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ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"The Door of Death"

By FLOYD GIBBONS
Famous Headline Hunter

HELLO EVERYBODY: Well, boys and girls, this is the pay-off. A bird who had an adventure—in church. I've always known that Old Lady Adventure was no respecter of persons. Now it seems she doesn't respect the cloth either.

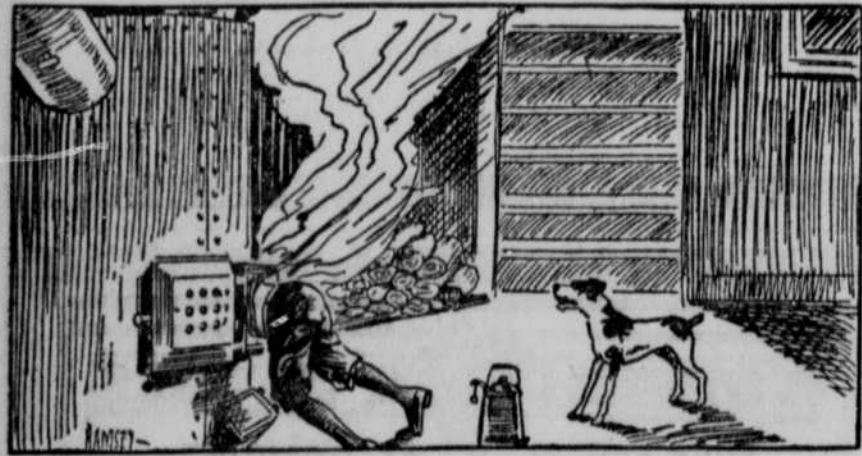
Henry B. Willson of New York city is the lad who found adventure down at the end of the old sawdust trail. "As a boy," Henry says, "I had more than my share of particular escapes, but one in particular has left such a scar on my memory as time will never efface. Anything, even today, that represents confinement—anything from a small room to a tight collar—throws me into a panic."

Well, there's a curious reaction. The minute I started reading Hank Willson's letter—the minute I hit that opening paragraph of his, I wanted to know what sort of a scare it was that would make a man go nuts over a tight collar. And I guess you boys and girls will want to know, too. So here's the story.

Hank Used Kerosene to Start the Fire.

Hank was raised—as they say down South—in a little village in Georgia that went by the name of Cedartown. And like most kids did in small towns in those days, he worked around at various odd jobs to earn his spending money. Hank's dad was the pastor of a church in town, and one winter Hank had the job of taking care of the church furnace.

Now there are probably a million ways of starting a fire, but Hank's plan was to throw a bunch of paper in the furnace, chuck a lot of wood in on top of that, and then saturate the whole business with kerosene. It's a darned good way to get a blaze going quickly, but some horrible



The Fire Blazed Up on the Instant.

things have happened to people who used kerosene too freely in places where it was never meant to be used.

In fact, a very horrible thing DID happen—to Hank. Hank built fires in the old church perhaps two dozen times—always in that one particular way of his. And then he built one that brought Old Lady Adventure down on him like a ton of bricks.

Early one Sunday morning, Hank got up, put on an old sweater, and started out to do his job. He tossed in an armful of crumpled newspapers, and followed that with a couple armfuls of wood. He poured the kerosene on, giving the furnace an exceptionally liberal dose. Then, with a box of matches in one hand, he stuck his head and shoulders in through the furnace door to arrange the wood so that it would be sure to take fire quickly.

Caught in a Blazing Trap.

So far, everything was all right. But it was the matches that did the damage. You know, when you've got a box of matches in your hand, it's the most natural thing in the world to light one. You do it automatically—absent-mindedly.

Well—Hank doesn't know what got into him, or where his wits were at the moment, but before he knew what he was doing, he had lit a match and—WITH HIS HEAD AND SHOULDERS STILL STICKING HALFWAY THROUGH THE FURNACE DOOR—applied that match to the kerosene-soaked wood and paper.

