POWDER

By REX BEACH

This announcement the man greet

and his fingers were working as he

"Wait! Wait till she gets back

"You can't lay your hands on a wo-

Betty shook her head; a moment, then a new expression slowly crept

into her eyes; her chin set itself firm

lay 'em on her trunk and drag it out

here where I can pack it."
"I sure can," Ben agreed. "And

what's more, when you get it packed I can lug it out to the gate where it

he finished speaking his frown disap-

peared; it was replaced by a grin and

think? I'm going to marry an heiress

THE END

Who Is The

"SCARECROW?"

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By Walter Forder

Forget-Me-Nots

Valuable Tips for the Would-Be

Gardener

Plant peas at two week intervals.

A small vegetable garden can be made to yield twice the ordinary am

ount of produce if given a proper feed

Tomatoes will take up less room in

Heavenly Blue morning glory wil

cover an unsightly fence or building in

Plan for another crop in the row:

acated by radishes, spinach and peas

Spading should be done with verti-

cal cuts so as to go as deep as pos-

Start head lettuce indoors in a seed

Most flowers for least effort can be

Train your beans to a pole or to a

A more orderly garden will result

if you start flowers in seedboxes out-doors. Plants can then be transplanted

Plant gladiolus buibs at intervals for

long season of bloom, or plant differ

ent sizes of bulbs - the big ones will

The datura or angel's trumpet is

Try a few new vegetables this year

such as kale or endive. Okra and sal-

Spring Shower

When spring has touched the tops of

With laciness, and velvet softly cloaks

Each pussy-willow bud, the sun pro

The clouds to abdicate: a yawning

Releases captive rain. Foretold by the

Forgotten mould beneath the leaflest

Till valiant lily-fronds push up to

Through and through with stars of

fragile bloom.

The liquid benediction of the shower

Distills to limpid nectar in each flow

And safely in a petal-prisoned room

Each chalice keeps a hostage drop of

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sify are two fine seasoners.

the alder thicket

wicket

prick it

again.

had from petunias and zinnias.

fence for maximum yield.

just where you want them.

a few weeks' time.

the garden if trained to stakes or a

will be nice and handy for her."

she declared. "But you can

"Say, Betty! What do you

"Can't I?" he breathed.

ed with the growl of an animal.

the kitchen kev."

CHAPTER VIII

What happened next the observe were never able to agree upon, but the world dissolved into an inferno of smoke and flame and the suddenness of it rocked the sky, upheaved the earth. The two came together with a catactysmic roar. Furlong and Betty Durham were tossed headlong, flung down like straws. When they scramb led to their feet, dazed, shaken, ter-rified, it was to find themselves enveloped in a mighty dust cloud. The eighty-foot tower of heavy timbers was gone: in an instant it had utter ly vanished. Where it had stood was shallow, smoking crater. Splinters of planking, debris of every sort, were scattered far and wide; particles of earth and gravel were raining from the heavens with the sound of a heavy hailstorm; nothing in the neighbor hood of the well remained except the boiler and engine, and the former lay upon its side. Even the bushes had been whipped out, uprooted, shaved

Going To Town That afternoon Furlong's friend, the engineer, came over to the farmhous with a considerable bundle in his

off as by a sweeping scythe.

"How's Betty?" he inquired. "She's all right, but pretty well all bruised up, of course."

"Well. I guess there's nothin' more us boys can do, so we're going in to

"Right: I'll stay here until Mrs. Dur ham gets back.

"Here's all of Tiller's stuff that we could find. I reckon you better look after it."

"Anything besides clothes?"
"Not much. A few letters and things we found in his bunk, Miz' Durham can keep 'em in case he's got relatives. There's one suit of clothes that would fit me. No use to throw them away. Say! It's funny how scared he was of powder. It musta been a big

Shortly after the engineer had left Ben came to Betty with a queer light in his eyes. In his hand he held a soil ed sheet of foolscap paper. Had It In His Pocket

"Feel strong enough to stand another explosion?" he inquired with an effort to suppress his agitation, "Well, the queerest thing -! This farm does not belong to your Aunt Mary after all; it belongs to you!" The girl gasped: she voiced some breathless query but Ben ran on: "Your uncle Joe left it to you, just as he promised. He left everything to you, except a thousand dollars to her. This is his will and Maddox had it. I guess it's a good will even though your uncle wrote it himself. Anyhow it's witnessed by two people — Maddox and another. From the date I figure it must have been signed just a day or so before he was

"Where did it come from? How did Maddox -?"

