

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB



HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!

"Breath of Doom"

HELLO EVERYBODY: John A. Kollins of Decatur, Ill., is a refrigerator repairman, and he knows the ins and outs of mechanical refrigerating systems and can tell you just what makes them go.

John learned that business with an eye to making his bread and butter out of it. But there came a time when he had to use every doggone bit of the knowledge he had acquired—to save his life.

But, in the end, it was a penknife that saved the day. Without it, all of John's technical skill would have been of little use in the battle against the icy breath of doom which he and his helper found themselves fighting. John's knowledge told him what not to do, but knowing what not to do isn't enough when death is clamping down and slowly wringing the life out of you.

It all happened in Springfield, Ill. On March 31, 1936, John Kollins was called over there to make some repairs in the refrigerating plant of the Morris Fish Market. He got there early in the morning with his helper, and they worked hard all day on the job.

The market had several cooler rooms carrying below-freezing temperatures and one room, called a sharp fish freezer, that went down to 10 or 15 degrees below zero when the machinery was working.

Evening was coming on, and still their job wasn't finished. The market had closed and every one had gone home before John finally got the machinery working properly. He still had to test it, though, and he turned the controls on full and he and his helper climbed out of the basement and went up through the big, empty market to the sharp freezer room to see how rapidly the machine was bringing the temperature down.

Find Catch Broken on Freezer Door.

When they got to the freezer door, John noticed again that the catch was broken. There was an old pair of ice tongs hanging nearby, to open it in case it stuck. He had seen that before, and



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made a mental note of it. He had even told his helper to be careful in closing that door behind him. But now, as John walked in, his helper, following behind him, gave the door a thoughtless bang.

Locked in! And in a small, cramped room whose temperature was rapidly going down! Going to 15 below zero! Not even an Eskimo could live through a night in the open at such a temperature, and John and his helper, dressed in ordinary working clothes, knew that they'd be frozen to death long before morning.

"My heart almost failed me right then and there," says John, "but if it hadn't been for my knowledge of the structure of this freezer, we might have died before we even had half a chance to try to get out. My helper was all for taking a big block of ice and trying to ram the door down, but I knew better than to try it. The door was too strong, and, if we failed to get out on the first try, it would be the end."

"I had built this plant eight years before. I knew the ammonia coils would not stand much jarring without springing a leak. And once the ammonia got in, we'd have choked to death before we had a chance to freeze."

No—that was out. The only thing those two lads could do was cling to straws. They MIGHT just possibly be alive in the morning.

Only Tool Is Two-Bladed Penknife.

John asked his helper if he had any tools in his pocket. The only thing the helper had was a small penknife with two blades. John told him they'd have to try digging their way out with that knife.

Anything to keep their minds off the death that was clutching at them—one degree at a time. They started hacking away at the plaster that coated the walls, cutting a hole about eight inches in diameter. It didn't take long to cut through the plaster. It was only half an inch thick. But back of that was eight inches of cork.

"We took turns digging," says John, "and made progress little by little. But, all this time, the machine was running in the basement and the temperature was going down. It went from five—to ten—to fifteen below, and our hands became numb as we worked. Then, suddenly, the big blade of the knife broke."

John Feels He Is Nearing End.

"I sat down and wrote a few words to my wife on the back of one of my cards. I was feeling mighty sleepy, and I knew I was nearing the end. And then out of a clear sky, my helper shook me and said he had a small hole through to the outside."

It was just a tiny hole. The one they originally started had narrowed down almost to a point. It did them mighty little good, but John's helper thought they might try shouting for help. To please his helper, John agreed to try—but he knew there was no one in the building, and knew that the chances of any one hearing them from the outside was mighty slim.

For an hour they kept up their intermittent shouting. John was yelling "Police," and his helper was just crying "Help!" It was almost 10 o'clock by that time, and John had lost all hope. And then, suddenly, they got an answer.

"Where are you?" A man, parking his car in the alley beside the market, had heard them.

The fellow broke in a window, found the freezer, and used the old ice tongs to pry open the door.

