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"Mad Week-End"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

Talk about being in a tough spot! Here's just about the toughest one I ever heard of. Suzanne Mathias of New York City contributes this tale to the column and becomes a Distinguished Adventurer on the strength of it.

As far as Suzanne is concerned, the only redeeming feature of this experience is that a number of other people shared it with her. It was down in Miami in December, 1929. A crowd of Suzanne's friends had clubbed together and chartered a boat for a week-end fishing trip. It was an old boat of the cabin cruiser type with plenty of bunks in it, and the party sailed at midnight on the captain's assurance that, by morning, he'd have them at a spot where there'd be plenty of good fishing.

When they awoke next morning they were out of sight of land. The only thing that showed on the horizon was a small island that looked as if it might be one of the Florida Keys. Suzanne asked the captain where they were, and he told her they were about 90 miles from Miami, but he didn't say in what direction.

Their Captain Was Crazy.

And shortly after that, things began to happen. "The first inkling we had that anything was wrong," Suzanne says, "came from my mother who was chaperoning the trip. She came up and asked us what we knew about the captain. She had been talking to him, she said, when suddenly he began raving—saying that his son was 'The High Priest of the Temple,' and that his father was the right hand man to the king of Sweden. A couple of us decided to investigate, and started a casual conversation with the captain. After talking with him a few minutes we were left in no doubt. He was CRAZY AS A LOON!"

That didn't look so good. Ninety miles out at sea—out of sight of land—and totally at the mercy of a crazy boat captain. The whole crowd agreed that the best thing to do was to put back to Miami. But the captain didn't agree with them. He flatly refused to move the boat, and said a few things more, too. He told them that not one of them knew



The captain appeared with a gun in his hand.

a thing about navigation and couldn't run the boat by themselves—that they didn't even know where they were—and what was more, he was in absolute authority while at sea and not even the President could tell him what to do with his ship.

They tried to cajole him, but that didn't work. The men started to threaten him, but he walked away, and five minutes later appeared in the companionway with a gun in his hand. After that, nobody cared to argue with the skipper.

Planned to Kill All of Them.

The day wore on slowly. No one fished, for every one was too scared to fish. The captain's raving didn't make them feel any better, either. He had suddenly got the idea in his head that the whole crowd was just a bunch of sinners and that he'd be taken straight to heaven if he killed them all then and there.

The night was even worse. None of the crowd could sleep. They huddled together in one of the cabins while the captain prowled about the boat. Early in the evening they found he had let out the fresh water supply—that they had nothing to drink. There was a little ice in the refrigerator and they melted that. What they were going to do when it was gone, they didn't know.

Still the mad captain prowled restlessly about the boat. Late that night one of the men saw him slinking along the deck, a flashlight in one hand and a heavy wrench in the other. He followed him below. The skipper crept into a dark cabin, walked noiselessly to one of the bunks, raising the wrench high in the air and brought it down with crushing force on the pillow. Then he turned on the light, looked at the bed, and trusted his disappointment when he saw there was no one in it.

The man who had followed him went back to the main cabin and told what he had seen. By that time, half of the company were ill. One girl was having hysterics, another had developed a nervous hicough, and Suzanne, who had acquired a bad case of sunburn during the day, was down with chills and fever. Toward dawn, the hysterical girl quieted down, and they sat in silence to await the rising of the sun.

Lord Told Him to Go Back to Miami.

Daylight made them feel a little better—but what would the day bring? About eight o'clock the engine started chugging. What did it mean? Were they going back to Miami? Or was the mad captain taking them still farther out to sea? One of the men ran up to the bridge to find out. He came back with good news. "The Lord told me not to bother with you," the captain had said. "He'll take care of you himself. We're going back to Miami."

They reached port early that evening, and reported what had happened, to officials at the dock. The officials weren't especially surprised, for another boatman had already noticed the skipper acting queerly and had told them about it. If the boat hadn't come in that night, they said, they were going to send a coast guard cutter out to look for it.

Outside a little hysterical reaction, Suzanne says, everyone in the crowd was all right. Suzanne hasn't been out in a boat since, she claims, although she might be induced to ride on a ferry boat sometime, if she could have the captain examined by an alienist before she started.