"I've figured that out, too, Mr. Dur ham must have had it in his pocket when Maddox found him. That would explain everything — how he made your aunt do just what he wanted and she didn't dare to fire him." That's why she said I'd have to

marry him! That's why — Oh, Ben!"
Betty rose suddenly and clutched Furlong. "I knew she was a mean, selfish old thing, but I never thought she was so - wicked. This oil is a curse to poor people. I hate it!" "Why Betty!" Furlong exclaimed

"You're the wicked one to quarrel-"She's the only kin I've got left and I tried my best to love her. But she was so greedy for quick money that made beasts of them. I almost wish we'd never heard of oil." After a mom-ent the speaker continued more quietly: "I lied to you last night. It was Tiller who came here.'

They Arranged It Furlong's body stiffened, he breath ed an oath, then he muttered: "I al ways thought so. Why didn't you tell

"What's more, she knew he was -

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Season Is Here

Spring Seems to Be the Most Natural Time to Brighten and Clean Up the House After the Dullness and Stuffmess of the Winter Months.

Modern houses are easier to keep coming! They arranged it. She as good as sent him! That's how he got clean than the old ones. There is no room for accumulated clothes or furnishings, and fewer draperies, pic tures, and ornaments are in use today.

Cleaning is now tackled the a same began to pace about the room; his manner. The housewife does not upface had grown black and threatening set the whole house at once, she sets

about cleaning one room at a time and putting it to rights again before she tackles another. If you are doing some decorating this season it is better to get all paint

ing and papering finished before be

ginning the general clean. As far as possible, remove the fur niture from the rooms to be re-decor ated and take up all carpets both-in these rooms and on the stairs and passages leading to them.

If the carpets require professional treatment, send them at once to the cleaners and they will be ready when you want them again.

If chimneys need sweeping get the sweep in before the decorator starts work.

Curtains And Covers If you feel you want a change of

color scheme in bedroom or living-room you can have your carpet, curtains, and loose covers, etc., dyed ar entirely new shade, and the cost wil be most reasonable. Treatment of Furniture

A little beauty treatment with the right formulae will soon restore fur niture to a shining loveliness. French polished furniture responds

to the finer types of furniture cream as do lacquer cabinets and pianos. A simple polish of beeswax and tur pentine will give a mellow surface to any natural woods that have not beer french polished, but a lot of rubbing s necessary to attain good results always being sure to rub with the grain. After a few applications, these pieces will be less susceptible to stains and scratches than the more delicate pieces.

Artificial Optic Smuggled Jewels

Dutch Girl Carried Valuable Con signments of Diamonds From The Hague to Holland In Cavity of Socket Holding Her Glass

It was a motor accident that made a lovely Dutch girl one of the great-est jewel smugglers of the century and enabled her to smuggle precious stones across the German-Dutch from tire at the rate of \$100,000 worth month, says a writer in the London Sunday Referee.

After the accident, which nearly For a hot situation, where you want blinded her completely, surgeons had to take out one eye and replace it with an artificial one. a low-growing flower, try the portu

Soon after the little Dutch girl got used to the fact that for the rest of her life she would have to wear an ar tificial eye, she made friends with a man who offered her the job travelling from The Hague to Berlin once ever

month. All she had to do, he said, was to see that her passport was always in order and that she never carried any contraband in her luggage. She would

be well paid for her trouble. For months she made her regular trip, till she was well known to all the Customs men on the frontier.

Serious Work The first package was just a test but serious smuggling soon began and an easily grown annual with a pleasant fragrance. 000 out of Germany.

The customs men who boarded the Hague-Berlin express re-doubled their efforts. They apologized to the Dutch girl when they had to take her to in customs shed to be searched, and were relieved when they were able to let her go. Some days later the Dutch gir! was

again put through the indignity of having to strip while being searchel. An "Eyeful" This time a doctor was present and

the Dutch girl felt nervous when she saw him watching her face 30 intent-

"You have an artificial eye, mad am?" the doctor asked.

