

# Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



## "Triple-Barreled Thrill"

HELLO, EVERYBODY: This column has passed out a lot of free advice at one time or another. It seems that everybody who ever has an adventure, learns something from it that he wants to pass along to the rest of the world, and this seems to be the clearing house for that kind of information. I've issued warnings about everything from jumping off 40-story buildings to getting friendly with the mother-in-law of a man-eating tiger. Today I've got another warning for you. I don't know if you'll ever have occasion to use it, but I'll pass it along for what it's worth. If you're ever motoring to Niagara Falls at night, don't go by the River road.

That comes from Jim McDermott of New York City. Some of you fellows who have been to that address before may recognize it as the Men's Night Court. Well, that's where you'll find Jim. He's the fingerprint expert there. But in 1926, Jim was a member of the Immigration Border Patrol, stationed at Tonawanda, N. Y., half way between Niagara Falls and Buffalo. That's how he found out about River road.

River road was dangerous because of the way cars sped along it at night. But speeding cars weren't the only danger, folks said. It was the duty of Jim and another lad—Roscoe Doane—to patrol that road in a car. Their duty was to prevent the smuggling of aliens and of contraband goods, the principal contraband in that pre-repeal day being liquor.

"Before I took the job," says Jim, "people advised me against it. They claimed the bootleggers were desperate and would shoot on sight. I found this to be untrue. But I did face death in three violent scenes, in about as many minutes on one particular night of my service."

### They Started Out in a Small Roadster.

That night came in the spring of 1926. Jim and Roscoe started out in a small roadster, with the top down. Roscoe was driving, for Jim, at that time didn't know how to operate a car. Fix's Ferry was their starting point. They hung around there until about 11:15, and then started to drive toward Tonawanda.

They had gone about two miles when they came to a point where the road narrowed down and the Erie canal ran alongside it for a distance. An auto with glaring headlights was approaching. It was



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coming straight down the center of the road and it was coming plenty fast. Jim yelled to Roscoe, "Give this fellow all the room you can, or he'll hit us." Roscoe was already turning over on the grass at the side of the road. But the headlights came rushing on.

Then—BANG! The car hit them! Says Jim: "Our car seemed to soar in the air for a moment or two. As we were hit, Roscoe jumped to get out, and landed in my lap. The left front wheel of the big sedan had caught our front wheel. It lifted our light car completely off the road and swung it around. At the same time, it turned over and landed bottom up, diagonally across the narrow roadway."

Jim says that, during the brief moment while they were turning over, just one question presented itself to his mind. That was: "Will I be dead when we hit?" But down there, trapped under the overturned car, Jim found to his surprise that he wasn't dead.

### The Weight of the Car Seemed to Increase Momentarily.

"Roscoe was on top of me," he says, "with his back on my face, and he was doing some struggling. I couldn't move. My shoulders and the back of my neck were on the road, and I was still on the seat, albeit upside down. My back ached and the weight of the car, crushing down on me, was increasing momentarily."

He was in that position when suddenly he heard Roscoe let out an oath. "Here's a guy doing 50 and no lights," he cried. "He'll hit us, sure as hell." Jim couldn't see a thing, but it was true, he knew. Their car was lying right across the road. A man going at that speed, with no lights, could hardly help but hit them.

Says Jim: "For the second time, I thought the end had come. I could see only a few feet ahead through the wreckage, but I could hear the roar of the approaching car. I gritted my teeth and struggled to get out, but I couldn't move. Roscoe was making my position more uncomfortable every second. I shouted out, 'Where is he?' At the same time I heard the roar of the motor diminish and Roscoe yelled back, 'He's gone.'"

Two narrow escapes. And a third still to come. As the night grew quiet again, Jim discovered that their headlights were still burning and the motor was still running.

### Suddenly He Felt Something Drip Down on His Face.

And then, suddenly, he felt something drip down on his face. "My first thought was that it was blood," he says, "but that couldn't be. This fluid was cold. I struggled to get my hand to my face, but before I got it there, I knew it was gasoline. It was coming from the tank just outside the dashboard, over the engine. I had faced death twice before—and now I was facing it again in a more dreadful form. Our engine was still running. At any moment the car might burst into flames!"

It didn't occur to Jim to shut off the switch. He didn't know how to drive a car. Momentarily he expected an explosion—fire—agony and death. And then, all at once, he heard voices. Someone was saying, "All on this side, now." The car was lifted off them, and half a dozen men were pulling him out. A bunch of army officers, returning from Buffalo to Fort Niagara, had come along and found them.

The car that hit them had run through a ditch and crashed into a tree. It contained a suitcase full of counterfeit liquor labels, but the driver was gone. He had walked down the road and telephoned ahead for help. The second car had just managed to get by them because a farmer's wife, who had seen the crash, ran to the road with a lantern. That second car got by with barely two inches to spare. But it didn't stop. Cars without lights along that road never did.

