



Here is a documentary picture of American life—the last auto rolling off the assembly line of one of the country's great automotive industries until the Axis goes down to defeat. Henceforth this plant, and others producing their last cars, will concentrate only on tanks and other weapons needed for the United States' victory drive.

**HOW CAN I?**

**Q.** How can I mend a kitchen knife or fork that has come loose in the handle?

**A.** Fill the opening in the handle with powdered resin. Then heat the handle end of the knife or fork and force it into the handle opening. Tie a string around it and allow it to remain until dry.

**Q.** How can I destroy plant insects?

**A.** To destroy insects and also to fertilize the plant soak one tablespoonful of smoking tobacco in one quart of water overnight. Pour this solution on the soil about once every thirty days.

**Q.** How can I clean leather goods?

**A.** By using strong ammonia water. Rub the leather until it is clean, and then dry with a soft cloth.

**Q.** How can I clean rugs on the floor?

**A.** Rugs may be cleaned very nicely on the floor if washed with soap suds applied with a brush. Use only suds, and as little liquid as possible. Wipe the rug after washing with a clean cloth.

**Q.** How can I remove medicine stains from sheets or linens?

**A.** By making a paste of fuller's earth and ammonia, and applying this to the stain. Leave on until dry, and then wash out the stains with soap and water.

**What Science Is Doing**

**WHAT'S A SNOWFLAKE?**  
A snowflake—being ice—is a mineral with a chemical composition of H<sub>2</sub>O, and a hexagonal crystalline form like that of the gem stone beryl.

Snowflakes start as ice crystals, formed—usually on a tiny particle of dust—when water vapor is cooled below freezing. Sleet and hail, on the other hand, result from the freezing of water droplets after condensation.

Normally it takes about 10 inches of snow to equal one inch of rain.

Because of the air spaces between fallen flakes, a heavy snow blanket has unusual insulating properties, and may keep the temperature of the ground close to freezing while the temperature above the snow is below zero.

Of trillions of snowflakes no two are ever exactly alike.

**NAPHTHALENE BY-PRODUCTS**

Moth balls and flakes and synthesized medicinal preparations such as aspirin, saccharine, novocaine and barbitol are by-products of coal.

**FERTILIZER**

Fertilizer from coal, in the form of sulphate of ammonia, is increasing in application. During 1941 it is estimated agriculture will need 400,000 tons of nitrogen, of which 122,000 tons will be in sulphate of ammonia, produced from coal in the by-product coking process.

**Need Stressed For High-Quality Seed**

A warning to seed producers in Canada to prepare to meet the demands from European countries for high-quality grain seed to replenish war-ravaged stocks was issued recently by G. A. Scott, assistant plant pathologist, Central Experimental Farm, Ottawa.

Speaking at the annual meeting of the Registered Seed Growers' Section of the Ontario Crop Improvement Association, at the King Edward Hotel, Toronto, Mr. Scott asserted that Canadian producers of healthy, high-quality seed were not now in a position to meet the demands that would undoubtedly be placed upon them after the war.

He advised the seed growers to take every possible step toward that goal. He told of experiments now being made at each of the five main experimental farms in Canada to produce a foundation seed that would be free of seed-borne disease such as rust and smut.

**Just How Cold Is Soviet Winter?**

Just how cold is it? Frost begins in European Russia on Oct. 1 the ground is stone-hard by Nov. 15. Average temperature is 20 below zero in January and stays below till April, with occasional drops to minus 54, except along the Black Sea, where it may rise to 5 above. Winds of near-hurricane force are weekly affairs. Ukraine farmers expect frost as late as May 24. The Soviet June is recommended, however, by all Russian poets, regardless of politics. (P. S. The Winter lack of sunshine, vitamins and outdoor exercise has an enfeebling effect on the Russian people, the books say.)

**Axis Air Losses Are Double British**

Air losses of the Axis up to the end of 1941—even exclusive of losses in Russia—have been double those of Britain, it was announced recently.

The Air Ministry said Axis losses had been 8,559 planes, and Britain's losses 3,962.

It gave this breakdown: Over and around Britain, Axis 3,692, British 887; over Europe, Axis 940, British 1,875; Middle East, Axis 2,875, British 711; Western front, Axis 957, British 379; Scandinavian front, Axis 56, British 55; at sea, Axis 39, British 54.

In addition Admiralty records listed 570 other Axis planes destroyed at sea by British warships and armed merchantmen.

