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HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"Noises in the Night"

HELLO EVERYBODY: There came a time when Frank Barry had to prove he wasn't a coward—and this is what happened!

Frank's address is Albion, Mich. He lives out in the country with his wife and at night the place gets sort of lonely. That would be all right as far as Frank was concerned, but Frank says that his wife is "somewhat nervous."

On top of that, Frank's wife is a light sleeper. And what with one thing or another, she was beginning to suspect that Frank had a yellow streak in him about a yard wide. Frank didn't feel that way about it. With him it was just a case of wanting to sleep at night. I'll let him tell you about the trouble in his own words.

"Every time a mouse would scamper across the floor," says Frank, "my wife would poke me in the ribs and whisper, 'Frank—Frank! Wake up! I hear noises!' Not being of a nervous nature myself, it was hard to wake me up. When I finally did awaken to hear a mouse playing about the room I would mumble, 'It's only a mouse,' and fall asleep again."

It was just plain sleepiness on Frank's part—but his wife began to believe Frank was afraid to go down and take a chance on meeting up with a burglar. She never said so, but Frank could tell from the way she looked at him at times. And Frank, on the other hand, began wishing a burglar would bust into the house, just so he could go down and show wife that he wasn't afraid.

Frank's Wife Hears a Noise in the Cellar.

"Well," says Frank, "one night the opportunity came, and now my hair is gray." That night was October 25, 1922. Frank sort of had burglars on his mind that night.

That day he had picked a lot of apples and vegetables and stored them in the cellar. He had left the outside cellar door open.

That night, just as he was drifting off to sleep he heard a crash and felt his wife's elbow in his ribs. "Frank," she whispered, "did you hear that?" Frank had heard it. It was no mouse this time. A box had fallen down in the cellar! And then Frank remembered that open cellar door. Here were his burglars!

"And then," says Frank, "I began to realize that I was scared to death."

The cold shivers were running down Frank's back, but he didn't tell his wife. "As I lay there debating whether I should be a live coward or a dead hero," he says, "my wife said, 'Did you hear me,



Frank, clinging to the Thing, was carried up the cellar stairs.

Frank? If you didn't something must be the matter with you.' And there was something the matter with me. I was scared."

But Frank knew that if he showed the white feather now, his wife would remember it the rest of her life. He slipped out of bed and drew on his pants and socks. He left his shoes off because he didn't want to make any noise, and he took no light because a light would only make him a better target for robbers' guns. He picked up his own revolver and groped his way down stairs.

Down in the cellar he could hear boxes moving and apples rolling around. He locked the inside door so the burglars couldn't get into the house. Then he crept outside, down the cellar steps and into the cellar.

Frank Hears an Inhuman Sound.

"By that time," says Frank, "my fear had left me. If a robber shot at me, the flash of his gun would show me where to shoot. I had as good a chance as he." But Frank's fear of burglars had only moved out to make room for a greater fear—the horrible fear of the unknown.

It was deathly still in that cellar. Frank listened breathlessly, intently. "The stillness," he says, "seemed to grow even more silent, and the suspense increased. Then, all of a sudden I heard a strange, blood-curdling sound—a sound that I knew came from nothing human. My God, what could it be? I didn't have long to ponder that question. In a split second the Thing was on me, sweeping me off my feet."

Frank had arrived at that cellar door ready to fight burglars, but he wasn't prepared to meet up with something that wasn't human. He fell forward across the Thing, and clutched at it in panic. The Thing was immense—a veritable monster. It dashed up the cellar steps and Frank, still clinging to it, was carried up feet first.

"Its strength," he says, "was irresistible. I felt as though I was nothing more than a feather in a giant's hands. Many fears passed through my mind during the few seconds which that ghastly ride lasted, but all of them were too preposterous to believe. If I could have believed one of them I might have felt better. Anything was better than being at the mercy of an unknown monster."

But suddenly the monster was out in the open and Frank was losing his hold. He rolled off and fell to the ground. When he got up he had regained his composure—and also his senses.