Jim was laid up three weeks with a wrenched back, but Roscoe Doane got off with a few bruises. But even so, Jim doesn't think it's particularly safe at night on that River road.

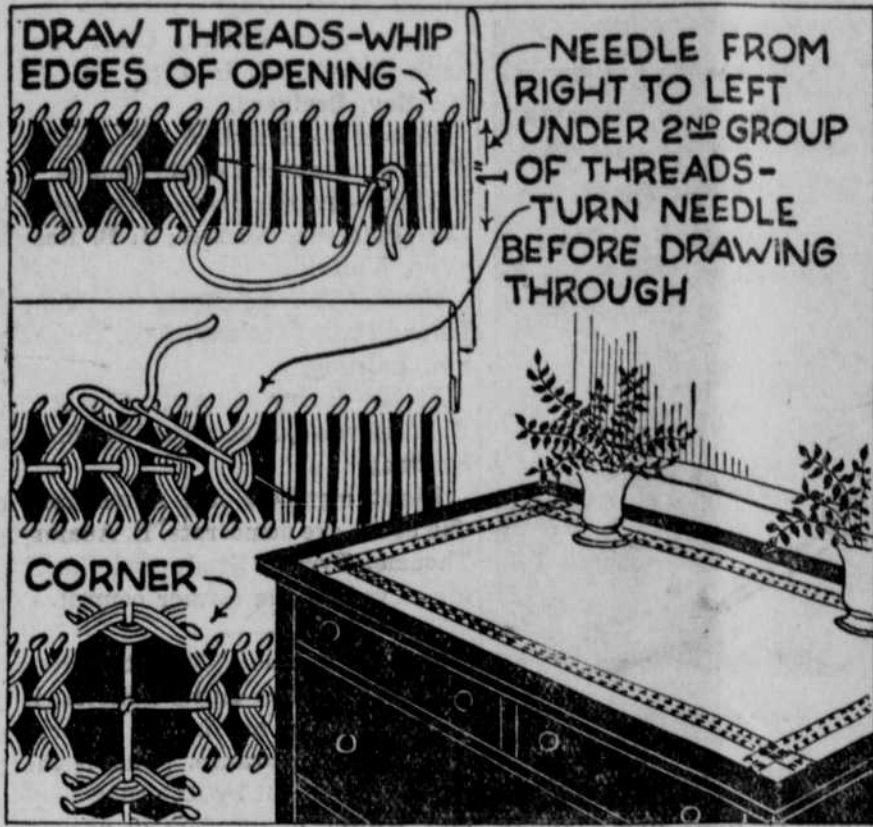
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## New Refrigeration System Developed in New York

A new system of refrigeration utilizes propane, a hydrocarbon gas, as a refrigerant and then burns the refrigerant in a motor which operates the unit. It is the invention of Dr. Peter Schlumbohm, a New York engineer, who describes it in a communication to the American Society of Refrigerating Engineers, published in the current issue of its journal. The unit is expected to solve the problem of supplying automatic refrigeration on trucks, trains and boats where electric power is not available, and also to rural and tropical areas. The propane is taken from the common large drum available commercially, fed into a refrigerating cycle in which it is compressed to a liquid and evaporated to a gas, producing cold, in a rapid cycle, and is then drawn into the combustion chamber of a small gas motor that looks and operates like a gasoline engine. A unit which produces one ton of ice an hour is said to cost five cents an hour to operate.

# HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Drawn work for turquoise scarves.

THIS idea is the result of an experiment. A friend had a set of sadly out-of-date white linen drawn work scarves for buffet, serving and dining table. Her dining room was being done over with touches of turquoise blue in the draperies and wall paper, so she had the scarves dyed to match. They were so effective that the simplest part of the drawn work design was copied in coarse linen in various colors for mats and scarves throughout the house.

While the turquoise scarves were especially attractive, those in golden yellow and a bedroom set in soft rose were also full of charm. The sketch shows how the drawn work is done. If you are looking for something effective that is quick to make, here it is. Just pull out the threads of the linen to make an open space about an inch wide. The scarf may be hemmed at the same time the outside edge of the opening is being whipped. Just follow these sketches. No other directions are needed. Use either linen or mercerized thread in a matching color.

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## AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

**After Washing Silver.**—Stand silver in a jug of very hot water to which a little ammonia has been added, and it will remain bright much longer.

**Keeping Dried Beef.**—Dried beef will keep better if stored in a covered glass jar in the refrigerator rather than wrapped in parchment or waxed paper.

**For High Windows.**—High windows appear shorter if the hangings are looped back with a slight curve and tied somewhat below the middle.

**Tea Towels.**—Add a little borax to the water when washing tea towels. It removes dirt and grease and makes the towels a good color. It also acts as a disinfectant.

## Uncle Phil Says:



### Our National Spirit

The national anthem makes us get up and hustle in order to be able to sing it.

