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ceremony of crossing it?

prits were brought up, whether they fortunately, makes unleavened bread. should be tossed into the pool, go in Back Street" is the story of a girl head first down a long chute, or by who had that fatal attraction to men means of several other variations. which made her her own worst enemy. Things were going beautifully, people In St. Louis, where her father kept a were docilely taking the most merci- small notions shop, Ray Schmidt less duckings, when suddenly a never was at a loss for traveling mutiny occurred. Someone made a salesman to take her across the river leap for Neptune who, trident and all, to a beergarden, Ray was the "toniest went into the tank. Mrs. Neptune girl in town." Then comes a day went next and the water rose another when Ray falls in love. But she isn't two feet. Then in went the judge the kind of a girl that an ambitious with his whiskers, to say nothing of Jewish boy wants to marry, so he his assistants, and pandemonium was chooses a staid girl of his own race. let loose. It was terribly funny and Six years pass in which Ray finds life we all got our diplomas.

night, something which, contrary to she becomes his mistress. Thus beopinion, is rare in the tropics. This gins her pitiful journey through the one was built up like a great city in "back streets" of his very successful the clouds. Even the bar was emptied life. as we all stood in awestruck silence

around the rail.

What can I tell you about Sing- best of Miss Hurst's novels. apore? It is a commonplace and rather nondescript city, disappoint- Certain Income Forms ingly lacking in that element of wickedness with which rumor has always endowed it. There was a grand ball given for us at the famous Raffles Hotel, but when the orchestra enue call attention to the fact that packed up at midnight and went home income tax blanks No. 1099 and No.

the Malay Peninsula on our way to ternal Revenue Sorting Section, Siam. Hard to realize that we are so Washington, D. C., not later than close to, in fact in the scene of so Feb. 15. These are the forms in many of Conrad's stories. This har- which employers report on salaries bor of Siam is full of the strangest, paid to employes, interest on notes, sail-heavy craft, on which whole fam- mortgages, etc., and rents, royalilies live their entire lives. We can ties and dividends. These blanks see them moving or lolling about in have to be filed a month earlier than the most home-like fashion. There the individual income tax returns. are miles of sand-bars in the harbor so we have to go in by small boat. Siam is so low and boggy and so intersected by canals that it is like a continuation of the harbor with a slightly larger mixture of land.

We are all terribly excited about Bangkok. We expect it to be one of the high spots of the trip. One Raymond and Whitcomb cruise was received formally by the King of Siam, but as he is now in mourning for his brother we will have no such treat in store.

We are nearing the shore now, more of this long looked forward to land next time!

"BACK STREET"

By Fanny Hurst Cosmopolitan

What is the ingredient missing from that style of writing so admirably illustrated by Fanny Hurst in her new book, "Back Street"? There

NEARING SIAM. is infinite observation, there is pene- week when he was struck by a truck tration, there is intelligence in the Heat, heat! This business of choice and planning of material. But playing around upon the equator I the something-the yeast to make it suppose we can't expect to be a cool- all rise, is not there. One feels as ing one! Did I tell you about the one reads through page after painstaking page-so much effort, so much Meyer had been driving recklessly. They had a tank rigged up in the good material, it is too bad that the bow of the boat and a platform for yeast was left out. Is that yeast Neptune and his fair Queen. Each humour, is it fancy, is it some perof these-Germans from the boats' vading spirit which would give a German band-must have weighed wider vision and so a better sense of three hundred pounds. A judge in proportion to the whole? Whatever grey whiskers decided, when the cul- it is, it is lacking and its lack; un-

an unsayory business. Then she and There was a glorious sunset that the man meet again in New York and

