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HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"Why Kidnap Me?"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

Here's a mystery. Why was Sam Wolff kidnaped? That question puzzled Sam himself. It puzzled me, too. Maybe it will make you wonder a bit. We all know why most kidnapers commit their dirty crimes. They do it for money—for ransom. Once in a while a man is kidnaped for revenge, or to keep him from telling what he knows. But Sam didn't fit into any of these pictures. He wasn't rich. There wasn't anybody he knew of who was looking for revenge. And he didn't know anything that anyone would be interested in keeping quiet.

But just the same, Sam was kidnaped. Sam lives in Brooklyn, N. Y. One August day in 1934, something went wrong with his lucky star.

Sam is a truckman, and on that August day he was working as usual. It was about 1 o'clock in the afternoon, and his truck was parked at the curb in mid-town Manhattan. As he sat there in the driver's seat a young man came over to him.

The young fellow was in his early twenties and neatly dressed. He said he had a job that he wanted Sam to do. That job was to pick up three trunks at a house on West Eighteenth street and deliver them to the Pennsylvania station.

Just a Job of Trucking.

The young fellow looked all right to Sam, and there was no reason why he should suspect anything. Sam didn't have any large amount of money on him, and there was no other reason he could think of why anyone should want to harm him. In fact, Sam didn't think about the matter at all. It was just another job and he went about it as he'd go about any other.

The young lad asked Sam his price and Sam told him it would be three bucks. The young fellow said, "All right," and they started off. They got to the Eighteenth street address, which proved to be a furnished house, and both of them went inside.

As they entered Sam went first and the young fellow followed. They climbed a flight of stairs and turned into one of the rooms on the second



The Man Pointed a Gun at Sam.

floor. As Sam went in—the door closed behind him. Then, out from behind that door stepped a masked man, a slouch that pulled down over the upper part of his face, pointing an automatic pistol.

Tied Him Up but Wouldn't Explain.

The man pressed the gun against Sam's side. He told Sam to keep quiet. The pair of them—the masked man and the young fellow who had hired him to move trunks—began tying him up. They bound his hands and feet with wire—put a towel over his mouth. Then the masked man went out, leaving the young fellow to stand guard over their prisoner.

It was all too much for Sam. What did these birds want? Did they expect to get any money out of him? Then they were going to be disappointed. Sam didn't have any great amount of money—not enough, anyway, to pay a gang of kidnapers for the terrible risk they were taking. Did they have the wrong man? Well, that might be a possibility.

He tried to talk to his captor. The young fellow wasn't very communicative. When Sam suggested they had the wrong man he smiled in a way that suggested that he knew what he was doing. Sam discarded that "wrong man" theory. An hour dragged by, and Sam began to wonder again.

All sorts of questions filled his mind. It wasn't alone the problem of why they wanted him. There was also the question of what they might do with him. He began to wonder if his family would next hear of him when he was dragged out of the river, or his body found, stuffed in a trunk, on a dump somewhere on the outskirts of the city. Such things have happened. Sam had never thought of them happening to him. But now he was beginning to.

Wanted His Truck for a Robbery.

Another hour passed. The young lad who was guarding him was decent enough. He kept his gun out and pointed at Sam, but he didn't harm him. Once he even lit a cigarette and held it to Sam's lips so he could have a smoke. Sam felt a little better after that.

A third hour passed. Then the other man came back. The two of them began to untie Sam. When they had taken the wire from his hands and feet they told him to lie down on the bed for ten minutes. After that they went out, locking the door behind them.

As soon as their footsteps had died away Sam was on his feet, banging on the door. After a few minutes the landlady came and let him out. He left that house and walked down the street, still puzzled about the strange adventure that had befallen him. He went to the police station to report the loss of his truck—and there he got the answer to his mystery.

It was the simplest thing in the world. That pair of crooks just wanted to rob a dress goods house down on Bleeker street. And they had held Sam a prisoner so he wouldn't report its loss until after they had finished the job. The cops found his truck the next morning, abandoned down on Delancey street.

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Basilisk Lizards Are Jumpers

Four species of basilisk lizards abound in and near Central America, but are nowhere else. They range in length from a few inches to three feet. Most of their lives are spent in trees along rivers. Great climbers and jumpers, they do not hesitate to dive from a lofty tree into the water. So swiftly do they run on their hind legs that they can "run" across streams. And they can stop so abruptly human eyes cannot follow them.

Poppy, Blossom of Evil Omen

Poppy, according to mythology, is a blossom of evil omen. They were offered to the dead since they signified sleep. Glaucus, the son of Neptune, once caught a fish. It ate some herbage and jumped into the sea. The Yellow Poppy or Papover Glauciere Jaune originated from that myth. The cross of the pistil, according to Christian tradition, originated in its color from the holy blood which stained the flower.

