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### "The Unseen Foe"

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HELLO, EVERYBODY:

It's Dan O'Donoghue of New York, late sergeant of the Royal Munster Fusiliers, who tells today's tale of mystery and terror. Like one of Kipling's "Soldiers Three," Dan has fought all over India. He has seen the things that Kipling saw, and he's bringing us such a tale as Kipling might have written—the story of a strange and terrifying experience on the Northwest frontier, up near Khyber Pass.

Word had come that the tribes were plundering and raiding up Khyber way, and the Munster Fusiliers was one of the outfits ordered out against them. They left their barracks in Rawalpindi, Punjab, in the summer of 1908, entrained for Peshawar, marched through the pass, and fought their way into Lundi Kotal, the fort on the other side of the Afghan border.

They chased the marauding tribes back into the hills, but that, as Kipling would say, is another story. The one we're concerned with happened on the way back.

### No Beer, So They Drank Water.

The regiment passed through Peshawar again and marched on to Shabkadar, twenty miles away. There, for the first time during the expedition the native canteen manager, Hari Chand Khapur, ran out of beer. "No one who hasn't been in India," says Dan, "has any idea how necessary beer is to the fighting forces. Most of the water in India is contaminated and unfit to drink. But that day we had nothing else, so we drank it and liked it. We pitched camp that night, went to bed early, as orders had been issued for an early morning start the next day. But daylight came, and we still hadn't received orders to fall in."

No one in the regiment could understand it. Other regiments were on the move. Two native regiments—the Twenty-second Punjabis and the Fortieth Pathans—marched past the Fusiliers camp, their drums beating and the men singing. While they were passing, the Fusiliers got an order that only mystified them the more. They were told to fall in WITHOUT their rifles.

The whole regiment was marched off to a corner of the camp. Soon a doctor appeared and began distributing medicine. While he doctor was moving down the line, the man in front of Dan dropped to the ground. Dan picked him up and asked him what was the matter. And he replied: "I don't know, Dan, but I feel very bad."

"The doctor came along," says Dan, "and began asking him questions. I thought it was strange that he didn't come near the sick man."



He screamed one ominous word, "Cholera."

He stood well away, and asked me to take the poor devil to the hospital. I carried him there on my shoulders."

### They Were Dying of Cholera.

There were several other men in the hospital, all of them complaining of pains in their stomachs. But that didn't mean anything to Dan at the moment. When he got back to his company they were ordered off to a spot six hundred yards away, where a flag was flying. They were issued beer and rum that evening, and given a supply of green goggles to keep the sun out of their eyes. All the rest of that day they lay in camp, doing nothing, and wondering why they weren't on the march.

When Dan awoke the next morning there was a great commotion outside his tent. "I lifted the tent wall," he says, "and asked the sentry what was the matter. 'Oh, Lord, Donoghue,' he cried, 'we're all dying. There are dozens dead, and by tonight it'll have taken all of us!'"

Dan sat straight up on his cot. "What'll take all of us?" he wanted to know. And the sentry screamed one ominous word. "CHOLERA!"

Dan will never forget the things he saw during the terrible days that followed. "You can get away from an enemy," he says. "You can fight and bluff your way out of tight corners in a battle. But you can't fight or bluff or run away when the cholera germ gets into your system. You suffer terrible cramps in your abdomen, and you get so weak that you can't stand up. During that epidemic it was a common sight to see the fellows visiting one another crawling along on their hands and knees."

### Buried the Dead in Quicklime.

"The boys died off like flies, and those who did were buried immediately—buried all together in a long trench, with six inches of quicklime in the bottom. It was not at all common to hear a fellow say, 'Come on over and see who is getting buried.' And on one such occasion I saw the strangest sight of my whole life."

"A new trench had been dug and about fifty were getting buried in it. The bodies were brought over and laid in the ditch side by side. Some were naked, and others were fully clothed, even to the boots and puttees. As soon as each corpse was put in a blanket was thrown over it and another layer of quicklime was placed on top of that. Father Looman, the Catholic chaplain was standing at the end of the long grave reciting the burial prayers. It was an awful and solemn moment."

"I was there to see a friend buried. Everyone else there had come for the same reason. There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd. I was standing at the edge of the trench, looking down, when suddenly I jumped. Directly below me was a body covered with a blanket, and it seemed to me I had seen that blanket move."

As Dan watched, that blanket moved again. Other men had seen it move, too. The whole crowd stood stunned for a minute, and then Dan and another man hopped into the trench—and helped out a poor devil who was about to be buried alive—in quicklime.

"And as we led him away," says Dan, "he kept crying. 'Say, what's the idea? What's all this crowd around here for?' He didn't even know how narrowly he had escaped a terrible death."

It was the quicklime that had saved him—that and the fact that he had been buried naked. Says Dan: "If he'd been buried with his clothes on he wouldn't have felt the burn of that biting stuff until it was too late. As it was, the sting of the stuff brought him to his senses, and he lived to get wounded twice during the World war."