The story is touching and though unconvincing at times it is one of the

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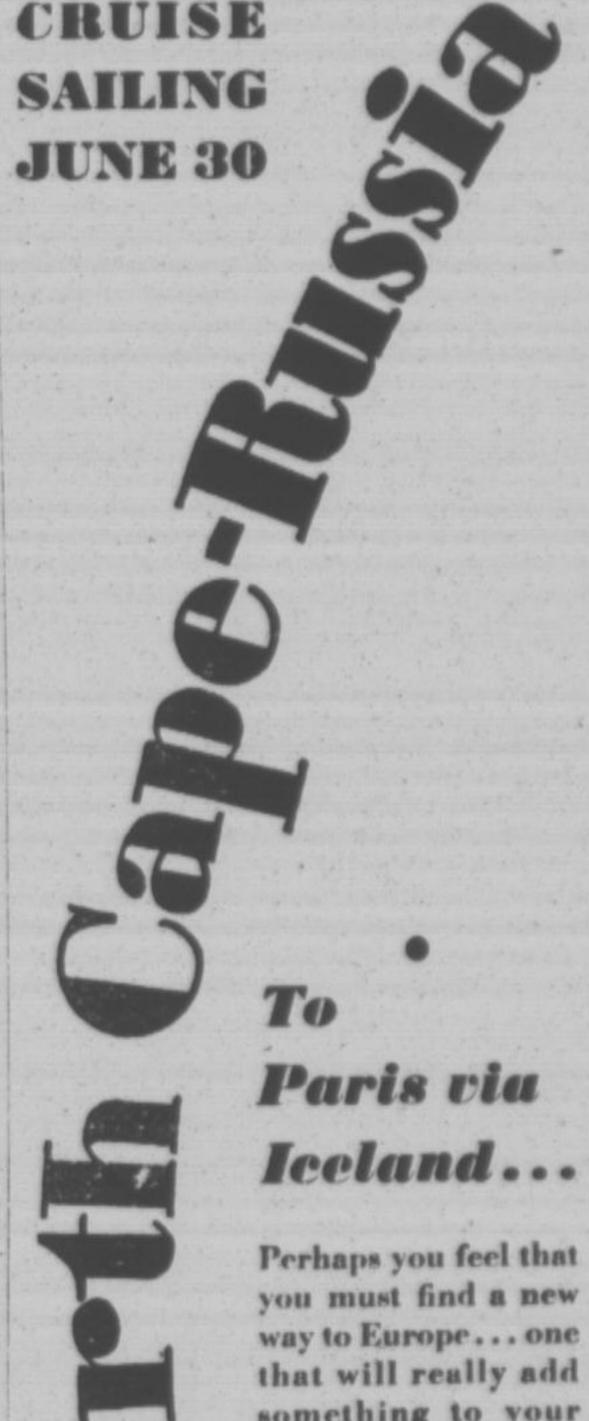
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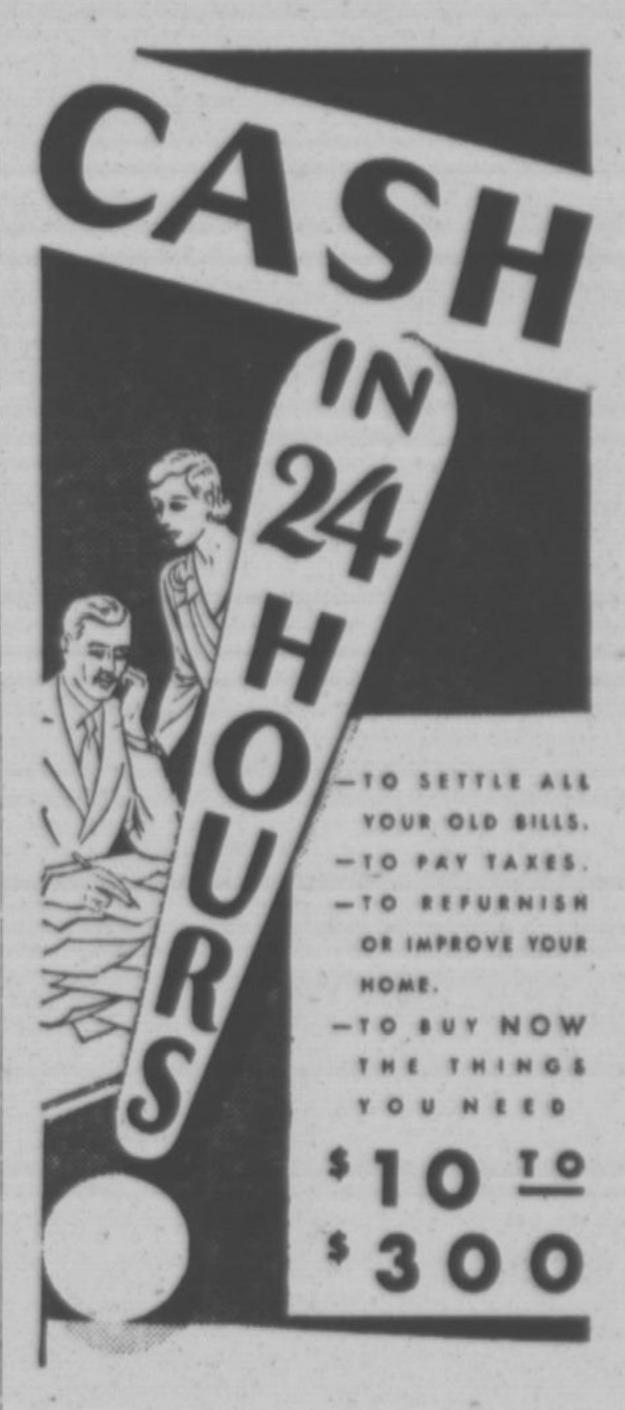
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