The fire blazed up in an instant. Hank's first reaction was to jerk his head and shoulders back out of the furnace door. He tried to do just that—but it didn't work. His sweater had caught on the catch of the furnace door, and though he fought like mad to draw back out of the way of the spreading flames, he couldn't work himself free.

Hank screamed. But his screams were so muffled by the furnace that no one in the street heard him. Meanwhile the fire was getting hotter—and closer. Hank's face was beginning to cook. His sweater caught fire and broke into a blaze. Death was leering at him through the flames that licked and lapped at his body.

"It was the most horrible fate I could imagine," Hank says. "And it was happening to me."

Fox Terrier Gave the Alarm.

About that time, though, Hank became conscious that there was some sort of commotion going on behind him. A little fox terrier had come wandering in through the open cellar door, and the dog seemed to know that something was wrong. He started to yelp and whine, and run back and forth between the furnace and the cellar door.

Early on a Sunday morning, when no one was about, that yelping little dog might easily have gone unnoticed. But fate had decreed otherwise, it seems, and down the street came an old negro. The old fellow was curious to see what strange happenings would make a dog act so at a time when most dogs are asleep, and he stuck his head in the cellar door.

That old fellow got the shock of his life. For what he saw was a furnace burning merrily, and a half portion of an eight-year-old boy sticking out of the door. He grabbed Hank by the legs, yanked him out, and slapped out the fire that was consuming his sweater.

Hank's hair was all burned off, and his face and hands were in a well-cooked condition. Two minutes more, and it wouldn't have been any use bothering with him.

That's why he doesn't like confinement. Even a tight collar reminds him of that furnace door.

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War Against Germany

The United States declared war against Germany a few minutes after 3 o'clock on the morning of April 5, 1917, when congress passed a resolution "that the President is hereby authorized and directed . . . to carry on war against the Imperial German Government and to bring the conflict to a successful termination." Thus empowered, the President, April 6, issued a proclamation that "a state of war exists between the United States and the Imperial German Government."

Jud Tunkins' Idea of Fame

Jud Tunkins says fame just naturally comes to some people. George Washington got more credit for chopping a cherry tree than anybody else could get for breaking up a cord of wood.

Chronometers Corrected at Sea

The eclipses of Jupiter's moons, which occur daily, are computed and recorded in the Nautical Almanac, and it is through observations of them that chronometers are corrected at sea.

"The Act of God"

The legal meaning of "act of God" is an overwhelming natural event, such as a storm or earthquake, which no human being could be reasonably expected to foresee or prevent. According to the common law, no person is responsible for a loss or injury when it is caused by "the act of God or the enemies of the state." If a man is sued for breach of contract and can prove that his non-performance was due to "the act of God," he has a good defense.

Eligible for Carnegie Hero Medal

Men and women who follow peaceful vocations on land and sea of the United States, Canada, and Newfoundland, and who perform heroic acts are eligible for rewards of the Carnegie Hero Fund commission.

Named Tombstone, Ariz.

Ed Schieffelin, the pioneer settler, named Tombstone, Ariz. He was told by friends when he left Fort Huachuca that he would find his tombstone there. Hence the name.

News as to Easter Fashion Trends

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



WHEN you start out in quest of chic clothes for spring-summer, be prepared to experience not less than a thrill a minute, for the whole set-up of fashion proclaims an entirely new order of things.

Pleats and pleats and more pleats, boleros played up in every mood, colors that are excitingly new, prints that are refreshingly "different," costume suits and coats and dresses of wools that revive enchanting pastels, stripes everywhere you turn in the mode, flowery beribboned Watteau hats that bring the daintily feminine into the picture, Gibson girl blouses with wrist-deep full sleeves, Gibson girl sailors with colorful veils that are brought up under the chin to tie at the back in a fluttery butterfly bow—and here we will have to stop to take breath before we go on with the story of Easter fashion trends that spring a delightful surprise every step of the way.