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### Old City of Greece

Corinth is one of the oldest cities of Greece. It was founded in 1350 B. C. It is as ancient as the pyramids. In its prime, it was a city of great wealth and commerce. It was the mother city of Sicilian Syracuse. It was sacked by the Romans, 146 B. C. It was rebuilt by Julius Caesar a century later. To its people St. Paul wrote his two longest epistles. It was then the capital of Roman Greece. It has suffered from earthquakes all its life.

### Wedding Ring Customs

There are many customs connected with the wedding ring among different peoples of the world, yet it would seem that all the wedding ring ideas had a common origin, which is shrouded in mystery. Among the Zulus there is a custom, called Khehla, of wearing a ring on the head. It is made of polished wax and worked in with the hair. As soon as a Zulu marries he wears the ring and he discards it only for a time if one of his wives dies.

## Neat Smocks in Gay Wash Fabrics

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



IF WINTER comes, can spring be far behind?—a query that has a most literal interpretation when applied to fashion. While northern blizzards rage and their cold breath sometimes penetrates to even southern climes, manufacturers and designers are busy with beautiful cool washable fabrics, styling them into feminine array that bespeaks the height of fashion.

This fact is illustrated during spring market week in Chicago when the national wash apparel showings of nearly 10,000 new spring and summer styles by over 100 members of the Chicago Wash Dress and Apparel association are presented. At this time thousands of retail buyers from every section of the country come to this style mecca to purchase the gay pretty dresses and blouses, smocks and housecoats, beach ensembles and play-suits of washable materials that cause shop windows to blossom in the spring and rival the best efforts of nature in their bright fresh loveliness.

A preview of these intriguing spring and summer fashions holds good news for women everywhere. You can get wash materials that look as if they belong in the silk or the wool classification and that dressy and choice in appearance it is almost unbelievable that they tub to perfection, but they do. Yes indeed, it's going to be one of the biggest wash dress seasons in years. Dresses are simple in line and cut and that makes them easy to launder, but their very simplicity embodies all the subtle chic which American designers have been learning from Paris all these years. From a dollar house dress to an evening formal all the styles are as smart as skilled workers and ingenious fashion creators can make them.

And the smocks! Well that's what we want to tell you about most at this writing for there is so much of romance of charm and chic and flattering design expressed in both their styling and the wash fabrics

of which they are fashioned you will be wanting to know some of the new ways they are taking on. Especially so, since at the threshold of spring, fancy ever turns gaily to thoughts of assembling a wardrobe of fresh, pretty clothes for mid-weather wear, not the least important among which is a collection of smocks that while they be utilitarian (that's taken for granted) they must qualify as "a thing of beauty and a joy forever"—carry with them, so to speak, a guarantee to make the wearer look her most charming self at work or at play.

Well, here they are, just such smocks as you are looking for, three of the prettiest models you will find, look the fashion world over if you will. See them pictured here, right before your very eyes, each a Barmon smock of printed broadcloth. The one to the left shows a gorgeous flowered patterning that carries you right out of mid-winter gloom into the outstretched arms of spring. The lesson this glad-smock teaches is that you can't possibly go too far in choosing 'em gay this spring, for all signs say that prints are going to be more extravagantly colorful than ever.

Looking for the rainbow are you? Well just glimpse the smock to the right, if you please. See your coveted rainbow in all its glory for the girl pictured is wearing a five-color rainbow smock.

The gem of 'em all, in our opinion, is centered in the group. This gypsy fringe frock, as it is called, is designed from a Rumanian shawl, for the shawl, as we all know, is the most prized possession of a gypsy lass. Particular attention is called to the fringe of golden hue which adds gorgeous glamor to the picturesque mode.

### Really New Beret to Make Its Appearance in Spring

The ubiquitous springtime beret has a new interpretation in exquisite pastel felts—pinks and blues—with high front on a navy grosgrain headband and worn flat as a pancake on the back of the head. But the news is the sophisticated navy face veil Sally Victor, designer, tied around with swishy bow ends. Then a prim little white toya sailor with mercury wings has a green face veil tied about it and a sophisticated shiny Milan in black banded in Persian embroidery has a crisp black veil tied in a big bow.

Navy blue makes stylish Tailored Street Dresses

Navy blue tailored street dresses with touches of white trim are featured for daytime wear, both in light woolsens and silk crepes in the Mainbocher mid-season collection. Of simple line, the frocks are made with elaborate detail, and the white of the trim is repeated in gloves for the costume.

Chalk stripe and pin stripe suits in black and navy are shown with the tunic length jackets introduced by that house in a recent collection.

### Printed Linings Furnish Lively Touch to Costume

The woman who wants to introduce a lively touch to a winter costume but thinks an entire printed frock is too springlike or too gay, will be interested in the vogue of printed linings. These are employed not only for short jackets and longer coats but for handbags, belts and hemlines. A dark frock that fares at the skirt hem will be enhanced by a printed facing, matched perhaps by the lining of the belt or by hat trimming.

## ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

### The Answers

1. Where is the coldest place that temperature has been measured?
2. Who have been the subject of the greatest number of biographies?
3. What has been proclaimed the national language of the Philippine commonwealth?
4. In what way are the Ten Commandments divided?
5. In sailor lore, who or what is Davy Jones?
6. What is a levirate marriage?
7. What is the diving record recently established by a diver in Lake Michigan?
8. If the vice president is not serving as president of the senate, how can a vote be avoided?
9. What is the name of the peninsula in Greece inhabited by monks where no woman has ever visited?
10. Why does the children's song, "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush" say bush when the mulberry is a tree?

1. The pole of cold is in northern Siberia at Verkhoyansk, where the lowest official temperature was 90.4 degrees Fahrenheit below zero.
2. Jesus of Nazareth and Napoleon. Among Americans, Abraham Lincoln and George Washington lead.
3. Tagalog, a Malay dialect influenced by Spanish, English and Chinese.
4. The first four relate to sacred duties, while the other six refer to secular, or our duties to our neighbor.
5. The evil spirit of the sea.
6. This was a custom, particularly among the ancient Hebrews, whereby a man married his brother's widow, even though he already had a wife.
7. A new low of 420 feet under water was the record made by Max E. Nohl in Lake Michigan.
8. No one would be able to cast a deciding vote.
9. Mount Athos, a peninsula of Greece, is inhabited entirely by monks and lay brothers. The only woman who has ever visited there is Queen Elizabeth of Rumania.
10. While the American mulberry is a large tree, the French mulberry is a shrub growing to a height of not over 6 feet. This may easily be the bush of the old song.

### Reduced Clothing Costs

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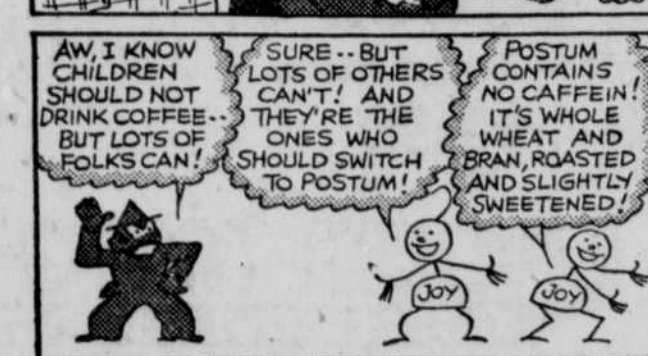
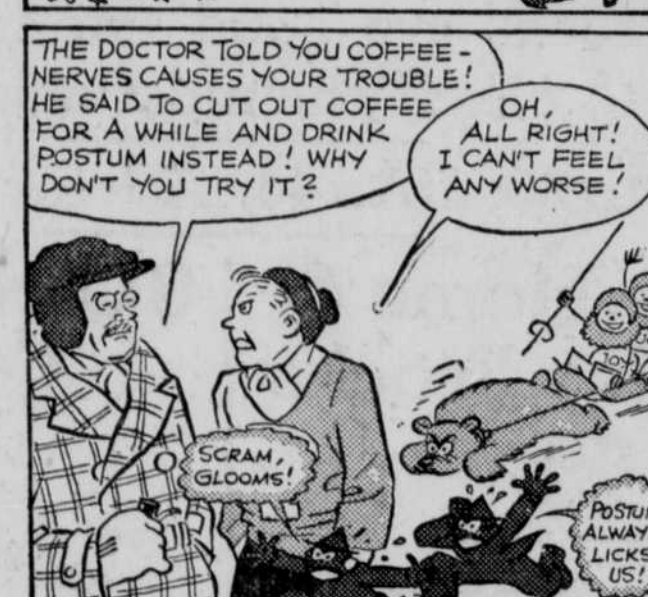
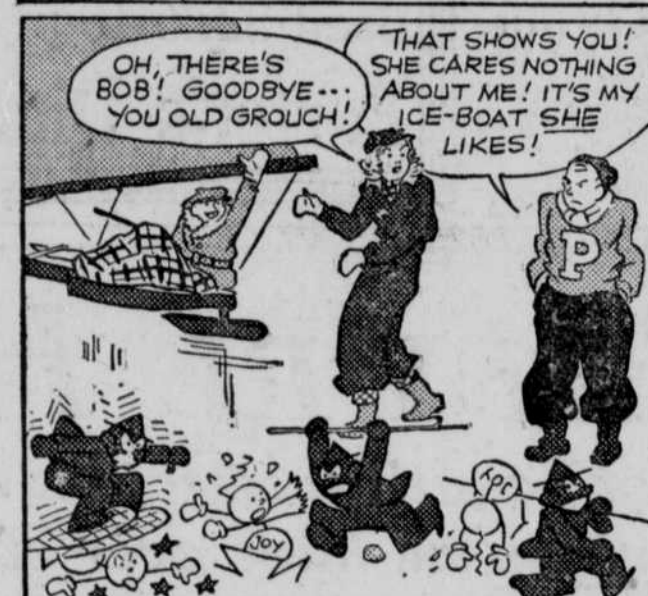


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