

"A Duel With Death" By FLOYD GIBBONS

A/ELL, sir, no matter how much I talk about the danger other that some functionary of hooking rides on freight cars, there are still lads has been in office long enough who will take their chances on the rear end of a romping for the professional investirattler.

And here's Collin Hanson of Lynn, Mass., the latest Distinguished Adventurer to win his spurs on one of those square, eight-wheeled contrivances that ride along on the tail of an iron horse. It was in the summer of 1934, just after Collin had been graduated from high-school, that | Tom Mooney out of he and another lad, Henry Madison, started out to see America first in one short summer vacation.

They began by hitching rides in automobiles, but by the time they reached Columbus, Ohio, they were wondering if they wouldn't make faster time and cover more territory if they hopped a freight or two.

In a Hurry to Get Home Again.

They were a little bit afraid of those freight trains at first, but everything seemed to work out all right. In no time at all the side-door pullmans had carried them to Amarillo, Texas, but by the time they got there Collin says they were two of the most miserable boys you ever saw. They were hungry, and tired, and dirty, and everything else that goes

The open road and the gypsy life wasn't what it was cracked up to be. They wanted to get home again, and the sooner they got there the better they'd like it. So back to the railroad yards they

with the life of a hobo.

In their haste to get home again they rode day and night. They arrived in Kansas City on August 15, so tired that they could hardly keep

their eyes open. But still they weren't going to waste any time. A freight train was being made up in the Kansas City yards. It was due to pull out at eight o'clock that evening. And tired or not, Collin and Hank Madison were going to be on it.

On Top of a Swaying Box Car.

There were about twenty other fellows waiting for that train, but when it finally came there wasn't a single reefer, coal car, cattle car or flat car in the line. The whole string consisted of sealed box cars, and that meant that anybody who boarded it would have to ride the roof or on the coupling between the cars.

Most of the old-time, dyed-in-the-wool hoboes shook their heads and passed it up. They could wait for more comfortable accommodations. But Collin and Hank wanted to get home. Paying no attention to the example of older and more experienced heads, they climbed aboard.

They climbed to the swaying roof of a box car and tried to make the best of it. Hank had a rope. He tied it around his waist, fastened it to the cat walk, and fell asleep. Collin sat up and rode that way for about six hours.

The night wore on and the sky started turning gray in the east. Collin was dead tired and the cold morning air was chilling him to the bone. At last he got up and crawled toward the front of the car.

Woke Up to Find Himself Falling.

There was a small platform up there, about four feet down from the car-the place where the brakeman stands while he turns the brake wheel. Collin crawled down and sat on that.

It was warmer between the two cars and he began to get drowsy. Collin says that if anybody had told him he could fall asleep sitting on such a perilous perch he would never have believed it. BUT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT HE DID!

Most everyone has had the experience of dreaming that he was fall ing through the air. That's a pretty terrible sensation.

But how would you feel if you woke up and found that it was true?

How would you feel if you woke up to find, as Collin Hanson did, that you were falling between two box cars rolling along over the tracks at 35 or 40 miles an hour?

I'd like to be able to tell you how Collin felt.

If I could put that into words I'd probably be describing one of the greatest frights in all history.

Caught the Rubber Air-Hose.

There wasn't any time to think about it. In another two seconds he'd be on the ties-under the grinding wheels of the train.

He fell forward, face down, a little to the right of the coupling. His right shoulder and hip bumped against it and he felt himself being turned over on his back.

Instinctively, his arms reached out to clutch at anything that might arrest his fall, and his left hand closed on the pin bar-a thin steel rod that ran down the end of the car ahead.

Then he had rolled off the coupling and was falling toward the

THERE WAS A JERK ON HIS LEFT ARM THAT ALMOST PULLED IT OUT OF ITS SOCKET. HIS RIGHT HAND WHIPPED OUT AND CAUGHT HOLD OF THE RUBBER AIR-HOSE THAT HANGS BENEATH THE COUPLING. THEN HIS FEET HIT THE GROUND, AND IN THE NEXT COUPLE SECONDS COLLIN KNEW WHAT IT MEANT TO BE FIGHTING FOR LIFE.

As his feet hit the ties the soles and heels of his shoes were ripped off as if they had been made of paper.

His body felt as if it was going to be yanked in half.

Pain shot through his armpits and his hands ached from the strain that was being put upon them. But he held on desperately while his brain raced, groping for a way out of his predicament.

Only One Way to Save His Life.

For an instant he thought of throwing himself sideways in an effort to get clear of the wheels. One look told him he would never

Then he hit upon the only thing in the world that could save him. His arms were almost being wrenched from his body. His body was dragging along far underneath the car.

But with one tremendous effort he managed to swing his right leg up and get it over the coupling. He hung that way for a few seconds till he got his breath and his

strength back and then he climbed up to the top of the car. "It had been a long time since I had prayed," Collin said, "but I sat down right there and spent a long time thanking God for sparing

And I think it was a pretty good idea, at that. @-WNU Service.

