Great Invention Poorly Paid

One hundred years ago a Brookiyn inventor got a patent for a re-markable household gadget. Nobody today remembers him, but everybody uses his product.

The man was Walter Hunt; the the gadger was the safety pin.

Hunt never knew his invention
may have antedated him at least
4,000 years (some say since the
Bronze Age, more than 2,000 years
B.C.) but nobody had ever tried
to patent it, and he was given patent
No. 6,281.

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That should have put him on Easy Street—but Hunt needed money and within the short space. of three hours he had conceived the idea, made a model and sold his rights for \$100.

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"Hunt had a good mind, but very little practical sense," said Joseph Nathan Kane, a writer who digs up historical characters and brings them back to life. 'He gave inventions away to pay

debts, and he always owed money. According to Kane, one day in 1848 Hunt wanted \$15 to pay a debt. He rummaged around in his shop until he found a piece of brass wire about eight inches long. He pointed one end. Then he bent the wire and made a loop so that that two sides acted as a spring. He bent the other end and brought the point through it. It was a shielded safety pin. Then he went to see a manufac-

turer named Richardson, who looked the gadget over carefully.

"I'll give you one hundred dollars cash," he said finally.
. "All right," said Hunt. "And of course you'll apply for

a patent and assign the rights to me." Richardson added. Richardson peeled off \$100 in

A few months later, on April 10, 1849, the patent was issued. This was the legal beginning of a contrivance that has served a thousand and one purposes. Safety pins, say the National Geographic Society, have been in use since the cave man era. The primitive lake dwellers of Switzerland and Northnumerous relics, made with typical spring catch. They disappeared from recorded history during the middle ages, but came back after the re-

aissance. After Hunt's patent re-established them, they became an indispensable they are issued in six sizes, usually in brass and steel, and covered with nickel plate. Born in Martinburg, N.Y., July

29, 1796. Hunt had an industrious and inventive turn of mind. His most important invention was a lock-stitch sewing machine. Twelve years later a man named device and Hunt lost the glory because he had neglected to obtain

Why Change?

A French valet, violently opposed to capitalism, spent most of his spare time attending Communist meetings. His employer didn't ap-prove, but was tolerant, for the man was an unusually efficient servant. But then the valet suddenly stopped going to the meetings. Asked for an explanation, he said: "At the last meeting I attended it was proved that if all the wealth in the country were divided "So what?" asked his employer:
"Well," replied the valet, "I have



Hits The Trail—Armed to the hilt with his toy pistols, Jack Grant, Jr., 5, started a backdidn't work. Visiting Chicago with his mother, Mrs. Edna Williams, Jack decided he didn't like the big city, packed up and headed back to his grandmother's farm. A stranger saw him on a street car five hours later and took him to police. Now Jack's back with his mother—and still in the



RUSSIA A few months ago the so-called Molotov Plan was being loudly ae-claimed—from behind The Iron Curtain"— the perfect Russian answer to the Marshall Plan. Now, throughout the diplomatic world, it is being dismissed as a pretty flat

The experts base their conclusions to this effect on pieces of evidence seeping out of the land of the Soviets regarding increasing economic difficulties in Russian satellite countries. The plight of these countries is

blamed on their utter lack of west ern imports, and on the fact tha instead of pouring recovery goods into Eastern Europe, the Russians have been draining the resources of Now there are reports of possible

very drastic moves by Russia, or by the satellite countries, to try and ease the situation. The most dramatic of these reports come by way of former Czechoslovak officials now in exile on this side of the Communist government, under Moscow direction, plans to put a number of non-Communists into official positions in Czechoslovakia -the object being to make the whole regime appear more accept-able to Britain, the United States and other western countries.

The purpose of such a manoer

King's Plate Day, several promin-ent Progressive Conservatives were very much disgusted when a gen-

picture of what is going to come off on June 27. The George McCullagh

entry gets away from the gate bad-

ly, is slow to get going, and al-

though continuing with real cour-age through the stretch, is never able to seriously threaten the win-

ner, who ran as though consider-

Just in case you do not happen

to catch the meaning of the allusion we shall merely inform you that

the "George McCullagh entry" in the Dominion Stakes set for June

27 is a gentleman named George

final scene is when he either pitches

o beat out the team which tossed

Such things happen, as we said

before, with the greatest frequency

in the dear old cinema—but in real life, not so often. And although

some of the essential elements of

the drama were lacking, what hap-pened at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn

the other day must have brought a deal of satisfaction to a ball play-er named Pete Reiser.