Perhaps the most significant news is that of striking color innovations not the least of which is the revival of pastel shades such as flourished in the romantic past. And if you are asking us to mention a pastel that fashion particularly highspots at the dawn of this new season we would hesitatingly answer "pink." The emphasis is especially on pink only that pastels are acclaimed for costume accents, for you will be making a perfect start in the right direction if you buy for your fashion-first a three-piece costume suit tailored of a lovely pastel woolen in a fine herringbone pattern such as fashions the stunning model to the left in the picture. It will be style-correct in either a grayish blue or a dusty pink, or you may choose one of the new vogueish cereal shades or a golden-beige which is creating such a furore in the realm of fashion this spring.

You can do wonders with a three-piece of this type in the way of costume changes. In fact the major part of the spring wardrobe is provided with a skirt-jacket-topcoat threesome as its basic theme. To be high style the three-quarter topcoat must have "boxy" lines as this model shows. If you are keen about navy for your Easter costume let us "whisper aloud" to you that navy is a big favorite and with pink accessories it is a fashion highlight.

A handsome wool tulleur such as pictured calls for a collection of blouses and when you are blouse shopping keep in mind that the newest blouse on the scene is the blouse that really blouses, call it Gibson girl or gypsy peasant blouse as you will.

Boleros have become an overwhelming passion with designers. Buy them separate or choose a bolero suit complete. We selected for illustration (centered in group) a conservative refined type made of a fine black sheer. No doubt you noted at once its exquisitely neat and trim appearance. The secret thereof is that it is modeled over a clever new braform with dainty under-arm shields attached that give perfect protection at the same time that it molds the figure into modish contour. With a collection of blouses this costume may be transformed at a moment's notice to meet any occasion.

As to the separate blouse, buy or make as many as you will and even at that you will not have too many to satisfy fashion's demand.

As to pleats and prints, they have formed a partnership that is proving by far one of the most far-reaching fashion trends of the season. And to prove how dramatically and beautifully silk prints and pleats perform together we are picturing in the foreground a most winsome daytime dress of silk Paisley print. All-around knife pleating is released from the hips making a slenderizing pleating skirt. A horizontal drawstring shirring across the bust matches the shirring on the sleeves. A blue suede off-the-face hat completes as fetching an Easter costume as fancy can picture.

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LANDSCAPE PRINT By CHERIE NICHOLAS



There's the breath of spring in this refined and lovely dress fashioned of an exquisite landscape silk print in lovely pale tones. Charming under the mid-season coat of cloth or light fur. The bonnet was inspired by the duchess of Windsor. The handsome bracelet is gold set with carnelian.

NEW USES OF PRINT IN SPRING STYLES

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Designers are having a lot of fun with prints this season, in that they are using them in a trimming way rather than for the entire costume, or at least in combination with other plain fabrics.

It is very good style to have a dark dress tied about the waist with a gypsy sash of the print; the coat or jacket having a lining of the same print.

Little ruches of bright silk outline skirt hemlines as well as the edges of the bolero jacket. Spaghetti trims are also made of colorful silk print.

Cutout florals are applied in fascinating ways not only on day dresses but especially on sheer diaphanous evening materials. The idea offers vast possibilities and certain designers are turning out veritable works of art. They scatter petals and single flowers and clusters with the same artistry a painter creates a picture.

New Hairdress for 'Teen Age Sure to Be Popular

Long bob, curled at the ends, tied at each side of the center part with ribbons, describes the new hairdress that Deanna Durbin, the youthful screen star, adopts and it is so very attractive prospects are it will develop into a widespread vogue with the younger set.

Gay Spring Gloves

History has repeated itself in the glove theme for spring, for the highly decorated glove of the Renaissance period is seen in the new gloves.

TIPS to Gardeners

Young Garden Care

THE value of a garden plant, vegetable or flower, depends greatly upon the start it gets; so give the seedlings ample care.

Begin cultivation as soon as rows are visible, if the soil is not wet. Work close to the small plants, cultivating shallower as they grow to avoid injury to root growth.

Cultivate at least once a week. Watering should not be necessary the first week or ten days after seeds have sprouted. Later, young plants may be watered one of two ways: Mark a shallow trench about four inches from the row and run it full of water. Or, using a fine spray, apply water from directly above plants. Watering is most effective when it closely follows cultivation.