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Dreaming of Wild Animals

To dream that wild animals are chasing you foretells a mind disturbed by present events about which you are probably over-anxious, asserts a writer in London Tit-Bits magazine. If the animals overtake you it is a sign of bad fortune. But if, on overtaking you, the animals ignore you it is a sign that you are worrying about matters of little importance. To meet wild animals who behave in a friendly fashion betokens kindness on the part of a person in an influential position. If you dream of someone you know in the above circumstances, the same signs apply to them.

Single Plan for French Town

Richelleu, France, is believed to be the only town in the world that was entirely built according to a single plan and never altered thereafter, says Collier's Weekly. Its walls, streets, public squares, palaces, houses, church, hotel and market place are the same as they were when the town was completed in 1631.

Making Bible Official in England

The royal proclamation of 1538, which made the printed Bible official in England, read as follows: "That ye shall provide . . . one boke of the holy byble of the largest volume in Englyshe and the same set up in some convenient place within the said church that ye have the cure of, where as your parishioners may most commodiously resort to the same and reade it. . . . That ye shall discourage no man privately or apertly from the readynge or herynge of the sayde byble."

The First Cash Register

The first cash register was invented in 1879, by James J. (Jake) Ritty, a business man, of Dayton, Ohio. While on a trip to Europe he observed the workings of a recording device on the steamship which marked the revolutions of the ship's propeller. Upon his return to this country he invented a machine, manufactured in Dayton, but it was not accurate, and in 1880 he produced a machine that was more practical.

Oddities for Summer

Pumpkin seeds and gilded snail shells are used for beach jewelry.

For Romantic Midsummer Nights

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



BEGUILING, yes, beguiling is the word that best describes the romantic formal designed for dancing these lovely midsummer nights. Yards and yards around do these summer idylls of billowy tulle and nets, chiffons and laces measure and bodices are so quaintly picturesque it would seem as if it were ladies of the past come to life for the styling is quite like we see in prints and portrait paintings of ladies in the days when "knighthood was in flower" and the very air breathed of romance.

Perhaps the biggest news out of Paris at present is in regard to the high fashion of combining Chantilly lace with other fabrics. Typical of the best couture trends is the charming dress of sheerest marquisette pictured in the foreground of the accompanying illustration. Its deep bands and bordering of matching Chantilly of most exquisite type are applied in latest approved manner. Most gowns have a complementary bolero this summer and this very beautiful model is no exception to the rule. The bolero is of lace with short puffed sleeves which are appliqued with lace as in the skirt. Color of this adorable creation? It is carried out in a brilliant turquoise blue.

That pastel and bright-hued laces combined with sheers identical in color are a foremost mode there is no doubt, but there is also a tremendous vogue for the frock of diaphanous white that is lavished with black Chantilly appliques, insets and borderings. The white sheer frock worn with a black lace jacket or bolero is a leading fashion. Likewise the black chiffon or marquisette frock or sheerest of sheer black net is frequently topped with a white lace jacket. Charming also is the combination of pink lace with black lace. A high built skirt with wide corselet effect of

the black lace, that has a bodice top of delicately sheer pink lace cut with extremely low décolletage over which is worn a bolero of matching pink lace, makes a most gracious gown. It is practical to provide also a black lace bolero for less formal occasions.

In this season of flowing skirts and glamorous lines for evening dresses the gown shown to the left of lace and net combined fits right into the picture. It comes in delectable shades using cable net for the full skirt and an Alencon-type lace in matching color for the semi-long bodice. Below-the-hip jacket effects on this order of lace are the rage. If you have a sleeveless chiffon dress or net and wish to give it a new look buy ready-made or have made a lace jacket to wear with it. These often button primly up the front with buttons covered with self-lace.

Maybe you are an enthusiast in regard to gay prints. If you should be possessed also with an awareness of the importance of simple wash fabrics for dancing and dining, you will be simply charmed with the quaint new flowered muslins brought out this summer. They are the sort that will stay crisp and fresh after every washing—never need a bit of starch no matter how often you whisk them through soap and water. We are picturing a dress made of just such flowered muslin as described. It is a type frock that will make you look just "too sweet for words" and you do not have to be endowed with a millionaire allowance in order to own a flowered muslin such as this that will not shrink, having been scientifically pre-shrunk and it carries a guarantee to that effect. Note its charming neck and puff-sleeve styling. Its fitted bodice is cut to give you that "long" look that will mark you as definitely in the mode this season.