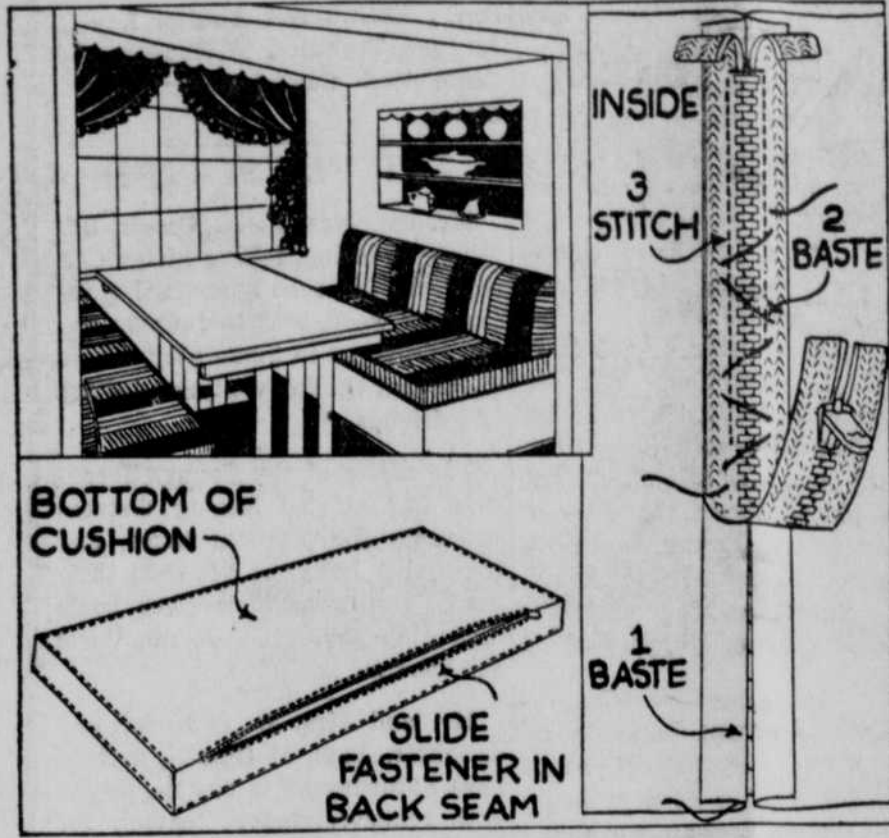
Frank went into the house and got a lantern. Then he went out again and walked to the barn. Sure enough there was his monster, and his hunch had been right. Standing by the gate was Frank's 500-pound bear hog. He had escaped from the barnyard and gone into the cellar looking for an evening snack. And when he ran out of the cellar in alarm, his nose went between Frank's wide-spread legs, throwing Frank over on his back.

Frank says his wife thinks this story funny, and tells it to all her friends. "But it was mighty real to me," Frank says, "I didn't know fright could be that bad!"

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by Ruth Wyeth Spears



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A BIT OF FUN



Her Prerogative

Mr. Henpeck had just overheard his wife scolding the maid. "You and I both seem to be in the same unfortunate position, Mary," he said to the girl later. "Not likely!" replied the maid. "I'm giving her a week's notice tomorrow."

In Competition

"Did your wife catch a cold in the mountains? She is quite hoarse." "No—she wanted to outdo the echo."

Not Tempted

Magistrate—Did the prisoner offer any resistance? Officer—Only a dollar, your honor, and I wouldn't look at it.

He hopes his lean years are behind. But she hopes hers are ahead.

Her Error

A film star was suing for breach of promise. The case had been going on for some days and the publicity, of course, filled the front pages of all the newspapers.

On the fourth day the judge received a note from the plaintiff. "Please stop the case," it read. "I've just found out that the defendant is my husband."

ASK ME ANOTHER?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What is the greatest solvent?
2. Why is an acorn so often seen in carving on Colonial houses?
3. What is meant by "the great American novel"?
4. Who described architecture as frozen music?
5. What does corn mean?
6. Why do birds throw their when scraped?
7. Why does ice become white when scraped?
8. Of what did Galileo make his first telescope?

The Answers

1. Water. It dissolves to a greater or lesser extent almost all substances which it contacts.
2. It was considered a symbol of hospitality.
3. It is a phrase applied to a novel not yet written but dreamed of by all who are interested in American literature.
4. Goethe described architecture as frozen music.
5. To the American, maize; the Chinese, rice; the Scotsman, oats; the North German, rye; the South German, wheat.
6. In order to swallow. The pigeon is the only bird that drinks by suction.

Strange Facts

Heat Changes Color A Busy Firebug Horse Honor Guest

That temperature can change the color of flowers of a single plant is illustrated by a species of Chinese primrose, *Primula sinensis*, whose blossoms are white when grown at about 85 degrees Fahrenheit and red when grown at about 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

In the West, where thunderstorms frequently occur with little or no rain, forest fires caused by lightning are common. Moreover, single storms often do considerable damage, such as a recent one in Idaho, which started 70 fires within 20 minutes.

Few keepers of animals in zoological parks are certain of crocodiles' sex unless they lay eggs.

Unlike other Christians, the Mormons of Utah marry for eternity, not for this life alone, and the death of a partner does not dissolve or alter the union.

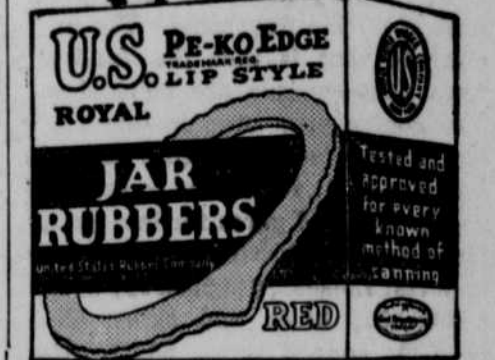
One of the longest theatrical careers ever achieved by an animal was that of "Anna," a horse that appeared on the New York stage from 1913 to 1938. When she was retired last spring at the age of 36 years, a party was given in her honor by the polo ponies of the Pegasus Club of Rockleigh, N. J.—Collier's.