**PACIFIC DEFENSE**



Keen-eyed Sioux Indian Army scout has his rifle ready to deal with any enemy threatening our western coastline. Indians were used as scouts in World War I.

**MODERN ETIQUETTE**

1. Is it proper for women to shake hands with each other when being introduced?
2. Where should one place the pits when eating olives?
3. Should the listener to a conversation gaze constantly at the speaker?
4. Does good form demand that an announcement of an engagement be made promptly?
5. How should one eat cheeses?
6. Is it a hostess' duty to see that conversation doesn't lag?

**Answers**

1. Women may or may not shake hands with each other, as they prefer. Unless the one who is about to offer her hand is sure that it will be agreeable, she will do well not to be too hasty about making this advance.
2. Put the pits on the side of the dinner or bread and butter plate.
3. He should be attentive and look at the speaker, but not with a hypnotic gaze. Looking out of a window or off into space is disconcerting to a speaker and is a sign of ill-breeding.
4. Yes. This may be done by sending a notice to the newspaper, or by issuing engraved announcements to friends and relatives, or by means of an announcement party for the close friends and relatives.
5. Soft cheeses should be spread on a cracker with a knife. Hard cheeses such as American, may be eaten either with the fork or the fingers.
6. Yes, it is her duty to direct the conversation. There must be no perceptible silences that make the guests feel as though their hostesses were tired and wish they would go.

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**New 'Victory Suit' Appears For Men**

A new men's streamlined suit, designed to save wool, eliminate belts and thereby help win the war is due to hit the United States fashion market in 30 days.

The "victory suit," approved by some of the industry's leaders and frowned on by others, is minus a vest, cuffs, pleats, belt or suspenders. Men will have to depend on buttons to keep their trousers up.

Such a suit, approved by the Government, was displayed prominently last week at a fashion clinic of the New York Retail Men's Wear Council, where it received a good hand. Whether or not it will sell, tailors agreed, depends on how the male will feel about going around without a vest or belt.

James Balletta, Madison avenue tailor, said such suits could retail at 25 per cent less than the present price of a three-piece suit, saving at least three-quarters of a yard of wool a suit. He estimated that if the suit were adopted nationally approximately 30,000,000 yards of wool cloth could be saved yearly.

We could make one suggestion for further curtailment. In view of the heavy taxes ahead, forced savings, etc., what will be the need of pockets? Why not eliminate them, too?

In the manufacture of a fighter plane, 4,000 pounds of aluminum is used.

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The Buckley way. The new improved Buckley formula now all medication—no syrup, not only brings quicker relief but gives you more for your money. But be sure it's the genuine... **BUCKLEY'S MIXTURE**

**Have You Heard?**

Two Irishmen arranged to fight a duel with pistols. One of them was very stout, and when he saw his lean adversary facing him he raised an objection.

"Bedad!" he said, "I'm twice as big a target as he is, so I ought to stand twice as far away from him as he is from me."

"Ee aisy now," replied his second. "I'll soon put that right."

Taking a piece of chalk from his pocket, he drew two lines down the stout man's coat, leaving a space between them.

"Now," he said, turning to the thin man, "fire away, ye spalpeen, and remember that any hits outside the chalk mark don't count."

While on patrol duty a member of the Home Guard came across a watchman asleep in his hut.

The sirens had just previously sounded. Shaking the old man, he shouted: "Wake up; don't you know the sirens' gone?"

Sleepily he murmured: "We'll, I'm not surprised. The people round here'll take anything."

A minister advertised for a man-servant. The next morning a well-dressed young man rang the bell.

"Can you start the fire and get breakfast by 7 o'clock," the minister asked.

"I guess so," replied the young man.

"Well, can you polish all the silver, wash the dishes and keep the house neat and tidy?"

"Say, parson," answered the young fellow. "I came here, to see about getting married, but if it's going to be as much work as all that, you can count me out right now."

Reporter (to veteran of Libyan campaign): "Was there any shade in the desert?"

Soldier: "Yes, but I couldn't get in it."

Reporter: "Why not?"

Soldier: "Well, have you tried to sit in your own shadow?"

When Macpherson came home from work he told his wife: "I'm joining the Army, Maggie. I'll just take my tea and go along and 'list."

"Oh, Sandy," she exclaimed, "what ever has put into your head to be a soldier?"

"Weel, it's this way," he explained. "I've been giving a penny a week to the comforts fund for two months now, and I'm joining up to get my parcel!"

First Actor: "Whose funeral's that?"

Second Actor: "Old Joe, the comedian's."