One kind of "forgotten man" is the one who neglected to think of himself with any degree of intelligence.

### Isn't It a Pity

Insurance companies are not willing to take risks on our air castles. Truth crushed to earth will rise again. A lie crushed to earth goes on mumbering for years.

Kept up long enough, any merry-go-round becomes as monotonous as a treadmill.

Those who in a logical dispute keep in general terms hide fallacy.

### Why Start Outside?

Begin the brotherhood of man with the "brother" next to you and spread it as you have the opportunity.

Diligent work and religion go well together. In the Bible there are many exhortations to labor.

The "please, sir" little boy seems to have vanished even from anecdotes.

### Lived to the Law

Up to recent times in Palestine, nearly every Christian farmer observed the Deuteronomic laws in the Old Testament, which require him to leave part of his crop for the poor. Olive-grove owners especially obeyed the regulation forbidding them to shake their trees more than once so some of the fruit would remain "for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow."—Collier's.

## Ask Me? Another?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

### The Questions

1. What is a Texas leaguer in baseball?
2. Who crossed the Rubicon?
3. What is the difference between a savage and a barbarian?
4. What would result if all the colors were blended together?
5. Among the 12 signs of the zodiac are four that represent animals. Which are they?
6. Is there any difference between semi-conscious and semi-unconscious?
7. Why was it said that if Cleopatra's nose had been shorter the whole face of the world would have been changed?
8. How did the dandelion get its name?

9. What is the significance of the name "Prosper," the title of one of Browning's poems?
10. A donkey-engine, though doing a lot of donkey work, has in fact nothing to do with a donkey. Can you name four other hyphenated words, the first word of which is the name of an animal, the whole having nothing to do with the animal?

### The Answers

1. A short fly that drops between infield and outfield, out of reach of both.
2. Caesar and his army.
3. Savage means untamed; barbarian means the state between savage and civilized.
4. All the colors of the spectrum blended together give white.
5. Leo (lion), Taurus (bull), Aries (ram), Apriicornus (goat).
6. The first usually denotes going from the unconscious to the conscious state. The reverse is the case in the other.
7. To convey the idea that if Cleopatra had been less attractive she would not have enslaved Julius Caesar and Mark Antony.
8. From the French "dent de lion," meaning a lion's tooth, referring to the leaves of the plant.
9. It is interpreted as meaning "Look Forward."
10. Pig-iron, dog-watch, horse-chestnut, monkey-wrench.

## Decorative Angels for Sheets, Pillow Cases



What could be more appropriate for sheet and pillow cases than these decorative angels in simple stitchery! Just the thing for guest liners. Perhaps you'll prefer the cheery "Good Morning" and "Good Evening." You can finish off either design with the filet crochet edging. Pattern 6348 contains a transfer pattern of seven motifs ranging from 4 1/4 by 16 1/4 inches to 3 1/4 by 9 1/2 inches; directions and charts for crochet; materials needed; illustrations of stitches.

To obtain this pattern send 15 cents in coins to The Sewing Circle, Household Arts Dept., 259 W. 14th St., New York, N. Y.

### Bananas a Novelty

Sixty years ago few citizens of this country had ever seen or tasted a banana. Our formal introduction to this now popular fruit took place at the Philadelphia Centennial exposition in 1876 where they were wrapped in tin-foil and sold as novelties at ten cents apiece.—Collier's Weekly.



Empty Task  
In general those who nothing have to say contrive to spend the longest time in doing it.—Lowell.

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### Tried 'Em All

Christy—I'm sure there are many girls who could make you happier than I could. Frank—That's just the trouble. They could, but they won't.

### Apparently Not!

"I'm sorry, constable, if I was speeding, but I want to see someone in the hospital." "And you're not particular who it is?"

### AN HEIR?



"I just love this ozone." "Guess I haven't met him. Has he got money?"

### Different Effect

"I've altered your medicine this week, Tommy," said the doctor. "It's tablets, not pills." "But I want pills," complained Tommy. "Why, there's no difference." "Have you tried blowing tablets through a pea-shooter?"

### O-O-O-O-Oh!

He—I've just lost my great-great-grandmother. She—You're crazy! He—No, I just st-t-tammer a bit.

### True to Type

Mrs. Smith was relating her grievances over the garden fence. "My husband is such a flirt," she complained. "I just can't trust him anywhere." "Never mind, my dear," her friend consoled her. "He's probably only reverting to type." "That's where you're wrong," said Mrs. Smith grimly. "He's reverting to typists."

### Promise Me?

A man, evidently a stranger in Chicago, stopped a youth hurrying along Michigan avenue. "Young man," he said, "I want to go to Lincoln park." The young man seemed lost in thought for a moment, then he replied, "Well, you may go just this once. But you must never ask me again!"

### Jerry on the Job!



### BROTHER ON A HUNGAR STRIKE!



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