Last winter Burt Shotton, master

mind of the Brooklyn Dodgers, de-cided that Reiser was either too

brittle or too erratic for that team, so Petie was traded to the Boston

Braves in exchange for Mike Mc-

Before the start of the game al-

luded to, the Braves and the Bums were deadlocked for first place in

the National League scramble—20 wins and 15 losses apiece. And

when the Braves came in for their eighth-inning whacks, the Brook-

lynites were coasting along on a

Cormick.

frame of the World Series.

Drew-and let it go at that.

ver would be to interest the west ern nations in relaxing controls on shipments to Czechoslovakia, and possibly giving other assistance. Whether or not the Czech government is to be actually reorganlxed, such reports reflect a grave concern in Prague over the country's economic condition. Poland,

Down at Woodbine Park on King's Plate Day, several prominent Progressive Conservatives were very much disgusted when a gentleman who had backed the winner,

Two other developments which have created considerable interest are a heavy emphasis in Russian propaganda broadcasts on revival of East-West trade, and a reported

THE UNITED STATES A rather new note in Labor Capital relationships is sounded in recent dispatch from Chicago.
The Avildsen Tools and Machine

non-union, by the way.) but to an unbiased onlooker it would seem like a far more reasonable method of settling disputes that the usual way of both sides taking an "adamant" stand — forcing a strike in which both sides lose heavily —

Just what Manager Shotton had to say about it, however, we haven't heard as yet; and if we had, we doubt if we could reproduce it in a journal meant for family consump-tion. For the final score was Braves, 7: Dodgers, 6.

Our reading, of late, has been confined mostly to horse racing information—our desire, of course, being to get a certain King's Plate When they make a baseball movie, almost invariably they include the incident about the ball ers. (We'll go as far as to say that. player who slips and slips—due to one thing or another, generally booze—until finally he is cut adrift filly of our choice failing even to by the club he has served so long get to the post).

Petie if, to himself, he was hum-ming that little ditty about "re-

venge being sweet"?

Schroeder and Bob Falkenburg de-feated Pancho Gonzales and Hugh Stewart for the Southern California doubles championship—and just in case you, too, overlooked it, here are a few of the highlights, and the new marks set.

The match went five juli setsand in the first set, no less than 70 —count 'em—70 games were played Schroeder and Falkenburg taking it 36-34. Other set scores were 3-6, 4-6, 6-4, 19-17, a total of 135 games.

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nice 6-3 lead, and there was great joy among the Fiather's rooters, as Farm Labour Committee, But Phil Masi and Connie Ryan -pinch hitters both of them-singled and, after Eddie Stanky has





Trotting Toward Hambletonian-With trainer Del Miller at the reins, trotter Rapidan, owned by W. N. Reynolds, works out at Roosevelt Raceway. If Reynolds' Hambletonian luck holds up. Rapidan should at least be in the money, for the tobacco man leads all other owners by having backed eight money-winners in previous runnings of the trotting classic. Rapidan's dam, Mary Reynolds, won the Hambletonian in 1933.

too, has been pressing hard for an easing of the controls which prevent it from getting any of the Marshall Plan "gravy"—but, so far, the Poles do not seem to have made the poles do not seem to have made absolutely necessary; but, instead of laving off a lot of employees. much headway in softening up the

move by Romania to try and in-terest Great Britain in making investments in that country.

SPORTS &

tleman who had backed the winner, Epic, and who was feeling very gleeful about it, pointed out in tones that could be heard for half a block that what had just happened was the very finest sort of a hunch for the future.

"There," he said, "is an exact rice was of what is roing to come off a short of the future of what is roing to come off shorts elear out of the park into shoots clear out of the park into Bedford Avenue. And as he jogged around the bases, who could blame

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way of both sides taking an "adam; ant" stand — forcing a strike in which both sides lose heavily — and then coming to the sort of compromise which was inevitable from the very beginning.

Still, as a Unionist friend remarked when he heard about this incident, the Chicago firm's management did its share, too, in prosperous times toward building up to such a friendly settlement when the real pinch came.

BY PROXY

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Turkey In The Hay

the third time Seth Jones had caught her turkeys in his alfalfa. Now he was acting as if she had drien them in.

