★They're So Convenient
"SALADA"
★TEA BAGS

# OUT of the NIGHT

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
PRISCILLA PIERCE — heroine, young woman attorney.
AMY KERR—Cilly's roommate and murderer's victim.
JIM KERRIGAN—Cilly's fiance.
HARRY HUTCHINS — Amy's strange visitor.
SERGEANT DOLAN — officer assigned to solve the murder of Amy Kerr.

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Last week: Mrs. Downey reveals that a man whispered to Mrs. Wheeler in the hall an hour or so after the murder of Amy Kerr. By pictures she identifies him as Harvey Ames.

CHAPTER XXII

After the investigation, Cilly waited for the others to leave in order that she might see Sergeant Dolan alone. She felt that she at least should try, to correct the false impression Mr. Corbett had given of her. But Dolan himself was the first to leave the room; later Detective Martin told her that he might be out for the remainder of the day.

Returning to the apartment house late that afternoon, she then found Mr. Johnson standing in the front.

"Good evening, Miss Pierce," the superintendent greeted. "I was sort of hoping you'd come along. Can I see you for a few minutes?"

"Surely, Mr. Johnson. Come in." She wondered if his memory of the tenant from Salt Lake City had cleared.

He brought the matter up as soon as they were inside her apartment.

"It's about that tenant from the west, Miss Pierce. The one . . ."

"You remember who it was?"

"I found out. I remembered it was a trunk that came from there, so this afternoon I went through the trunk room downstairs and checked the labels. It was Mr. Carruthers'. It came here direct from the Hotel Utah in Salt Lake City."

"Something Else"

Cilly took off her hat and tossed it on the divan. "Mr. Carruthers!" she repeated. But that meant nothing . . . The Carruthers were in Bermula; Detective Martin had verified that.

"They're still away?" she asked Johnson absently, knowing in advance the answer.

"Yes. They won't be back until Sunday. Mr. Carruthers told me they were going to spend his full two weeks' vacation in Bermuda."

Cilly looked earnestly at the superintendent. "Mr. Johnson," she asked gravely, "are you sure that nobody could be hiding out in their apartment?"

"Positive, Miss Pierce," he stated with conviction. "That young detective — Martin — went through the place with me on Monday. I stop in every day to see that everything is all right— Mrs. Carruthers asked me to do that — and I would be sure to notice if anybody had been staying there."

Wearily, Cilly sat down. "That puts us right back where we started," she said. "Mr. Carruthers could not very well have thrown away those newspapers . . . Well, thank you anyway, Mr. Johnson." She smiled gratefully.

The superintendent seemed reluctant to leave. He took his pipe out of a back pocket, toyed with it nervously for a moment, then replaced it. Finally he spoke, a little hesitantly.

"Miss Pierce . . . there's something else —"

"Yes, Mr. Johnson?"

"It's about the other morning. . . . I don't know how to tell you. It's about those books you saw . . ."

Cilly nodded.

"Dolan asked a lot of questions about them today. I guess he must think I'm insane. But I didn't tell him. I won't tell the police, and have it all in the papers. It's different with you, Miss Pierce. I would like to explain to you —"

"The police should know, Mr. Johnson, if it has anything to do—"

Nothing To Do With the Murder

Johnson held up his hand in alarm.

"I hasn't anything to do with the murder, Miss Pierce. I swear it. You can check up for yourself, if you don't believe me. I know you won't let it get into the papers . . . It's my wife. She's — she's not quite well, Miss Pierce."

"I'm sorry, Mr. Johnston. Terribly sorry. I didn't know you had a wife."

"She's been away. It's almost 10 years now. We had a baby, and it lived only a few days. Then it was like something snapped in my wife's mind . . . she's never gotten over it. The doctors don't seem to know how to help her. I haven't had much education myself, but I got those books to study. Sometimes I think it might just be one little thing . . . one little word, perhaps, which might bring her back . . . something which the doctors haven't thought of. The trouble came so suddenly, you see. There must be something to bring her back . . . if we could only find it."

There were tears in his eyes, and he hastened to brush them away with a work-roughened hand. Cilly's heart went out to the man.

"I won't mention what you have told me, Mr. Johnson," she promised.

"I hope you won't, Miss Pierce," he said appealingly. "I never mentioned it to anybody about this before. I don't want it to get around. When my wife gets better, it won't help any to have it known that she has been away all these years. . . . Well, if there is anything else I can do, Miss Pierce . . ." He started to leave.

"Oh, yes, Mr. Johnson, there is something else. Remember what I said this morning, down at police headquarters, about Mr. Hunter?"

"You mean about seeing him walk last night?"

"Yes. That was the truth, Mr. Johnson. I went over on the roof across the way just to watch the Bayview. What I really hoped to see was somebody in one of the empty apartments. It just happened that I met Mr. Corbett first — he was drunk, and very unpleasant. . . ."

Johnson nodded. "He looked that sort of a man."

"However, I did see Mr. Hunter walking about his bedroom just as sure as I see you now. He's faking this paralysis for some reason, and I'm going to find out why. What time do you usually take him up on the roof, Mr. Johnson?"

"He's up there now. I took him up about 15 minutes before you came along."

"Then Mrs. Huner is alone now, probably washing the supper dishes. I think I'll go up to see her."

About Your Husband

A few minutes later, Mrs. Hunter came to the door of her apartment in answer to Cilly's ring. When she saw who it was, she stepped back, startled. Cilly entered, shutting the door behind her.

"I'd like to talk to you about your husband, Mrs. Hunter," she said unhesitatingly.

"I've nothing to tell you!" the woman cried in terror. "You should be ashamed of yourself making all kinds of trouble for decent people. You've no right in my apartment. . . . I'll tell my husband . . ."

