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Look Backward, Angel

By Marjorie Mueller

The time: a June morning. The place: the home of the bride. Enter the groom, a flustered young man who collides with two florist's assistants carrying a potted palm. After nearly upsetting the plate-laden caterer, and getting tangled up in a garland of smilax, he locates the mother of the bride.

"Where's Angela?"

"Upstairs."

"May I see her?"

"Just before the wedding? Of course not! Don't you know it's bad luck?"

He's licked and he knows it.

He is up against Tradition.

As for the bride, she's mad to see the darling, but on this Day of Days she wants to observe all the age-old customs she considers as much a part of weddings as white gowns, floating veils, and bridal bouquets.

She doesn't know, of course, as she steps into her bubble-bath, that the taboo of not seeing the bride before the wedding was sound business, not a sentimental superstition, back in 590 B.C. The practical Egyptian parent of that day made it impossible for any man to "stand up" his daughter before the ceremony. There could have been no waiting at the church for the Lotus of the Nile anyhow, for an Egyptian wedding was just a simple little at-home affair. Even so, papa wasn't taking any chances, and the civil contract that sealed the wedding was all signed and delivered before the groom could so much as glimpse his bride. First he had to X on the dotted line that he would return little Nefertiti's cash dowry if he ever developed another heart-interest. Only then was he allowed to unveil the Light of His Life who stood blushing in a gay, embroidered-linen skirt, a choker necklace and jewelled bracelets. If he discovered that he had placed a gold or silver hoop on the henna-tipped finger of an ugly duckling he couldn't bear to face at breakfast, the contract contained an "out," but an expensive one. Heart balm—and plenty of it!

Luxuriating alone in your bath wouldn't have been cricket back in Grecian days when the wedding-bath was an important ritual to which you invited your closest women friends. For this ceremony they arrived the day before the wedding, gayly dressed in smart dark-red, indigo, green and henna chitons. Their spirits were high, too. They never had to worry about being branded "always a bridesmaid but never a bride." (How could they, when the sole wedding-attendant at the family altar was always a married woman?) They showered you with water from the sacred spring Callirrhoe and regaled you with a stream of bright chatter. (This was no time to remember that if papa had had a little more negotiable real estate, that handsome Akropolis boy might

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In the fun-for-your money class, is a little shop newly removed to bigger and better quarters, where for a surprisingly small sum you can succumb to the temptation to buy a hat first and then buy a frock to

match it, or just the reverse, as you please. I have always thought the first method to be the most delightful, although not often possible—as you usually have to search the town for just the right shade in a frock, once you have bought that heavenly

hat in dusty pink linen that you couldn't resist.

On entering this shop though, you see an adorable pale, pale blue linen hat, poke bonnet fashion, contrived to frame your face and at the same time to allow your top knot of curls to escape. Of course, you love it and sadly bemoan the fact that you have nothing to wear with it. So, they whisk out a little dress, in exactly the same pale blue, that is just the thing for that hat—smart, simple but oh so subtle. The whole outfit will cost you \$132.00, the frock being \$90.00, the hat \$42.00.

Now, ask to see the evening things, and be sure they show

you the dinner frocks that reminded me of a South American cocktail. The skirt is made whirl of gay colours. The blouse with the new soft shoulder effect is in the predominant colour of the skirt, a gorgeous yellowy green. Watch the heads turn when you appear in that gown.

For pure nonsense the sun suit with its short (knee length) matching coat made up in the giddiest pattern I ever saw. It is a jitterburg's delight—do ask to see it.

Also in the collection is a tricky afternoon printed silk frock that crosses and ties either in front or in back as you please. The combination of colours is lovely too—an orchid blue and white, entrancingly cool looking for a hot summer day. One of their pin wheel hats of chalky white straw would look saucy and complete the picture.

