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HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"When Two Spies Meet"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

You know, boys and girls, when you stop to think of it, every one of us has had some outstanding adventure, sometime in our lives, that is of interest to other people. Leo Facone of Jersey City, N. J., writes that he had been reading the adventure column for months before he thought of sending in his own adventure.

Leo is twenty-eight and the father of two children, but aside from the great adventure of marriage and fatherhood, Leo says, the greatest thrill in his life came when he was only nine years old.

Let's go back over the years with Leo. The World war was on and Leo was playing soldier with little John Ferrara and other Italian-American youngsters of the neighborhood. These boys' forefathers were of a race that once conquered the world, and playing soldier came natural to them. When it was suggested that Leo play the part of a German spy and hide, he agreed.

The shades of night had just fallen and it would soon be time for boys to go home, but there was time for one last game. Leo, as the spy, slipped away to hide. He knew a swell hiding place behind the blacksmith shop, which backs on the right of way of the Pennsylvania railroad. There were lots of wagons standing in the yard, between the railroad embankment and the building, and Leo slipped in between them like a real German spy and lay, quiet as a mouse, on the ground.

Play Spy Met Up With a Real One.

Leo could picture the other boys looking for him—everywhere but here. The spot was the sort of place that people would avoid—unless, of course, they were determined German spies like Leo. Out in the street traffic went by now and then and once a train roared by on the tracks over his head, but otherwise the spot was as quiet as the grave.

Suddenly, however, Leo became aware that he was not the only person hiding out that night. The tall figure of a man rose quietly—only about ten feet away from him—and furtively arranged some sort of



He Handled the Box Very Carefully.

box he carried in his hands. The actions of the man frightened Leo. "Perhaps he is really a German spy," Leo thought. Frightened but determined, the boy lay still and watched. He could not see the features of the man, but he could see his outline and hear him tinkering with the box.

Once—frightened apparently by someone passing in the street—the man dropped to the ground and lay still. He hid himself so well that even Leo could not see him. Leo was glad of that because it meant that the man in turn could not see him.

There Was a Ticking in the Box.

Minutes went by during which Leo shivered with excitement. Here he was out playing that he was a spy and suddenly the tables were turned and a real spy was before him. He hoped the other boys wouldn't come hunting for him here and spoil it all. Leo wasn't very old to be a detective, but he knew from the man's actions that he was doing something he shouldn't be doing and Leo wanted a chance to get the police. What a feather in his cap if the man did turn out to be a spy!

As he was thinking these thoughts and listening to his own heart thump, the man's tall figure rose suddenly again right beside him! He was closer, if anything, and Leo was scared stiff that he would be discovered. The boy got ready to make a break for it at the slightest sign of suspicion.

But the man—whatever he was—seemed unaware of Leo's presence. He was intent on the box before him. He handled that box very carefully, Leo noticed, and once when a passing car threw a light in the yard, Leo saw a tense, cruel face under a mop of gray hair. He hugged the ground and waited.

Finally Leo, listening, heard a strange sound from the box. It sounded like a clock ticking. The man seemed satisfied with the sound and moved with the box in the direction of the railroad embankment. Leo saw him bend over and place it under a culvert beneath the tracks.

And just then the other boys nearly spoiled the whole game. They started calling for Leo to give himself up. Well sir, Leo says he'd seen enough anyway and was pretty glad of a chance to sneak away, if he could do it without being seen. He crawled along on his stomach and then made a run for it.

The other boys were scared when they saw Leo's pale face, but when he told them about the spy he had found they all ran in different directions for a policeman. A policeman was found and he brought with him two other men who didn't laugh when Leo told them his story. Instead they went back on one side of the blacksmith shop while the policeman went on the other. The boys stood on the sidewalk and watched a real spy chasing game.

Yes, It Was a Big Time Bomb.

The policeman went along noisily flashing his light to the spot where Leo had seen the man. Some of the boys thought Leo had just been "seeing things" and started to laugh, but the next minute the laughs froze on their faces as a man, running at top speed, tore out of the darkness away from the policeman and toward them.

He didn't get far though, Leo says, before he had run right into the arms of the two men waiting for him. They caught him and held him while the policeman came up.

Leo says he didn't look like a spy at all when they had him in the light. But a good spy never does look like one.

The man never said a word, Leo says, while the policeman called the patrol wagon. Leo even began to feel sorry for him and to think he had made a mistake, but in a few minutes he knew differently.