Cilly walked boldly into the living room and sat down. "Why don't you call for your husband now?" she asked. "You might alarm him unexpectedly, so that he'll come running down to see what the trouble is. That would prove my story nicely."

Mrs. Hunter did not cry out, however. But she was frightened. Cilly felt a little sorry for her, but she steeled herself.

"There's been a murder committed in this house, Mrs. Hunter," she reminded the woman. "And the murderer is one of the men living here. Your husband was the nearest to the roof last Sunday night . . . ."

Mrs. Hunter began to cry hysterically. "My husband is no murderer," she sobbed. "He never hurt anybody in his life, no matter what else . . ."

"No matter what else he did?" Cilly finished for her. "What is his other crime then, Mrs. Hunter? Is he cheating an insurance company?"

It was a blind stab in the dark; at the moment Cilly did not know herself what prompted the words. They hit home, nevertheless.

Mrs. Hunter paled; she drew in her breath with a sharp gasp. Her hands, clutching her apron to her throat, were shaking convulsively.

"You can't prove it!" she cried hoarsely. "A dozen doctors all examined him . . ."

"But this isn't a matter of any fraud, Mrs. Hunter," Cilly pursued relentlessly. "This is murder. And the doctors who might believe my testimony would be doubly careful in their examinations . . ."

"He Was in Bed!"

Mrs. Hunter wilted. Beseechingly she held her hands out to Cilly. "Don't testify, Miss. I'll tell you about it, but I beg of you, don't let them think my husband is a murderer. He was in bed when it happened, I swear it!"

"Why does he pretend to be a helpless cripple when he isn't?"

Gradually the woman's sobs subsided; she began to speak more calmly. "My husband was out of work, and we were up against it. One week we hadn't had food for three days. He was frantic. Late that night he was coming home, when right in front of our house a big car came tearing down the street. All of a sudden, it hit a dog and killed him. The driver swerved and kept on going. He hit my husband. I saw it from the window. I screamed and ran out. Somewhere down the street, the police got the driver of the car. He was so drunk he couldn't stand up. It made my husband wild with anger. We had not eaten for three days, and this man could go around in a $10,000 car endangering other people's lives and property.

"Mr. Hunter had studied medicine, so when the young intern on the ambulance arrived, it was easy to make out he was paralyzed. So easy, in fact, that he kept up the pretense. The young fellow who ran him down settled for $50,000. He will never miss it, his father left him $4,000,000. We live here quietly, because the man's lawyers still check up on my husband. But sometimes we go away on little trips and my husband does not have to pretend . . . Oh, I know it's wrong . . but what does it matter to that man? He should have been taught a lesson . . . "

(To Be Continued)

# Women To Woo, Men To Weep In Leap Year

**Reversal of Roles Established By Old Scottish Statute Research at McGill University Discloses Old Customs**

Women must woo and men will weep for a change, according to a hoary tradition, packed up by legislative enactments, which gives a woman the right to propose during Leap Year. The present year is one of these years.

Law Passed In 1288

Research at McGill University into old customs discloses the fact that Scotland was the nation to bring about the legal emancipation of womankind in this particular respect. A law was passed in Scotland in 1288 which in its essence dictated that:

"For ilke yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk mayden ladye of bothe highe and lowe estait shall hae liberte to bespeake ye man she likes, albeit he refuses to talk her to be his lawful wyfe, he shall be mulcted in ye sum ane pundis or less, as his estait may be; except and awis gif he can make it appeare that he is betrothed ane ither woman he then shall be free."

Spread To Continent

In a few years the custom spread to France where it was given legislative recognition, as it was later in both Genoa and Florence. When and where the custom actually originated is not known, but it has been given widespread recognition.

Members of the Sun and Air Bathing Association, more popularly known as Nudists, now number about 30,000 in Great Britain.

# Brides Of 1700's Were Thrifty

**Many New England Young Women Had Economical Trousseau — Wedding Gown A Sheet**

At least one New England bride of the early 18th century had an economical trousseau. Her wedding gown was simply a sheet.

Record of this unusual attire was found in a manuscript collection in the Andover Public Library by the PWA historical records survey. The ceremony was performed December 24, 1733, at Bradford, now a part of Haverhill, Mass.

"Smock Marriages"

Such marriage ceremonies were called "smock marriages" and, it is believed, were common in England and the American colonies.

Although the usual costume of the "smock marriages" was a white sheet, or chemise, the bride at times wore nothing at all.

Mustn't Be In Debt

The unusual procedure was based on a belief that if a man married a woman who was in debt he would be held liable for her indebtedness if he received her at the hands of the minister or magistrate with any of her property. It also was believed that if a woman married a man who was in debt, his creditors could not take her property to satisfy them provided he received nothing from her.

## Record Egg

A 6½ oz. egg—1¾ oz. over record—has been laid by a hen owned by Mr. John Coombes, of Fovant, England. It is 4 inches long, 2½ inches wide.

## YOU'LL ENJOY STITCHING THIS LAURA WHEELER PANEL

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# Make New Candles From Odds, Ends

**Old Bits Can Be Melted And Placed in Tin Can**

Have you seen the new large candles they are showing in the shops? Well you can make one from the box of old burned, bent, and broken ones you have been saving all this time, say the Christian Science Monitor.

Find a tin can to suit your fancy. It may be a square mustard can, a round baking powder can, a tall can or a squat can, depending on the size and shape candle you would like to have.

Insert The Wick

Punch a small hole in the bottom of the can just large enough to thread the wick through. Tie a knot in the wick so it will hold on the bottom of the can and pull the wick up to the knot. Put a fork across the top of the can and tie wick to this. Set your can in a pan of cold water and pour the melted tallow into the can.

When the tallow is cold, it shrinks away from the can and may be easily removed. Trim the wick and mount your candle on a block of wood or in a quaint dish. You will have a beautiful variegated candle.