Augrily, Seta ran across the field to acad the turkeys from the newly fl-oded alfalfa "Can't you keep those dang birds off my place?" fleta slapped her sunbonnet at the flustered turkeys "Do you think I vant 'em over 'ere?" she snapped. "Cetting their feet wet and dving from it, maybe! They're under the fence and in your place before I "Under the fence!" growled Seth,

They rise up and sail right over. the fivin' fools! Why don't you you figger the more green feed your tom gets the better his chance to grab off first prize at the Fair." Cleta flushed with anger. "That's a low-down remark!"
"Another thing." broke in Seth,

"I don't want your tom with my flock. Keep your birds on your own place." He strode off to the irrigation ditch. Cleta was proving up on her desert claim with a crop of milo-maize. The scattering grain made wonderful forage. But the field was

some distance from her homestead and the turkeys had to be driven there every day. Before they started fussing about the turkeys Seth looked at her a Maybe she could make him look at her again with that warm

The smell of autumn was in the air the morning Cleta rode into



town to enter her torn for the show. Coming home she checked her horse to a walk as she passed Seth's

Then she saw the turkeys were in the alfalfa again, and she turned in at Seth's gate. No one answered her shout as she galloped by the house to the field.

Jumping off her horse, Cleta snatched at her sunbonnet and beat

frantically at the fighting gobblers. "Get away, you devils!" Cleta panted. She drove them off and dropped on her knees beside the birds which had dropped bleeding. She watched the victorious gobble strutting and drumming his wings as he rounded up the hens; the his harem. She knew for sure then-Her bird had killed Seth's tom. . Cleta stood up. She saw Seth turning in at the gate, and as he hurried toward the field a hot triumph flooded through her. With Seth's gobbler out of the running her turkey would surely win. she told herself. Cleta knew she

with Seth. "So you let 'em in again," he stormed. "Anyone with a brain might know this would happen. By heck!" he exclaimed, "Blamed if I know which one it is!" He knelt and turned the gobbler-over. "Well, I know my own bird, even if you don't" Cleta retorted, "So now you can go ahead and win that prize money you're so het

"Dunno as I was any more het up than you." Seth jeered, his hands still busy with the bird. Seth looked from the dead bird to the swelling gobbling tom with the hens. He grinned. "Say, Cleta," he drawled in the old friendly teasing voice. "Why don't you take that bird of yours home? He's cutting up something scandalous round them Cleta reddened. "I tell you he's your bird," she insisted moving to-

wards the horse. Seth caught her by the wrist. "Hey! Wait a minute! You know darn well that's your tom with my hens. But if you are honin' for proof -" He spred the dead turkey wing. Clipped in the membrane Cle ta saw a narrow registration band that his eyes were intent and eager mured, "It's just that I felt so to

What A Difference One Foot Made

For sheer drama in its most un-adulterated form, few baseball epi-sodes could match in thrills or poigsodes could match in thrills or pog-nancy the seventh and deciding en-gagement of the 1926 world series between the Yankees and the Car-dinals at the Stadium on a bleak October afternoon. Great pitching by Grover Cleveland Alexander had tied up the series the day before and old Alex, as was his wont, did a bit of celebrating under the assumption that he would not have o answere duty's call again.
The Cards let, 3 to 2, into the

seventh, but Jess Haines, their starting hurler, was losing his effec-tiveness because of a blister on the econd finger of his pitching hand. A single, a sacrifice, an intentional walk (to Babe Ruth), a force play out.
Manager Rogers Hornsby called time, examined Haines' finger and discovered blood was dripping from it. He beckoned to the bullpen and

out shambled Alex. 40 years old and slightly the worse for wear. Hornslooked searchingly in Alex's eyes They were clear and confident. "You can do it. Pete." he said Tony Lazzeri, a long-ball slug-ger, was the Yankee batter. Alex whipped a low, fast one for a called

strike. He tried another and Poosh-Em-Up Tony pushed it up. The ball went creaming into the left-field stands, but—. At the last instant it curled foul by a foot. Thus reprieved Alex poured in an-other fast one. Lazzeri swung savagely and struck out. The next two innings were anti-climax. This was the big one, the

big moment. Only a philosopher such as Grover Cleveland Alexan-der could have accepted victory the way he did. In the clubhouse he merely shrugged his shoulders.
"One foot made the difference being meant it, too.

Great Snail Army Keeps Marching

When the Japanese were thrown

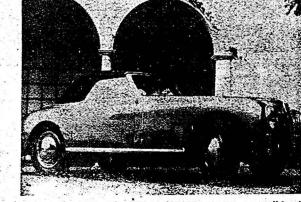
out of the Pacific Islands they left behind something more than their war dead and an unpleasant memory. They also left a modern ver-sion of one of the Biblical Ten, Plagues in the shape of a giant snail, millions of which have become a menace to the food planta-tions of British and American island sions in the South Pacific. When fully grown these snails are about eight inches long, armed with a seven-inch sharp, pointed shell capable of piercing the stoutest motor-tire. They thrive on cultiwrought thousands of pounds worth of damage. The Japanese ate these slimy monstess and introluced them whever they landed to form a fresh meat diet for their

These giant snails are a double menace, for they are bi-sexual and reproduce themselves in hundreds, the young reaching maturity in four months. They can also live for days without food, which aids in their migration. Thus, in a remarkably short time the monsters have appeared in the Marianas, the Marshall and Caroline Islands, New Ireland, New Britain, and New Guinea. Some have been found in the Philippines, and it is feared that they may even reach the United States, for they attach themselves to boats and the under-sides of boxed cargoes in ships,

where they escape detection.

