1/2 cup cold water
 - 2 beef cubes
 - 1 cup boiling water
 - 3 cups strained pot roast gravy
- Soak gelatin in cold water; dissolve with the beef cubes in boiling water and add to pot roast gravy. Fill a mold with a layer of aspic and place in refrigerator to congeal. Put the cooked meat in the center and place small cooked carrots and onions around it. Cover with remaining gelatin mixture. Place in refrigerator to set.

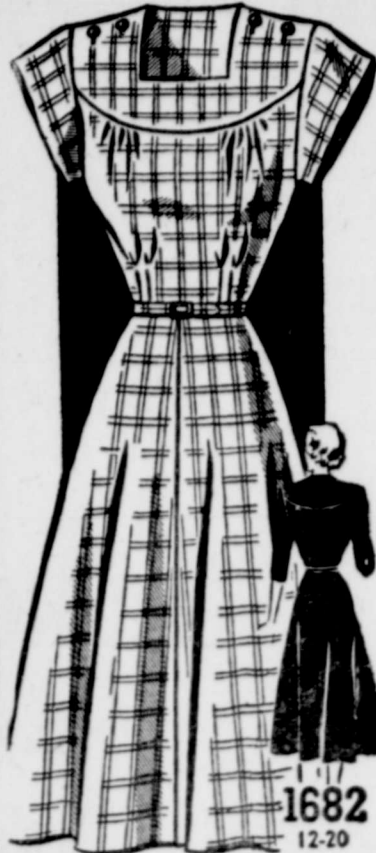
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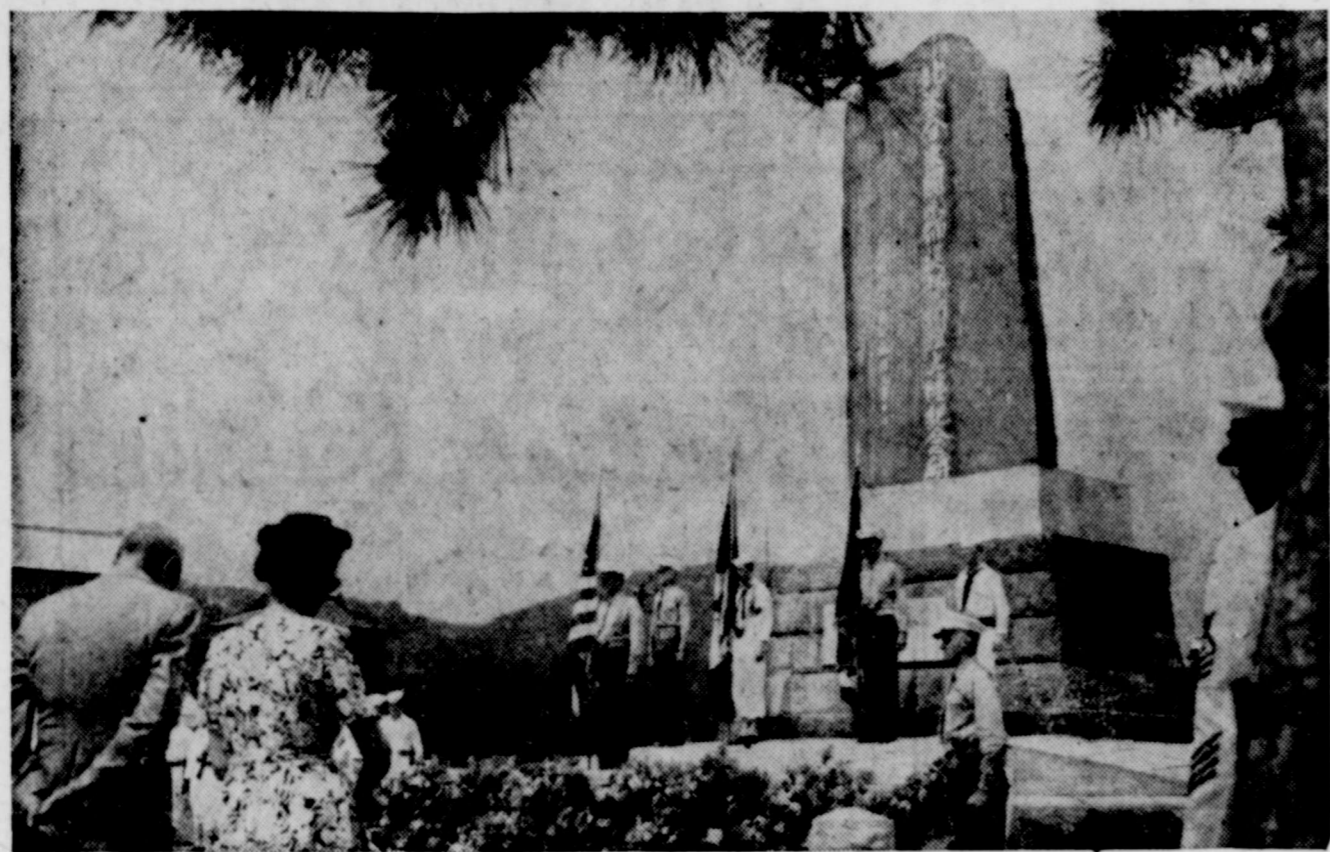
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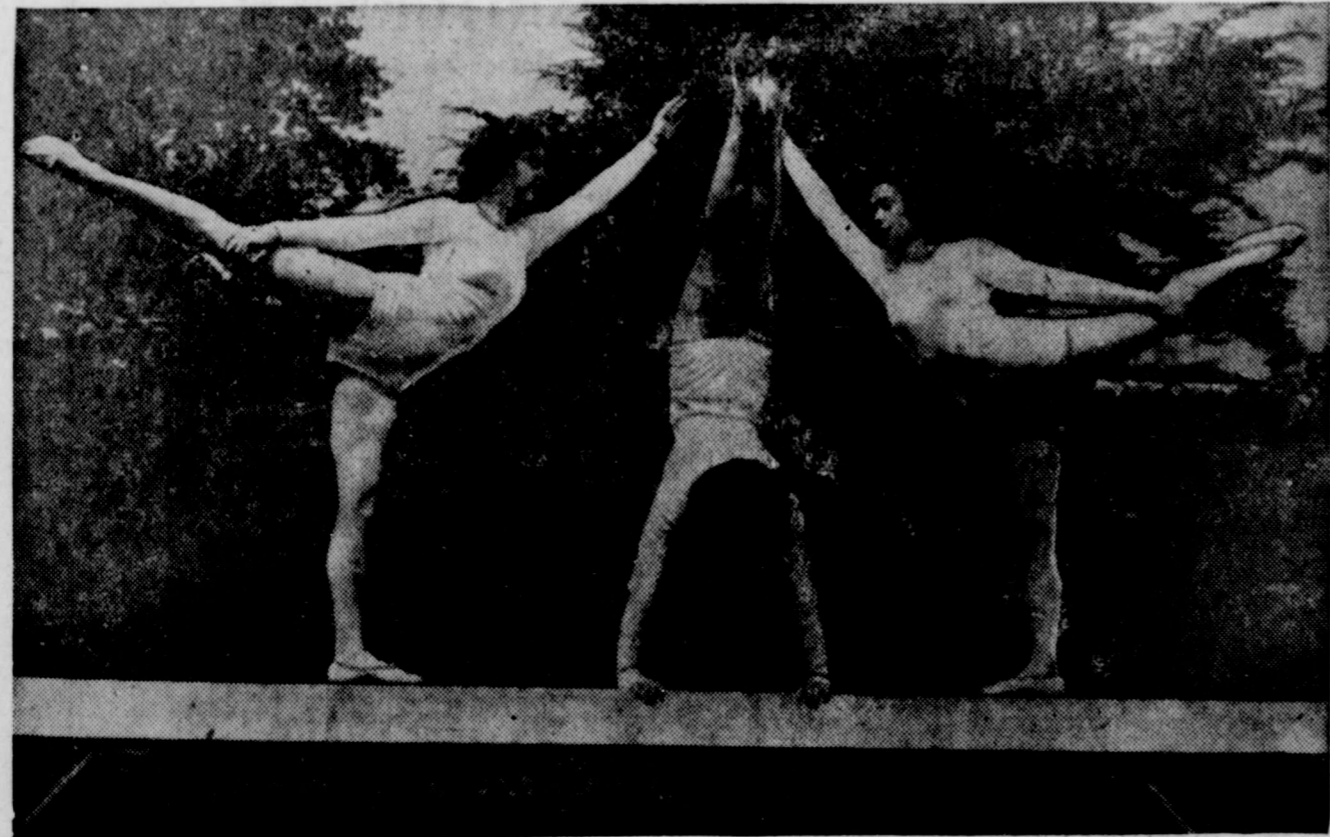
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WHERE PERRY LANDED IN 1853 . . . Things are going so well in Japan that the United States is paying official homage to the spot where Commodore Perry landed 95 years ago. A mass celebration was held at Kurihama, site of the historic landing in 1853. The ceremonies in which high ranking U. S. and allied officers participated were held to commemorate the date of Perry's entry into Japan. Part of the story is inscribed in Japanese on the monument. It was a truly momentous landing, opening Japan as it did for commerce with the western world and, of course, for other less pleasant events.



JUST A GIRL SCOUT SERENADE . . . Arriving from Brazil to attend the world conference of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts at Cooperstown, N. Y., August 13-23, four Brazilian Girl Scouts twang out a South American serenade on their guitars for the benefit of a reception committee of United States Girl Scouts who greeted them at LaGuardia field. The good neighbors are: (kneeling) Teresa Machado and Vera Fernandes, (standing) Dea Fernandes and Haydee Fernandes. Standing at the left are two of the American scouts: Susan Brady of Woodside troop 4146 and Grace Haas of Springfield Gardens troop 4792.