# Politeness In Hand-shake

**Firm But Not Tight, and Never Fishy, Not Pumphandle**

Pump-handle handshakes are even worse than "fishy" handshakes; pump-handles are often painful.

The polite hand-shaker will grasp a hand firmly, but not too tightly. He won't shake up and down; he won't squeeze so hard that finger rings cut the person whose hand he is shaking, says the Associated Press.

It's a woman's place to offer her hand to a man. That is especially true if she is being hostess in her own home. Most men, however, are so used to shaking hands they are likely to take it for granted they should shake hands with women.

Four persons shouldn't shake hands all at once—in wheel-fashion. That has nothing to do with superstition; it simply saves everybody from feeling awkward.

When two men and two women meet, it usually works out to everybody's advantage if the men shake hands and the women greet each other verbally and with a nod or a smile.

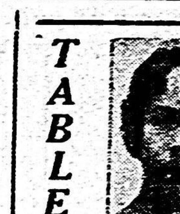
# Hunter Borrows Wife's Corsets

The new streamlined corsets are lacing canine figures now.

A Fulton, Mo., sportsman tried adhesive tape to protect stitches in the side of his wounded hunting dog but when that failed to stick he borrowed a corset from his wife.

Laced in, little could be seen of the dog except his head and tail. Results of the hunt, 10 birds.

# TABLE TALKS



By SADIE B. CHAMBERS

**BREAD AND CUSTARD DESSERTS**

Of special importance just following the holiday season are the simple, nourishing desserts, for two reasons. Firstly, they are inexpensive, secondly, they are excellent food value incorporating milk and eggs as they do, thirdly, this type of dish is a much needed change from the rich foods of tradition of the Yuletide season.

**BUTTERSCOTCH PUDDING**

Combine two tablespoons of butter and three-fourths cup of brown sugar in the top of a double boiler and cook over direct heat, until well blended, about one minute. Add two cups milk and place over hot water to scald. Add slowly two well-beaten eggs and season with a pinch of salt and ½ teaspoon of vanilla. Arrange one and one-half of buttered bread cubes in a greased baking dish and add the custard mixture. Have oven 350 degrees, baking until firm in the centre. Cover with a meringue made of two egg whites, one-fourth cup of brown sugar and vanilla to flavor. Return to oven to brown.

**CHOCOLATE BREAD PUDDING**

1 cup dry bread crumbs
1 square of chocolate (unsweetened) shaved
2 cups of milk scalded
1 tablespoon butter
1 cup sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 egg well beaten

Mix crumbs with shaved chocolate and add to scalded milk in saucepan. Stir over low heat until chocolate melts. Add butter and cool slightly. Add the remaining ingredients and mix thoroughly. Pour into buttered casserole and bake one hour in oven 375. Test with silver knife to see if it comes out clean (which is the best test for all custards). Serve hot with sweetened whipped cream, sprinkled with chocolate shot.

**CREAM PIE**

This simple basic pie is one which should be cultivated in every family. It lends itself to many interesting variations. Mix one third cup flour and two-thirds cup sugar and ¼ teaspoon salt. Add two cups scalded milk, stirring constantly. Cook over hot water, stirring until thick about 15 minutes. Add two tablespoons butter. Pour mixture over three beaten egg yolks, stirring constantly. Cook two minutes longer. Cool and add ½ teaspoon of vanilla extract.

**VARIATIONS FOR CREAM PIE**

Fill a baked shell with alternate layers of cream filling and sliced bananas and top with whipped cream. Or this: Increase the sugar to one cup, and add two squares of bitter chocolate to the scalded milk to melt; top the dessert with whipped cream and chocolate shot.

If a butterscotch flavor is desired, substitute one cup of brown sugar for the granulated in the basic recipe. Or still another surprise: Serve a date dessert by adding ¼ lb chopped fruit and one teaspoon grated lemon rind to the milk mixture before thickening. And still again, add one cup shredded cocoanut to the filling and sprinkle an additional half cup over the meringue before browning, for another dessert.

**READERS, WRITE IN!**

**Miss Chambers welcomes personal letters from interested readers. She is pleased to receive suggestions on topics for her column, and is even ready to listen to your "pet peeves." Requests for recipes or special menus are in order. Address your letters to "Miss Sadie B. Chambers, 73 West Adelaide Street, Toronto."**

## For Happy Feet

Good shoes are the least you can provide for your feet. In addition, it is a splendid idea to give them a special treatment once a week. First of all, give them a thorough soaking in hot, soapy water, softened with special salts or with a teaspoonful of a mixture you can make yourself with the following ingredients: two ounces borax, two ounces salt, two ounces crushed rock ammonia, and two ounces Epsom salts. Then dry the feet and massage them for a few minutes with warm olive oil. Wipe away any which is not absorbed into the skin, and rub a little methylated spirits into the soles, finally dusting well with talcum powder.

## Life Soon Over

A Mayfly has neither stomach nor digestive organs. That's why it lives for only a day.

**Scholarship**

**and cash awards for meritorious musical compositions offered to Canadians of either sex under 22 years of age. The Contest closes March 1, 1940; entry forms and detailed information may be secured from The Canadian Performing Right Society, Limited, Royal Bank Building, Toronto.**

# Achievements of Canadian Women During Year 1939

**Review of Events During Past Year Contains Interesting Data in Feminine Accomplishments**

Smiling Queen Elizabeth whose graciousness and charm won millions of hearts and left cherished memories in the mountains, plains, woodlands, cities and towns of the Dominion, earned an outstanding place in the achievements of women in Canada in the past year.

Lady Tweedsmuir, wife of Canada's present Governor-General, in turn is pulling the weight of her exceptional abilities in leadership of Canadian women in the present stress of war.

