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Life is gaigt on a farm-well, some-

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## THE LEAP FOR LIFE

By RUSSELL GORDON CARTER

AVE you ever stopped to consider "WI'am." as if what happens when a circus leaves town? It is nothing short of a miracle. Take the town of Dobbaville. A circus had just departed from Dobbsville. Among other features, this circus had only two clowns, one strong man, one fortune teller and one darodovil bicyclist. It left behind it fifty of the first, twenty or thirty of the second dozen of the third, and one small daredevil bleyelist not yet out of grammur school.

"Geoge Wood, a junior at high school and his small brother, Edson, better known as "young Bolinter," had witnessed the circus' final performance, and there under the great spread of flapping canvas the younger brother had undergone an interesting change. During the nant. "All right, Wl'um, you hold the "marvellous maricians from the Orient' and "during feats of strength and skill." Bolinter had grown into a full-sized stick of kindling and then promptly caught fire. The blaze was invisible, but exceedingly hot.

"Did you see the way he did it!" the small boy was saying. "Way up on that narrow incline-jinks, I thought sure he'd crash first thing, the way his old blke wabbled!"

"He made it wabble on purpose," George observed dryly. "Just to fool the kids and make 'om shiver." "He did not!" Sollnter was defiantly

indignant. "He did not!" George yawned and stretched.

Splinter blazed on triumphantly: "Bang! roared that old gun, and, swish! away he went like greased lightning. and then, wheel George, bet you he 'Wi'ani-" jumped forty feet!"

"Not a chance," said George. Splinter's blue eyes flashed, but he held his tongue. After a few moments he announced:

"I can do that!" "You?"

Where?" it soon's I can get ready."

seemed of usbestos, caught fire also; the thould like to try," he said. spark of a great idea began to glow within hunch of yours. Just occurred to me charge folks a dime aplece to see you do it? It'll be great! We could form a little company-"

"No." said Bolinter. George frowned. "Why not?"

"Don't-like it." stubborn little runt of a brother.

George's tiny spark might have soon burned itself out had he not, right after aupper, picked up the June issue of The the summer vacation.

a third. The kid-would crash at the squeaks louder.

have the kid fall and hurt himself! handle-bars. His chin was thrust for- at home shows any local pride of a conmother might not like it. No, he couldn't | ward aggressively. George behind him structive character. have that happen; he must insist on was clutching with hands and feet to Bolinter's being cautious; the boy was too keep from being jolted off; . Wi'am young to be a daredevil bloylist.

The next morning George surprised his brother by helping him to repair the thome!" exclaimed the small boy us he bloycle. By noon Splinter was satis- bent excitedly over the camera. fled with it.

small boy. "It'll do the trick." "Hope so," said George doubtfully.

really good bleyele may be surmised from a glance at the one they had repaired. would have been useless unyway, for it wabbly, and the fork and several of the spokes, not to mention the whools them- struck the take-off and as if with selves, were bent as if from hard riding. It had lost its youth and beauty, yet the deredevil not yet out of grammar school was satisfied with it. It was "a good old

sollnter pushed it to the beginning ground. of Green Slone, which swept in a graceful curve down to the narrow, aluggish brook that meandered through the meadow at the back of the house. in the multitudes who had gathered to watch him do his daring stunt.

his camera. When he joined his brother Splinter was talking with a companion- I grabbed the handlebars !young William Poyster, Custard Peyster's "Triat's why we crushed!" kid brother, whom all Dobbsville called Splinter. "Truby Wi'sm?"

mother from a great deal of worry. "Bay, kid." he began, "I've been thinking foolish to try it."

"What If I am?" retorted Splinter. y, "you'll hurt yourself-break some-

thing probably." "You wouldn't shed

"Can I help it?" Eplinter was indig-

"No, wait," said George, -"Listen, kid; let me try it first, will you?"

fall and smush the blke! Nixle!" George cleared his throat. "Tell you down, and you take a shap of me just as I Jump the brook."

elther! Wi'am-

"No, no," protested George impatient-

Splinter threw one leg over the wheel, inforced by bulkheads,

"Get on behind if you want; I don't care who I do it with!"