GLAMOROUS SIDE OF THE OLYMPICS . . . With American athletes running, jumping, pole vaulting and swimming away with almost every gold medal in sight in the 1948 Olympic games, press photographers were kept so busy recording these events that they hardly had time to take pictures of some of the finer elements of the big sports show. Well, hardly. One of them ran across some of the U. S. girl gymnasts having a practice session and he let his aesthetic sense run away with him. This picture was the result. Cavorting on the fence rail are (left to right) Anita Simonis of New York, Helen Schifano of Newark, N. J., and Meta Elste.

Religion: Hand-Sewn

Lesson for August 22, 1948

THE NEIGHBORS didn't know what Tabitha's ideas were. She never went down in history as a great thinker. What church she attended, whether she ever took part in a prayer-meeting, what her spiritual life was like, the neighbors did not say. But they cried when she was dead. She was a good woman, they knew. When Simon Peter came that way, they did not



Dr. Foreman

tell him about Tabitha's prayers or her peace of conscience. No doubt she had these. But what the neighbors brought in to show how good their friend had been, was—"coats and garments." All made by hand, her hands; made for her poorer neighbors, widows. In those days widows were not protected by life insurance, social security or annuity plans. They could not go out and earn big money in factories. To be a widow, as a rule, meant to be in need of help. Too many of them starved. So Tabitha spent her time making clothes for the widows of her city.

Full of Good Works

THE BIBLE says she was "full of good works." It does not say she was full of faith or full of love. Just full of good works. We can be pretty sure the faith and love, the religion, was there, but it was the good works that people noticed.

Religion in Tabitha's house was translated into the language of coats and skirts. Religion always has to be translated into something we can understand. Religion uses words, of course; books full of them. We cannot get along without them. They stand for something. But where the Christian religion is concerned, we cannot stop with words.

Would They Want You Back?

THERE MUST have been a number of deceased Christians in Joppa, but the only one who seems to have been worth a miracle to bring back to life was this woman, Tabitha, or Dorcas. Her life was over, yet it was a life worth living again.

How many people would be worth bringing back to life again? How many funerals would the neighbors want done in reverse? Not many, maybe, but if the neighbors voted at each funeral, as they did at Tabitha's, on the question, "Do we want this person back again?" they would usually vote for people like Tabitha, whose religion was all hand-sewn.

What Is Service?

SERVICE IS a word much used in Christian circles. We even have the world around us using the word. Department stores, government agencies, radio manufacturers, filling stations, all offer service. The trouble is that much of this is something for which you have to pay. And much so-called service is simply mending something that was not done right in the first place. Tabitha's service was of a different kind. It was genuine doing for people who couldn't do much for themselves and who certainly could not do anything in return.

Even among Christians, when we think of service we set our sights sometimes too high. We think of Telemachus, who stopped the brutal sport of gladiators murdering one another on Roman holidays. We think of great missionaries or settlement workers, or Christian statesmen like Gladstone or Kuyper. All honor to such men and women; they inspire us all. Yet they discourage us, too. For these great Christians are "special" people; they had outstanding talent, some of them even genius. They had opportunities given only to a few, opportunities that do not come in every one's lifetime.

Religion in the Hands

WE SHOULD REMEMBER this Tabitha, or Dorcas. All she had was her hands and some pieces of cloth. Her only opportunity was a poor city filled with poor people. Her only talent was one most women have: Plain sewing.

Yet the Tabithas, the Dorcas, make the backbone of Christianity. They are the salt of the church, the salt of the earth. In your own town, in your own community, if the Christian religion is loved and respected, it is not because of the famous preachers; it is because of the humble doers, the people whose Christian religion goes to their hands.

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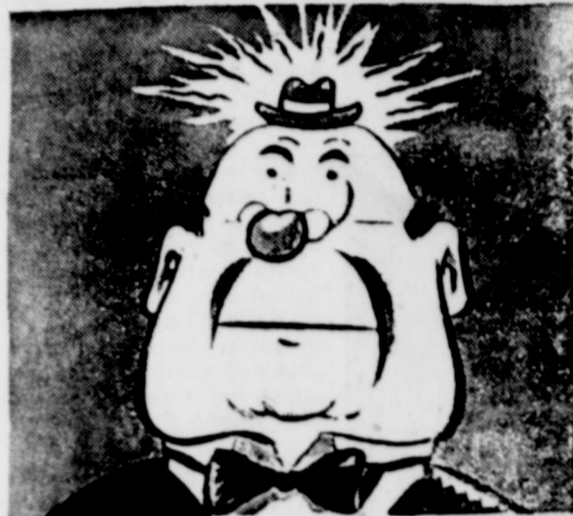
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