In War Service

From coast to coast more than 200,000 women rallied to the call for service through the channels of the Voluntary Registration of Canadian Women under the chairmanship of Miss Margaret Hyndman, K.C., of Toronto.

In The Air

Canadian women took to the air also in 1939. Twenty trim just-over-five-foot girls donned navy blue uniforms and became stewardesses at the inauguration of a trans-Canada air line schedule. In another angle from the air, Mrs. Erna Watson of Montreal distinguished herself by keeping pilot Captain Anderson afloat until rescued when the flying boat Cavalier fell into the sea en route from New York to Bermuda in January.

In Literature

A Toronto woman and a Montrealer now living in Toronto, upheld the feminine place in literary fields. Gwethalyn Graham was awarded one of the Governor-General's prizes for her novel "Swiss Sonata." Joyce Marshall formerly of Montreal, won the Canadian Women's Press Club award for her short story "And the Hilltop Was Elizabeth."

Two Canadians, well known in welfare and nursing circles, Miss Charlotte Whitton, O.B.E., and Miss Edith Kathleen Russell, were called to King's College, Halifax, to receive the honorary degree of Doctor of Law.

Women were accepted in many roles heretofore confined to men. From the Maritimes Molly Kool of Alma, N.B., became Canada's first woman master mariner. Dr. Jessie Gray, of Toronto, was the first woman to receive the degree of Master of Surgery. Elsie Gregory MacGill, first woman in Canada to receive a master's degree in aeronautical engineering, has become the first woman to design, build and test her own airplane.

Dr. Mary Wong, daughter of a Chinese restaurateur, of London, Ont., was appointed to the staff of the Medical Research, Banting Institute, University of Toronto.

# Canada's Leading Woman Athlete

**Mary Rose Thacker, Champion Figure Skater, Wins Title for 1939 — Jeannette Dolson Second**

Like many another athlete, Mary Rose Thacker may never get a real chance to show her ability because of the cancellation of the 1940 Olympic Games. For the moment, she will have to be content with laurels to be won on this continent.

Pretty Mary Rose, at the age of 16, won the Canadian and North American figure skating championships this year in her first attempt. There seem to be no other fields for the Winnipeg girl to conquer right now, for South America does not go in for that sort of thing, and other continents are otherwise engaged.

Sports writers across the Dominion, polled by the Canadian Press agreed that Mary Rose was the leading Canadian woman athlete of 1939. Some marked their ballots for her alone, though they were given three choices.

Mary Rose gained the title by four points over Jeannette Dolson, Toronto's 21-year-old sprinting star. Miss Dolson held her supremacy over all others in the Canadian track and field championships for the fourth straight year, after bowing to Helen Morrison of Toronto in the Ontario meet.

# Girls, Wear More In Cold Weather

**And Have Long Life — Woman of 105 Celebrates 105th Birthday at Her Home in Morewood, Ontario**

A little white-haired woman who lived under the reigns of six British sovereigns looked back on 105 years of life last month and opined that girls could do with more respect for cold weather.

"If they dressed warmly, the way I do, girls would be healthier and live a good deal longer," said Mrs. May Jane Bogart, of Morewood, Ontario, who was celebrating her 105th birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Bogart came to Canada in 1845 as a little girl when her parents moved from Fermanagh County, Eire. She has yet to suffer a serious illness, another point in her argument for more winter garments for Canadian womanhood.

Mrs. Bogart can recall many incidents during the sailboat trip of seven weeks and four days across the Atlantic Ocean 94 years ago.

## The Horse Seems To Like Him

Robert Montgomery is the well-dressed horseman as he gives his horse its daily workout on the bridle paths near his home.

# Fashion Evolves Through Ages

**Development of Clothes Traced From 1100 B.C. to Present Day — Byzantine Empire Once Style Centre**

The evolution of clothing from early days down to the beginning of modern times last week was sketched by Miss Ruth Dingle, of the drama department of McGill University, Montreal.

Ahe First Petticoats

The only example of women that wore as a regular piece of apparel a bifurcated garment, before 1870, the lecturer said, was in the Minoan period, and down to 1100 B.C. The first "petticoats" were worn by Egyptian women, late Egyptian art indicating a thick petticoat under a stiff transparent dress. The German lady added to costume a brassiere and continued the waist with a "zone."

From the fifth to the twelfth century the Byzantine Empire, the centre of the civilized world, was the seat of all that was original in fashion and culture. Costume design took salient features of the culture of both East and West, the mingling of the emotional color of the East with the intellectual line and form of the West."

Learning From Orient

Miss Dingle traced various influences that affected dress for both men and women in European countries. In the Plantagenet period, the crusades and other travels further familiarized the English with Eastern cultures and affected the dress of the times. Gorgeous fabrics and profuse embroidery made garments highly decorative. In the fourteenth century women's dress showed the "princess" line, fitted at the waist and with wide, gored skirts and long fitted sleeves with cuff over the hand. At this time plucked eyebrows became "the fashion." The reign of Henry VIII showed unparalleled magnificence in dress both for men and women. The women added to their array of garments the hoop or the "farthingale" as it was called in England. It was a wide stiff petticoat mounted on hoops of iron, wood or whalebone. The time of Elizabeth Tudor was the "age of the ruff, of perfume and wigs, of padded sleeves, spreading farthingale, peaked bodice — of every artifice that human nature could devise."

# A Big Breakfast For Little Child

**Experiments Prove Youngsters Respond to First Meal of the Day By Gaining in Weight**

Thirty-four school children are being used in an experiment at Cleveland, Ohio, which may eliminate "bolt and run breakfasts"— at least if Elizabeth O'Neill, first-grade teacher, has anything to say about it.

After just one week of "regular" breakfasts, children in her class gained one-fourth to two-and-one-half pounds.