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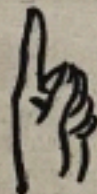
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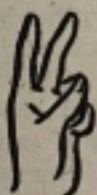
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ANSWERS TO QUIZ TEST No. 4

1. A 2-inch pipe fills the tank more quickly than two 1-inch pipes. The area of the mouth of the 2-inch pipe is twice as great as the sum of the areas of the mouths of the two 1-inch pipes, as may be ascertained by applying the formula — area of a circle.
2. Civic.
3. Mr. Smith's boyhood friend was a woman named Catherine and the mother of the girl.
4. 9.30 A.M.
5. Millard Fillmore, the 13th President, inaugurated in 1850.
6. XIV. 14.
7. The basis of the acquittal was that the clock that had been shot fixed the time of the murder at 2 A.M., at which time the acquitted man proved definitely that he was ten miles from the scene of the murder. However, if the clock had stopped at 2.00 on a previous day and was not running when it was shot, it would not indicate the time of the murder. Nor would it have fixed the time of the murder if the murderer had set it at 2 o'clock after shooting it. The deed could have been committed by the acquitted man between the hours of 10 and 12 o'clock when no investigation of his whereabouts was made.
8. Cousin.
9. Race.
10. 28 eggs. The common mistake that is made is figuring that 1 hen lays 1 egg in 1 day and that the answer, therefore, is 42. Actually, each lays only 1 egg in a day and one-half, or 2/3, of an egg in a day.

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have been the guy to break and eat the symbolic wedding-wheatcake with you tomorrow.) Later, if your friends begged hard enough—and they always did—you opened the family-chest and showed them your wedding-ensemble. Instead of white, your linen chiton was softest rose, the color of good luck, and your veil, yellow. While the cuties "oh'd" and "ah'd" over your bridal costume and bright-bordered trousseau you had woven with your own little hands, the groom—if you lived in Sparta—was right then being plied with drinks at a stag dinner by the "boys."

When Angela slides into her wedding-gown, it has been beautifully pressed. Back in Roman times, she would have slept in her woollen wedding-tunic the night before to ensure a happy married life. In those days, too, no matter how wealthy your family, your bridal coiffure was arranged by your mother and not by a captive Greek hairdresser. The morning of your wedding was big-doings. Mamma arrived on the scene with a sword, divided your un-waved hair into six strands and covered it with flame-colored net, announcing in a cheery voice that the mists had rolled away and you would have the good fortune of being a bride the sun shines on.

Around your white tunic, she bound a woollen girdle ending in a double "knot of Hercules" which your husband (poor fellow!) would have to undo before all the grinning wedding-guests that evening when you reached your new home. The veil she pinned on your head was flame colored (not purple like those Christian fanatics), and crowned with a bridal wreath of verbena and sweet marjoram, or myrtle and orange-blossoms. You had gathered the flowers yourself in the early-morning dew to get the creases out of your gown. Even if you had slept in it, you didn't want it to look that way when you went into the atrium. There you'd have to clasp your fiancé's hands before the ten witnesses and say, "Wherever thou goest, Anthony, I Angela will also go."

By the time her maid of honor arrives, Angela, ready but for her veil, is looking for "some-

thing borrowed and something blue." Back in Biblical days, her groom would be doing ditto—a band of blue around the hem of the wedding-garment was a "must" for him as well as the bride because it stood for future constancy and devotion. On the other hand, in Merrie England, blue was only one of the many lucky wedding-colors. Love-knots of yellow, red, green, orange or blue were fashioned for the whole wedding-party by the bridesmaids. Those were the days when your attendants had to do more than trip up the aisle with you, look pretty, and have their pictures taken. Theirs was the task of making and putting up the wedding-decorations, running your errands and generally pitching in for weeks before the wedding—and two weeks after. (Modern attendants, please note!)

By the time Angela's bevy of bridesmaids appears on the scene, she is about to draw on her gloves. Back in the era when the Egyptian groom bound up his bride's locks as a sign that she was now his wife, the glove was the hieroglyphic symbol for the hand, and meant to give honor. Even in the Middle Ages you wore gloves for



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all ceremonial occasions, weddings in particular. And if you had been a jewel-coifed and ruffed Elizabethan bride, your papa would have had to dig deep down into the purse attached to his bombasted breeches and shell out for perfumed and pearl-encrusted gloves for you—plus the entire wedding-party. To the sorrow of The Man Who Paid The Bills . . . and the joy of the wedding-guests, this glove-giving continued for several hundred years. Cut-outs of gloves were even used for wedding-festoons instead of the garlands that greet Angela in the hall as she and her party go down to the waiting cars.