Though slow movers, the giant snails, which originated in Zanzibar, have carried out an astonishing migration, for today there are none left in the land of their origin. across Asia by dint of climbing on and falling off trains, until finally they reached the Far East, where the Japanese found them and de-cided they were edible.

Henally when a man has an argument with his wife, words fall



Romeo From Romeo-This battleship gray convertible Alfa Romeo touring car was Prince Aly Khan's wedding gift to his bride-to-be, movie star Rita Hayworth. The sleek number sports a blue canvas top and blue leather upholstery.



Cruising Down the River-Scenes like this are commonplace throughout Northern Ontario and Quebec as lumberjacks herd their annual log drives down flooded streams to feed the pulp and paper mills which play an important part in the Canadian economy. These men are driving a winter's harvest of logs down Tamacine River, north of Ottawa.

THE FARM FRONT John Russell

If you want to get the best re- | to wilt. Then they start the side-If you want to get the best results from alfalia hay, it's largely a matter of correct timing, says the anonymous writer of an interesting article I ran across recently. Your object should be to save the leaves and also the color of the alfalia.

The Issue acrossing the recent and the same and the same are said also the color of the alfalia. The leaves contain the protein and the green color indicates the prescuring. ence of carotene, which is very valuable because, inside an animals' body, it becomes Vitamin A. With the hay all turned over.

And to achieve this object, you have got to mow at the right time, rake at the right time, and put the hay away at the right time.

The first operation to time is the mowing. When should hay be moved to save the leaves and the green color? when the dew is on. Or, if rain It is natural for leaves to fall comes, turn the hay as soon as the

when alfalfa gets ripe. Therefore, the leaves stick tighter if the hay is mowed well ahead of the ripen ing stage. The experimental stations say to mow the alfalfa when it is from one-tenth to one-third in bloom.

But sometimes the bloom is delayed on the first crop. Don't wait
for bloom if the alialia stops
growing and shoots start at the
crown.

You may gain over four per cent. in protein by cutting hay early.
Some tests show very leafy alfalia
contains 12.3 per cent, protein, as
compared with 8.2 per cent, protein If hay makes a hope when you twist a wisp of it, there is still too much moisture for putting it up loose. If they all break, it's too dry.

Even if the hay is cut at the right time, the leaves can be lost in curing. What method will reduce the 70 to 75 per cent. of moisture in alfalfa to 20 or 25 per cent. with the least damage?

If you leave the hay in the swath, and the juicy stems are covered. The thin leaves become brittle first and fall off. With them goes most of the protein and vitamins.

The problem is to get the stems dry first, or at least as fast as the leaves. One manufacturer has made a crusher which follows the of Mauritius and Madagascar, hidden in the leaves of coffee plants.

From Indian ports they travelled across Asia by dint of alianking.

rake is the method most farmers must use. But the use of the side-delivery rake must be timed right, every known device to get rid o

most of the leaves will be on the inside. Stems will be sticking up from windrows. Air can blow thru the hav for even drying.

turned once or twice if the weather is not good for rapid drying. This operation must be timed, too. Turn the hay in the mornin

Handle the windrows easy, even while damp. If wheels run over the hay, some of the leaves will be lost. The rake should be run so the hay will be turned over just once. If you roll the windrows, they

The last operation to be timed is putting the hay in the mow, bale o stack. For putting up loose hay, 25 per cent. moisture usually is safe. But most farmers can't make that

> Usually when hay pitches easily with a fork, or when the hay fork goes into the load without difficulty, and yet the hay sticks together

> good fork-loads, the hay is ready or the mow. For stacking outside, hay can be piled up almost a half-day sooner than it can be put in a mow. For chopping or baling, some like to give the hay a few more hours'

curing after it is ready for storage

The Cure Proper use of the side-delivery his lawn found, to his dismay, heavy crop of dandelions. He tried

love them.

t occurred to him finally that a the Government was helping the Good hay-makers usually leave hay in the swath just long enough vices, he should write to the Minis

try of Agriculture about his dande So, in a letter, he described kie woes at great length, enumerating all the things he had tried and done, and ended: "What shal! I do now!"