After she found that 35 per cent of the children were underweight Miss O'Neill decided that something should be done.

The Mothers Are Co-operating

"First I asked a few mothers what their children ate for breakfast," she said. "Most of them said they didn't bother much about the first meal of the day—but just gave the children a little piece of toast and jelly."

The mothers agreed to co-operate with her in an experiment and the result was a class-room breakfast each morning, with fruit juice, hot cereal and milk on the menu. Food now is contributed on a co-operative plan. Each morning, different mothers provide different foods.

## Rare Giants

There were only thirty white rhinoceri left in Afrcia when they came under the game-preservation laws a few years ago.

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# Sunday School Lesson . .

LESSON II
THE PROBLEM OF FORGIVENESS
Matthew 18:15—19:30

Golden Text — "Forgive us our debts, as we also forgive our debtors." Matt. 6:12.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING

Time — The teaching recorded in chapter 18 was given in the autumn of A.D. 29. All that is recorded in chapter 19 occurred in February and March of the following year, A.D. 30.

Place — All the teaching here recorded in chapter 18 was given in Capernaum. The nineteenth chapter opens in Galilee, but the events of the rest of the chapter are in Peraea.

The Law of Forgiveness

21. Then came Peter and said unto him, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times? Peter's query indicated that he still regarded forgiveness as something outward and quantitative rather than something inward and spiritual. 22. Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but, Until seventy times seven. Jesus clearly means unlimited forgiveness here. 23. Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, who would make a reckoning with his servants. This is the first of the parables in which God appears as king. We are the servants with whom he takes account.

24. And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, that owed him ten thousand talents. (A talent was about a thousand dollars). 25. But forasmuch as he had not wherewith to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made.

26. The servant therefore fell down and worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27. And the lord of that servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt. The servant apparently had no indication of the enormity of his debt, which as a servant he would never be able to pay. The extent of the Lord's compassion is here indirectly compared with the vastness of God's forgiveness of sinners.

Towards One's Inferiors

28. But that servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants who owed him a hundred shillings; and he laid hold on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay what thou owest. ("shilling" amounted to about 17c or about ten times that much in comparative value today). According to Roman law a creditor was allowed to drag his debtor by the throat before the tribunal. The harsh form in which he demanded payment demanded special attention. His address to the fellow servant implied his own condemnation. 29. So his fellow-servant fell down and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee. 30. And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay that which was due. Such is man, so harsh and hard, when he walks otherwise than in a constant sense of forgiveness received from God. Ignorance or forgetfulness of his own guilt makes him unforgiving and cruel with others.

The Wicked Servant Condemned

31. So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were exceeding sorry, and came and told unto their Lord all that was done. 32. Then his lord called unto him, and saith to him, thou wicked servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou besoughtest me: 33. shouldest not thou also have had mercy on thy fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on thee? 34. And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due. For the first time we are told that the king was angry, and this is the main lesson of the parable. An unforgiving spirit is sure to provoke the anger of God. When sinners offend again, it revives the guilt of their otherwise forgiven sins. 35. So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother from your hearts. Is not the great message here one concerning the attitude of the Christ toward those who have sinned against him? "As God has forgiven my brother who has sinned against me."

Jesus condemns the whole spirit of resentfulness and revenge, laying down as a fundamental principle, and exemplifying it throughout his life, that the heart of a true follower of his will overflow with a spirit of true forgiveness toward those who have wronged him.

# "Ration" Hues Of Stockings

Women in wartime will have only 10 colors to choose from when buying next year's stockings, compared with more than 600 peacetime shades which only experts could distinguish.

The British Color Council, deciding to simplify the business for women and the trade, has announced these "rationed" shades: burnt nude, carib, goblin, newmarket, mist beige, graphite, dryad, gun metal, vogue, and copper skin.

# Honey Keeps The Best In The Dry Air

**Otherwise It Takes On Too Much Moisture**

Many persons may have observed the watery appearance on the surface of honey when exposed for a few days in a humid atmosphere. This is caused by the fact that honey actually absorbs moisture from the air, an important consideration in the storage of honey. The containers in common use with screw-tops and friction-tops do not prevent absorption of moisture from an atmophere of high humidity. It has been established that honey stored in a dry atmosphere loses some of its moisture, while it takes on moisture in a humid atmosphere. The loss of moisture from honey does not affect its keeping qualities, but the result of increased water content tends to promote conditions favourable for yeast growth. This brings about fermentation, resulting in spoilage of the honey.

Try Pasteurizing

Practically all honeys contain yeasts which become active when the water content of the honey is high, writes C. A. Jamieson, of the Bee Division, Dominion Experimental Farms Service. In general, it is found that white honeys will keep longer than dark honeys, because the latter are gathered in the late summer and early fall when conditions for ripening by the bees are not so favourable and as a result will contain more moisture.

One method used to prevent fermentation is by pasteurizing, heating the honey to a temperature at which all yeasts are destroyed.

# Empire Keeps Air Services

**Passenger, Mail Routes Secret During War; Fewer Flights**

War has not halted civil aviation but it has restricted its operations and spelled a virtual "blackout" of information about it.

Planes still fly between Britain and several continental countries including France. But the air ministry won't say for publication with what countries services are maintained.

To India, Australia, S. Africa

The war has not stopped the Empire air services to India, Australia and South Africa. But their frequency has been reduced, as an economy measure. The "all up" air mail scheme was dropped at the outbreak of war. Air mail letters to the Empire now have to carry a heavy additional impost. Ordinary letters are sent, as they used to be, by boat.

Travellers who go by air have discovered unwelcome changes since war began. Pilots now have instructions to fly through storm areas instead of around them. It often means a bumpy ride. Wireless communication, particularly concerning the weather, is rigidly restricted lest useful information be picked up by the enemy.