"On my old blke. Green Slope-do too! Wi'am, can you take a anapshot?" Wi'am wasn't sure, but there was one Then George, who until then had thing he could do: he could list.

> "Camerath are nithe," said Wi'am made the final assembly. Then he souttled down the hill.

"Pifty-fifty on the prize money?" in quired Splinter.

"Yes, I suppose ab," George asserted. "Hope the kid takes a good picture." As Wi'am went into position on the insisted on steering, and George wisely ening. decided not to argue the matter.

"Now!" cried Eplinter. and his hair-brained scheme for getting the bumps became heavier and the of the makers of its history.

thought George wasn't quite at pase. "Land thaketh! They're coming

Rattling, shricking, bumping, wabbling "It's a good old bike," declared the and jouncing, came the bleycle like some strange runaway machine. Wi'am had begun to dance in his excitement. What Splinter would have said of a dozen yards from the take-off he saw the front wheel slow to the right. ground, expecting sudden disaster. George's hands shot forward to handlebars, and the wheel recovered

In that way, with two pairs of hands to guide it in its old age, the blovel dying effort shot upward and outward.

"Wheel" cried Wl'am. "Crasht And he was looking at George and Splinter and the bicycle skidding in three different directions along the

"Tholinter! You did it!" cried Wi'um George got slowly to his feet; there was a triumphant light in his eyes as he looked from the shattered blevele to his his small brother. Splinter was sitting on ground, holding his stomach. For several moments he rolled his eyes and gasped.

"Sure did!", exclaimed Coorge. "Laicky

METAL MAST

The yatchman and the aviator have in common the necessity of pitting their knowledge and skill against the wind in order to reach a given destination, but this summer marks the first time the experience of aeronautical engineers has been brought into play to solve a yachting problem.

The problem is one which aviation has long had to combat-that of reducing weight without sacrificing strength-and as a result of this application of agronautical experience, the Thorne Byndicate vacht "Whirlwind," which is com peting for the honor of defending th American cup against Eir Thomas Lipton's latest "Bhamrock," will have nast stronger than the ordinary wexten subhiment, but with a reduction of beween 1,300 to 1,400 pounds in weight. Mr. Paul Hammond, of the Thorne neace of mind. Of course differen Byndicate, who placed the order for the people have different ideas and "Whirlwind" with Francis Herreshoff, to some to be alone would be famous yacht designer, conceived the idea | cure, others' would be petrified of replacing the conventional wooden very idea. "See here," continued George carnest- must with a motal must, believing that experience gained in aircraft design would get our equilibrium-last night Partner result in a lighter and stronger mast, and I had settled down to a quiet even replied Buch a mast would be superior to a ing; he with a magazine, I with some George looked injured. "After all, kid would only buckle, while a wooden must asleep when across the stillness of the

Corp., in Akron, could design and con- which did not bem so very far away. closet), but there are very good substistruct a metal must, and Goodyear-Zep- Fire is such benumbing, terrifying tutes. The next time you are shopping. plin engineers, under direction of Dr. thing. At that distance one could only purchase for a few cents a set of mixing "You!" said splinter. "You'd only Karl Arnslein, builder of more than 70 look on and wonder what it was, whose bowls which can be had in almost any Zeppelins, immediately went to work.

why, kid; 'The Beetle's offering a prize for strong aluminum alloy, was modelled a good picture. Here's what: I'll ride after Herreshoff's design of a wooden must, in order that his wide experience "Huh," said Splinter. "Why don't you that the same type of fittings and accesget down there yourself and take a snap sories as for the wooden must might be used. The lower part of the new must "Wouldn't do; has to be a high school consists of two semi-circular cylinders connected by flat side plates while the Splinter's pride was injured: "I'm not upper part, on account of tapering, congood enough, hey? Well, the blke ain't sists of two semi-circular conical parts, connected by tapered flat sheets.

