# APRIL ESCAPADE

By KATHLEEN NORRIS

But she did not brighten, she did

"What'll they do in the morning?"

"Oh, they'll poke around for finger-

prints and ask questions. They ought

after that we have nothing to do but

wait until it's time, in the afternoon,

"I simply-can't-face my mother!"

rich brocade upholstery, this rising

CHAPTER XXIV.

The thought of her mother and the

freshment of home, and her limp blue

and that one fingered tentatively when

Her eyes were sick for the familiar

medieval staircase winding up from

ested. They could do anything they

out. She'll know you're not lying."

eyes brimming again.

into the dead fire.

ently in the morning!" he promised Working members of Widow O'Hara's family. Eartin is studying medicine at Christopher Steynes, a friend of not smile. Putting aside the half-Mary's boss, Gordon Rountree, makes emptied cup, she slipped down into wife for twenty-four hours in order to her chair again. Her slim wrists, Caughter. Mary agrees, hoping with the emerging from the generous sleeves of cheque she will receive from Steynes to the dressing-gown, looked thin and She tells her folks she is going childish; her slim, childish fingers business trip. Steynes meets her were tightly locked. She stared dully at the Burlingame station and takes her to his home. The countess is discouragd. That night she sleeps at Steynes' house; a burglar breaks in and Steynes shoots him. The police take Mary's name and address.

CHAPTER XXII .- (Cont'd.) "Now, listen, it's only four o'cleck," Chris was presently saying briskly, to run you home. We don't want to "You've got to get some sleep-they, rouse your mother's suspicions by havwon't be 'round here until ten or so ing you get home too early. We'll call in the morning-"

"Mr. Steynes what can they do?" "What can who do?"

"The police?" "Why my child, you're not worry- the burglar!" ing about the police?

Her eyes, tear-marked aiready, fill- Mary Kate whispered. ed with fresh tears. She could not! "I'd tell her the whole thing straight speak. She nodded her head.

"Why, listen," he said. "All they "I lied to her-when was it? Was want is to clear up the case for their it only yesterday," the girl mused, her records."

Mary Kate put her hand over her

"They're not going to mug you for since there are several hours of night the criminals' gallery!" Chris assured left I'd ask Mrs. Peters to sleep in her, amused and kindly. "It's a clear the other bed, in your room. And my case of house-breaking, and the fellow advice to you is to turn in and read was armed-Browning, the constable, a book or something until you get 'member?-Browning said Le could get sleepy and forget it!" twenty years. Well, he won't, he'll get Her eyes went about the sitting about five, if he lives." "Did he fire?"

"No, he didn't have his gun out, walls, this Spanish furniture with the twisted stairway with its rail of heavy

"And he was hit-?" "I shot him through the lung. He'll red cord? She was so sick of it-so never get out of the hospital, probably. | deathly sick of it. And all they want to do is clear it up. be sure he wasn't in conspiracy with Peters, or what not--

He saw she was not listening. Her enxious eyes were fixed on space. The home kitchen, with little Pat at the hopeless, tragic apathy of her manner table looking up from a bitten slice of bread on which brown sugar glisdid not change. "Will the papers have it, Chris?" tened, were like the dream of a mir-

"Sure they will. But that doesn't age. Oh, the coolness, the utter rehave to worry you." Her comber eyes moved to him trust- kitchen apron, and the dish towels that

ingly; she did not speak again for a hung, all winter long, above the stove,

But she knew now what might have a dish towel was needed, to determine changed the whole course of her life their exact degree of dryness! had she known it a dozen hours before. She knew that she must depend sights; the crowded shelf above the could find no help from Chris, or from backyard beyond them, where the anyone else. He might be sympathetic, handsome fire escapes and kitchen he might want to be helpful. But his windows of the big new apartment standards were not her standards, nor houses on Geary street formed a backhis code her code.

There was one code, indeed, for a and surprises. rich young man and another for a And Lere she sat, in her night robe stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap penniless girl, Perhaps he had not and a man's wrapper, at four o'clock it carefully) for each number, and betrayed his code, in this adventure, in the morning, looking at loathsome address your order to Wilson Pattern but how she had demolished her own! "I suppose I'm thinking of Mother," and Spanish saints, and a ridiculous she said simply, after a while.

