SHANGHAI LOOT

CHAPTER I

Egypt Carse noted a tense, worried atmosphere about the inner office of Apex Surety as he came through the door. Milligan, the florid western manager, looked distinctly unhappy. The tall, lean, impassive man who stood by Milligan's desk toying with a half-smoked cigar was Lieutenant Carewe, a plainclothes member of the San Francisco police.

Carewe raised his right eyebrow in greeting.

"Good thing you made quick time from the station, Carse," he commented. "Milligan was on the point of asking for a police escort to rush you here."

Egypt Carse grinned. "I usually come along. What's up? I got your wire on the train, Milligan."

Milligan polished his pince-nez rapidly. He bit out his words nervously. "It isn't what has happened. It is what may happen! Read this." He held out a radiogram.

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Little wrinkles creased the heavily tanned skin at the corners of Egypt Carse's blue eyes as he tossed the radiogram on the desk.

"Not a bad piece of business," he remarked comfortably. "Even Apex Surety doesn't pick up three millions of insurance every day."

He knew, however, that Milligan's fears were justified. This matter was more than serious.

"You don't know who's interested in these jewels?" he asked.

Milligan shook his head. "No. You've seen all I know. That's why I wanted you here at once. I wired New York and they told me you were on the train. Carewe is representing the San Francisco Police Department."

Egypt rolled an eye at Carewe. "You could have done worse."

Carewe grinned. "Couldn't have done better, you mean. Now that I'm on the job, you chaps don't need to worry."

"Then we'll leave it up to you," Egypt assented.

Carewe gave him a wry look. "You win," he confessed. "I don't want this alone. I don't like the looks of it. If I was Mr. Milligan, I would save myself worry by refusing to insure."

"Not a bad idea," Egypt agreed. "But he can't."

"I should say not!" Milligan exploded. "Impossible! For forty years Apex Surety has never refused a risk. We reserve the right to make our own premiums, depending on the risk, but we never refuse to insure. No! We'll insure! And it's up to us to see that nothing happens to the jewels!"

"And if anything does?" Carewe queried.

Milligan slammed his clenched fist on the desk with such force that the papers jumped. "Then it's up to us to get them back!"

Egypt Carse walked to the office window and stared out. Far below lay the hustling streets of San Francisco's business district. Over the rooftops of smaller buildings he could see clear to the waterfront.

Ships from all countries of the world were docking, unloading, loading, departing. And there the City of Shanghai was docking, with the Mandarin Lee Wong and millions of dollars' worth of unset jewels aboard.

Down there must be someone who knew about those jewels; someone who was playing for big stakes with all the cunning of years of experience. And Egypt did not doubt that it was someone who deserved respect. No one else would have the nerve to go after them.

He turned around.

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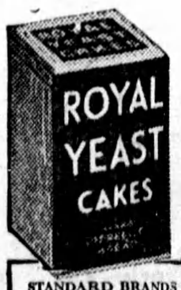

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Pessimistic

—Just when relations between Great Britain and the United States are beginning to look pretty good, an English yachtsman sends in another challenge to race for the America's cup.—Chicago News.

Why Not Get Interested?

Ray Giles, in Readers Digest, writes: To fall in love with your job and get the most from it there is a simple recipe: Get acquainted with it! Explore it. No job is so dull but that it grows more interesting as one digs beneath its surface. No work is so limited but that delving into it will reveal far greater possibilities than appear on the surface.

The plumber's assistant who is interested in more than wrenches and pipe cutters will find that civilization began with the introduction of plumbing. Without plumbing terrible pestilences would still wipe out whole communities and people. A young man just starting with a rubber company said, "Did you ever realize what would happen if all the rubber now in use suddenly dissolved? Every airplane would crash to the ground; every automobile would stop; no big fire could be fought effectively; many industries would collapse entirely." As he went on he pictured a world in chaos through lack of rubber.

If your work seems uninteresting make the discovery of just what would happen if glass, nails, newspapers, or whatever article you help to make or sell were obliterated.

Peace

A dreaming baby moon above the bay
Awakes and smiles in greeting at the friends
Close-gathered round the beach-fire, then descends
To mother night, whose breath of new-mown hay
Bears cow-bells faintly tinkling on their way.
Soft lapping of the waves at play attends
The ebb from shore and rocks and gulls and lends
Enchantment in its tranquil evening lay.

Far from this quiet hour of rural bliss
The loved ones of the long ago have gone.
Their ling'ring spirits veil the calm night round
In benediction borne on Nature's kiss
And shared with old friends by the firelight wan,
This summer eve, where gentle peace is found.

—Amy Bissett England.
Bay of Fundy.

Battle of Basket Is Taken to Court

North Bay, Ont. — The butcher's basket, first bassinet of the Dionne quintuplets, figured in a court action here recently when Mrs. Alex Legros, quintuplet midwife, laid an assault charge against Harvey Simrod, Sydney Brown and Mildred Adams, employees of a souvenir booth near the Dafoe hospital.

Last week Mrs. Legros, owner of the basket, took it to her home across the road for safe-keeping, claiming that souvenir hunters were mutilating it. She said the three accused later invaded her home and treated her roughly in their efforts to restore the basket to its place of honor in the souvenir booth.

Magistrate J. H. McCurry thought the whole matter much ado about nothing and dismissed the charges.