In order to utilize the full strength of the metal in event of buckling, the two "Don't care what it is," said Splinter. Hat sides of the mast were connected by a trusts-like structure which ver "A fine brother, you are!" exclaimed noticeably increased the rigidity of the must. The circular sections were re-

To insure against corresion, aluminum clad sheets were used, all parts were "All right, I will!" George eried with subjected to anodic treatment and paintsudden decision. "I'll save you from a ed with aluminum pigmented varnish, fall in spite of yourself! I'll get a picture, thus being given the best protection got. I know there are things in our sill, fill the bowls with steaming hot known at the present time.

"I the mast, the completed structure being ready for shipping within 60 days after-"All right, here; it's set right. Stand the design was begun. The mast, which him. "Bay, kid, Y-that is, Y wouldn't ten yards off and snap it when we're is 165 feet in length, was recently transbe surprised if that was a pretty good in the air above the brook." And George ported to the City Island shippard, New

LOCAL PRIDE ---

Local pride is based on affection for as natural a sentiment as family pride. dismally to ruminate on his ill luck in Splinter mounted the "good old bike," Like family pride, it may be useful and having such a self-willed, aggressive, the one behind the other. The small boy stimulating, or it may be futile and dead- the blind, it is a case of a cripple helping

in study of the history of the community hurt his foot, is now a cripple himself. George wave a push with his foot, and and its founders, in a desire for a He had his foot run over by a wagon the bleycle lurched forward. The back thorough knowledge of the institutions, when his horses ran away from him wheel, which had a piece of rope tied industries and people of the community, this morning, and it is terribly bruised round the rim to keep it from coming and in acquiring familiarity not only and sore. Beetle it appeared offered a prize of five apart, bumped heavily every time the with the topography and the eternal as- Partner has by no means recovered dollars for the best picture showing how rope touched the ground, and the bent pects of the place but also with its the use of his pedal extremities but student at high school had enjoyed front wheel squeaked shrilly each time spirit. Anyone whose local pride is strong die thinks he can do wonders when h the bent part of the rim came round enough to impel him to such study gets on to his crutch and his stick George wrinkled his forelicad and acraped the bent fork as if com- will become inbued with an ambition to The doctor said to-day it would be an thought of what he would buy if he had plaining at the bumping that its mate contribute to the improvement of the other two weeks, before he would be five dollars. Then he thought of Splinter was getting. 'As the hill became steeper, community; he will be in his turn one able to do very much but still he

brook of course; he always did crash, no Young Wi'am, standing there by the at home is an admirable trait. There is, he is making a little progress even if it matter what he tried. And after the brook, camera in hand, looked as if he however, a kind of local pride that is is very slow. Yn the meantime any time crash the bleycle, which was already in had forgotten how to close his mouth. frequently exhibited only by people who I can persuade him to stay in the house a. bad way, would probably he ruined He, too, had attended the circus and are away from home, and that is not I can always be sure of getting a little beyond repair. George's frown deepened. seen the tall, bald-headed bloyclist make to be commended. "It is usually a mark help with my canning and pickles. He must talk the idea out of the small the "leap for life," but now the stunt of narrowness and prejudice. A man The daily papers make quite interesting boy's head; then he himself would mount seemed to him safe and easy, compared need not sacrifice or abate his love of 'reading these days what with bread the machine, ride down the slope and with what Splinter and George were home in order to recognize the superior prices, milk prices and the daylight get Splinter to take a anapahot of him doing on the decrept blevele. Wi'am claims to general interest that some other saving problem. As far as daylight savjust as he sailed grandly across the brook, uttered excited chuckles and cries as he place offers. Provincialism, as local pride ing is concerned, people in most parts The picture couldn't fail to win the watched the two daredevils sweeping is likely to be called when it expresses of the country do seem to be waking up down the long stretch toward a natural itself away from home, is usually bump- to the fact that it is an absolute farce. For a low moments George, looked take-off at the brook. Splinter's feet tlous, hypercritical and petty. It re- I think the most same idea is that of then his face assumed an ex- were drawn up on the fork, and his arms tards the mental growth of the man who having fast time restricted to the holiday pression of great virtue. Too bad to were extended full length, clutching the suffers from it, for he is seldom one who months. I hope I never have to send

the preparation of all sorts of dishes. but it may be used in almost any room of their own accord.

