

## POINTS ON WINDOW DRAPERY

Personal Supervision of Housekeeper  
Necessary if the Best Results  
Are to Be Obtained.

The better the curtains the better the case. All window curtains require the personal supervision of the housekeeper at this season of the year, whether they be of lace or merely some plain sheer material.

In the eyes of the artistic home decorator, those of plain surface are more to be desired, and certain it is that they need just as careful laundering as lace.

The first thought in taking down of sheer curtains is that little brass rod, which will tear the hem unless the housewife's own hands remove them from their position.

They are now soaked in cold water and then wrung out and put into a second clean bath of clear cold water to take out the collection of soot and dust that was scarcely noticed while the curtains hung.

Now lukewarm soapy water, several baths, for the constantly changing waters take the place of the wash board. Curtains should be persistently soaped up and down in their several waters, squeezed rather than rubbed.

Rinsing in clear cold water is again in order, and drying in bright sunlight is a necessity.

After the sheer stuffs have been well dampened and tightly rolled overnight they are ironed on a very large flat ironing table, with all possible thought for the grain of the goods.

The ordinary laundress will rarely take the trouble to renovate curtains with any degree of feeling for their material or for their future smoothness of outline.

It is altogether possible to so straighten the damp material, while beneath the iron, that it will hang in long straight folds instead of puffed ridges.

Curtains are folded or rolled. Lace curtains need a long roll on to which to rest them over summer. Less expensive plain materials are folded and placed in a drawer or rehung, and invariably they should be pressed into long narrow folds and then lapped once across their length.

### Chocolate Vanilla Layer Cake.

Beat to a cream one-half cupful butter and a cup of sugar. When this is light beat in, a little at a time, one-half cupful milk and a teaspoonful vanilla. Beat the whites of six eggs to a stiff froth.

Sift together a teaspoonful of baking powder and two scant cupfuls pastry flour that has been sifted twice. Stir the flour and whites of eggs alternately into the mixture. Have three deep cake pans well buttered and spread two-thirds of the batter in two of them. Into the remaining batter stir one ounce chocolate, melted, and spread in the third plate. Bake in a moderate oven for about twenty-five minutes. Put one of the white layers on a large dinner plate and spread with white icing. Put the dark cake on this and spread with icing. On this put the third cake and spread with either white or chocolate icing.

### Chocolate Cream.

Mix five tablespoonsfuls of cornstarch, one-half cupful of sugar and one-fourth of a teaspoonful of salt. Dilute with one-third of a cupful of cold milk, add to two cupfuls of scalded milk and cook over hot water ten minutes, stirring constantly until mixture thickens. Melt slowly one and one-half squares of unsweetened chocolate, add three tablespoonsfuls of boiling water and stir until smooth; then add to cooked mixture. Remove from range, add the whites of three eggs beaten until stiff and one tea-spoonful of vanilla. Turn into individual molds, first dipped in cold water, chill, remove from molds, garnish with halves of blanched almonds and serve with thin cream in pretty individual dishes.—Woman's Home Companion.

### A Sewing Rug.

For those who must sew, but who have no sewing room, there is a plan by which the sewer can save the time and labor that she formerly spent in tying up the room after she has finished each night.

Buy five yards of denim and cut it into two pieces. Join these together as to form a square, and hem the raw edges.

Lay this square on the floor and set the machine on it.

All threads, scraps and ravelings can be dropped on this, and when the sewer has finished for the day the machine can be covered and rolled off the denim and the denim can be gathered up and stored.

### Spinach Salad.

Cook fine cold boiled spinach, season with salt, pepper and a suspicion of nutmeg and mace in small cups. Turn out when formed onto lettuce leaves and garnish with hard boiled eggs sliced or the yolks rubbed through a ricer. Strips of Spanish red peppers may be used for a garnish if preferred. Serve with mayonnaise or a French dressing.

### Potatoes au Gratin.

Slice one quart of cold boiled potatoes. Put layer of potatoes in a baking dish, season with salt and pepper and grated cheese.