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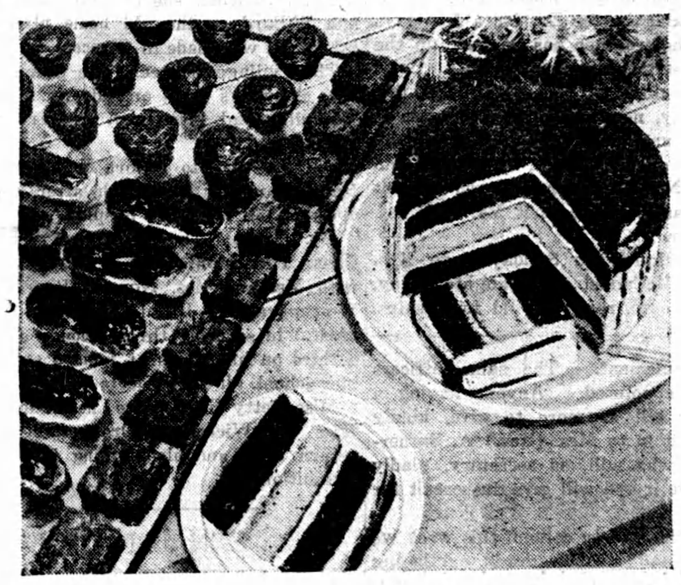
Eating Through Germany

—A tourist states that, although he would very much like to travel through Germany, he is afraid that their food would upset him. He fears the wurst.—Punch.

Household Science

By SUSAN FLETCHER



With the waning of summer there is always a new interest in sweet foods—richer cakes become more popular as the intensely hot days are fewer. Chocolate seems to add that special touch of flavor and goodness and lends itself to such variety — layer cakes, little drop cakes, tiny eclairs and nut mixtures give a choice to all tastes.

For late summer corn roasts on the beach, a chocolate ribbon cake will bring a cheer of joy when it is produced as the finishing touch to the festivities. The little chocolate and nut squares—Brownies—can be carried so easily to any kind of outdoor party and how everyone asks for them to be passed again!

Here are two recipes that will evolve the lovely cake and the little squares shown in the illustration.

Chocolate Ribbon Cake

3 cups sifted cake flour
3 teaspoons baking powder
½ teaspoon salt
2-3 cup butter or other shortening
1½ cups butter
2 eggs and 2 egg yolks, beaten well.
1 cup milk
1 teaspoon vanilla
3 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted and cooled
¼ cup hot water
½ teaspoon soda
2 tablespoons butter.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and dash of salt. and soft gether three times. Cream butter thoroughly, add the sugar gradually and cream together until light and fluffy. Add eggs and beat well. Add flour, alternately with milk, a small amount at a time, beating after each addition until smooth. Add vanilla. Combine chocolate, sugar, water, soda and butter, and mix well .Cool slightly. Turn a generous one-third of batter into greased nine-inch layer pan. Add chocolate mixture to remaining batter, stirring until thoroughly blended; turn into two greased 9-inch layer pans. Bake in moderate oven (375 deg. F.) for 30 minutes, or until done. Spread with Seven-Minute Frosting (1½ times recipe). Top by melting two squares unsweetened chocolate and two teaspoons butter over hot water and blending. When mixture has cooled slightly, pour over cake which has been frosted, letting chocolate cover top entirely and run down on sides to shadow or silhouette effect on the sides of cake.

Brownies

3-4 cups sifted cake flour.
½ teaspoon baking powder.
1-3 cup butter or other shortening.
2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted.
1 cup sugar
2 eggs, well beaten
½ cup walnut meats
1 teaspoon vanilla.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder an ddashof salt, and sift again. Add butter to chocolate and mix well. Add sugar gradually to eggs, beating thoroughly; then the chocolate mixture and blend. Add flour and mix well; then nuts and vanilla. Bake in greased pan, 8 x 8 x 2 inches, in moderate oven (350 deg. F.) 35 minutes, or until done. Cut in squares; remove from pan and cool on cake rack. Makes two dozen brownies.

THIS WEEK'S WINNER

Summer Potato Salad

6 medium new potatoes
¼ cup diced sweet pickles
2 tablespons finely chopped onions
½ cup diced celery
¼ cup sliced radishes
1 cup mayonnaise.

Cook potatoes in jackets until tender. Cool. Peel and cut into cubes or slices. Add remaining ingredients and toss together until well mixed. Season with salt and pepper. Serves six. A novel way of serving potato salad for picnic or luncheon is to wrap each serving in a large slice of boiled ham or dried beef.—Mrs. Roy Chapple, R. No. 1, Dresden, Ont.

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New Spectacles Cool Human Eyes

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Chicago.—A pair of spectacles described by the inventors as the most efficient refrigerating unit yet devised to cool the human eye was on display recently at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometrists.

The lenses were designed to prevent cataracts, a frequent cause of blindness.

They performed their cooling function in the same general way as a refrigerating unit by absorbing heat which passed through them.

The invention was based on the theory that invisible infra-red light rays are so hot they cook the albumin of the eyeball into thick opacity like a gas flame cooks the white of an egg.

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DOES HIGHLAND FLING AT 72

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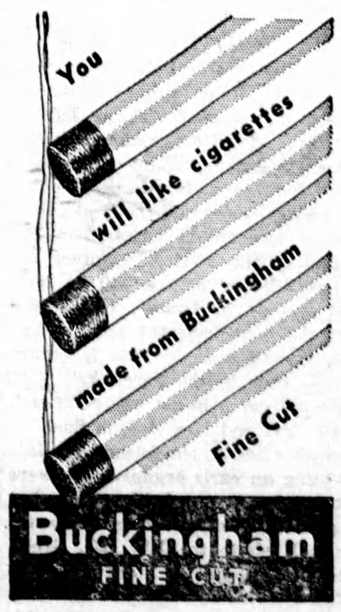
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