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SUSPENDER DRESS

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



There's news for the sub-deb in that the suspender dress is regarded as smart fashion this season. It is proving a favorite at seashore and for town wear. The print silk suspender pleated skirt with monotone blouse is an especially outstanding type. The model pictured is of a neat print silk in gold and lighter yellowish tones. A peacock blue silk shirt is worn with the skirt shown. Note that the skirt suspenders are slit at the shoulders and the pleated skirt has a wide band. Other models feature suspenders that are peasant embroidered.

DRAPED TECHNIQUE USED IN NEW GOWNS

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Most significant is the sentiment expressed in employing a draped technique in fashioning the latest gowns. The material that yields most admirably to this treatment is the very smart rayon jersey. Wonderfully slenderizing are these draped effects and needless to say the fashion is making widespread appeal. Often the draping is aided and abetted with intricate shirring in clusters that tend to produce form-fitting lines.

The favorite for day wear is the black sleek jersey or satin that is draped to perfection. For evening wear no more beautiful gown can be conceived than a snow white draped jersey classic.

Candle-Wicked Clothes for Beach and Sports Doings

Quite new this season are the play clothes fashioned of candle-wicked unbleached muslin. The opportunity for designful decoration is vast. The grand part about the new candle-wicked muslin play outfits is that they wash out so easily, need no ironing and taking it from every viewpoint are as about as practical a dress as can be suggested for beach and sports wear.

Flowers Deck Dresses

Artificial flowers may be made of silk grosgrain, tinfoil, glass, fabric or leather. They adorn a majority of summer and early fall dresses and may be safely planted in pockets.

Linen Slacks Used

Short ankle-length slacks and very short shirt are in a pure white, silky, thin shantung linen. The yoke pockets and dark scarf are details, also high-soled clogs.

Handbags Are Larger

Handbags are large and of soft dressmaker type.

SIX GUNS and CARPET TACKS

A Gallos County Story

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MOST times, here in Gallos county, a six gun's a-got just a leetle the best of the argument, but there was one time when the difference between two gun toters was a box of carpet tacks.

See that tree a-standin' out there, there at the bend in the road. Well, that's where they finally lynched Butch Manton.

Folks just heard that some of Butch's friends was a-plannin' to ride in to town and take him out o' jail. And Butch a-bein' a cow thief like he was, they just up and taken him out and strung him to that tree. And Butch'd been livin' right, like as not, if it wasn't for them carpet tacks.

It was right here in the Happy Hour where things was a-beginnin'. Butch was at the bar when Johnnie Rucker comes in and was a leetle slow when he said some-thing 'bout Butch stealin' 50 head of steers from Johnnie, but Johnnie did nick Butch's right foot as the lead from Butch's gun went a-tearin' through his own heart. Course, Butch'd shot Johnnie

without givin' him a chance, but Butch still had that gun in his hand when he backs out of the Happy Hour.

'Fore long after the shootin, Sheriff Tom rides into town and hears bout the shootin'. It kinda hits him hard on account of Johnnie bein' a pal of his'n, and he don't wait for reason why there ain't been no posse after Butch. He lights out for the Diablo canyon country down close to the border where Butch and his gang has holed up for years.

Butch oughta gone right on to the border, but he don't. He stops by the shack, sends them riders of his'n on with them steers he stole from Johnnie and waits back to see if he can't do somethin' 'bout that foot of his'n.

He's a doin' a leetle doctorin' of his own when Tom rides up. Tom ain't never been a fool 'fore, but a-thinkin' 'bout Johnnie musta got him off, 'cause Butch gits the drop on him and takes Tom's gun but Tom does manage to kick a table over and put out a candle,

Along the Highway

Don't let ownership of an automobile rob you of your politeness.

Probably the worst fault in driving a car is believing you haven't any fault.

In these days, on the roads, it's a case of the survival of the fittest.

Thinking about one thing while doing another causes accidents.

the only light that's in the room.