He led the policeman back to where he had seen the man place the box. They picked the box up gingerly. And what do you suppose it was? A time bomb! With enough explosives in it to blow up the entire neighborhood! The clock was set for midnight when a train would be passing and, according to experts, the explosion would also have killed Leo and his whole family who lived a few doors away!

And that, boys and girls, is the story of how Leo caught the German spy. Luck? Perhaps. But luck and adventure are companions.

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Early Indiana Capital

Corydon was once the territorial capital of Indiana. A city was laid out, much building construction done, and the first session of the general assembly met there in December, 1813. In addition to the Capitol building, the governor's house and other public places were constructed. Here the Constitutional convention, authorized in April, 1816, assembled on June 10, 1816. A treaty with the Indians in 1818 made it essential to locate the capital elsewhere.

Why Frontier Women Carried Guns

During the Revolutionary war some British officers offered the Indians as much for a white woman's scalp as for a man's. That's why frontier women carried guns when they went out to milk the cows.

Meerschmum, Fossil Substance

Meerschmum, used in pipes, is a fossil substance mainly found imbedded in red clay in Asia Minor. It was deposited long ago by shell creatures and is removed in small ovals.

You Must Have Glamorous Blouse

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THERE is a disposition among designers this season to create "above-the-table" effects, as they please to term it, and this is where the blouse of gleaming lame weave plays a stellar role. Your jacket or caped suit or your fur coat may be as conservative as you may insist but when it comes to the blouse underneath witness a blaze of glory when it is revealed. For a fact, the smartest dress-up blouses are just like that, this season.

What's more, though it's hard to believe, notwithstanding its unmistakable luxury appeal, when it comes right down to figuring it out a blouse of gorgeous sparkling metal cloth is a perfectly safe and sane adventure in economy. How so? Well, it dresses you up at a moment's notice and accommodates itself to your own "make your own" class, all that's needed is a yard or so of handsome fabric, a simple pattern and a determination to do and dare in order to acquire as elegant a blouse as dreams may picture.

Not that the ready made blouse is prohibitive in price, on the contrary it's surprising what lovely models are to be had these days at comparatively little cost. For formal wear silk lame is favored not only for its smartness but because the silk core reduces tarnishing hazards. As to the newer styling the blouses that look festive with much glamour and glitter feature the same corseted waist, high bust line, draped bodice and close fitting neck seen in the smartest dresses.

Many silk blouses completing formal afternoon suits show sleeve in contrast concentrated on top. Pin tucking, shirring, cutout or contrasting encrustations of mat on brilliant or vice versa are used as trimming for otherwise simple blouses.

To the right in the picture we

show a turquoise silk lame blouse with an artfully gathered bodice and flange points at the neck which makes it a 1937 model. This attractive style is also adapted to large sizes in which the corset effect is modified. The points of the collar may be turned down for the shorter neck.

The blouse to the left is the last word in modish detail. Firstly, it plays up glitter and glamour to a finish. Secondly, it carries the message of stripes, and the matter of stripes in elegant fabrics, especially in luxurious lames, is very important this season. In this instance the material is black and silver lame. Then too this blouse proclaims the very advance and widely heralded high surplice model which is fashioned along the new molded line. And please to take note of the cunning hat and whimsical veil. Yes indeed, this ensemble is a perfect criterion of what to wear when you go stepping during the mid-winter social whirl.

If not a blouse of glittering lame then choose a shirtmaker cocktail dress of silver weave like the one pictured in the center background. This type is a perennial favorite, and somehow they look prettier than ever this season. See the clever little pocket with the decorative monogram embroidered in green silk. No lame shirtmaker dress can afford to be without a cunning pocket like this, to our way of thinking. And the adorable hat with its devastating veil done with the usual Lilly Dace artistry, what more could a debutante desire?

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CURL COIFFURE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



"Fashions may change, pompadours may give way to bobs for a time, but they come back again," explained Charles Dana Gibson in discussing his famed Gibson Girl of the 1890s on his recent birthday. And now New York and Paris arbiters of fashion confess that the new styles for Palm Beach and Southern wear have been to a great extent inspired by the Gibson Girl. The "1937 Gibson Girl" shown here glories in a modern pompadour curl coiffure which Twentieth-century culture has made it possible for her to arrange herself with one of the new automatic bob pin curlers.

This beauty gadget shoots curls into the hair in almost the twinkling of an eye. It works so easily and simply the curls can even be done after slipping on this striking two-piece lame-colored chiffon evening gown made with an ingeniously sleeve caplet to slip on after dancing. The gown is made tight fitting along corseted lines, draped over the bosom with a low front and back.

