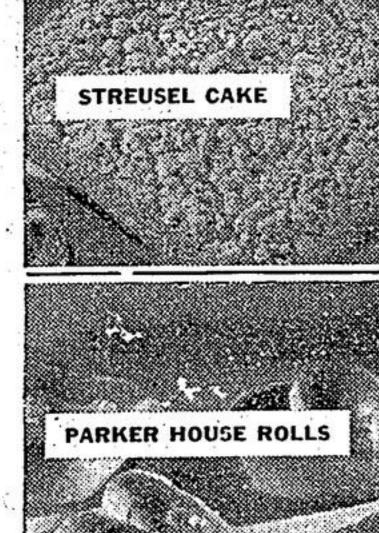
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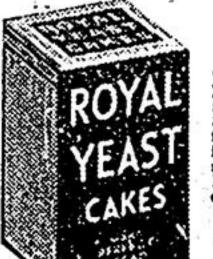
Joan Denby of humble origin, is in-oduced as a social equal of Miss corgina La Fontaine, rather than as come a mannequin at the Salon Celeste. Georgina La Fontaine, rather than as her secretary. She meets Piers Hannen, Pier Hannen takes Joan and her family





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"You can't make me do it!" she

For answer he put his hand out to

take up the telephone receiver.

Joan turned away her head.

be willing to ruin my life too!"

"The whole thing is absurd!"

ed by villains the world over.

"Quite! It's the old trick adopt-

it works, you see! If it hadn't work-

ed, my dear Joan, it wouldn't be

"Do you hate me very much?"

"That's beside the point," he re-

plied, and his face went white be-

fore her eyes. "I'm only waiting to

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them my information now?"

"Can I not?"

such a favourite."

ring up the police and get them to send a man up. You can stay here and watch me give these letters from your father to him. Just as you

Filled with anger against herself for being unable to keep calm in his presence, Joan broke down.

"I'll do it-if you insist!" She sat there in the chair, with her hands hiding her face, trying to control the sobs which rose in her throat and were racking her body. She heard him move over to the window, she heard him come back, and

which to recover. "To-day?"

stained face in helpless supplication. is an extract from one such letter. "Thursday, hen. I'll give you

three days.' That he should want to marry the daughter of such a father was beyond her; but his next words, like a I whip-lash across her face, were like an answer:

honour that I'm according so much consideration," he said. "But I have scruples - perhaps foolish ones -

Joan is horrified when confronted by when she had told Miss la Fontaine Don't you think it is time something that Piers Hannen would never do anything really wrong or ungener-

> He spoke again, this time casually and politely.

"We'll be married at St. Stephen's on Thursday, then. I'll let you know the time to-morrow. I suppose it will that there are flaws in our social persons. be impossible to keep the wedding and economic order. There always As this period is symbolized by the an entire secret-it always is. However, you can tell whom you like

"Very well," said Joan. She rose, took up her handbag, and walked I swear it will never happen again; shakily to the door. There was noth-

"My chauffeur will drive you anywhere that you want to go."

"No. thank you." "The car is down below." "Thank you-no!"

the soft-voiced, elegant secretary, I do feel that, in a great many cases, showed her through the outer of men could do a great deal more than if we need it, thus ensuring care of Then he rose, and in his face she fice into the corridor.

during that last scene down in Hooley Joan stood for a moment, gaining the matter of getting employment and in small communities where there

Street, perhaps during the long in- command of herself. feeling for her had undergone a the shaft, heard the hundred noises, change. His love was dead. What the murmur of work going on he felt for her now was hatred over the big building. All this was Hannen's, all this, and all these busy "Marry people moved to his will; and now she, too, was in the toils. . . .

(To be Continued)

## One Profession Closed to Women

"Shall I ring the police and give Positions as Shorthand Reporters "You can't want to marry me and

Senators and as member of parliam- have been kept without work until ent but no woman yet has qualified they are almost unemployable. But for the work, usually considered a it is a sin in which we have all had ply. feminine occupation, of shorthand re- our part and to which we must all porter in the House of Commons.

At each session, members' speeches are taken down by one of six men who sit at desks in the centre aisle and who alternate, each working 10 minutes in the hour. The work is intense and nerve-wracking. Members in the back benches sometimes mumble inaudibly and there are often interruptions.

the House, they dictate their notes make the sacrifice, and let his boy to women typists. These notes appear in the official printed record, He will probably find that any sacri-Hansard, the next day.