There are more than 100 types of soil in Florida, says a state experiment station chemist.

## "Hunchbacks" of Finland Terrify Russian Troops

Carrying their knapsacks under the white coveralls that make them almost indistinguishable from the surrounding snow, these hardy Finnish ski troops look like hunchbacks as they glide to their front-line posts on the Karelian front. These men have been the terror of the Soviet invaders, swooping down on isolated parties, pistoling, machine-gunning and knifing the bewildered invaders. Then fading away like wraiths, leaving confusion, terror and death in their wake.

# A Farm Society 150 Years Old

**Kings County, N.S., Agriculturists Recall History—Second Oldest in America**

The Kings County Agricultural Society, the second oldest of its kind in North America, celebrated its 50th anniversary with a meeting in the village of Grand Pre, famous in Acadian history.

The Kings county society is exceeded in age only by one in Pennsylvania. Organized on December 10, 1790, for the townships of Horton and Cornwallis, the objects were set out as "for the better improvement of husbandry, encouragement of manufacturers, cultivation of social virtues, and to promote good order and the well-being of the community."

"For Betterment of Husbandry"

At its regular meeting in January, 1790, the society decided on the need of a co-operative set up to market cattle, sheep and other livestock. Members banded together for that purpose, contracting to sell through no other medium and sent their own agent to Halifax. In 1841 the society's records show the first purchases of "improved agricultural implements from the states."

# German Debts Show Increase

**Obligations to Holland, Switzerland and Italy Rise**

The League of Nations at the end of the year reported Germany's commercial debts to Italy, Switzerland and the Netherlands had risen during the first six months of 1939 and that the German wheat crop showed a 7.8 per cent drop from the previous year.

A statistical bulletin gave these figures for debts Germany owes the three nations:

Italy, an increase from 47,000,000 to 478,000,000 lire ($2,350,000 to $23,900,000.)

The Netherlands, a rise from 29,000,000 to 42,000,000 guilders ($15,370,000 to $22,260,000.)

Switzerland, an increase from 107,000,000 to 130,000,000 Swiss francs ($23,540,000 to $28,600,000.)

Wheat Crop Less

The total of the 1939 German wheat crop, including that of the Sudetenland, was given as 55,845,000 quintals (about 206,000,000 bushels) compared with the 1938 total, not including the Sudetenland, of 60,192,000 quintals (about 222,000,000 bushels.) Both totals include Austria.

# Mme. Chiang Will Start Maple Grove

Madame Chiang Kai-Shek likes maple syrup with her waffles, so her Canadian missionary friends have decided to see that her future supply of the golden liquid is assured.

A handful of maple tree seeds have been parcelled off from the Ontario Department of Agriculture to Vancouver whence they will cross the ocean and ultimately be flown to the famed Chinese woman to start a maple grove in her grounds.

"There is no humorist like history."

—Will Durant.

# FARM... COLUMN

**KEEP CULLING POULTRY**

Cull and sill. This process will not only make more room but will also remove a profit destroyer from the poultry flock. There will probably be several pullets that are undersize and not as thrifty as they should be. The surest thing to do is to cull these out with the early molter. As a rule the average farm flock is too crowded and by giving the birds a thorough culling more room will be available. Then, too, it never pays to keep the "star-boarders" in the flock, nor the undersized birds as they are sure to decrease the income from the flock in more than one way.

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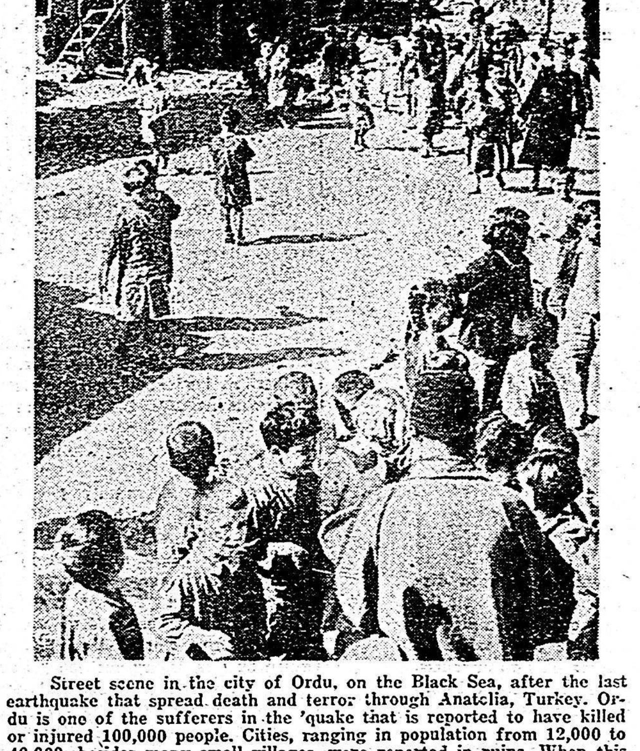
**ROOTS AS FEED**

While roots are from 80 to 90 percent water, they are a great help in keeping the cow's digestive tract well supplied with this necessity. Chemists have termed them "watered concentrates," because they have in the water present in their natural state some elusive tonic agent that has yet no laboratory label on it. They are food and drink combined. They make just such an appeal to the cow's taste as apples, pears, peaches and other juicy fruits make to the taste of the human being.

A root cellar is just as necessary an equipment of the dairy farm as a silo. Root crops are a benefit to the land, a silage saver, a most excellent cattle feed, and a dairy safety valve.

## This Turkish City One of Many Hit By Terrible 'Quakes



Street scene in the city of Ordu, on the Black Sea, after the last earthquake that spread death and terror through Anatolia, Turkey. Ordu is one of the sufferers in the 'quake that is reported to have killed or injured 100,000 people. Cities, ranging in population from 12,000 to 40,000, besides many small villages, were reported in ruins. When this photo was made, children were lining up at a relief station. Similar stations were set up as rapidly as possible in the stricken area.