Make a sauce of one pint of milk and one tablespoonful of flour. When this reaches the boiling point or becomes thick pour over the potatoes and bake for half an hour.

### Oil Painting.

To clean an oil painting, rub a fresh-cut slice of potato dampened in cold water over the picture. The latter should be wiped off with a soft, damp sponge and then the picture should be washed with lukewarm water, dried and polished with a piece of soft silk that has been washed.

### Spinach With Crackers.

Boil half peck of spinach until tender, drain and chop fine; have eight crackers soaked in milk, two onions; fry in a tablespoonful of butter a few minutes, but do not brown; add cracklers and spinach, pepper, salt; let simmer over a slow fire ten minutes; if too thick add milk or water.

### Snow and Water.

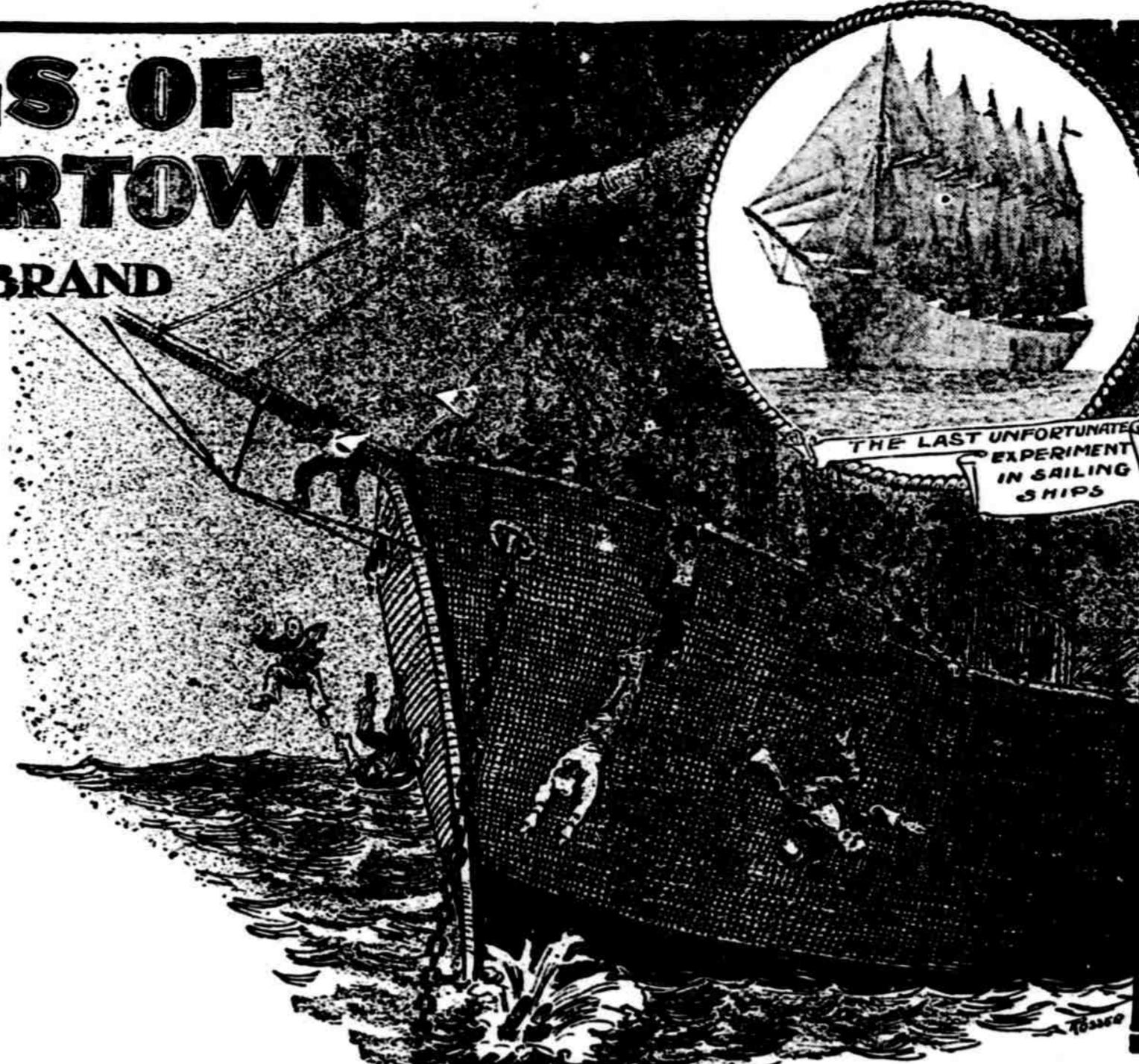
Eight cubic feet of snow equal one cubic foot of water.