In the church vestibule there is a short pause while the procession forms. Were this a medieval day, the wedding might have been performed right at the cathedral door. As the bride, you would have enchanted the crowds in a graceful cote and surcote of scarlet (symbol of virginity and the traditional bridal color of the period), your flowing tresses crowned by a chaplet of flowers. In a day when there were no printed society pages, press photographers, or engraved wedding-announcements, the ceremony just outside the church was

wonderful publicity. It also provided you with plenty of witnesses when your new spouse orally made his last will and testament and declared you his heiress. Then, with a lifetime of legal rigmarole out of the way, you went into the cathedral—still minus your veil—to attend the wedding-mass. But after your husband's parents (!) had carried you over the threshold of your new home, you draped a colored or white wimple about your head, and wore one forever after. Just in case any of your old beaux had been off to the Crusades when you were married they'd know better than to flirt with you when they came back—this lock-concealing veil informed them of your wedded state.

And now here comes the bride all dressed in white. This white business dates back to an early Renaissance queen, Anne of Brittany, who said "no" to the customary scarlet of her day and started a trend in white wedding-gowns. They caught on again in Crinoline days and, by the Gay Nineties, had Victorian pinks and browns and purples crowded off the bridal fashion-plates of the local modistes.

As Angela approaches the altar, the best man nervously pats his pocket to make sure that he has the wedding-ring—which in Egyptian hieroglyphics meant "forever and forever." In Roman times it often had the masterkey of the house soldered to it. In medieval days it was a hinged gemmel ring with as many as eight hoops which (shades of St. Valentine) joined to depict two hands holding a heart.

As a Puritan bride, however, you had no ring placed on your finger, for it was looked on as a snare of Satan. You even missed the thrill of walking down a church aisle since New England ministers weren't permitted to perform marriages until 1678. Instead, you went before a justice of the peace or a specially appointed magistrate of marriage and, unlike the early English bride, didn't promise to "have and holden" your bridegroom "for fairer, for fouler, for better, for worse," and to be "buxom and bonnie" but, dressed in a demure linen cap and a gown of rich brown, yellow, crimson, russet or blue with the long sleeves required by the killjoy Council, you ad-libbed your vows. On the Sabbath following your wedding,



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petticoat, you arrived at the meeting-house after everybody else was seated. Arm in arm with your new husband, who, like as not, also made a braver showing than the dress laws allowed, you paraded up the aisle to a prominent pew reserved for you. Shortly before the service, you got up and turned slowly around three times so the whole congregation could get a good view of your finery and not be tempted to do any neckcraning during the sermon. Since this performance was repeated four more Sundays, it was a matter of pride with both sets of inlaws not only to see that the two of you had a costume new to you for each occasion (those were the days when clothes were handed down from grandmama and grandpapa) but that you also out-dressed those other newly-weds, the young Bradfords.

Now the recessionary peals out and the modern bride comes down the aisle on the arm of the groom. In a shower of rice (in Greece it would have been figs, dates and dried fruits), they hurry out to the car and drive to Angela's home for the wedding-buffet and reception. With her groom beside her, Angela cuts into the confectionery tower of weddingcake. In the eighteenth century, there was still no wedding-cake as we know it; it was then the custom for all the wedding-guests to bring spiced buns. If it was a big party and the mound of buns grew higher and higher, you grew more and more concerned. For tiny, fragile creature that you were, in your pastel brocaded Watteau gown and wedding-headdress of nodding plumes and jewels, you'd have to hang on to your nosegay, stand on tiptoe, and try to kiss the groom across the buns in token of a happy marriage. No matter how high or wide the mound, you somehow always managed to bridge the distance!

On her way upstairs to change, Angela pauses, and, like any white-gowned and veiled bride out of *Godey's Lady's Book*, tosses her bouquet to the clamoring bridesmaids. In Rome it would have been a lighted hawthorne torch; in the Middle Ages, a garter; and in Renaissance Europe, notoriously gay, the bride's and bridegroom's stockings. These latter were first tossed to the crowd, then each bridesmaid in turn threw a stocking over her shoulder in an attempt to hit the groom, and the bridesmen or ushers did the same with the bride. Under this system all who were good marksmen could, of course, anticipate speedy nuptials of their own!

Now, after tossing the more romantic bouquet, the bride

hurries upstairs to change into her going-away costume. Much of her trousseau is packed in the two pieces of aeroplane luggage she will take with her on her honeymoon. But if she had been a bride in Gibson-Girl days, it would have taken four good-sized trunks to hold her wardrobe which was planned to see her through two years at the very least.

Then comes the Quick Getaway. But not before showers of rice and old shoes are thrown after the departing couple. Especially old shoes. . . .

