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SYNOPSIS

It has been ten years since Pop Clark has won a United League pennant with his New York Blues and as the season opens the sports writers, with the exception of Terry Burke, of the Star, give them little chance. He bets $10 on them at 200 to 1 at a restaurant owned by Tony Murallo, a gambler, in the Brodway district.

In the hard fought opening game with Philadelphia, Whiper, the visitor's star pitcher, dies from a rifle bullet through the heart as he is nearing the home plate after smashing out a home run. The Blues win. There has been ill-feeling between Larry Doyle, the Blues' rookie shortstop, ex-Fordham star, and Whitper because the pretty daughter of Clark, Frances, had shown her preference for Larry. Detective Kelly suspects Doyle until he learns that Larry was talking to Frances under the stands at the time the shot was fired. When the Blues are to open in Boston, four of the Boston stars are injured. Terry learns that Sid Stream, notorious New York gunman, wrecked their taxi by firing a file bullet into a tire. Stream is found dead and Terry receives by the mail a warning; "People who know too much, die." When Dirkin, Chicago star, dies suddenly just after hitting a homer, and Pietro, the Chicago bat boy, disappears, it is suspected that Dirkin was poisoned by handling his favorite bat. Terry suggests to Kelly that it be sought in the nearby Harlem river. Pop Clark tells his daughter he is going to get rid of. Doyle She says she loves him. Terry, worried, goes to see Alice Andrews.

"But that is ridiculous. You'd better go to bed."

Pop stood up and looked at her. He was a pathetic figure, a beaten, worsted old man, but she was hard and unyielding.

He started away, but she stopped him.

"When are you going to let Larry go?"

"As soon as it can be arranged. Good-night."

It was after two o'clock when Terry left Alice's apartment. He had been thinking about marrying Alice for some time and as he sleepily waited for a cab he decided that they would be married just as soon as she would say "Yes." Then he wouldn't have to start home at all hours of the night. He would be at home with her.

He was still drowsy when he stepped out of the cab in front of the apartment where he lived. As he approached, a man stepped out of the doorway. Terry's heart turned over and almost stopped. He was sure it was his finish.

"Burke?" the stranger said crisply.

"Yes," Terry thought he heard his teeth clicking.

"Kelly wants to see you. I've been waiting for you for two hours."

"Oh, all right," Terry said with a great relief surging over him.

They went down to Centre Street. "What's on your mind, Kelly?" Terry asked.

"Plenty. Where were you all night?"

"Why?"

"Never mind, why. Where were you?"

"I went down to the office and after that I went up to see my girl. What about it?"

"How do you know so much about these murders?" Kelly snapped at him.

"Now what?" Terry was annoyed.

"We found the bat," Kelly replied. "And just where you told me to look for it. In the Harlem River."

"That was a good hunch then, wasn't it?"

"So it was another hunch?"

"Sure. Say, did you find the kid, too?" he asked eagerly.

"No."

"My guess is that you won't, either"

"Then you haven't anything to suggest about him?"

"Say, what are you driving at" Terry bristled. "Are you still trying to pin this stuff on me?"

"I'm trying to solve these murders and I think you know too much and are too smart."

"Be yourself, Kelly. Do you suppose I would have said anything at all about the Harlem river, if I had known anything about it? You'd don't think I'm a dumb-bell, do you?"

"No," Kelly admitted reluctantly.

"Well, then!"

"Yeah, that's all right, but I do not trust you newspaper guys. Papers have been known to pull off all sorts of queer stunts just to increase circulation. Your paper has had one scoop after another and I don't just know why."

"You know why. You gave me a couple of freaks yourself and the other times I just used my brain. Listen, Kelly! I want to get married. It takes dough. I'm in this newspaper game and it's the only thing I know. I've got to make food if I want more money and the only way I can get more money is to be a good reporter. You're letting this thing get on your nerves."

"I've got to get at the bottom of this or I'll lose my job. I get nowhere on the Whitner case. This looks even worse. We found the bat floating in the river and Rawlins identified it. There was a small needle something like a phonograph needle forced into the handle at the spot where it would be gripped. The medical examiner thinks that was the means used to administer the poison but they have not been able to discover what poison was used."

"I know it's tough, Kelly, but you are chasing the wrong guy when you are after me. If I ever come across anything to help you out, you can depend on me."

"All right. Maybe I'm wrong, but I'll keep watching you."

"Why don't you keep me covered all the time?" Terry suggested with a grin. "Then you would always be sure of me." In his heart he hoped Kelly would follow the suggestion. He was worried about the gang and what they might do to him if it came out that he was responsible for the police finding the bat.

And why was this wholesale slaughter going on? Could it be a desire to have the Blues win?

Instead of going immediately home Terry went over to the office, wrote up the story of the finding of Dirkin's bat, leaving out all mention of his part in the affair, and then went home to bed.