First California Mail Service

On April 19, 1847, the first regular mail service in California was established when the United States military authorities inaugurated a semimonthly "government express." and newspapers were carried, free of charge, between San Francisco and San Diego by two soldiers on horseback, who started from these towns on alternate Mondays. Meeting the following Sunday at Dana's rancho, near San Luis Obispo, they exchanged mails. Each soldier then started back to the point from which he had come, arriving there in time Monday. The rush of settlers to of gold, necessitated the establishment of Post Office department routes, which supplanted this orig-

tures of stars, used to test the heat of the human skin, snow that, con-

The Skin's Heat

Meters that measure the tempera-

trary to popular belief, colored skin is virtually no better protection Army despatches, private letters against heat than white complexions. Although black paint absorbs heat, it is found that black human skin absorbs no more of it than white. The star meters, which pick up the human heat rays at a distance and thus do not upset the skin's natural response by contact, show that man's skin measures heat changes as sensitively as the most delicate thermometers. A normal to begin another trip the following person can feel a temperature rise at a rate of less than one thou-California, following the discovery sandth of a degree per second. His subconscious faculties are aware of the change within three seconds and

ulators" to work.

Thinks about

BEVERLY HILLS, CALIF. vorite headlines are "Rift" and "Probe," one signifying that some ideal marriage between movie stars has begun to split at the seams and the

gators to start investigating. In between, somebody is either trying to put Sister Aimee McPher-

son in a hole or get jail. So far, neither. undertaking has succeeded, but folks keep right on trying. Last month, it was Sister Aimee's turn. This month it's Tom Mooney's. But when other

sources of news fail, it's fine to be able to fall back on good Irvin S. Cobb

old reliable "Rift" and dependable, stanch old

Poor Lo's Renaissance.

THE government says the surviving Indians are actually increasing in number, I'started to add that this proves the Indians are holding their own, but, since we've left them very little of their own to hold. I stayed my hand.

The Navahoes always have been the most independent and aloof of all the tribesmen. For the most part, they continue to live a nomadic existence, following their ancient beliefs and ceremonials, refusing to be caged in towns, yet, numerically and in material possessions, they outgrow any other tribe.

Can it be that the white man's culture, which we so jealously strive to cram down the gullets of red people and black and brown and yellow, isn't always what the and belt of this handsome gown. victims need?

But, of course, to say that is pracmight have a few tiny flaws in it, spring bolero suit-a word to the whereas we know it to be the one perfect creation of man, and for proof point to its crowning achievement, the late World war.

The Spoils System.

THIS isn't a criticism, it's a timid yields to us:

Pledges of curtailment in governmental expenditures, as eman- pique prints whose spectacular fling ating from White House at color is simply breathtaking. sources, are undoubtedly sincere. But Andy Jackson or whoever it was first coined the line, expressed the correct idea when he said that to the victor belonged the spoilsand not to let them spoil too long either.

So it shouldn't surprise anybody or deeply shock anybody, except the few G. O. P. boys still scattered through congress, if Pennsylvania and Missouri and certain other states should go right on getting plenty out of the treasury for continued relief work on behalf of Senator Guffey and Mr. Pendergast and such-like benefactors of the human race. Not that the ins are any greedier than the outs; they've merely improved in sagacity since the days when nearly all the smart wolves seemed to be Republicans and nearly all the half-witted sheep seemed to be Democrats.

But Passamaquoddy might as well make up its mind to being sort of neglected from now on. Maine, she ain't been actin' right.

France's Inconsistency.

FRANCE has just lent a vast sum to Poland, and Poland, it is admitted, will use the money to increase its war strength. If Poland should repudiate the debt and default on the interest, a howl will go up from "La Belle France" that'll ring around the world.

But, of course, it will continue to remain an evidence of soulless greed for Uncle Sam even to intimate that France might pay us a little something on account against the enormous amount she owes us for borrowed money which she has used to build up her army and also, it would appear, to pass along to Poland so that Poland may build up

If consistency be a jewel, France is practically out of jewelry.

IRVIN S. COBB @-WNU Service.

Has Many Waterfront Lots

The City of Miami Beach, situated on a peninsula about nine miles long and one mile wide has, perhaps, more waterfront lots than any city in the world - not excluding Venice. Beside the Atlantic ocean on one side and Biscayne bay on the other, there are some half a dozen waterways cutting hither and thither through the island city.

All-Woman Jury Fast

The first all-woman jury in the history of the State of New Jersey recently sat in the jury box in Second District court of Newark. immediately set his skin "heat reg- The jurors took only 15 minutes to make their decision.

Printed Lace and Other New Prints

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



are the big news in the lace story for the coming season. Granted that prints for resort wear and for spring are more lovely each year but never have they risen to greater heights of glamor then when colorfully printed on sheer Chantilly lace which brings the pattern out color-gloriously.