VERSATILE PUMPS HIGHLIGHT FASHION

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Pumps in every imaginable interpretation are conspicuously in the foreground now and will be even more so in the spring showings. There is a new seamless kind that spells comfort itself at the same time that it makes the foot look small because of its glove-like fit.

The open-throat pumps are hailed with delight as they do away with the cut-in discomfort across the instep. Other pumps are sandalized attractively while others are fashioned along d'orsay lines. For the many who love pumps but do not have pump feet there are soft steps styled in fascinating variety.

Tunic Blouses Styled on Modern Greyhound Lines

With "greyhound" lines, Mambosher's ideal for daytime, slim tunic blouses are shown with dark suits and handknit sweaters come well down over the hipline instead of stopping at the waist. The illusion of the length is achieved on dresses with stitching or beading to give a two-piece effect in front with natural waistline in back, detail accentuates the bustline and gives a long, slim waist, and suit coats are from hip to three-quarter length.

Daytime Furs Have More Variety Than Ever Before

Daytime furs this season have more variety than ever before, with three-quarters coats for sports, classic dress coats and jackets of every conceivable description. Short sleeves are outstanding in the Revillon collection. Jackets and coats of three-quarters length are made with elbow-length puffed sleeves, the costumes worn with matching long gloves. A mink day time jacket has caplike loose sleeves to the elbow.

Barrel Sweater

The barrel sweater is becoming a campus favorite.

What Irvin S. Cobb Thinks about

After Dinner Speeches.
HOUSTON, TEXAS.—Lately, for my sins, I've had to listen to a jag of after-dinner oratory, including plenty of mine. I hope people like to hear me. I do.

Feature writers say professional after-dinner speakers are dying out. That may be true in New York, where folks are anxious to get the dinner over with so they may hurry to the night-spots and do some sincere and earnest drinking in an effort to forget what the stock market did to them yesterday and what it's going to do to them tomorrow.



Irvin S. Cobb

But out in the hinterlands the new crop of native orators is a bountiful one; and the typical silver tongues of the great open spaces—I'm speaking of their neighborhoods although I might include their mouths—are still convinced that the sweetest music on earth is the sound of one's own voice uplifted in eloquence.

An English preacher had the best formula: Stand up to be seen, speak up to be heard, shut up to be appreciated. If he'd left out all but the last part, 'twould have been a perfect recipe.

Tomorrow's Treasures.

WANT to acquire untold wealth for your latter years, or, any how, for your grateful heirs?

Then collect things. Collect cheap things which are both common and commonplace. Then sit down and wait for these objects to become obsolete and therefore priceless. Yesterday's necessity is today's junk, but will be tomorrow's treasure of antiques.

Assume you'd saved up old circus bills, or Mississippi river steamboat menus, or buggy whips, or those handpainted sloop-jacks formerly found in all truly refined homes. Henry Ford or some museum would take a lot at any price.

I'm putting aside literary works of a purely imaginative conception. I have one perfect specimen of idyllic creation—a time-table of the old Florida East Coast railroad, also a complete working synopsis of the Townsend plan—just sheer fantasy. But the most fanciful romances are the platform pledges adopted at national conventions of the two great parties during the last twenty years—there's real fiction for you!

Germany's Colonies.

EVERY nation is united in the magnanimous attitude that to Germany should be restored the colonies taken from her by the winning side in the World's war—except the nations that acquired the said colonies in the split-up.

That's the main hitch. It's more than a hitch. It's a hard knot, tied originally with hate and sealed now with greed. In other words, sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander—unless it happens to be our gander, which naturally alters the case.

Nor seemingly has it occurred to any government that the original owners of Germany's former territorial possessions might like to have a say about whom they're going to belong to in future. But then, if ever we started considering the wishes of despised native tribes over the world, where would the white man's noble civilization be?

Cosmopolites

THE last time before this that Captain Mike Hogg and Major Raymond Dickson returned to their ranch at Casa Blanca, Mexico, they were just back from New York.

That night, at the bunkhouse, the hands, mostly Texas lads, foregathered to hear the bosses tell about the wonders of the great city. One or two of them had visited New York, so these cosmopolites proceeded to exhibit their familiarity with its sights.

"Major," said one, "I reckon old Grant's tomb's still doin' business at the same stand, eh?"

"And I bet the aquarium is right where she was when I was there," said another. "And all them tall buildin's."

There was present one lanky youth who had never been fifty miles away from where he was born, in a bend of the Rio Grande; probably never had seen a town of more than a thousand inhabitants. But with all these seasoned travelers showing off, he didn't mean to be left out. He waited for an opening.