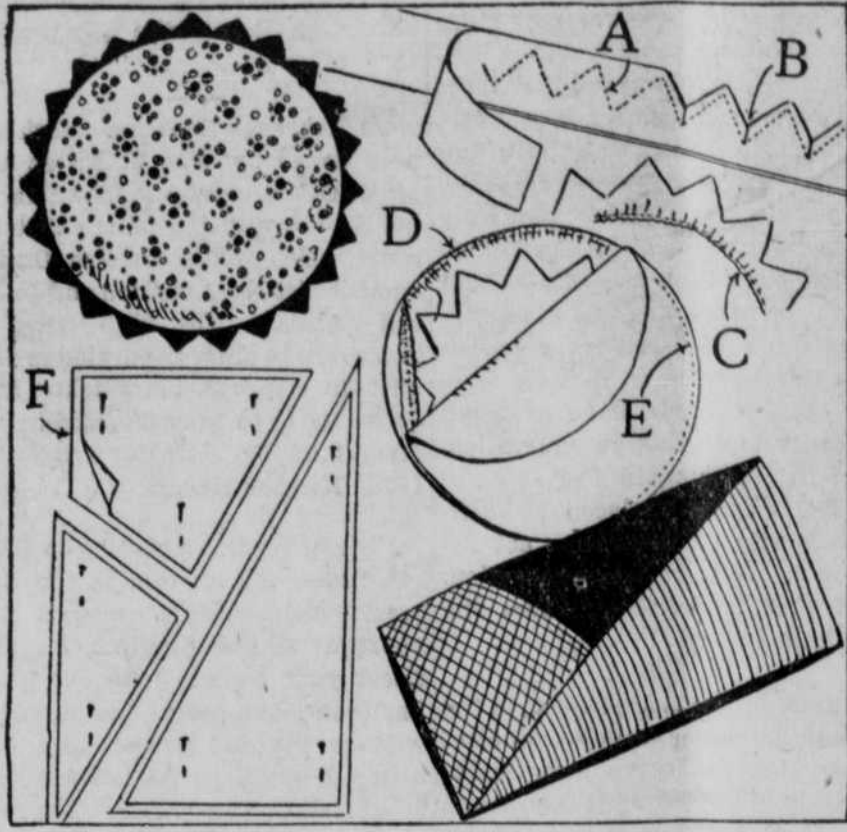
"He didn't know what to do about us," says John, "until I, in my delirium, began yelling 'Police!' again. He thought that was a good idea and called the cops."

The police arrived and gave the two men stimulants. Before it was over, the newspaper photographers had arrived and they had to go back into that freezer again to pose for pictures. But that time they made darned certain that the door wouldn't slam shut on them.

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HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



Two interesting designs for cushions.

"DEAR MRS SPEARS: I like to make interesting cushions—in summer bright cotton covered ones and silk covers in the winter. The cost is nothing as I find that after the waists of dresses are worn out, there are still parts of the skirts that are good enough to give long wear when made into these covers. J. B."

Thanks, Mrs. J. B., for that suggestion, and here are two covers that you might like to try. To make the contrasting edge for the round one, stitch two-inch strips together in points as at A, trim as at B clipping between the points then turn right side out. Pull out smoothly and press, then gather as at C. Stitch to one section of the cover as at D, then stitch the two sections together leaving an opening for the cushion.

To make a pattern for a modernistic patchwork cover, cut a rectangle of paper, then divide it into sections as shown. Use these sections as patterns to cut the fabric adding a seam allowance as at F.

NOTICE: Two books for the price of one. Readers who have

not secured their copies of my two books, SEWING for the Home Decorator; and Gifts, Novelties and Embroideries; should send in their orders at once, before the supply is entirely disposed of. You may also have your choice of the Patchwork Quilt Leaflet or the Rag Rug Leaflet FREE with orders for two books; enclose 25 cents with name and address; directing your order to Mrs. Spears, 210 S. Desplains St., Chicago, Ill.