The evening gown in the picture is fashioned of printed Chantilly lace, the patterning done in green and shades of yellow and orange. Black ribbons make the shoulder straps And if you want to wear printed lace in daytime let it be a blouse tically to admit our civilization of printed lace worn with your new wise is sufficient.

The advance arrival of new prints would indicate that the vogue for the spring and summer of 1937 promses to exceed all prev In the new showings silk prints fairly hold one spellbound with their I little prediction based on all daring, their unusualness and their the political experience that the past artful art both as to color and design. The same may be said of the grand and glorious linens, also

See the youthful contrast jacket-and-skirt costume centered in the group illustrated. An ensemble like this is an especially smart cruise fashion for deck-pacing or for going ashore at points enroute. It is fashioned of cloque pique combining print and plain. The fabric is one of the new pre-shurnk cottons so ideal to wear in warm climates where frequent tubbing is neces-

The fact that prints are going strong in sunny resort and among cruise-faring fashionables in no way

implies that midseason stay-athomes are being left printless. On the contrary the prints that are peeping from beneath winter coats are as refreshing a sight as could possibly greet winter-weary eyes. The colors are entrancing and the patternings are unmistakably "new." The fact that the motifs are widely spaced makes for an absolutely "different" look. As a tonic that acts instantaneously we recommend a frock forthwith and sans delay made of one of the radiantly colorful new prints.

An interesting characteristic of early arriving modes is that the emphasis is placed on the smartness and novelty of the print which fashions the dress rather than on its making. In fact the new print frocks are styled most simple the more to show off to advantage the beauty of their material which thrills with unique designs and dramatic color-The print fash oning the daytime

gown shown in the foreground of the group illustrated makes color-play its big feature. Green and red on a brown ground is the color scheme. The belt is of brown suede. The large jewelled clasp (huge ones are worn this season) at the neckline further emphasizes the idea of striking color.

Speaking of the new spring prints in general they are newest looking when the florals are large and distinctive and set far apart. Just now it is the dark grounds that appeal or that which is ultra chic, the background in a vivid color. Paisley patterns and bold stripes are especially smart.

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SMART FOR SPRING

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

you shall be smart-and this year

that you shall be pretty as well.

This combination is entirely possi-

ble when you have seen yourself in

the all-lace hats which are becom-

ing more and more popular for din-

ing out and the theater. One, a

Schiaparelli model, is helmet like,

with a conic crown. The lace is

fixed on wire and gives the Span-

ish touch, which of course is the

If you prefer to get your Spanish

effect in another way, don't forget

the mantilla. It can do wonders

towards conveying that air of mys-

tery and romance. And you can

make it yourself, fashioning it in

your own way. Some are made of

squares of Chantilly; others have

lace borders around net. We noted

particularly one of plain net, with

a wide border of lace. They are, in-

cidentally, equally attractive when

thing this season.

Fashion has always decreed that

LACE HEADDRESS

BEIGE LACE By CHERIE NICHOLAS



Beige is high fashion again as in

fact are all shades that suggest cin-

namon and yellowish and delicate

brownish tints. These colors are

especially effective in lace and have

the added advantage of practical-

ity and wearability. The stunning

lace dress pictured is tailored of

beige lace. It has a nicety of de-

tail that is recognized at a glance.

The full skirt lends itself to move-

ment and is most graceful on the

dance floor. This is a grand type

nings in town.

worn as scarves or shawls, and even folded in a triangle and tied ascot-fashion in front. Black and White Popular

for Formal Evening Wear Black and white have established themselves as the height of formality for evening wear. Used together, they are always the more effective. Seen recently in one of the best New York fashion ateliers was a formal gown of white lace, pailletted all over with rhinestones, and over it was worn a charming. hiplength jacket of black net. Fitted snugly at the waistline, and with straight sleeves slightly puffed at the shoulder, it flared out in a full peplum below the waist.

for the winter cruise and for pack-The black net jacket suggested iting up for a southern resort vacaself as an admirable light wrap to tion as well as for the "little" evebe worn with all evening dresses.

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Pattern 5247

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Feathering Foes' Arrows

To ruminate upon evils, to make critical notes upon injuries, and be too acute in their apprehensions, is to add unto our own tortures, to feather the arrows of our enemies, and to resolve to sleep no more; for injuries, long dreamt on, take away at last all rest .- Sir Thomas Browne.

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Decision

dress and pattern number.

ONCE to every man and nation comes the moment to decide. In the strife of Truth with

Falsehood, for the good or evil side; Some great cause, God's new

Messiah, offering each the bloom or blight, Parts the goats upon the left

hand, and the sheep upon the right, And the choice goes on forever, 'twixt that darkness and

No religion is composed of doubts.

the light.—Lowell

DON'T RUB

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