"Cap'n Mike," he said, "tell me, is that there same feller still runnin' the hotel in New York?"

IRVIN S. COBB.

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Old Center of Education

One of the oldest centers of education in America, the University of Havana, was founded January 5, 1728, by a Dominican priest, with the authorization of Pope Innocent XIII. It remained under Papal jurisdiction until 1842, when it was officially secularized.

Change Wishes to Stitches



"GEE, if I could only afford that darling dress I saw the other day—I'd give my left arm!" We who are addicted to pretty clothes and subject to the usual feminine foibles (but not too well-blessed financially) often make a wish like this, don't we? Ah, but here's good news, Milady! Thanks to Modern Sew-Your-Own you can make all your wishes come true on the "pretty percentage" basis. You may have "that darling dress" at half the price (you won't have to give up your left arm either). Why not decide today to sew, sew, Sew-Your-Own?

Looking to Spring.

The frock at the left has never been in anybody's window, but you can bet your bottom dollar it's going to be seen this Spring wherever style is of first importance. It interprets the mode in a young and graceful manner. And because it's a Sew-Your-Own original it's the last word in simplicity. Make it either with long or short sleeves in lame, sheer wool, satin, or velvet.

Pajamas for Madame.

Pajamas that make you want to wake up and live; pajamas that help you sleep like a log—is that the kind you have in mind, Milady? You can depend upon today's model either in taffeta or velvet for leisure; cotton flannel, silk crepe or seersucker for sleepy time. Make this becoming style in duplicate while you're about it and be the perfectly groomed pajama girl all-around-the-clock.

To Start the Day.

A good way to start your day, Miss Keep-the-Home-Bautiful, is to wear a dress that makes you pretty as a picture. The model at the right will do just that. Furthermore, you will be thrilled to see how easy it goes together. It's fun to Sew-Your-Own, because then you can choose the color that does things for you, and you may enjoy variety of fabrics with the difference you save by sewing. Won't you join us today—one pattern will convince you that Sew-Your-Own "really has something there."

The Patterns.

Pattern 1416 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 38 bust). Size 14 requires 4 1/2 yards of 39-inch



HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS

Save Chicken Fat.—Chicken fat may be used as a butter substitute in cooking. Consequently, it is a good plan to save the fat from boiled, stewed or fried chicken.

Washing Window Shades.

Soiled window shades may be washed by spreading each shade on a flat surface and then rubbing it with a clean cloth or sponge and soapsuds.

Egg Celery Sandwich.

Chop hard-cooked eggs up fine and season them with salt and pepper. Add half as much finely chopped celery and enough mayonnaise to make the mixture easy to spread.

Polishing Furniture.

That foggy appearance on highly polished furniture can be removed by sponging with a cloth dipped in a solution of one quart clear water and two tablespoons of vinegar, wiping dry with another cloth and rubbing.

Saving Leather Chair.

The comfortable old leather chair that was sent to the attic years ago because the leather had finally become shabby can be made usable again if the worn part is concealed by a slip-cover. If it is covered in nice, dark blue the chair may be used winter and summer.

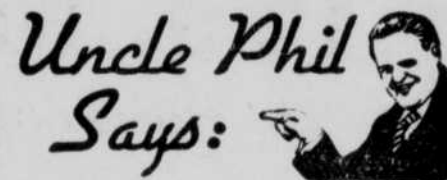
material; with short sleeves 3 1/2 yards. The bow requires 3/4 yard ribbon.

Pattern 1428 is designed for sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 38 bust). Size 14 requires 4 1/2 yards of 39-inch material; also a 21-inch zipper for front closing.

Pattern 1372 is designed for sizes 34 to 46. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yards of 35-inch material; with long sleeves 4 3/4 yards.

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Charged for Ignorance

There are no new laws of Nature, but men never seem to learn the importance of those that already exist.

Everything is in the top drawer of the chiffonier and if you search long enough, you'll find it.

We envy the Indian for at least one thing. He doesn't make excuses.

If we must gossip, let us gossip about the important people dead and gone. That's what most of the new biographers do.

He Is but Burdened

An ass is not learned, though he be loaded with books.

Man is said to be the only animal that can laugh, but we believe that a dog does.

Almost every man is important—to some one.

Happiest home is the sturdy oak and clinging vine kind—and 2,000 years have proved it.

Why do men like to march in parades? None of the Emersons, Carlyles, Maupassants, Montaignes, Charles Lamb or Dr. Samuel Johnsons have ever figured out.

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