Chris regarded her for a few sec- the room itself with a red coral balusonds, uneasily. "You can explain it. She'll believe When Mrs. Peters appeared with a you," he said then, without much as- great armul of blankets and sheets, Hung taut across eternity,

"Oh maybe!" Mary Kate said wear- comfortable bed on the couch; it ap- When his own turn to slip will be. ily, with a shrug. Her lip trembled, peared that Peters was to finish the and her eyes filled again.

"Drink your coffee!" things ..... Ohris mused, unhappily. Kate had discovered with such thrill-

"It's too bad. I'm awfully sorry!" ed enthusiasm, less than twelve hours Yes, she reflected bitterly, he might ago. be awfully sorry, and it was becoming It had been put into order now, and and generous in him to be so. But both beds were turned down, but there that didn't involve him in anything was a strangeness and chilliness about cotton fabrics that they could easily of spice, 21/2 cups flour, 1 teaspoon shameful, that didn't mean-that he it, in the dead hour before dawn, that pass for wool. These, "tweedy" cotcould take any share of her punish- struck to Mary Kate's heart like an tons have many advantages-besides

that we can keep your name out of opening a book. But for a long time the papers," Chris said, pondering. the words danced meaningless on the "Gordy surely can do that." page; she could not read.

ten her nervously laughing, old em- that it wasn't likely that anything type of clothes, including accessories. ployer, the man of whom she had more would happen tonight but that The becomingness of this shade wil sometimes thought as a spoiled baby, it surely did get on your nerves to add much to its popularity: unwilling to take responsibility, anxi- have such goings-on in a place, climbous only to escape from every situa- ed comfortably into her own bed and tion with his own skin safe. Well, it was instantly snoring heavily. was he who had gotten her into this, Mary Kate resented her, her snorand he was once more to be let off ing, her nervelessness, and above all, scot free.

But no, she had to interrupt her- - Mary Kate's affairs. self honestly. Nobody ever got a girl The girl had thought she would exof twenty into trouble except the girl plain to Mrs. Peters as lightly, and herself. And here she was, "in briefly as possible, her reason for being trouble," just as surely in trouble as in Mr. Steynes's house under these any poor little loving fool who ever curious circumstances. found herself robbed of a reputation But Helga Peters was not inter-

Hundreds of girls got away with wanted to do as long as she was paid breaches of the moral law that bind her good eighty dollars a month. Marg a woman so tightly and exist not at Kate could be a lily of purity, or she all for men. But she, Mary Kate could be Tony Moody's confederate in O'Hara, who had always held her head the housebreaking job; it was nothing so high, who had always been above to Helga. She would turn the girl's suspicion, much less reproach—she bed down, just the same, and throw -before whom the other girls in the damp towels in the basket, wipe out office wouldn't even tell a shady story, the tub, put books back on the shelves.
or use a coarse word—she was going It did not signify what this great to be known, from now on, as the girl dull animal of a woman thought, Mary who was down in a country house with Kate reflected, closing her book, snapa young wealthy bachelor from New | ping off her light, resolutely shutting York on the night a burglar was shot. her eyes. You look all in," Ghris said, watch- But she had said that of a good

many persons today, and it was not ing her. "She gave a for-true—she had known it was not true. lorn little laugh. "I'm merely wishing even while she had said it. Of course I was the one who was shot!" she said. it signified what persons thought about !

Browning, but their respect-their good opinion-was important. (To be continued.)

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## Acrobats

(From Harper's Magazine) High up on that thin rope called

Mary Kate arose, to help her make a No walker of us can tell

night in the house. After the lights One foot before the other-so, began to go out, and Chris went up- With arms wide out for balancingstairs, and the two women went into Who does not love the muscle-pull, "It's just one of those damn' that pretty spare room that Mary Or would quite miss the final fling? Helen Molyneaux Salisbury.

## Fashion Tit-Bits

So unique are the weaves in the icicle. She lay down in the dressing- being extremely light in weight, they "I don't think there's any question gown, and pulled the covers over her, are non-crushable and will launder.

"Sandy Beach," a soft neutral shade bordering on the light tans, promises Gordon Rountree. She had forgot- Mrs. Peters, observing sapiently to be a most popular color for all

## Moods

Many of our physical ailments are the direct result of bad mental moods. What is needed to cure these ailments her quiet refusal to be drawn into her is not a dose of medicine, but a dose of mirth .- John R. Gunn.



"How are your New Year's resolutions?" "In-fine shape."

"None broken?" "Guess not. How could they be? I haven't used them yet."