latter, except plekling. It may be added to sweet milk to sour sultably for cooking, or a small amount of lemon juice and grated rind may be

ruits as prunes, figs, and peaches; In the laundry, linen or muslin may be bleached by moistering with lemon fulce and apreading on the grass in the sun. Iron rust, fruit or ink stains may be removed by rubbing the spots well with emon, covering with salt, and placing in the sun. With obstinate spots it may

good picture, didn't you, kid?"

got to thmap It!"

Ginger Farm

lineat. Just at present I would give anything to have some of that monotonous ouletness which is supposed to be found on a farm but of which I have neve

Apropos of things which happen to upwooden one in event of breakage, as it sewing, the children were in bed and will splinter, with attendant danger to night we heard wild screeching-that enough to have the bowls that our grandawful nerve-wracking rise and fall of mothers had (they probably have been Col. Charles A. Lindbergh advised Mr. the fire siren. I ran out and saw the given to some spinster aunt who keeps Hammond that the Goodyear-Zeppelin sky angry with the reflection of a fire, them behind locked doors of the china place it was, and whether any people shade of azure that you desire. They are The mast, made of an especially or unimals were in danger. Such a almost unbreakable and handy for the tremendous blaze it appeared to be and mixing of cakes, cookies and salads. You vet by about ten o'clock all we could feel that you are doing something differsee was a very faint glow, so we con- out from the same old thing when you cluded that perhaps after all it was not work with dishes of the color about such a very bad fire. But we heard which poets are always singles and this morning it was a frame house, the people were away and only a few places of furniture were saved. The pity of it! Apart from the financial loss, think of those things gone beyond recall which must have become endeared to their owners by close association in family sessions too lightly but each one of us would realize their true value once they were taken from us. I wonder how it would be if we took a montal survey everything we have and ask ourselves just what value we set upon them and could not do any practical good but it would at least make us more contented with the things which we have instead of warrying over the things we haven't

Remarkably rapid work was done on could ever cover-things which have no bination may be made by adding allvalue beyond that of sentiment and yet bran to the cooked cereals. Use onecan be found in so many homes. Some fourth as much all-bran as you have have pictures, letters, perhaps it might cooked cereal. Serve this for suppor be the last pencilled scrawl from Plan- with cream and honey some evening ders, or again it might be a pair of before an open fire and watch the reflec-York, where Goodyear-Zeppelin workmen little wee shoes, rubbed and worn as tions which the last glowing embers cast baby feet last wore them. Yes, so many on the blue bowls.

replace those things which have theh

This time, instead of the blind leading a cripple, because our neighbor, who was A proper local pride manifests itself so good in helping us when Partner first

Local pride that finds its expression chores than he could at first, so we feel

the children to school again on fast time for it is little short of a nightmare to waken the children, give them the LEMONS IN LAUNDRY AND PANTRY and have them away in good time for their half-hour's walk to school. Never, The lemon is perhaps the most useful if it can be avoided, do I waken a child of fruits. Not only does it enter into from sleep as I always feel that if they are sufficiently rested they will waken