Flying Is Risky Business, As Viewed by Pedestrian

A pedestrian crossed a traffic-filled street while looking up at an airplane overhead. Three buses shaved him so closely that his beard didn't appear again for a week, the wind from six passing cars raised the nap on his last year's suit, one five-passenger car removed the shine from the back of his left shoe, and the drivers of seven other assorted makes, while stripping their gears in an effort to avoid him, stripped their vocabularies of high-powered adjectives.

After stumbling over the curbstone on the farther side of the road, the pedestrian was heard to murmur, "My gracious, those air-men lead dangerous lives."

AROUND the HOUSE Items of Interest to the Housewife

Care of Bread Box.—Summer calls for diligent cleaning and airing of bread and cookie boxes, pantry and cupboard shelves and refrigerators. Since bread molds easily in the summer, it is best to buy just enough for each day's needs.

Stains on Ash Trays.—To remove cigarette stains from brass ash trays, rub the trays with a paste of salt and vinegar. Then wash them well in hot water and soap suds.

Use for Leftovers.—Leftover rice or macaroni mixed with cooked meat makes a good filling for green peppers or tomatoes. The latter need to be cooked only 20 minutes in a moderate oven.

Quick Baking.—Fruit and berry pies with lattice-style tops require less baking time than the regular two-crust pies.

Position of Trellises.—Trellises should be a foot to 18 inches away from a wall. This gives air a chance to circulate and gives you a chance to spray the back of the vine.

To Inform You.—Read the labels on canned foods. Many tell the number of slices contained in the can. Others give additional useful information about the contents.

Keep Oils Cool.—Store oils, such as olive or vegetable, in the refrigerator. They are likely to become rancid when opened unless they are kept chilled.

Cleaning Suede.—Clean soiled suede shoes and belts with sawdust slightly warmed in the oven. Rub it over the surface with a clean, soft rag, and to raise the pile rub gently afterwards with a piece of fine emery paper.

Strange Facts

Expensive Stop Reached for Sky Bars That Don't

When a heavy passenger train makes a sudden emergency stop, the full application of the brakes to every wheel may wear away as much steel as a normal year's service and may result in as much as \$1,500 worth of damage.

Few plants equal a species of British toothwort, *Lathraea squamaria*, in its efforts to reach daylight. One, which happened to germinate at the bottom of an abandoned mine shaft, extended itself to the top, a distance of 120 feet, although the normal height of this plant is only six inches.

When Hodja, a famous jester of Turkey, died in the Fourteenth century, he was buried in the little town of Akehir, and a large, chained gate was placed in front of the tomb. No wall or fence was ever attached to it and visitors still smile at this "jest for the jester" as they step around this heavily padlocked gate to see the grave.

Although about 35,000 sizable ships have been wrecked and sunk in the seas during the past century, fewer than 35 have vanished without a trace.—Collier's.

"Clothed in Gold"

A gold-plated silk fabric is described in Industrial and Engineering Chemistry. A silk dress is impregnated with a solution of a gold salt, which is then decomposed chemically, leaving a coating of pure gold upon the fiber, at a cost of about \$3 per yard. When the dress is worn out, the gold can be recovered and used again. The garment was recently exhibited in England.

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. What does the nautical term "anchors aweigh" mean?
2. Are any tin mines operated in the United States?
3. What is meant by biogenesis?
4. What is the world's annual income?
5. How many states were represented when the Constitution was adopted?
6. Which releases more moisture into the air, an acre of a lake or an acre of forest?
7. Can you translate the following into a familiar proverb: "A pebble in a state of circumvolution acquires no lichens"?
8. Where does light go when you put it out?
9. Through what locks do the most ships travel, Panama, Suez, or Sault Ste. Marie?
10. How much wire and cable is used in Rockefeller Center?

The Answers

1. Lifting the anchor so the ship may proceed.
2. The only tin mine now operating in the United States is located at Lincolnton, N. C.
3. Natural generation of life from life.
4. Estimated at \$300,000,000,000.
5. Twelve. Rhode Island did not send a delegate.

IT IS A JOOLY WORLD



Out in the Open
Helen—Does Mrs. Gabber talk Janet—Does she? You should have seen how sunburned her tongue was when she came back from her vacation last week.