"Great Scott. Is he dead?"

"Must be, unless it's a rehearsal."

Father took his small son to church. At one stage of the service the clergyman announced:

"We shall now sing hymn number two hundred and twenty-two. Ten thousand times ten thousand. Two hundred and twenty-two."

The puzzled lad nudged his father.

"Dad," he whispered, "do we have to work this out?"

**Pilots Spend Leave Ferrying Bombers**

Now we know the aerial equivalent for a busman's holiday.

Trans-Canada Air Lines reports that two of its pilots, Capt. George Lothian and Malcolm Barclay, are back at work again.

Trans-Canada gave them a three months' leave.

They spent it ferrying bombers across the Atlantic.

There was no mention of what they did in their spare time.

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**Russians in Canada Mobilize For Victory**

Canada's 35,000 citizens of Russian origin including 16,000 Doukhobors most of whom reside in Western Canada have mobilized their total strength not only to help the land of their adoption win their war against the Axis powers but to ensure success for the forthcoming Second Victory Loan Campaign.

The National Executive of the Russian Committee maintains 28 organizing and secretarial branches in Canada. Posters bearing Russian characters will, before the campaign proper begins on February 16th, be distributed among those Russian communities. Circulars in which Victory Loan literature has been translated from English into Russian will soon be distributed to all those 35,000 Russian Canadians.

Russian language publications in Canada have undertaken to devote all the space required to publicize Canada's war aims and Victory Loan objectives in the Russian language so that not a single Russian Canadian may be without full knowledge in both directions.

This is the first time since Canadian citizens of Russian origin became organized in Canada in their own interests that they have volunteered as a united group to aid a national cause of this kind.

"We intend to give our whole strength to your campaign," said K. Okulewich, Organizing Secretary of the committee in a recent interview. "We want your Victory Loan Campaign to be an overwhelming success. We intend to help by distributing literature to our people prepared by us in the Russian language. We intend to send our organizers and even canvassers. When the campaign proper begins we intend to have our people volunteer their services to local campaign committees to help in any way possible. We command the support of every Russian Canadian in this country and we are satisfied that every man and woman associated with our organization will give his fullest support to this important Victory Loan Campaign."

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**Proposal To Build Highway To Alaska**

Roosevelt Sets Up Committee To Study Plans For Construction

President Roosevelt has set up a Cabinet committee to study proposed construction of a 2,200-mile "Burma Road" between the west coast of the United States and Alaska.

Alaska officials in Washington are demanding it be started immediately as a protective measure for the far northern military bastion.

The highway, planned to pierce the great mountain fastnesses of the Canadian northwest, would provide an overland link between the arsenals and supply depots of the west coast and the great army and naval bases now dominating Alaska. Like China's Burma Road, it would be a supply life-line for the defending forces.

Military experts long have emphasized the importance of providing land supply lines between Alaska and the rest of the United States. All supplies now must move by ship from Seattle.

Officials have pointed out that the present water route—through the tortuous inside passage formed by the 100-mile chain of islands between Seattle and Juneau—is vulnerable to submarine operations.

In the light of Alaska's rapidly growing importance in Pacific war strategy, they feel that the overland route is vital to supplement the sea route.

Delegate Dimond, who has urged such a highway for many years, said it could be completed within 18 months. More than 1,000 miles of roadway cutting into Northern Canada are already available, he said.

Canada has objected to the project in the past for fear it would furnish a means of penetration to an enemy attacking from the north.

Now that Alaska defences have been built up, however, it is believed that Canadian approval could be obtained through the joint American-Canadian defence board headed by Mayor Fiorello H. LaGuardia of New York.

Since recruiting for the Royal Australian Air Force began two years ago at least one recruit has enrolled every five minutes.

Marking the second anniversary of the start of recruiting, the committee said the R.A.A.F. now is 18 times as large as it was at the war's start.

**Soviet Railway Gauge Handicap To Nazis**

The difference in the gauge between the Russian and German railways has been a handicap to the Nazis. All their transport by rail has to proceed to the German end of the line and then be transhipped to Russian trains, which use a different width between the rails.

This has prevented the Germans sending Nazi rolling stock on into Russia in the wake of the army. And, as the Russians have been destroying their rolling stock or getting it back out of German reach, the Nazis have not been able to use Russian freight cars and trucks.

The original idea in making the railways of different gauge was to hinder a military invasion of Russia. Proof of the wisdom of the action is being had daily on the Russian front.—Windsor Star.

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