He slept late and was having a cup of coffee, which he made for himself, when his telephone rang. His nerves were on edge and he jumped at the shrill whirr of the insistent bell and took up the receiver.

"Burke," the voice asked. "This is Doyle."

"Yes, Doyle."

"It's come. I've been sold down the river. The old man told me this morning. I'm going to Newark at once."

"That's tough, old man," Terry said and he really meant it.

"I've been expecting it. It was bound to come."

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Home Hints

By LAURA KNIGHT

A Peach Cake

Desserts are just about the hardest part of anything a woman has to do in the way of planning meals. Particularly is this so during the winter when the supply of fresh fruits is so limited and the family get tired of preserved fruits. But don't let it get you down and remember you don't have to serve the same thing over and over again. There are dozens of ways in which old favourites can be varied a little to surprise and please those present and here is an outstanding example of what can be done.

Some time ago we gave you the recipe for Peach Upsidedown Cake and we are so confident that it went over big with your family, that we want to give you another variation of it. Its almost like gilding the lily to add delicious rich chocolate to this delightful cake, but it is so good that you'll want to make and serve it right away.

For those of you who know the goodness of a perfect upsidedown cake, this will offer new fields to conquer and for those who have never tried this delicious combination of fruit and cake in a satisfying dessert, it will be making a new friend. A tip for the beginners from experienced cake makers is to be sure and use the best cake flour on the market. It must be light, and fine. And to further insure the successful outcome of this cake, get the best chocolate your grocer has. It can be obtained in 1 ounce squares which make for easy and accurate measuring.

Chocolate Upsidedown Cake

1 cup sifted cake flour
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspon salt
2-3 cup sugar
¼ cup softened butter
1 egg, well beaten
6 tablespoons milk
½ teaspoon vanilla
1 square unsweetened chocolate, melted.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder, salt and sugar, and sift together three times. Add butter, combine egg, milk, and vanilla; add to flour mixture, stirring until all flour is dampened. Add chocolate and blend; then beat vigorously 1 minute.

Melt 3 tablespoons butter in 8x8x2 inch or deep 9-inch round pan; add sugar and cook and stir until thoroughly mixed. On this arrange peaches. Turn batter out of contents of pan. Bake in moderat oven (350 deg. F.) 50 minutes, or until done. Loosen cake from sides of pan with spatula. Turn upside down on dish with peaches on top. Serve warm with plain or whipped cream. Apricots, pears, pineapple or bananas may be substituted.

Spring Jelly-Making

Robins—and rhubarb! Who says spring isn't here already? The pink, crisp stalks of our earliest fresh fruit are now seen in all the markets, offering an inspiration for meal panners. Did you ever taste home-made rhubarb jam and jelly? These recipes preserve all of the natural flavor of the fruit itself:

Rhubarb Jam

3½ cups (2 lbs.) prepared fruit
4 cups (1 3-4lbs.) sugar
1 box powdered fruit pectin

To prepare fruit, trim and slice fine do not peel) about 2 pounds small red-stalked rhubarb. Add 1 cup sugar, mix, and let stand 15 minutes. This cup of sugar is in addition to the 4 cups specified above.

Measure 4 cups sugar into dry dish and set aside until needed. Measure prepared fruit into a 5- to 6-quart kettle, filling up last cup or fraction of cup with water if necessary; place over hottest fire. Add powdered fruit pectin, mix well, and continue stirring until mixture comes to a hard boil. At once pour in sugar, stirring constantly. (To reduce foaming, ¼ teaspoon butter may be added). Continue stirring, bring to a full rolling boil, and boil hard 1 minute. Remove from fire, skim, pour quickly. Paraffin hot jam at once. Makes about 7 glasses (6 fluid ounces each).

Rhubarb Jelly

3½ cups (1 3-4 lbs.) juice
7½ cups (3 1-4 lbs.) sugar
1 bottle fruit pectin

To prepare juice, cut about 3 lbs. red-stalked rhubarb into 1-inch pieces and put through food chopper. Place fruit in jelly cloth or bag and squeeze out juice. Measure sugar and juice into large saucepan and mix. Bring to a full boil over hottest fire and at once add bottled fruit pectin, stirring constantly. Then bring to a full rolling boil and boil hard ½ minute. Remove from fire, skim, pour quickly. Paraffin hot jelly at once. Makes about 11 glasses (6 fluid ounces each).

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Dewed with the myrrh of the sensuous turf in its nearness,
Smoky with attar of blooms and of vetches ad musk,
Ambrosial incense of grasses and clover new-blown;

Wind in the reeds, and wind croning wailfully over
Deep river water and spray,
Muting to languor the wavering cry of a plover,
Sweeping the sands and the desolate rifts of his way,
Searching the shingle and shale, the driftwood and stone;

Wind in the pines, and wind in the wild cherry bushes,
Rustling and rolling and warm,
Rubbing the resinous boughs through the quick forest hushes;
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Voice of the open-air godling—whose mood is your own.

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