"Yes." the girl answered, "It is through a motor accident." The doctor asked her to remove the artificial eye, and the mystery of the

vanishing jewels was solved. Behind the eye, in the cavity of the eye-socket, were diamonds worth \$\$7

For a Talkative Woman

By the invisibility of song By the seven feathers of memory By the nine cloaks of tomorrow implore you

look up at the imminent sky look down at the cryptic earth Then close eyes and summon th moth of silence

And once be still, be still.

—James Daly in Poetry.

Chinaman Can't Whisper

Passing secrets around in compan s difficult for a Chinaman, since it s almost impossible for the Chines language to be whispered. It is tone language and the inflections are almost as important as the syllables. The same thing is true of other tone languages, such as Japanese and

A Menu For EASTER

There have been more curious cu oms connected with Easter in the nast, than with any other religiou festival. Some of these we still observe though we have long since lost track of the original significance. The name Easter is believed to have originated from the Saxon word Os-ter, which meant rising. No doubt ome of the customs observed in the past were hang-overs from pagar rites and in the change from pagan ism to Christianity, the original meaning was lost but the form of these often strange practices wa ontinued.

In one section of England it use to be the rule for men to "lift" the women on Easter Monday and the romen to do the same to the men or women to do the same to the men on Easter Tuesday. This was done by two people making a chair of their crossed hands and so "lifting" the third person. Another weird custom was that of playing ball in churches for a prize of tansy cakes or tansy puddings. Though ball playing has been discontinued inside churches, tansy cakes and puddings are still favourite dishes in many parts of England.

Here in Canada we still present children with colored eggs, toy rab-bits and fluffy baby chicks. Easter is a happy season of the year and aside from the deep religious signi-ficance there are many other reasons. ficance there are many other reason for rejoicing. The long week-end holiday provides a grand chance for family reunions, which of course means extra nice dinners. Here is a fish dinner which will help to solve the problem of "what to serve."

Black Bean Soup

Broiled Whitefish Maitre d'Hotel Butter Parsley Potatoes Emergency Biscuits Sca Dream Salad Apple Fie
Black Bean Soup

Coffee

2 cups black beans 1 small onion, sliced tablespoons butter quarts cold water 2 stalks celery, diced 132 tablespoons flour

teaspoon salt teaspoon pepp teaspoon pepper 14 teaspoon mustard Dash of Cayenne 1 tablespoon lemon juice

2 hard-cooked eggs, finely diced 1 lemon, thinly sliced Wash beans and soak overnight Saute onion it. 1½ tablespoons but ter 5 minutes. Drain beans. Add cold water, onion, and celery. Simmer 3 to 4 hours, or until beans are tender, adding water as needed. Re move from fire and force through fine sieve. Melt remaining 11/2 ta blespoons butter, add flour, and stir until smooth. Add a small amount of soup mixture, stirring well. Com bine with remaining soup mixture Reheat to boiling, stirring frequent

ly, and add seasonings. Add lemon juice to eggs and let stand a fev minutes to season. Serve soup, garnishing each portion with a smal amount of egg and a slice of lemon Serves 8

Maitre D'Hotel Butter
4 tablespoons butter 1/2 teaspoon salt teaspoon pepper 1/2 tablespoon parsley, finely chopped tablesoons lemon juice

Cream butter thoroughly, add salt and pepper, then parsley. Add lemon juice, a small amount at a time, creaming thoroughly after each ad-Makes 1/3 cup butter.

Sea Dream Salad

1 package lime flavoured jelly pow 1 cup warm water

1 tablespoon vinegar 1 teaspoon scraped onion Dash of Cavenne

i teaspoon salt Dissolve jelly powder in warm water. Add remaining ingredients. Force through sieve. Turn into mold. Chill until firm. Cut in squares and serve on crisp lettuce. Garnish with nayonnaise. Serves 6.