# KINGS OF SAILORTOWN

By JOHN BRAND

**W**ITH the passing of the sailing vessel from the sea has gone the sea's romance. Romance cannot live without its villains. Boarding masters, bucko mates, bullying captains—these were the villains of sea romance, and they are gone, or going, with the sailing craft they lived in.

Chief among them in their generations was the boarding master of sailortown. Though he never went to sea, he was the heavy villain in every plot that delivered the unlucky sailor, or the unlucky landsman, into the hands of captains and mates. Mostly they were sneaking, brutal, cunning scamps, these boarding masters, owners of low dives along the waterfront, which they misnamed sailors' boarding houses. They hung in the wake of incoming ships, made friends with the easiest marks among the crews and baited or bullied them into their dens. There poor Jack Tar was kept and entertained with bad whisky and worse women until his money was gone. Then he was shipped aboard some vessel, after signing away one or more months' unearned wages in payment for an imaginary board bill and a "donkey's breakfast," sea slang for a straw bedtick. "Blood money" and "dead horse," the sailors called this robbery. The captains always paid it, taking the sailor's "advance note," which was certain to



be paid out of the debtor's "hide" or his wages.

Boarding masters of this class were petty rascals. They dealt in men at retail. The brothers John and Peter Sherman, of Irvington, on the Pacific coast, were of another type. They dealt in men wholesale, shipped entire crews. Their boarding houses were licensed by the government. Captains bargained with them openly. The shipping commissioner of the port winked at their devious ways. A crowd of thugs, runners and hangers-on served them and thrived by their favor. They were men of substance and owned or controlled as part of their business every saloon, dance hall and resort in the crooked streets and dark alleys about the wharves. Upper Irvington drew a deadline about the waterfront and seldom ventured over it outside of business hours. Jack and Pete Sherman were kings of Irvington's sailortown.

Every autumn saw a big fleet of "wind jammers"—ships of 2,000 to 3,000 tons register—lying off Irvington. The wheat of the new northwest was in their holds, consigned to ports in Europe or India, by way of the six-months' journey round the Horn. The wheat fleet, Irvington called it, and when the wheat fleet came, upper Irvington stirred itself, sailortown roused to vicious life and the sailortown kings reaped a harvest of blood money.

No captain shipped a crew from Irvington until he had done business with the kings and paid their price. Captain Brown, of the bark Carmarthenshire, learned that to his cost. He put into Irvington for a cargo at a time when ships were short-handed. However blind the shipping commissioner might be in other ways, he saw to it that the shipping laws were obeyed as to the number of men required for types and tonnage of ships. A man might never have seen the sea, but if he were not too drunk to say he was an able seaman and to sign his name to the ship's articles, that settled it. He would probably be an able seaman or a dead greenhorn before his ship reached port.

This official insistence on the letter of the law sometimes caused the kings to do strange things. Toward the end of the season they were at times harsh pushed for one or two men to fill out a crew. Then did all men in sailortown not in the king's special favor hunt cover and stay hid until the last ship was out of sight beyond the bar. For Jack and Pete were no respecters of persons. All men looked alike to them, and they sent to sea more than one who held himself too acute to be trapped into an unwilling voyage.

Well-educated, well-dressed and companionable, the kings mixed with the best and worst that drifted into their realms, and once in their clutches no man escaped from them except by the open sea.