Mother: "How did you hurt your "Ah, no, no; you'll see it all differ. a girl. She might not admire Gordon hand? Been fighting?" Ronny: "Yes. Rountree or Don Archibald, or Chris Those were awfully sharp teeth Tom- causes of heart disease, or the disease Steynes, or Helga Peters, or Constable my Brown used to have."

## Economy Corner

Ginger Marshmallow-Sauce. One tablespoon gelatine, 1 tablespoon cold water, 12 cup sifted powdered sugar, whites of 2 eggs, 11/2 cups light cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla, salt, I teaspoon ginger. Soak gelatine ANNABELLE WORTHINGTON in cold water 5 minutes. Then dissolve by placing dish over boiling water for a few minutes. Mix with cream and beat hard. Then add by beating, the sugar stiffy beaten egg whites, salt and vanilla. This sauce will be about like whipped cream. Cut cake in squares and serve with the sauce, either hot or cold.

### Spanish Panocha.

Four cups of brown sugar, 1 cup sweet cream, lump butter size of an egg Boil, stirring constantly until it forms soft balls in cold water. Remove from the fire and add one chopped walnut and teaspoon of flavoring. added:

### Black Chocolate Cake.

Cut 4 squares chocolate fine in mixsalt. Mix well and last add 1/2 cup boiling water. Bake in square pan in moderate oven. -

### Steamed Date Pudding.

Sift together 2 cups flour, 2 teaspoons baking powder and % teaspoon salt. Then add 1/2 cup sugar, 1 cup dates, stoned and cut up fine; grated rind of one lemon, 4 tablespoons cooking oil and 2-3 cup milk.

Mix well, pour into a greased mold, Continuous Light Signal Tells cover and steam two hours. Serve

### Keene Valley Cake.

with hard sauce.

Sift remaining dry ingredients and Railroad system.

### Taffy Tartlets.

One egg, 1 cup brown sugar, 1 tablepinch salt, 1 teaspoon vanilla. Beat cab. These lights shine day and egg with sugar until thoroughly mixed night throughout the run, and are but not too fluffy. Add water, melted instantly and continuously responshortening, salt and vanilla, mix well. sive to every change in the signals Pour into small tart pans lined with ahead. oven until the edges of the crust are the block signal indicates anything pastry dough. Bake in a moderate delicately browned. (350 degrees).

## Orange and Pineapple Shortcake.

Two cups flour, 2 tablespoons butter, 1 cup milk, 4 tablespoons baking powder, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1 can shredpineapple and let stand an hour. Sift schowledging bears witness that of sentiments were most popular. the flour, salt and baking powder. Cut in the butter with a knife, then add milk. Bake in layer cake tins Put half the fruit between the layers and the rest on top.

Two eggs, 11/2 cups sugar, 1/2 cup shortening, 1 cup sour milk, all kinds soda, 1 teaspoon salt. Mix in order given . A cup of raisins may be added the last thing if one wishes. For spice I used a little each of cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg.

## Rice Pudding.

Two cups cold boiled rice, 3 cups hot milk, % cup molasses, % cup raisins, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg. Mix together rice and hot milk. Add molasses, raisins, nutmeg and salt. Pour into buttered baking dish and bake in medium oven about one hour.

# Ash-Trays from the Victory

London - Some novel Christmas presents, of considerable association value, were made possible by the decision to make ash-trays from a quantity of copper from H.M.S. Victory, and sell them at half-a-crown each in aid of the Victory Restoration Fund.

Several thousands of these ashtrays were bought and the Fund has benefited to an appreciable extent, while the Victory ash-trays will, of course, be very highly prized by those fortunate enough to have secured

. Naval relics may be of various kinds, but it is not always that the general public is given a chance of acquiring them. Sometimes they are offered for sale, but only to officers' messes and to officers and ex-officers. -Answers.

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## Scientist Explodes Rule About Oysters in Months With R

'Fresh from the gardens'

however, that there might be statisti- are likely to have spoiled.

that oysters can be caten safely only months; for example, evidence that nelling will be about 30 miles. The into pans. Cut in squares. Chopped during the months with the letter R typhoid fever or other diseases which great extent of the enterprise will be candied fruits, orange peel, dates, in their names, has been exploded by conceivably may carry are commoner understood when it is remembered figs and prunes, also pecaus, may be a sceptical scientist who took the in the forbidden months than in that the Severn Tunnel, which is trouble to test it. At the recent Con- others. Statistical studies have shown England's longest railway tunnel, is gress of Public Health in Paris, a however, that there is no ground for 41/3 miles in length, and was under French physician, Dr. J. Herbier, re- this idea. Therefore there is no rea- construction for thirteen years. ported experiments which he since son at all, Dr. Herbier concludes, why Here again, in Lakeland, Nature

# One Step Nearer condition his train.

Conditions Ahead of Him

Another step in the direction of other by the use of his own dial.

utes in a moderate oven (350 degrees engine cab the shining lights of the dicate a clear track. dials shine directly in front of each to be virtually an impossibility." spoon water, I tablespoon shortening, man, on their respective sides of the

The cab signal is also auditory. If else than an entirely clear track, this fact is called to the attention of the engineman both by the lights and by a loud warning whistle which is part of the mechanism.