Small plants should be thinned, as directed on packets, to allow proper development. Certain vegetables may be used as thinned. For instance, onions thinned may be used as green onions, and lettuce may be picked for immediate use, leaving smaller leaves to develop.

Breakfast Foods

Mass production of popular brands of breakfast foods to meet the demand created by advertising has greatly reduced the price of many of the advertised brands. The sale of these foods adds materially to the demand and consumption of farm products in the United States.

Very Smart New Fashions



A HOUSE dress with long slender lines, a dress and apron for little girls, and a popular bolero frock for slim young figures! You will certainly want one of these, and more likely will want all three. With each pattern, you receive a complete and detailed sew chart specially planned to help beginners, so that the mak-

ing will be easy, and save you money besides.

Popular Bolero Frock.

Make it up of silk crepe or a pretty print, and see how expensive, how flattering, it looks! The short bolero and wide shoulders make the slim lines of the frock even more graceful. Notice how cleverly the dress is shirred into the front panel at the waistline. This is one of the prettiest afternoon dresses you could choose for this spring.

Dress and Apron for Tots.

Your little girl will be so proud of having this heart-shaped apron to put on over her best dress when she plays house! And the puff-sleeved, square-necked dress is adorable. You can make the two of them in no time. For the dress, choose dimity or organdy for dress-up; gingham or percale for every-day. Dimity or lawn for the apron.

House Dress for Large Figures.

This is such a becoming, comfortable, good-looking dress to work in, round the house. The lines are so straight and unhampering, and pleats in the short sleeves give plenty of room for stretching and reaching. It takes inches off the figure, too. Make it up in seersucker, gingham, linen or percale printed in small designs.

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ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers
Offering Information
on Various Subjects

1. Which of our states has only three counties?
2. What is the record made in the major baseball leagues for circling the bases?
3. When was paper money first issued in this country?
4. Why is the stage referred to as the legitimate stage?
5. Were any decisive battles fought on German soil during the World war?
6. Is the new San Francisco-Oakland bridge high enough to permit all boats to pass under it?
7. In the expression, "Poor as Job's turkey," is the Job of the Old Testament meant?
8. Was Edward Everett Hale related to Nathan Hale, the patriot of the Revolution?
9. How many parts of speech are there?
10. What part of what state is farther north than any other in the Union?

The Answers

1. The state of Delaware has only three counties. It has only one city (Wilmington) with a population of over 100,000.
2. The recognized record for circling the bases is 13.4 seconds, made by Evar Swanson of the Cincinnati Reds, September 15, 1929.
3. In 1690 by the Massachusetts Bay colony. It was gradually issued by other colonies until in general use by all.
4. It is so called in the sense of its being normal, regular, conformable to a recognized standard type.
5. No.
6. The vertical clearance at the center of the bridge is 220 feet above mean high water, so boats can easily pass under it.
7. As turkey is American by origin, it seems incorrect to associ-

ate this Job with the ancient Hebrew. Poor, of course, refers to a thin and weak fowl, not to the lack of money.

8. He was his grandnephew. Edward Everett Hale's father, Nathan Hale, was a nephew of the Nathan Hale who was hanged by the British as an American spy.

9. Eight: Nouns, pronouns, adjectives, verbs, adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions and interjections.

10. Lake of the Woods county, Minnesota.

Sambo Became Sure Debt Was Outlived

Sambo got a job as a bill collector for a restaurant. By his violent attitude, he forced five timid patrons to pay their debts. Then one day his boss noticed a big colored chap across the street who owed him money.

Sambo raced over and grabbed the other man's arm, demanding why the money hadn't been paid.

"Cause," replied the man harshly, "Ah been in jail fo' a murder Ah committed. Now, what was you stoppin' me fo'?"

Sambo gulped. He wet his lips. "De reason Ah stopped you," he returned nervously, "was jes' to tell you not to worry about payin' dat money."

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