Some say these hark back to the time when a caveman captured his bone-necklaced bride, and her tribe goodhumoredly hurled rocks after him. Some say the custom originated in Egypt where the rosy-toed bride's sandal was handed to the groom in token that he'd have the last word (and the bills!) from then on. Some claim it really began in the era of the scarlet-robed bride when slippers were thrown at the couple to bring them bliss and blessed events. But probably all authorities would agree, that whatever the era and the customs thereof, the spectators murmured in unison, "What a beautiful bride!"

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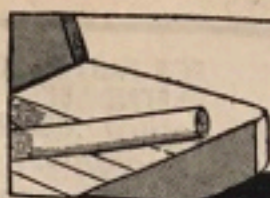
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2) ..APPARENTLY Washington is beginning to realize that in allowing "Ma" Perkins and her crowd to cuddle radical labour leaders the administration has been nursing an ornary viper at its breast. Keen-minded politicians now appreciate that dangerous radicals have succeeded in obtaining key positions in labor unions, are in a position to seriously sabotage the administration's defence program. The first step in combatting this dangerous situation is the government's proposal to labour that labour either work or join the army, the second step will probably be the ousting of "Ma" Perkins and a general round-up of traitorous labour leaders into Federal prisons where they rightly belong.

3) ..CHUNGKING opens up a drive here to dispose of War Bonds to hoarded wealth with a reward of 2% of the amount obtained to anyone able to "persuade" local Chinese to buy the bonds. Our Chinese friends tell us they don't entirely relish that word "persuade."

4) ..A READER writes in that she simply cannot understand international finance. She wants to know how is it that England cannot pay for the material she is now receiving from America, encourages the delivery of such material as a direct gift, while at the same time she up and loans £5,000,000 to Chungking with which the Chinese must purchase war material from British sources. She wants to know if the free material from America is to be sold to the Chinese or what's it all about? Lady you've got us muddled. So far as we're concerned, the Einstein Theory of Relativity compared to International Finance is, simple arithmetic.

5) ..A SHORT paragraph in the Snooze leads us to suspicion that the people's protectors over in the Council have again gone back on their word. According to the paragraph, the Council has decided NOT to bother about re-assessing land. In other words, it looks as tho the local landowners whose property has increased some five to six hundred per cent in local dollar value have convinced our City Pappas, or rather persuaded them, that



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6)...MAYBE you all haven't been hearing about it but quite a few of the boys who went home are in the army now... and a lot of the rest are registered for the draft. Take popular Sid Marco for instance. He no sooner popped ashore before he was registered on the army's waiting list, and darn if they didn't give him a number way down at the bottom of the stairs where he's liable to wake up almost any morning and find he's in the army. We also hear that Big Shot C. V. Starr has been seen recently stepping out around the West Coast nite-spots. If they drag C.V. into the army they'll probably make a general out of him first and let him work his way up.

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7)...SORRY F.D. but it wasn't us that first handed out the scallions to scooter Hally Abend on his latest hallucination. First to hand the scallions was U.S. Secretary of State Hull who quickly and positively denied newsmen Abend's alleged scoop.

8)...CERTAINLY the war is proving profitable to local banks if the latest balance sheet of the Chartered Bank is any criterion. Assets total over £76,000,000 the largest in the bank's history and over £8,000,000 above last year. The bank has over £11,000,000 cash in hand, some £5,000,000 more than they had lying around last year. If we read the sheet correctly the Net profits for the past year after all charges and war contributions had been deducted stand at over FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS STERLING. That's about U.S. \$1,440,000.00 or Sh.\$27,000,000.00 a sweet little profit in any man's language. Of course the bank's duel-monopoly with the H. K. & S. B. over the China Currency Stabilization Fund couldn't have influenced this tremendous profit...although we've heard it said by local brokers that if one only knew what the Stabilization Fund was going to do an hour before they did it, millions could be made. Banks and financial institutions, except for nominal land or rental taxes are not taxed or licenced by the Council...perish he thought!

9)...BEST news of the week comes out of Washington and concerns the proposal to appoint fighting Harry Yarnell to the

Post of High Commissioner to the Philippines. Even better news would be the actual appointment of this grand navy man who is beloved and honored by Villagers of every nation, race, and creed...with possibly one exception.