Canada seems to be trying to adopt Lemon Juice may be substituted for so many customs which have been found vinegar in any recipe that calls for the to work well in England but yet don't seem to be so successful here and think it is because we only go in for half measures. In the Old County Yast time was taken as a matter of course added for flavor when stewing such dried because it was uniform all over the off. And the same with regard to the early closing act for shopkeepers. weekly half-holiday is not ontional but compulsory for every shop all the year round and the shop-keeper is liable to a heavy fine if he sells shything after one o'clock on early closing day, neither are the assistants allowed to work once | "Yeth," said Wi'am. "Land thaketh, the shop is closed. Some where on the premises of every place of business there George smiled tolerantly; he could af- is supposed to hang a large copy of ford to be generous. "Guess you got a the Factory Act. so that complayers and employees, alike may be fully cognizant Wi'am's face suddenly went blank, of the letter of the law. Of course, the is a clean, powerful, penetrating, anti-"Thay!" he exclaimed. "The joketh on same as everywhere else people do find septic oil that does i me. I wath too blamed exthited. I for- a way of evading the law and it is not greasy residue, and that it must give an unheard of thing for a well-known cheerfully refunded.

sustomer to walk round to the back of a small shop and "borrow" a pound of sausages or a packet of tea for which he will probably pay for the next day, in a casual kind of way, to avoid trouble for both himself and the shop-keeper from whom he "borrowed!" However, details like this can hardly be said to affect the main Issue-generally speaking, a law, once in force, is as inflexible as the law of the Medes and Perslans.

> LITTLE BLUE BOWLS By Barbara B. Brooks

Remember those low blue bowls that our grandmother used to fill with creamy cottage cheese Just after she had finished naking it? The would give one to you accompanied by a alice of crusty homemade bread thickly spread with strawberry Jam and tell you to sit quietly on the side porch and eat it while nister Mary was finishing her music lesson. Did cheese ever taste so good as it did then? Perhaps it was the way that grandmother made it; perhaps it was the faltering strains of "The First Waltz" that Mary was rendering on the organ, but I'm sure that the reason for its delectability was

artists always raving.

The three smallest bowls may be used conveniently and charmingly for the serving of breakfast cereals to your family. Put some crisp, crunchy corn flakes into a shining blue bowl, ton it with bright berries or sliced golden peaches and note the beaming faces that greet you when you enter the breakfast nook If you look carefully you may see Goldilocks peopling in at the window and hear her kay, "And there's the pane bear with his great big bowl; there's the mamma bear with her in-between bowl and there's the baby bear with his teeny, weeny

cereals. A pleasing and healthful com-

If it is Bunday morning and you want to give the family a treat, make waffles. Take the largest and smallest bowl from your set. Use the large one for mixing and the unall one for beating egg whites. It takes no time at all and here'ls the

ALL-BRAN WAFFLES

114 cups flour 4 teaspoons baking powder I toaspoon salt 2 tablemoons sugar 3 eggs (separated)

1 cup sweet milk

16 cup melted shortening Moup all-bran Bift the dry ingredients. Best the egg Add the stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake

An interesting variation of the above recipe is a "filled waffle." When ready to bake the waffles put tust a little batter in the iron and allow to bake for a minute or two without putting the cover down. Take a spoonful of your favorite jam and carefully place it in the centre more batter to cover the jam and ever so gently out the cover down and let bake

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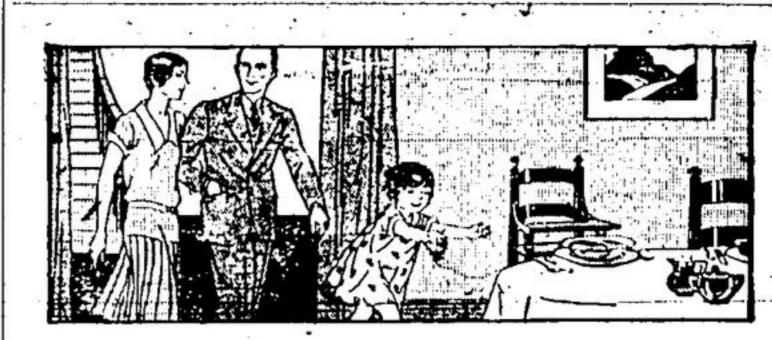
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