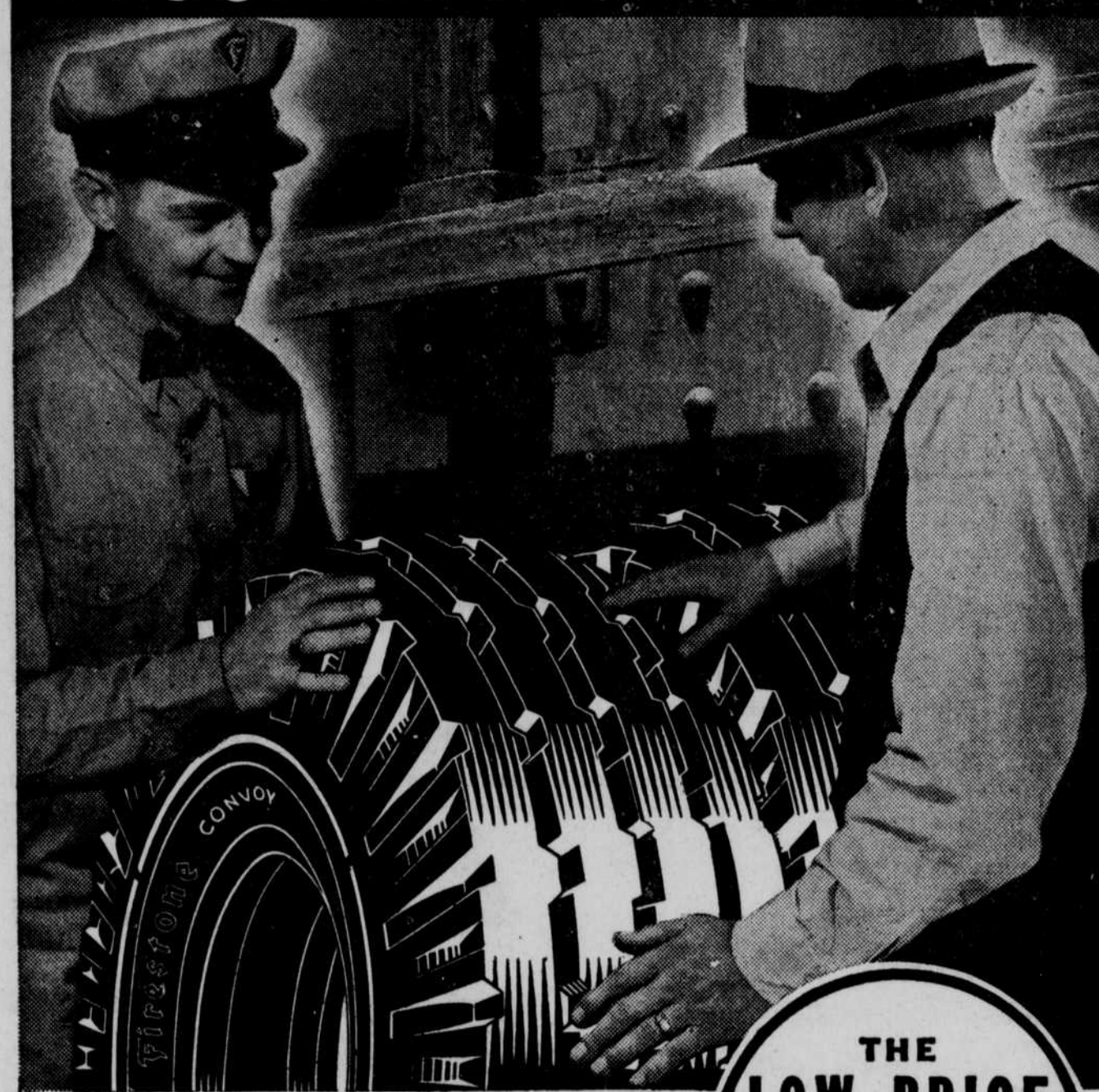
No sir, Butch don't get away from Tom and Tom lives to bring Butch Manton right to the jail from which he was taken and hung on that tree at the bend of the road, down yonder.

You see, Tom, he's been out a-tackin' up signs when Johnnie was shot. Well he'd just bring them tacks long with him, and them tacks is how he caught Butch.

He just spread them on the floor quiet-like while he was movin' around there in the dark and a-fore long Butch steps on one with his foot that ain't got no boot on.

Butch's kinda surprised and lets out a hoop and Tom just grabs in the direction of that hoop.

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