# RADIO NOTES AND NEWS

By MADGE ARCHER

**DRAMA MORE POPULAR**

Dramatic broadcasts increased their lead over other individual classes of programs during 1939. This conclusion was reached after a study of the annual reports mailed this week by NBC and the Columbia Broadcasting System.

NBC reports, for instance, that the output of radio drama has doubled during the past seven years. CBS lists no fewer than 6,131 dramatic broadcasts for the year. And these occupy about 20 per cent. of all broadcasting time.

The interesting point is that all other forms of popular entertainment when lumped together total only 30 per cent. of all air time, which amounts to about 10,000 hours for each individual network. And it must be remembered that popular entertainment includes the quiz and interview programs and programs of semi-classical music as well as those given over to variety.

There seems on the face of it to be a distinct decline in the variety type of program. Of course, the serial story takes up most of the time allotted to drama. According to the CBS report, about 90 per cent. of drama time is devoted to programs like "One Man's Family."

Review of The Year

As a matter of record, the following is a rough percentage of time the three principal American networks have given to the various branches of radio broadcasting during the past year: Popular Entertainment, 30 per cent; Drama 20; National and International Affairs 17; Education, 7; Fine Music, 7; Dance Music, 7; News and Sports, 7; Children's programs, 5.

In Canada the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation has reason to be proud of its handling of the Royal tour, one of the greater feats in the history of broadcasting. The visit lasted thirty days and included the relaying of the Empire Day broadcast with its complicated pick-ups from different parts of the world.

The CBC also must be credited with putting the Canadian symphony orchestras on the map. The summer series of Toronto Promenade Symphony concerts were broadcast not only across Canada but also in the United States over the NBC. The present series by the Montreal Orchestra, Les Concerts Symphoniques de Montreal and the Toronto Symphony Orchestra are being heard over the Mutual network as well as the Canadian.

**PROGRAM FOR THE WINTER**

It is doubtful if there will be very much change in programs during the next four or five months, generally speaking. On Saturdays the broadcasts of the Metropolitan Opera Company and the NBC Symphony Orchestra are the programs watched for most keenly by music-lovers. On Sundays there is the Philharmonic from New York in the afternoon at 3 o'clock. And in the evening there is Jack Benny's program, the new streamlined Chase and Sanborn Hour, and, if you can pick it up, the Ford Hour. "One Man's Family," paired with the Chase and Sanborn program, and Orson Welles' theatre and the Silver Theatre offer the principal dramatic fare.

# The Snowbirds Arrive

Cheery brown snowbirds at play
in the yard,
Did you hop off a gay Christmas
card?
You make a sweet picture there
in the snow,
A-bobbing and chirping where
branches bend low,
All sparkling and white 'neath
winter's blue sky.
The wind fluffs your feathers as
it passes by,
But you do not mind the cold wind
or snow
As all round the yard hop-hopping
you go.
Dear little snowbirds, I'm so glad
you've come,
Of my ginger cake you may each
have a crumb.

—Christian Science Monitor

# Persons Over 50 Can Contract T.B.

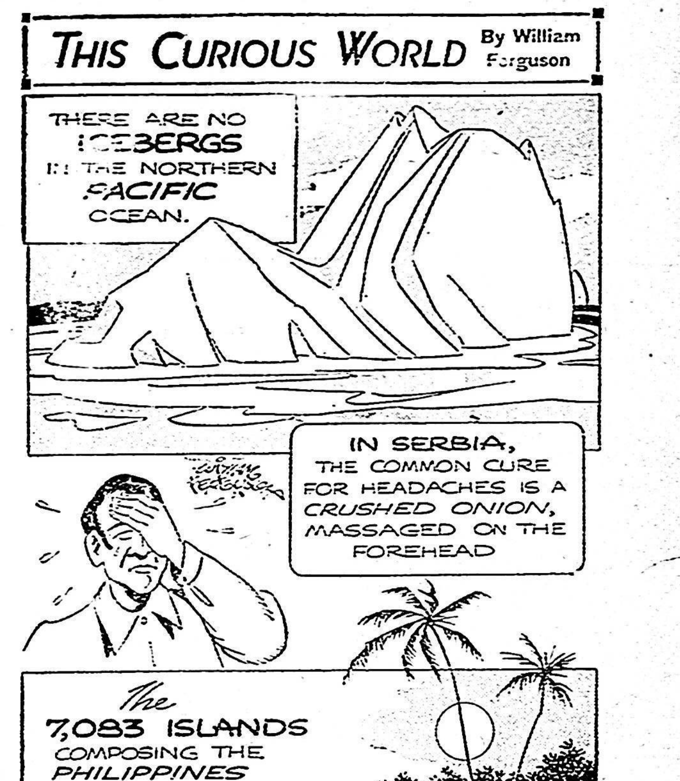
**Specialist Says Middle-Aged Are Not Immune To Tuberculosis**

The belief that persons who have reached middle-age are not subject to tuberculosis is untrue and dangerous, according to Dr. Frank A. Finnerty, of Montclair, N.J.

"Persons over 50 actually contract tuberculosis far more frequently than any other age group," Dr. Finnerty told the convention of the New Jersey State Osteopathic Society. They do not often die from it or even become seriously ill, but usually it is infectious which does mean danger to younger persons who might contract it in malignant form."

## THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson




SINCE the organization of the ice patrol, after the sinking of the Titanic, in 1912, not a single fatality has resulted from icebergs. An area of 150,000 square miles of the North Atlantic is patrolled throughout the berg season.