The strident sound continues until the engineman "acknowledges" by ded pineapple, 4 oranges. Cut the manually operating a switch which in 3,000 different designs. Scenes of oranges in small pieces, mix with the silences the whistle. The act of olden days and short four-line verses

ability on the part of the man at the throttle. Each man can check the

shallow pan and bake 30 to 40 min- ture is that it reproduces inside the while three perpendicular lights in the rate of 90,000,000 gallons a day.

## SLEEVE BOARD

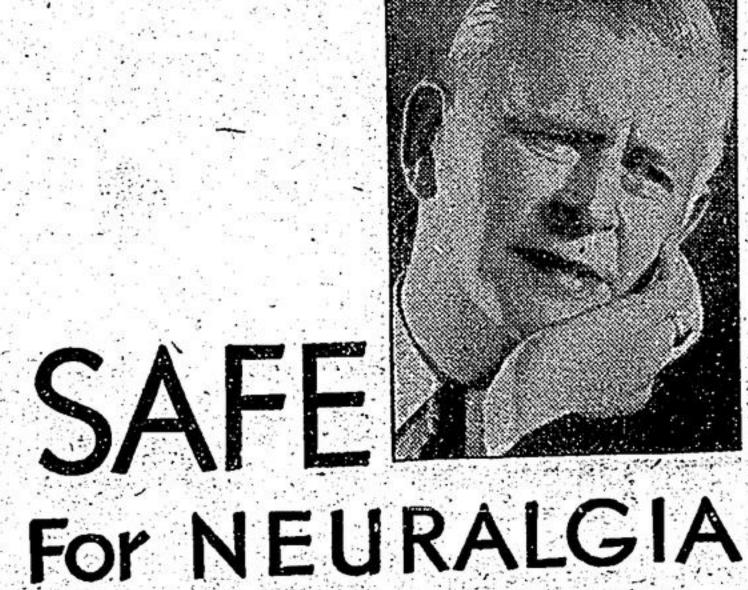
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sound, it would warn the fireman second largest lake- Windermere is. and enable him to take charge of the largest, with a length of 101/2 The Engineer About Track the train in the event of any dis- miles and a breadth of nearly a mile.

Onehalf cup butter, 1 cup molasses, safe transportation is seen in the de- The cab signals installed in panels a huge dam, and so that the water cup hot water, 2 eggs, 1 cup maple velopment of what is termed a "con- in each side of the engine cab, are scheme can be properly carried out or brown sugar, 3 cups flour, 14 tea- tinuous light signal" now installed in electrically operated. The lights are it will be necessary to obliterate, by spoon salt, I teaspoon cinnamon, 1/2 the engine cabs of about 2,000 loco- set by the preceding train, the sig- submersion, the ancient/village of teaspoon cloves, 2 teaspoons soda motives and along more than 2,800 nals being transmitted from the rails. Mardale, with its church, graveyard, Mix egg yolks and sugar and beat well. miles of track of the Pennsylvania Any obstruction on the tracks or farmhouses, school, and cottages. In interference with the block signal this way the very face of Nature will. The new device adds to and great- system automatically sets the stop be changed. add beaten yolks and sugar. Lastly, ly extends the effectiveness of the signal in the cab—three lights across Haweswater is so high above seafold in stiffly beaten whites of eggs. wayside automatic block signal systhe centre. When the lights are at level that its water will travel by If you use brown sugar add 1/4 tea- tem, which has been in general use an angle they convey a message to gravity to Manchester, and will rush spoon vanilla. Pour into buttered for many years. Its outstanding feather to proceed with caution, through the aqueduct and tunnels at

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## An English Lake Goes Underground

BY WALTER WOOD

The longest water tunnel in the world has been begun in the Lake. District in England. It will be 9 ft. in diameter, lined with steel and concrete, and nearly five miles long; and in places it will be 1,600 ft. below the summit of the hills.