Stratosphere

The world's air is divided into two layers, the lower or troposphere, which is the region of wind and clouds; and the upper or stratosphere, which is the region of calm air, starting some eight miles above the earth's surface.

Easter Island Named for Day

Easter Island is situated in the Pacific ocean, about 2,000 miles off the coast of Chile. The island has an area of 50 square miles, and got its name from the first known white man, a Dutch navigator, who landed there on Easter day in 1772.

Occupational Therapy

Most weevils have particular appetites requiring specific types of food, a handicap to the beetle which prevents its rapid spread except where these foods are available.

Occupational therapy was a form of treatment used by the ancient Greeks and Romans in the case of mental disorders. It became known by this name in the World War.

Swing Skirt and Contrast Jacket

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



THE sports costumes here shown are just about as swank as they make 'em. The feature emphasized by each and which, let us assure you, is a first and foremost trend in the styling of spring suits and sports outfits is that of the jacket that contrasts the skirt. This idea of contrast jacket and skirt is carrying on so successfully, leading specialty shops and sportswear departments are selling one skirt plus several jackets. With different "sets" of accessories the costume may be tuned to intriguing and varied color moods.

A copper, brown and beige tweed jacket topped a light brown tweed skirt makes a smart spectator sports costume for spring as worn by the young woman seated above in the illustration. It is voguishly ensembled with a pale beige felt sports hat, matching doeskin gloves, deep copper brown calf spectator sports shoes with built-up leather heels and fine lisle mesh copper color stockings. The tailoring of the jacket shows superb workmanship and the presence of useful as well as decorative pockets declares that fashions are much pocketed. The girl in the foreground is wearing a favorite campus costume—a swing pleated skirt in colorful plaid wool (a "must have" in every chic wardrobe) and twin sweaters in natural beige cashmere. Fine self stripes add to the fashion interest of her new durable lisle stockings which are now so voguish.

If there is one lesson more than another that the new spring fashions impress upon us it is that a costume is only as smart and correct as the accessories worn with it. There is absolutely no hit-and-miss selection tolerated when it comes to headwear, footwear, the gloves, belts, bags, even the handkerchiefs we carry, that correlate

a modern costume into a perfect unit.

Especially in the realm of sportswear is the theory of the right accessories for the right costume being worked out to a nicety. In fact we have gone quite English when it comes to perfection of detail that has to do with our town and country tweeds, our spectator and active sports clothes and our campus outfits. Consider the matter of shoes and hosiery that should be worn with the sturdy outdoor costume. British women have long established as correct accessory to their smart tweeds, brogues that spell comfort and a fitness of things. With these they wear sensible fine lisle hosiery. We, the American women, are coming to just that. Indeed, the most exciting news about stockings is the recent introduction of smartly styled full-fashioned sports stockings of domestic cotton lisle.

This spring nearly all the leading hosiery manufacturers are bringing out home-grown durable lisle hose that are sleek, bulkless and flattering, tuned to the taste of the most fastidious. If the mention of lisle hosiery makes you think of the drab regulation stockings of boarding school days, you will be astonished at the beautiful styling of the new-patterned sports lises, and in designs that simply cry for co-ordination with spectator tweeds and active sport costumes. Important style news in connection with the new durable lises is that they revive classic, smart in either self or contrast embroidery. These stockings also are to be had in spaced or close dropstitch ribs. The mesh constructions are particularly good looking and are adaptable to tailored street costumes as well as to classic sports clothes.

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LIGHT WOOL FLEECE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



Outstanding examples of this year's casual coat styles are the natural colored wool coats for travel, sports or campus. Soft wool fleece is used for the fitted and flared model pictured with its padded shoulders, slash pockets and broad collar of raccoon. Keep in mind when buying either coat or a suit that the light beiges, particularly cereal tones, are going to be "the thing" this season.

SELF-STYLED SUEDE HATS ARE POPULAR

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

The new drape-it-yourself suede hats are selling about as fast as the sales checks can be made out. They are in the most beguiling colors for suede as we all know takes dyes most beautifully and these hats are worth the price for their color alone. It is a joy to behold their exquisite pastel colorings that include such lovely soft grayish blues, pretty "dusty" pinks, mint green, lilac shades, the new golds and coppers and the voguish cereal shades. You can get any of the darker colors, navy, brown, dunbonnet red, raspberry—any color you want. Before you put one of these suede fantasies on, they look shapeless, but with a deft pat here and a cunning twist there, presto! you have a most becoming chapeau tuned to your individuality and hairdress, and with a little more coaxing these hats can be manipulated to wear in a dozen or more different ways. They are smart as can be to wear at the immediate moment and they give the costume just the touch of color that is needed to lead on to spring. Best of it is they are reasonably priced, and it's lots of fun being one's own milliner.