7. Because the scraping leaves a multitude of small irregular surfaces which reflect the light in all directions, giving the white appearance.

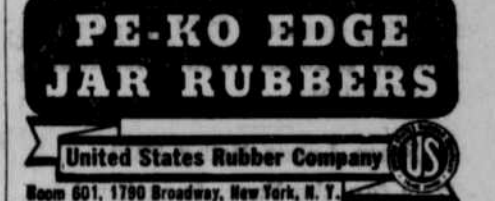
8. A spectacle lens was placed on the end of an organ pipe. It magnified only three times.



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AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

Use Underripe Fruit.—When making jellies do not forget to use fruits and berries underripe rather than overripe, for better consistency and flavor.

Washing Feather Pillows.—When washing feather pillows first choose a clear sunny day. Soak in water softened with borax or ammonia and then wash in a very sudsy lukewarm water in which soap flakes have been dissolved. Make a small slit in the end of the pillow to keep it from floating in the water in washing machine. Wash in washing machine for 8 to 10 minutes. Put pillows through another suds and more water for five minutes. Rinse again in clear water and pin case to clothesline by one end, shake occasionally and reverse to hasten drying.

To Brighten Aluminum.—To keep aluminum bright rub it with any of the acid fruit juices such as lemon or rhubarb, or let it stand in a rather strong solution for one-half hour.

Improving Iced Tea.—Add a little grated orange and lemon rind to iced tea for a delicate flavor. A few chopped mint leaves placed in the tea when steeping also give a subtle taste.

Keeping Meat Fresh.—Vinegar rubbed over raw meat will keep it fresh.

For Mildew Stains.—To remove light mildew stains, soak the stained article for two days in sour milk or buttermilk. Then rinse it in cold water and wash it in warm water and soap suds.

Testing Waffle Iron.—A simple test for determining when the waffle iron is hot enough for the batter is this: Put a teaspoon of water in the iron, close, and when the steam ceases coming out, the iron is ready for the batter.

Treating Tile Floors.—Abrasives or bleaches have a tendency to roughen the surface of a tiled floor to the point where it becomes dirty sooner. For glazed tile on floors, use plain soap and water. Unglazed tile may be waxed and polished.

Changing the Bed.—Many people prefer to change the bed more frequently, just changing the bottom sheet and placing the top sheet in its place, rather than changing both sheets at once and allowing a longer interval to elapse between changings. It does seem to freshen up things more often.

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Your Attitude Counts

What happens doesn't matter so much as how you take it.

No unschooled man is rude to the learned if he has any sense himself.

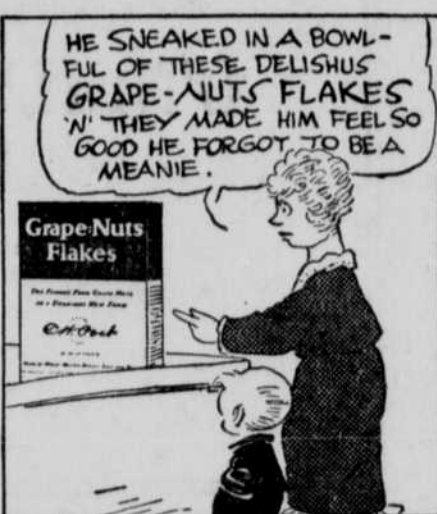
People who have thrift must pay high taxes because those who haven't don't pay any.

Show You Are In!

Do what you can for the cause you believe in, if it is only to march in the parade.

Other people's consciences don't hurt you, but they sometimes think they ought to.

Jerry on the Job!



Take Me Out to the Ball Park!

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Streamlining Furnishes Strength Without Weight

Everything is being "streamlined" nowadays, and the automobile was one of the leaders several years ago, yet in the case of the car "strengthened" would be the more appropriate term.

The smooth lines of the automobile are nice to look at, and carry an easy suggestion of frictionless motion, yet in actual fact, the chief purpose of the gentle curves is to furnish strength without weight. The motive is exactly the same as that behind the stupendous swooping lines of the great steel bridges of Brooklyn, New York and San

Francisco bay, California. Smoothing the exterior of the automobile has little perceptible effect on air resistance until very high speeds are attained, and several changes would be made in today's car designs if reduction of wind resistance were the primary engineering objective.

On the other hand it would take hundreds of pounds of added reinforcement to make a square-built vehicle as strong and rattleproof as the modern car. Keeping the weight down makes the car more efficient and economical at all speeds.

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