### Their Carriages!

A reference to the good old days is assuredly to be found in the "25 Years Ago" notes of The Ottawa Journal:

The Journal spoke sternly to the Toronto Star which had suggested that Ottawa was overrun with snob-"Ottawa bery and social climbers. possesses," said The Journal, "probably half a hundred millionaires . . . and we doubt if half of the fifty keep carriages."

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EVERY DAY LIVING

A WEEKLY TONIC By Dr. M. M. Lappin

THE TRUE WEALTH OF LIFE

The readjustment of the social and economic order has been talked "To-day?" Joan raised a tear- equal distribution of wealth. Here proper decision.

"Ever since I was able to work I have worked hard. Before I got married I saved all I could toward getting married and, since then, my wife and I have always tried to live as economically as possible so that we might be able to do the right "Don't think that it is to your thing by our children. We have three children-two boys and a girl. Our oldest boy is just about ready have a college education, but almark; how far away seemed the day justify us sending him to college. was done to get rid of our existing order in which a few people have more wealth than they can handle and the majority have not enough 'to make life worth while?"

> have been and, it seems to me, there Ram, a person of this type will be always will be. No human order is perfect. But I think we must also admit that there is a very real at- large bank account can assure for tempt being made today to improve us, there are many other thingsthings, and it is true, surely, that equally essentially if not more esthings are not just as bad as they sential, to happiness, which the poswere many years ago. On the whole, session of money, however much it the standard of living has been rais- may be, can never guarantee. And

ing order" for so many things. He opened the door for her, and am not capitalistically minded, but For example, even the poorest among they do to better their own positions. The door closed behind her, and I am not blind to the difficulties in and cities there are public libraries, which have existed too long, nor to are no public libraries, there is usual-She heard the whirr of the lift in the fact that there are glaring discrepancies in our existing order, but be the church, which provides cor-I know of many cases in which men, with their wives and families, are suffering needlessly. If these men whom I am thinking of had only able to enrich our minds. kept their eyes open to see opportunity, and had had the faith and courfull use of it, they and their families would not be in the position they that. are today.

Granted that all classes of hardship and suffering through poverty Men Retain Nerve-Racking do not come within this category, is for us, to a great exent, just what we make it. I agree that it is one of the outstanding sins of our own OTTAWA-Women may qualify as age that men, especially young men. plead guilty.

To come directly to the case of my correspondent, he is to be admired for having done his best. No man can do any more. I think, however, that the question which he has to first answer satisfactorily is - Is this boy a college curriculum? If so, it will enable him to make good in life? If he can answer these questions in the affirmative, then he After the shorthand reporters leave should be willing to take the chance, have the benefit of a college career. fice he makes will come back to him greatly increased-not perhaps in actual dollars and cents, but in the satisfaction of seeing his boy equipped to take his place in life and become a helper of his fellow men.

Not the least part of our trouble today is that we are materially minded. We have a wrong view of wealth. We think of wealth in the form of a large bank account, and while there are many things that a



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One problem of vital importance | more successful after having conquerabout a great deal in recent years. that confronts young people is to de- ed the somewhot headstrong tendency heard the sound of a match striking Writers, politicians, clergymen, as termine the vocation or trade for Fullest success will come after they and knew that he lighted a cigar- well as the man in the street, have which he or she is best suited. The have learned to finish that which they all shared in the talk. Nor has the purpose of this column is to be of have started. "When?" he asked calmly, after talk abated. I frequently receive service to those who are seeking help he had allowed her a little time in letters, mostly from younger men, in th's important matter. Your birthcomplaining bitterly about the un- date can be used as a guide to a

Let us suppose that you, or someone in whom you are interested, were reply. Address all correspondence to born between March 21st and April Anne Pennington, Room 421, 73 Adel-19th. Such a person should seek type of work with a spice of danger, or intrepedity would please these people even more. The profession as Sur. geon should prove successful to people born during this period because of the knowledge that people's lives, for college. We think he should and your own reputation depends on your actions. The trade as construct-Scalded to the depths of her be- though we have stinted and saved all ion engineer would also prove very ing, Joan suffered this without re- our lives we have hardly enough to successful. A woman of this period being self-assertive and an excellent conversationalist should be successful as a promoter, dramatist, writer. A very good example of this type is Mary Pickford, the actress, and of the men Charlie Chaplin, the movie star. Their great love of giving to the needy, and their sympathy in abund-Well, we are all willing to grant ance will bring much success to these

even the worth while things which It is so easy to blame the "exist- money can secure for-a man are not denied that man who has no money. us can have skilled medical attention the body, while in most of our towns ly some club or institution, it may responding facilities. Through our libraries we have access to the great minds of the ages and are thereby

In a word, the true wealth of life may be said to consist of love, faith, age to go forth to seize opportunity hope, sympathy, courage and honwhen it presented itself and make esty. "A good name is better than riches", and money can never buy

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### Winter Sunset

heard the wind blow through the saw their branches bend and

saw the sun sink low, and paint The snowy slope in colors gay. Beneath a pine a rabbit paused,

His head thrown back, his glance My gun beside me was forgot;

That helpless life I could not hurt A bird flew low, a streak of black In hold relief against the white;

The day was fading fast, the world Was resting in the arms of night. Gone was my passion for the chase,

I bowed before the age-old law, "Live and let live." In this calm

Amid the pines I knelt in awe. -Beverley Githens.