A Smart Hat

Pillboxes are smart. They offer the low crown and forward pitch that many women long for again. They come in close-woven straws or felts and are nearly always dark in color, accented with some bright hue. A number are given height by trims.

Wedding Styles

Long svelte simplicity of line is the basic note for wedding ensembles this season.

New Slenderizing Dresses



IF YOU'RE in the size-34-and-up class, here are three brand new fashions designed especially for you! Everyone of them is extremely smart and everyone is designed to give added charm and dignity to full figures. They are easy to make. The patterns are carefully planned to help beginners, and each is accompanied by a detailed sew chart. So start in tomorrow, and have at least two of them ready for Easter.

Princess House Dress.

It's a sure way to start the day right, having a dress as becoming and pretty as this one to put on first thing in the morning. It takes a woman with some plumpness to do justice to that fitted, long line. Made up in printed percale, gingham or chambray, with rows of ricrac braid, this dress will be so successful that you'll use the pattern time and again.

Graceful Afternoon Frock.

An especially charming style for luncheons, bridge parties and club meetings. The full sleeves make your arms look small, and are very graceful in themselves. Gathers at the shoulders create necessary bust fullness. Make this dress for now in silk print or chiffon. Later on, in voile or summer sheer it will be your coolest dress.

Dress With Lengthening Panels.
The plain neckline, the slim waist, snugged in by gathers, the long panel, front and back, are all beautifully slimming in effect. All in all, this dress is so smart that it's certain to be one of your favorites. This design adapts itself to so many materials—silk crepe, small-figured silk print and, later on, linen.

The Patterns.
1485 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48. Size 36 requires 4 3/4 yards of 39-inch material, with 3 1/2 yards of braid for trimming.

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Ask Me Another

A General Quiz

1. What city is called the Mother of the World?
2. Government meat graders recognize how many grades of meat?
3. How many cities have the city manager form of government?
4. Are there any stingless honeybees?
5. What was the longest national convention of the Democrats or Republicans?
6. What percentage of the people of the United States own their homes?

The Answers

1. Cairo.
2. Five grades: (1) Prime, (2) choice, (3) good, (4) medium, (5) plain.
3. There are now 465 cities and 7 counties using this form of government. Staunton, Va., started the movement 30 years ago.
4. There are several species of stingless bees native to tropical and subtropical countries, but they produce very little honey.
5. The longest national convention of a major party since 1880 was the Democratic in 1924, lasting 17 days before the Davis-Bryan ticket was nominated.
6. In 1930 46.8 per cent of all American families were home owners.

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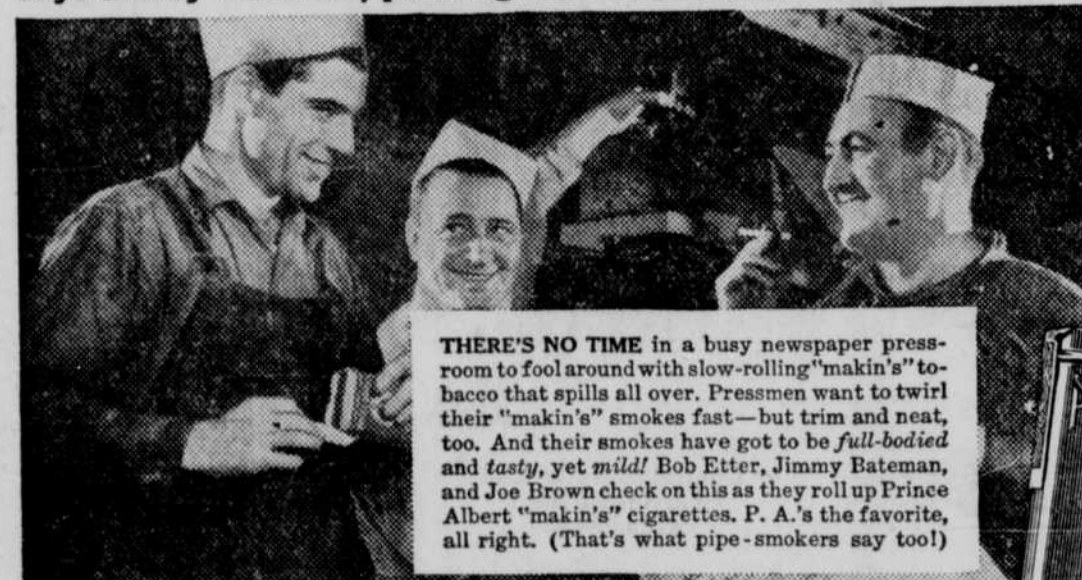
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