Emergency Biscuits 2 cups sifted flou

2 teaspoons baking powder 14 teaspoon salt

2 tablespoons butter or other shortening

Sift flour once, measure, add bak ng powder and salt, and sift again Cut in shortening. Add milk gradu ally. Drop from teaspoon on grease pan. Bake in hot oven (450 deg. F. 12 to 15 minutes. Makes 15 bis cuits.

Pin Points To Wedding Bliss

Girls in a village in the Vosge lountains seek to find out whether or not they will wed within a year by throwing pins into St. Sabine'

Fountain.

If the pin defies gravity by floating, the thrower goes off happy in the belief that she will marry soon. But if it sinks, then she knows she has no prospects of marriage for at least 12 months. No wonder long engagements are the rule in that part of the world!

Sacrifice

Though love repine, and reason chafe, There came a voice—ithout reply—
"'Tis man's per— be safe,
When for the tr. ' sught to die."

How To Transform An Ugly Duckling

Into a Lovely Woman—It's Done By Emphasizing the Better Characteristics

It's always a little saddening to neet a woman who spends a great leal of time bemoaning the shape of er mouth, her height, the size of he hands and other physical characteris-tics she's not likely to be able to do anything about.

No one likes a girl who is thor mighly conceited about her looks, but t's a mistake to have such a narrow dea of what constitutes beauty that you never are pleased with yourself Keep in mind that everyone can be attractive. Not beautiful, perhaps, but attractive. Furthermore, it's just possible that, as in the case of the fabled Ugly Duckling, several features which you think are ugly really aren't ugly at all. For Beautiful Feet

When, for exam- , did that old promide. "all feet are homely," get under way? All feet aren't homely. Only those which are misshapen with corns, callouses and bunions are. The rest are protty nice—as nice as hands anyway. So if you have corns or other foot ailments, get rid of them, then learn to groom your feet carefully The lines of a foot are just naturally pretty. If the nails of that foot are neatly shaped and carefully polished and the skin soft, white and smooth, th- the foot is beautiful. Be Glad of Size

Speaking of size, a large mouth jus isn't anything to worry about. Stop thinking that only tiny, rose-bud mouths are really pretty, and learn to get lipstick on in such a way as to

dr. matize your lips.
If you are tall, be glad, because being tall means that it's a fairly simple matter to find Lacoming clother that make for true chic. And if yo are very short, watch your weight and be glad. The tiny woman can I op that a realing quality which dis-tinguishes the very young much long-er than one who is tall. It other rords, be proud of the characteristics which make you you. Always strive to look like a lovelier version of your self-not like anyone else.

Says Marriage Is Popular As Ever

Modern Answer to Career or Mar riage Is Both, Says Chicago Professor

CHICAGO. - Old question: "Mar lage or a career?" Modern answer: Both!"

Just because the girls are going in business right and left is no reason for thinking that they'll miss the boat to matrimonial seas, declares Dr. Laird T. Hites, professor of psychology at the Central Y.M.C.A. College, who teaches what is though to be the only course of "The Psychology of Marriage" in the country.

Dr. Hites, who comes in contac ith hundreds of young college per ple, has arrived at the conclusion tha narriage is as popular as ever.

Meal Ticket Is Out "The old idea of marrying for meal ticket is out as far as modern girls are concerned," said the pro-fessor, whose new semester course has just begun.

Well, why do they marry, then? Be cause. Dr. Hites said, young people want that feeling of independence and great self-sufficiency that comes from having homes of their own.

Equal In All Respects Dr. Hites believes the "clining vine" type of girl is gone. Women recognize themselves as equals in every respect with men. Modern new lyweds enter a partnership, he be-

"Marriage is more than a legal contract, a religious sacrament or a social institution," Dr. Hites asserted. "It is a personal relationship between a man and woman who love each other and want to make their lives one. The relationship is psychological, with in

Diet Important For Happiness

dividual and social aspects.'

Bernard Shaw Agrees That Discrimination In Choosing Suitable Food Is Important

George Bernard Shaw has seconder Sladys Swarthout's recent claim that ive years of married happiness could

susband avoided irritating foods. "The lady's ideas should be taker seriously." Shaw said. "They are per fectly sound. I should think the diet of most people who can afford all the food that they need is enough to drive them crazy.