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# Culture in Russia

NEW YORK - The desire of thoughtful Russians to widen the cultural basis of the people is reflected in a questionnaire which has been laid before 300 readers by Ogonek, short-story magazine, writes Harold Denny in a special article form Moscow in the Yew York Tim-

The questionnaire consists of 10 questions for readers to ask themselves and their friends to test whether they are really cultured. The test includes such problems

"Recite by heart one poem by Push-

"Name and characterize five plays by Shakespeare.

"What composer do you like best? year of birth together with 25c and Name three of his best-known works. stamped and addressed envelope for "Which three paintings did you like best in the art exhibition you saw

> last season?" The others include a smattering of mathematics, Soviet automobile manufacturing and sports, and one ques-

tion of great current interest: "Explain in detail why the Stakharoff movement became feasible in little? Or a new one in \$295.00

our country."

IGNORANT OF POLITICS

In presenting the questionnaire Ogonek remarks editorially that there are now too many "cultured people who have a splendid knowledge of their own specialty but are extremely ignorant of politics, art and science" and that the truly cultured man must know these latter as well as his own

In this campaign Ogonek is trying to correct a trait that many foreigners note in Soviet Russia. Great emphasis is being placed everywhere on "cultural fie." But despite Russia's magnificent theatre and lively if too often crude literature, the encouragement of veneration of the great artists of Russia's past, and the "liquidation" of illiteracy in the remotest parts of the Soviet Union, the meaning of the world "culture" to the average Russian today is pretty

PIANO LIGH POINT To most, "cultural life" means having a gramophone, radio and, perhaps for the better-paid Russians, even a piano; slickly varnished furniture, colored rayon lampshades, and the use of cosmetics, toothbrush and bathtub-in other words, the commonplaces of the more prosperous of the working class and the bourgeoisie in America.

In its unobtrusive campaign Ogonek is adding its voice to a number recently lifted in the Soviet Union, asking that the word cultural be made to mean what it maens in advanced Western countries.

### Caution in Caledonia

Leap year privileges for lassies in Scotland are gallantly bolstered by a quaint legal statute which legend attributes to parliamentary decree back in 1228 and which reads:

It is statut and ordaint that during the rein of hir maist blissit Mageste Margaret, for ilk yeare knowne as lepe yeare, ilk mayden ladye of boothe highe and lowe estate schal have liberte to bispoke ye man she likes. Gif he refuses to tak hir to bee his wyf he schal be mulct in ye sum of ane hundrit pundes, or less, as his estait may be, except and alwais gif he can make it appeare that he is betrothit to anither woman, then he schal be free.

Most distressingly, a United Press dispatch points out that Queen Margaret of Scotland wasn't then on the throne, thus somewhat clouding a charming tradition. But the legend isna' a bad one, with its implication of Scottish caution in the matter of plunging ino matrimony. A tale is told of a braw and canny young Scottish farmer who had been courting a long time-so long indeed that Maggie felt it "ower lang." She and he were driving one day in his dogeart. "Ye're nse speakin' much th'

day, Duncan," speired Maggic. Two miles later:

"I'm wonderin' if ye'd marry 'me, "I'd be gey pleased, Duncan."

Three miles later: "Ye're verra quiet the noo, Dun-

"I'm wonderin' if I haena' said ower muckle a'ready," reflectively replied the admiring but cautious young swain.

On the whole there is something to be said in excuse for the dilatory suitor's slightly less than ardent wooing. It was all very well for Sir Walter Scott to apostrophize: ...

O Caledonia! stern and wild, Meet nurse for a poetic child! but everyone knows poetry and pounds mix none too easily. After Duncan's somewhat uncertain encouragement, Maggie might have, the following Leap Year, herself done the proposing. "Gif he then refused to tak ir to bee his wyf." and a fine of "ane hundrit pundes" should be the penalty dug out of some musty old statute book-well, that's a heap o' siller for any man to find-even in countries not lapped by the waters of the Silver

Tweed .- Christian Science Monitor.