A Raid
Dad—I wonder where that step-ladder is?
Mother—Junior had it the last I knew.
Dad—Then it must be in the pantry.

AN ABOUT FACE
"Lenora was in a very embarrassing position this morning."
"How was that?"
"She had to rescue a man from drowning when he was teaching her to swim."

Apprehensive
Cook—Did the company say anything about the cooking?
Maid—No, but I noticed them praying before they started eating.

PATTERN DEPARTMENT



no collar; 4 1/2 yards with collar, and long or short sleeves. No. 1783 is designed for sizes 12, 14, 16, 18 and 20. Size 14 requires 4 1/2 yards of 35 inch material, without nap, for frock; 1 3/4 yards for jacket. 4 yards of trimming.

Send your order to The Sewing Circle Pattern Dept., Room 1324, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in coins) each.

By burning 25% slower than the average of the 15 other of the largest-selling brands tested—slower than any of them—CAMELS give smokers the equivalent of

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EXTRA SMOKES PER PACK



THE afternoon dress with v-neckline, slim skirt and shirred bodice (1779) is unusually pretty for those of you who take women's sizes. Make it for hot days with short, full sleeves; repeat it later on, with the narrow roll collar and long, snug sleeves. Voile, chiffon, georgette, silk print and thin wool are pretty materials for it.

Dress With Jacket-Blouse.

A classic two-piece that will give you loads of wear on your vacation travels as well as summer days in town, is 1783. It brings you a sleeveless tennis frock with sunback, that becomes a smart little summer suit when you add the fitted jacket-blouse. Thus you can solve two important clothes problems with this one easy pattern. It will be charming in linen, gingham, pique or shark-skin.

The Patterns.

No. 1779 is designed for sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 requires 4 1/2 yards of 39 inch material with short sleeves and

No Rain for 85 Years

The desert city of Gadames, North Africa, reached by lavish tourist motorbus from Tripoli, hasn't seen rain in 85 years. All houses are made of mud and if it rained the houses would be washed away.

The entire population of 2,000 souls cools off in a subterranean city when the weather gets hot. Women never come out on the streets—when they want to visit each other, they pass through a mass of underground tunnels never seen by white man.

MORE smoking—better smoking—thrifter smoking...Which cigarette offers all of them? Read 3 important cigarette facts revealed by scientific tests on 16 of the largest-selling brands:

- 1 CAMELS were found to contain MORE TOBACCO BY WEIGHT than the average for the 15 other of the largest-selling brands.
- 2 THAN ANY OTHER BRAND TESTED—25% SLOWER THAN THE AVERAGE TIME OF THE 15 OTHER OF THE LARGEST-SELLING BRANDS! By burning 25% slower, on the average, Camels give smokers the equivalent of 5 EXTRA SMOKES PER PACK!
- 3 In the same tests, CAMELS HELD THEIR ASH FAR LONGER than the average for the other brands.

Thanks to Camel's economy, everyone can enjoy the real thrills in smoking—the coolness, mildness, delicate taste—the added bonus of Camel's costlier tobacco. Don't miss the smoking America rates No. 1.



THE CIGARETTE OF COSTLIER TOBACCO

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Ancient Totem Pole
The totem pole in Seattle's Pioneer Square was carved from a single cedar tree by a tribe of Indians inhabiting Tongass island, southeastern Alaska. It is 60 feet high and 8 feet in circumference and was intended as a monument to a distinguished family. The pole stood for nearly a century on Tongass island and was discovered by a party of Seattle businessmen in August, 1899, and removed to that city.

French Clairvoyante
On January 1, 1899, Madame Thebes, a French clairvoyante, predicted the death of the president of France. He died the following month. A few years later she predicted that Belgium "would set Europe aflame." Germany would be at war, the kaiser would be dethroned, "after which great changes would follow in Germany." The World war and succeeding years fulfilled her augury to the letter.

Jerry on the Job!



Speed Demon!



THAT REMINDS ME...WE'RE RUNNING LOW ON THOSE CRISPY, GOLDEN FLAKES TOO.



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