

The Free Press' Short Story

THE LEAP FOR LIFE

By RUSSELL GORDON CARTER

HAVE you ever stopped to consider what happens when a circus leaves town? It is nothing short of a miracle. Take the town of Dobbeville. A circus had just departed from Dobbeville. Among other features, this circus had only two clowns, one strong man, one fortune teller and one daredevil bicyclist. It left behind it fifty of the first, twenty of the second and a dozen of the third, and one small daredevil bicyclist not yet out of grammar school.

METAL MAST

The jetchman 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 aeronautical experience, the Thorne Hydro-cata yacht "Whirlwind," which is competing for the honor of defending the American cup against the "Blunrock," will have a mast stronger than the ordinary wooden equipment, but with a reduction of between 1,300 to 1,400 pounds in weight.

Mr. Paul Hammond, of the Thorne Hydro-cata, who placed the order for the "Whirlwind" with Francis Herzogoff, famous yacht designer, conceived the idea of replacing the conventional wooden mast with a metal mast, believing that experience gained in aircraft design would result in a lighter and stronger mast.

Col. Charles A. Lindbergh advised Mr. Hammond that the Goodyear-Zeppelin Corp. in Akron, could design and construct a metal mast, and Goodyear-Zeppelin engineers, under direction of Dr. Karl Arnstein, builder of more than 70 Zeppelins, immediately went to work.

The mast, made of an especially strong aluminum alloy, was modeled after Herzogoff's design of a wooden mast, in order that his wide experience as a designer might be utilized, and also that the same type of fittings and accessories as for the wooden mast might be used.

In order to utilize the full strength of the metal in event of buckling, the two flat sides of the mast were connected by a truss-like structure which very noticeably increased the rigidity of the mast. The circular sections were reinforced by bulkheads.

To insure against corrosion, aluminum clad sheets were used, all parts were subjected to anodizing treatment and painted with aluminum pigmented varnish, known as the present time.

Remarkably rapid work was done on the mast, the completed structure being ready for shipping within 60 days after the design was begun. The mast, which is 165 feet in length, was recently transported to the City Island shipyard, New York, where Goodyear-Zeppelin workmen made the final assembly.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for The Free Press by GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE

Life is quiet on a farm—well, something. Just at present I would give anything to have some of that monotonous quietness which is supposed to be found on a farm but of which I have never yet had a sufficient. I really believe that our life is too crowded with either work or pleasure, or a combination of both, we miss a lot which would otherwise contribute to our happiness and peace of mind.

Of course different people have different ideas and while in some to be alone would be a real cure, others would be petrified at the very idea.

Appropos of things which happen to upset our equilibrium—last night Partner and I had settled down to a quiet evening, he with a magazine, I with some sewing, the children were in bed and asleep when across the stillness of the night we heard the sound of a door creaking and the smell of smoke.

It was a very faint glow, so we concluded that perhaps after all it was not such a very bad fire. But we heard this morning it was a frame house and the people were away and only a few pieces of furniture were saved.

Money can buy a new dining room suite—a piano—but money can never replace those things which have their value in our heart.

Partner has by no means recovered the use of his pedal extremities but I think he can do wonders when he gets on to his crutch and his stick. The doctor said to-day it would be able to do very much but still he is already able to do a few more bare chores than he could at first, so we feel he is making a little progress even if it is very slow.

The daily papers make quite interesting reading these days what with bread prices, milk prices and the daylight saving problem. As far as daylight saving is concerned, people in most parts of the country do seem to be waking up to the fact that it is an absolute farce.

I think the most sane idea is that of having fast time restricted to the holiday months. I hope I never have to send the children to school again on fast time for it is such a nuisance.

Canada seems to be trying to adopt so many customs which have been found to work well in England but yet don't seem to be so successful here and I think it is because we only go in for half measures.

In the laundry, linen or muslin may be bleached by moistening with lemon juice and spreading on the grass in the sun. Iron rust, fruit or ink stains may be removed by rubbing the spots well with lemon, covering with salt, and placing in the sun. With obstinate spots it may be necessary to repeat this process several times.

"Yeth," said W'iam. "Land thaketh it with great!" George smiled tolerantly; he could afford to be generous. "Gives you got a good picture, didn't you, kid?" W'iam's face suddenly went blank. "Thay!" he exclaimed. "The joke's on me. I wath too blaned excited. I forgot to thap it!"

customer to walk round to the back of a small shop and "borrow" a pound of sausage 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 "borrows." 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 Persians.

LITTLE BLUE BOWLS

By Barbara H. Brooks

Remember those low blue bowls that your grandmother used to fill with creamy cottage cheese? Just after she had finished making it? This would give one to you accompanied by a slice of crusty homemade bread thickly spread with strawberry jam and left you to sit quietly on the side porch and eat. It will make Mary was dishing her mule lesson. Did cheese ever taste so good as it did? Perhaps it was the way that grandmother made it; perhaps it was the flattering strains of "The First Waltz" that Mary was rendering on the organ, but I'm sure that the reason for its desirability was partly due to the little blue bowl.

Of course, all of us are not fortunate enough to have the bowls that our grandmothers had (they probably have been given to some spinster aunt who keeps them behind locked doors of the china closet), but there are very good substitutes. The next time you are shopping, purchase for a few cents a set of mixing bowls which can be had in almost any shade of azure that you desire. They are almost unbreakable and handy for the making of cakes, cookies and salads.

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, top it with bright berries or sliced golden peaches and note the beaming faces that greet you when you enter the breakfast room. If you look carefully you may see Old-locks peeping in at the window and hear her say, "And there's the papa 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 bowl."

In the winter time when it is Jack Frost who is hanging on your window sill, fill the bowls with steaming hot cereals. A pleasing and healthful combination may be made by adding all-bran to the cooked cereals. Use one-fourth cup each all-bran and one-half cup cooked cereal. Serve this for supper with cream and honey same evening before an open fire and watch the reflections which the last glowing embers cast on the blue bowls.

If it is Sunday 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 small one for beating egg whites. It takes no time at all and here's the recipe:

- ALL-BRAN WAFFLES
1 1/2 cups flour
4 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons sugar
2 eggs (separated)
1 cup sweet milk
1/2 cup melted shortening
2 1/2 cup all-bran

Beat the egg yolks and combine with the milk. Add the dry ingredients and mix well. Add melted shortening and the all-bran. Add the stiffly beaten egg whites. Bake in a hot waffle iron until the mixture ceases to steam.

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