Tastes Are Different
"My wife and I have been married 40 years. Our life has hardly been stormy. We eat entirely different meals. As you may know, I'm a veg-

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"I wish this were more widely known because when she is invited to dinner some people imagine her tastes must be exactly the same as mine and a vegetarian diet is prepared for her. It makes things worse when some people force themselves to eat regetarian food as well because they hink we both prefer it.

"We have our different diets which suit our tastes and I don't think our lives have been particularly irritable.

Entertainments In **Buckingham Palace**

Much Thought Is Given to Arranging Royal Banquets When The King and Queen Are Hosts

Far from being stilted functions, the Palace banquets are as enjoyable as they are brilliant. The pleasure they give is largely due to the fact that they are thought out so perfectly be forehand, and that unexpected touches are always possible with the resources for entertaining available at the royal residence.

Each party there is varied so far as arrangement and decorations are concerned to a surprising extent. Choice of China

The collection of valuable china at the Palace is very great. The Queen, like other hostesses, likes different services used at her parties. Guests may dine off priceless Sevres or find the Garter china placed in front of them, each piece bearing badge and notto of the Order.

The Gold Plate The banqueting table, too, is a matter of choice. Sometimes a horseshoe arrangement is favored; at other imes the King and Queen preside at

either end of a long table. The gold plate is possibly the only unchanging feature of the Palace banquets. It is always used, partly to hold the flowers on the table and party as a display on velvet-covered

ables against the walls. The King and Queen remain to talk with their guests some time after din-

Doctor Explodes Homespun Beliefs

Health Official Refutes "Apple A Day" Theory

official, puts to rout some homespun beliefs and methods of curing or preventing illness.

He says an apple a day will not keep the doctor away any a bag of asafoctida draped about the neck, although, he adds, the latter may make his visit a bit reluctant. He says whiskey will not drown out a cold and prevent pneumonia. He declares that lemon juice will not cure

decay.

No Evidence To Support It Dr. Dew discounts the belief that oysters eaten in the summer will cause gastric pains. Properly refrigerated oysters will not, according to

freckles and even a clean tooth may

Dr. Dew. The jaw will not be locked though he skin be punctured by a dusty nail, and a receding chin does not necessar ly denote weak character, the doctor

He declares there is no evidence to upport the following beliefs: That scarlet fever germs lurk in

lothes, furniture and wallpaper for That "feed a cold, starve a fever" is

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functional disturbances, need a tonic like Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Also the prospective mother will find it very beneficial. It stimulates the appetite and that in turn increases the intake of food, thus strengthening the body. This is what Mrs. George Richardson, 26 Berkshire St., Toronto, said: "Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, helped to strengthen me just wanderfully both before

etarian and also a teetotaler but my Practise Polygamy With Own Peculiar Selection Method

> Surely no marriage customs anywhere in the world are so involved and so curious as those of the 2,000 aborigines who inhabit Bathurst Is-land on the lonely North Australian coast, 50 miles from Darwin. The island is also the scene of probably the toughest mission post in the world. It was established by the Roman Catholic Church 25 years ago, and is in charge of Father Gsell. The inhabitants are always at war, fighting with spears, and nearly always fighting about a woman. Their civil wars last interminably. Just now one of them is at its height and young men who had gone to the mainland to find other occupations have been summoned home, by messages carved on sticks, to bear their part in the melec.

Of Different Totems

Natives on Bathurst and Melville slands are divided into tribes or totems, and the primary rule affecting marriage is that man and wife must be of different totems. Whenever a boy is born, a certain woman is picked out as his "emprenua" or "emprenua" mother-in-law. Any daughters she may subsequently have are destined to be his wives. Before a male can marry, he must wait until this mother-in-law has daughters, and these daughters must grow to girlhood before he can take them to wife, so it may happen that before the girls are old enough to marry, their husband is old enough to be their grand-

father.

Declining Population When a man dies, all his old wives are given to young men, and all his young wives to old men. Thus, in spite of the custom of polygamy, the population does not increase, but rather declines, and the decline is ac-celerated by the custom of killing one of a pair of twins. As the women do all the work and have to find food for the husband, it is too much to expect them to rear two children at once. It was knowledge of these strange family usages that led the Roman Catholic Church to establish

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