Jimmy Hunter, Yale man and cooperator, went down to the waterfront alone one day, against the advice of the upper town, to see the sights. He was wise to the world and had a year's thirst and pay with him. He met the kings, who were glad to see him. Just one more man was needed for the square-rigged Good Hope, then lying in the stream waiting for a crew, with her captain Black, swearing at Jack and Pete for delaying him. The kings attended to Hunter's thirst and were friendly, even confidential. No secret was made of their trade. They told him stories of shanghaied sailors and of crews they had stolen from one ship for another. He was much interested. Jack took him up to the shipping commissioner's to see the crew of the Good Hope shipped. It was even asked to and did sign his name once or twice "as a witness." A friend from the upper town risked a broken head to warn him. But the Sherman boys were also friends—at least three hours old—and, anyhow, he could take care of himself.

At last he caught Pete in an attempt to drug his whisky and left the kings, with a laughing comment on sailortown ways. Well outside the deadline he stopped in a quiet saloon. It was late and he and the lone sailor bartender had a nightcap together. When he came alive next morning he was at sea in the Good Hope and a beefy English mate was kicking him in the ribs.

Of the months that followed Hunter never told much. He learned sailors' work; he had to. He picked up a scar or two from the English mate's brass knuckles. Also he acquired a deep desire to kill the kings of sailortown. Captain Black's records were clear. He had shipped no deserters that he knew of.

But Captain Brown swore that if he couldn't get back his men, or get the dogs of justice to even bark at the kings, he at least would pay them no blood money for a new crew. So he went to another port and brought a new crew to Irvington by steamer. His bark was hauled into the stream and her crew kept close in her forecastle. That night she was boarded by masked men, who swept her new crew over the bows into the stream. Gossiped it had that some of them were drowned. Captain Brown gave up and paid the Sherman boys \$75 instead of \$50 each for a crew, and put to sea in a hurry. "They're bessin' swine, but they're mangs of

sounds to me just like an overwhelming joke. You're not looking for a woman, from the way you speak your heart, you are looking for that which you don't surmise; go and jump into the river, get your system out of whack and when you have joined the angels in the skies, look for her whose tongue is silent, she whose tastes are extra plain, who into a jealous fit will never burst; then just wed her, but remember if you'd capture such a woman you will have to look for her in heaven first."

Somewhat Roughly Disturbed Troubadour's Dream, but His Remarks Were Charged with Wisdom.

"I am searching for the woman who will love me long and true," sang the troubadour, who strummed upon his harp. "She must have a face that's pretty and an eye of azure hue and her tongue must not be whetted 'til it's sharp; all her words must come

as music to my quickly beating heart and she must be simple in her tastes and ways; she must love me long and ten and must never yearn to part if upon some other maid I chance to gaze." Just as he was singing further, came a pilgrim old and bent, with a yard or two of beard and staff of oak. "What, I hear you loudly asking," said the pilgrim to the troubadour,

"Very High.  
"Mrs. Mudge says that when her daughter is married she is going on a wedding tour."

"Good gracious! They told me she was marrying in high life, but I didn't think it was so high as all that."

In No Danger.  
"Wife—Will your disarmament meeting finish late?  
"Husband—Yes, about midnight, I expect. But don't be nervous. I shall have my revolver.—Bon Vivant."

## NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

### News Notes of Interest From Various Parts of State.

Governor Shallenberger delivered the address to the Alliance High school graduating class.

Miss Morton of Arbor Lodge, Olive county, sister of the late J. Sterling Morton, is again quite ill, with little chance for recovery.

By an overwhelming majority, Norfolk voted \$12,000 paving bonds and will immediately pave seven blocks of Norfolk avenue, in the business portion.

Rev. Dr. Cook of Franklin died a few days ago. He had been ailing for some time, but was only seriously ill for three days before his death, and his condition was not considered dangerous until almost the very last.

A telegram was received in Fairbury, announcing that E. Pulcher, a Rock Island brakeman, running between Phillipsburg and Belleville, Kas., was killed in Agra, Kas. yards.