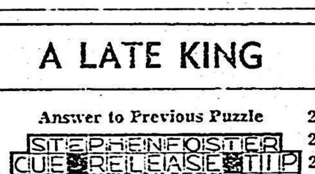
NEXT: What formed the covering of the first rigid airship?

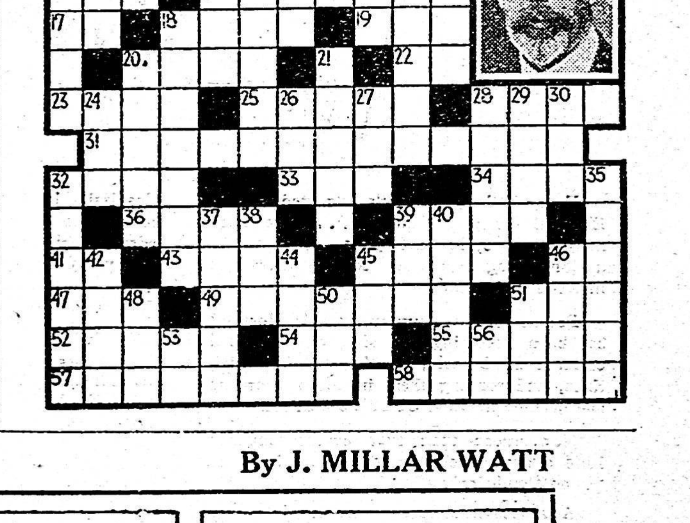
## A LATE KING

**HORIZONTAL**
1, 5 Ruler of England during World War
10 Torpid.
12 Owing.
13 Cavity.
14 To make a surgical incision.
17 Father.
18 Grain food.
19 Male.
20 Persian coin.
22 Neuter pronoun.
23 Genus of frogs
25 Pertaining to the iris.
28 To extol.
31 He was a quiet —— ruler.
32 To fuse metals
33 To peep.
34 Metallic rocks.
36 Opposed to right.
39 Particle.
41 To suffice.
43 Simpletons.
45 Circle parts.
46 Company.
47 Fish.
49 Male fowl.
51 Uncooked.
52 Water wheel.
54 Falsehood.
55 To rub out.
57 He was Queen Victoria's ——
58 He was the —— of two English kings.

**VERTICAL**
1 Male salmon.
2 Dolphine-like creature.
3 Tennis fence.
4 Grain.
6 Paradise.
7 Plural pronoun.
8 Quantity of paper.
9 Occurrence.
11 Law.
15 Overpowering fright.
16 Infection.
18 Stigmatized.
20 Little round hill.
21 Feverish.
24 Tennis point.
26 To tear stitches.
27 Some.
28 Plunders.
29 Epilepsy symptom.
30 Custom.
32 Walking through water.
35 Rain.
37 Unit of electrical capacity.
38 One plus one.
39 Wrath.
40 Tubular sheath.
42 Smell.
44 Song for one voice.
45 Devoured.
46 Box.
48 Age.
50 To do wrong.
51 Hurrah!
53 Into.
56 Right.

Answer to Previous Puzzle





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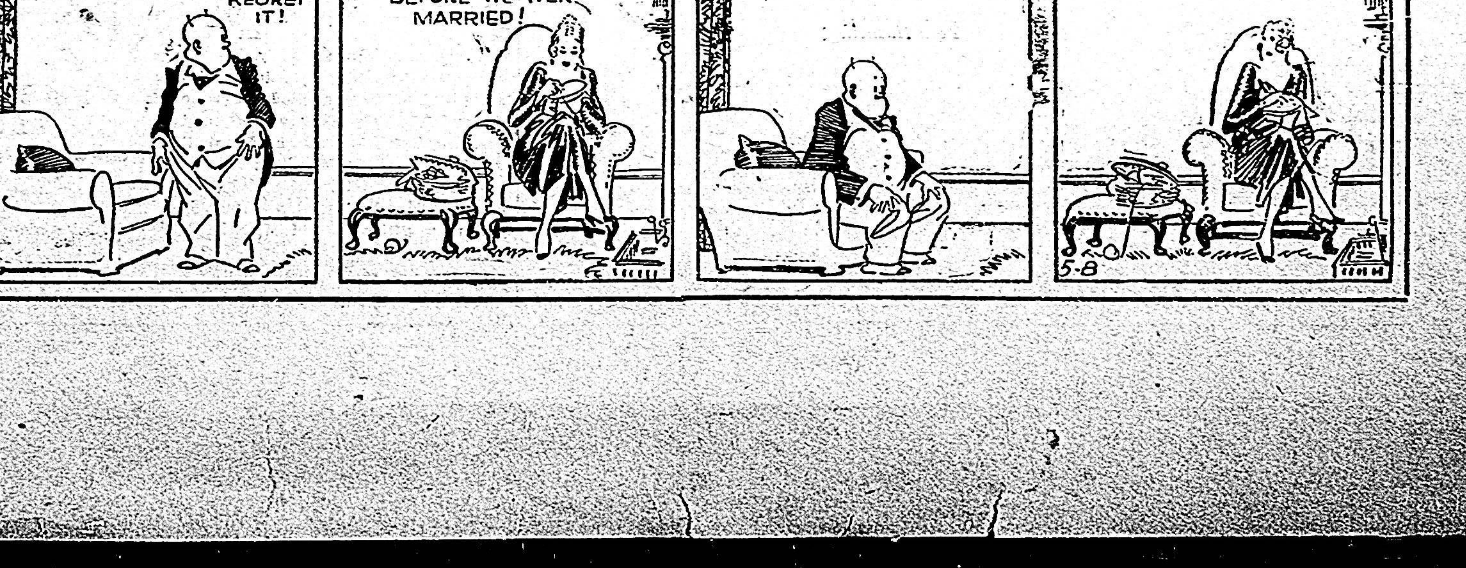
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