This wonderful tunnel is only part of a vast engineering plan which will cost \$50,000,000 and will take five years to complete, the money being spent by the Manchester Corporation to carry out a scheme for conveying water from the heart of Lakeland to Manchester and the enormous industrial district of which the city is the centre. There is to be an \$2 miles aqueduct from the Lake District to Manchester; the \$2 miles will include this five-mile tunnel.

Another bit of folk-lore, the idea cal evidence against oysters in these Altogether, the total length of tun-

has repeated and extended, indicat- people should-not eat oysters when- herself is being conquered, and a vast. till melted. Add 1 cup sugar creamed ing that oysters apparently can be ever they desire. Perhaps the com- population is being put into actual with butter size of egg. Stir in 1/2 cup eaten in the R-less months quite as mon prejudice against the R-less touch with one of the wildest and sour milk, 1 teaspoon vanilla, 14 tea- safely as in others. In many seacoast months arose when there were no re- loneliest spots in Great Britain. From spoon soda; beat smooth Then stir towns, Dr. Herbier had observed, frigerators and when food could not a region which is in some ways as in 11/2 cups cake flour sifted with 2 local residents defy the tradition and be preserved in hot weather. The primitive as it was centuries ago,. teaspoons baking powder and pinch eat oysters whenever they can get R-less months happen to be also the pure, refreshing water is to be them. Experimenting on himself and warm ones and the familiar rule may taken to the multitudes of people on friends and patients, he found no have been intended in the beginning who inhabit Manchester and the harmful effects from oysters in the merely as a caution against eating neighborhood. The Lake District, forbidden months. It occurred to him, oysters in hot weather, when they beloved of honeymooners, mountainclimbers, poets, artists, and numberless tourists, is to be put, not for the Safe Transportation the engineman has observed the sig- first time, to definite utilitarian purconditions ahead and is in control of water, a lake which is now about 21/2 miles long, will be increased by sev-Should the whistle continue to eral miles, and will become England's

Changing the Face of Nature Haweswater is to be raised from a. level of 100 ft. to 190 ft. by means of

This makes a large signals ahead, placing before both. The company's experience is said mountains, and the aqueduct will pass the engineman and the fireman a to have shown that the probability by the ancient market town of Kenclear picture of conditions along the of obtaining a false "clear" signal dal. The tunnel will be so constructtrack. Two miniature sets of signal through this system is "so remote as ed that, in addition to the immense will be left for workmen to make repairs at any time. Skilful and courageous men will be needed.

By way of beginning the southern portion of the waterworks tunnel, at pensable to the home maker. It is Stockdale, a tremendous charge of useful for all kinds of lingerie high explosive was electrically fired by the Lord Mayor of Manchester; (Councillor R. Noton Barclay), in de- the presence of members of the Manchester Waterworks Committee and Banker-He is about five feet five the Westmoreland County Council, who sheltered in a ruined building

> well out of range. In the Heart of the Mountains

That first explosion was an example of the astonishing things which will be done before the scheme is completed. Tons of iron-hard rock and earth and stones were hurled about. 200 ft. into the air, and dangerous fragments were carried right across the valley. An immense steel safety-net had been placed, in position to catch the fragments; but the tremendous explosion carried the net. hundreds of yards away.

The explosion was merely the opening note of many like it, for during the next five years' hundreds of tons. of high explosives will be used, and some 150,000 tons of solid rock will be blasted.

Like swarms of ants attacking a heap which seems impossible of reduction by small infinitesimal forces, an army of human beings are at work on two faces of what look like impregnable mountains. They are operating simultaneously at each side, and in time the working parties will meet face to face in the very heart of the mountains.

And the result of this Herculean undertaking? For the next hundred years Manchester and the district will be abundantly supplied with the purest water; healthy refreshment from one of Nature's undefiled stores. All that is a wonderful prospect. But not less remarkable is the fact that this gigantic task will be achieved without adding a halfpenny to the rates .- Tit-Bits.

## Here's One Estimate

On Size of Universe Princeton, N.J.-A scale in which each object in mass is about 1,000,000 times smaller than the object just above it is given by Professor John Q. Stuart, Princeton University astronomer.

In order of bigness these masses

The known material universe-a spiral nebula-a very large, start-a good - sized planet-an ocean-a mountain peak—a forest—a man a butterfly-a paramecium (single cell animal) -a bacterium-the largest organic molecules -a few score electrons-a quantum of ultra-violet

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