The proposition to vote \$70,000 bonds for a waterworks and electric light system for Beatrice carried by a vote of 721 for and 233 against. The bonds carried in every ward except the Third.

William Canham of David City is working on an aeroplane which he believes to be superior to any invented. The machine is well along towards completion and presents a most businesslike appearance.

State Veterinarian Jackins reported that he had killed some 1,400 head of cattle in the last eight months in an effort to stamp out tuberculosis. The work is to continue as long as the money lasts.

When Fremont officers searched J. W. Martin at the county jail, they found \$5,000 in bills carefully sewed into the lining of his trousers legs. Martin is the horse-trader who it is alleged passed a worthless check for \$500 at the Commercial National bank, and subsequently was caught at Arlington.

The Wiedman wild west show was billed for Tekamah on Memorial day, for an afternoon and evening entertainment at the ball park, but the Grand Army of the Republic post objected to the giving of the performance on Memorial day. The performance was therefore given outside the

Walter Gould, the 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Gould, of York, met with a serious accident. He started to light the gasoline stove and some of the gasoline splashed on his pants, and when he lit the fluid in the generator the flame caught his pants leg and burned him in a frightful manner from the hips down.

Following is the mortgage record of Gage county for the month of May: Number of farm mortgages filed, 17; amount \$65,70. Number of farm mortgages released, 17; amount \$48,213. Number of city mortgages filed, 29; amount \$26,233. Number of city mortgages released, 21; amount \$21,103.

Omaha is given a population of 157,959 by the 1910 city directory, showing a gain of 9,155 over the estimate contained in the directory for 1909, in which the population was placed at 148,804. The new directory credits South Omaha with 33,156, giving the two Omahas a combined population of 191,115.

Willard Beasley of Syracuse was arrested and brought to Nebraska City to answer to the charge of using dynamite in the Little Nemaha river near that place for the purpose of killing the fish in that stream, which he gathered up and sold. 15-year-old niece and they registered as man and wife, at one of the hotels. The man is 27 years of age. They were arrested and jailed.

Jacob Link of Buffalo county has appealed to the supreme court from the decision of the lower court that he pay Anna Kast \$2,000 damages for assaulting her. Trouble arose over some cattle that had wandered from the Kast farm. The man met the young woman on the road and struck her. It is claimed that a blow on the head has permanently injured her. She sued for \$5,000.

State Treasurer Brain's report for the month of May shows \$135,567 in the general fund, an unusual amount in this fund, and \$214,617 in the permanent school fund. The general fund is needed to pay current expenses which will probably be in excess of the receipts during the summer months. The permanent school fund will be needed to pay for bond which the state has contracted for an investment.

The plans and specifications for the new postoffice building at Plattsmouth have arrived. The sealed proposals for the work have to be a Washington not later than June 25. The plans call for yellow pressed brick building trimmed with white stone, dimensions 50 by 86 feet. The estimated cost is \$46,000.

At a meeting of the business men of Pierce it was decided to celebrate the Fourth in an appropriate manner. Committees were appointed.

People in the town of Ingham, a station west of Holdrege on the Burlington railroad, have asked the railway commission to require the Burlington to build a depot and maintain an agent at that station. From Naperon complaint has been received by the commission that the Burlington maintains inadequate stock yards in that it has only two pens and when three or more stock dealers come to load they have to herd their live stock on the prairie.

Dawson county voted again on the proposition of voting court house bonds lost by 170 votes and there are four small precincts not in. This was the third election on the bonds.

The Fairbury public schools have closed for the summer vacation. Quite a number of the teachers have resigned their positions and it will be necessary for the board of education to hire new ones. Henry F. Hole, president of the board of education, awarded two prizes to the members of the class of 1910 for excellent scholarship.

After taking salts or cathartics—did you ever notice that weary all gone feeling—the palms of your hands sweat—and rotten taste in your mouth—Cathartics only move by peristalsis—Do a lot of hurt—try a Cascaret and see how much easier the job is done—how much better you feel.

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## GOOD AND WARM.