In due gourse came a reply: "We oan only suggest that you learn to

New Gadgets and Inventions You'll Probably Be Seeing Toast Pops Down The new Pop-Down automatic toaster makes it possible to toast rolls, buns, doughnuts, etc., without problems encountered with asual type of toaster. Instead of popping up when toasted, the toast alips

problems encountered with usual type of toaster. Instead of popping up when toasted, the toast alips down into a sanitary chute at the bottom. Specially designed opening will take a great variety of sizes and shapes of bread and rolls. There is no difficult in getting them out, since they slip easily down into the chures makers state. down into the chutes, makers state. Cleaning is made easy because the erumbs, etc., drop down to ledge of chutes and are readily wiped out. of chutes and are readily wiped out.
Toast may be kept warm in the chutes while two other pieces are being toasted. Scientifically designed shade control assures even browning and cripness. Made of polished aluminum, the toaster is said to be light, portable and rust-proof.

Reading Glass New reading glass not only mag-nifies but indicates the exact read-ing line as well. Lens is 8½ inches long-long enough to span an en-tire line at one glance, the maker states. Self-supporting device leaves hands free to make notes, etc. Mag-nifies two or three times actual nifies two or three times actual size. Lens is framed in lightweight metal, black velvetone finsh and weighs only 14 ozs. Lens rests on adjustable supporting stand which is placed directly on the reading material. Edge of the stand shows the exact reading line and holds the place for the reader. Can also be used by typists on copyholders.

used by typists on copyholders.

Knitting Device "Ezee Knitter" is a new device of plastic said to make it possible for anyone to do a professional-looking job of knitting without previous experience. Consists of a circular frame on which are mounted two bands of plastic pegs, separated by a slot. There are 154 pegs and each one handles a knit stitch. Different patterns are knitted by varying the yarn about the pegs. Instructions from any knitting book can be fol-The windrows may have to be lowed, maker states.

maker states.

Non-Slip Floor Polisher "Trafco" is a solvent-type non-

How Pa Jeffries Lost His Farm

> neavyweight boxing champion, used tell this story about the tough life of a farmer.
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and cloud formations reveal coming short period weather changes, mak-

er states. Instructions are shown on

the instrument to make the guide a self-contained unit. An arrow is turned on the guide to observe cloud and wind conditions. Match-

ing of these two factors brings the

Auto Sunshade

New auto accessory is a Plexi-glas sunshade said to afford pro-tection from sun glare without ob-structing view. Also protects pas-sengers from rain or show when windows are opened slightly to prevent fogging. These sunshades come in blue or green, are easily mounted by tiny screws to under side of window moldings, makers

side of window moldings, makers

state. Extra width at front allows

room to swing ventilating windows.

New auto accessory is a Plexi-

orrect forecast into view.

Ps was share two blows behind. There were the beedes, greenboppers and esterphers to content with But the layader that worrie iden most was the nearby town of Los Angeles. It was growing larger by the minute and pretty soon it began to edge into our farm.

Pa was forced to self some land here and some land there. He'd bring home the cash and put it in a shot bag. When the bag was full, Ma would send it so the bank. The maller the farm got the latter Pa and all us kids struggled to make a go on what aoreage was left. The town grew. The farm strank. Pa grumbled. And we rea to and from the bank.

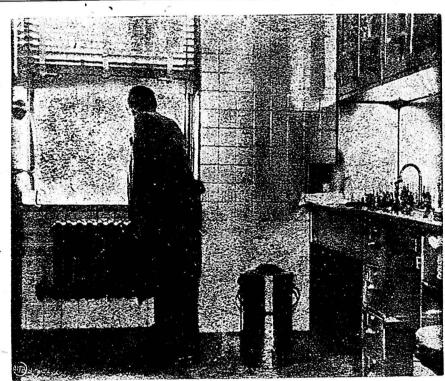
Finally, the last of the cultivated land went to the town folks. "That did it!" growled Pa. "The farm's gone! All we got left in this world is the house, the barn, the orange grove and a million dollars in the bank."





John A. Sarkauskas, of Burnn John A. Sarkauskas, of Buringame, Calif., who once hiked from New York to Los Angeles, thoughtfully examines his footgear in anticipation of his planned stroll along the full 1500-mile length of the Alcan Highway to Alaska this summer. He expects to wear out six pairs of shoes in the 12 weeks he believes the hike will take.

by Gene Byrnes



Forrestal 'A Suicide-A newsman looks from the window in a diet kitchen on the 16th floor of the Bethesda Naval Hospital where only a few hours earlier former Defense Secretary James V. Forrestal stood, then leaped to his death.

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