10)...THE special police search party at the end of Bubbling Well Road reminds us of the gent who tried to bale out a tub full of water with a sieve. Chinese are subject to search but foreigners...of any nationality, pass freely. So the smart Chinese gangsters simply employ foreigners...Russians and German refugees can be had cheap, to carry their guns for them. In fact the foreigners don't have to actually carry the artillery for if they are merely riding in the car with Chinese the police don't bother to stop the car. We're just remarking upon the subject in passing for we're not telling the police anything they don't already know. Just what the police can do to remedy the situation is quite another question.

11)...GREAT big smelly scallions to the German-Jewish refugee who last week grudgingly bestowed a five dollar reward upon a beggar for finding and restoring some \$19,000.00 worth of negotiable bank paper. This super-liberal schameel who occupies a luxurious \$550.00 per month apartment...and probably bums free milk for his kids, actually had to be argued and shamed into raising his original \$2 reward to the tremendous sum of five bucks. We

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By Jack Eden

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Answer this questionnaire truthfully, and you'll find out. If your score is high, you can have the greatest confidence in your capacity to deal with any situation which may arise. If, on the other hand, your score is low, you will be able to discover where the weakness lies.

1. Have you any knowledge—even elementary—of first aid?
2. Were you ever a member of the Girl Scouts?
3. Does the sight of blood give you such nausea that you are temporarily incapacitated?
4. Have you ever looked after anyone who was ill?
5. What are your immediate reactions to a street accident? Do you:
 - a. Walk away?
 - b. Look at it out of curiosity?
 - c. Try to see whether you can be of any use either by calling help or attending to those hurt?
6. If you were a witness to an accident, and remembered all the details, would you consider it your duty to approach the authorities concerned—even if the information had not been asked for?
7. If you were in a room with someone whose clothes accidentally caught fire, would you:
 - a. Throw water on him?
 - b. Tell him to stand still while you tried to take off the burning clothes?
 - c. Put him on the floor and roll!

8. Have you fainted more than three times in your life?
9. Do you take much exercise in the form of sport, walking, gardening, housework, or dancing?
10. If you receive bad news or a shock do you:
 - a. Feel light-headed and giddy for a few seconds, but manage to overcome it?
 - b. Become paralyzed in thought for several minutes?
11. When anyone is recounting an experience or telling a joke, would you say that you grasp the point as quickly as—if not quicker than—anyone else?
12. On going to a place for the first time, can you afterwards give a fairly accurate description of that place?
13. Are your first impressions of strangers generally correct?
14. Would you describe yourself as possessing an exceptionally vivid imagination?
15. Have you any irrational fears of:
 - a. Mice, spiders, snakes?
 - b. The dark?
 - c. The Unknown?
 - d. Loud noises?
16. A number of people have recounted that when actually faced with great danger of approaching death (through accident or illness) they've felt quite calm. Have you ever experienced this sensation?
17. If anyone were to tell you something in a hurry and then rush away, would you:
 - a. Only partially remember what had been said?
 - b. Become flustered and forget everything?
 - c. Remember the words accurately?
18. Nobody likes a visit to the dentist, we know. When he hurts you do you:
 - a. Tell him immediately?
 - b. Endure the pain, believing that it is better to get it finished quickly?
19. Do you believe that if you are sufficiently determined to have a thing you will get it?
20. Would you describe either or both of your parents as practical people, full of sound, common sense?
21. Would you say that, in your childhood, they were fairly strict disciplinarians?
22. Have you held down a job for more than 12 months?
23. If, as you cross the road, traffic suddenly converged on you would you:
 - a. Attempt to run back?
 - b. Try to get across?
 - c. Stand still?
24. Do you ever experience any difficulty in making your subordinates or those younger than yourself obey you?
25. Would you say that you display fortitude in bearing pain or enduring physical discomfort?
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27. Supposing someone offered you a job, would you choose one with:

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28. When you have to make a decision do you:

- a. Follow the advice of others?
b. Decide entirely for yourself?

29. Are you always prepared to take the consequences of your own

actions?

30. If a friend entirely unaware were to bring someone to your house whom you disliked extremely, would you:

- a. Show your surprise?
b. Control your annoyance for the moment, but explain the situation later to your friend?
c. Not allow your feelings to show?

In questions 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, 16, 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, and 29,

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two points.

In question 17, section C, if you have said "Yes," score five points.

In question 18, section B, if you have said "Yes," score five points.

In question 23, section C, if you have said "Yes," give yourself five points.

In question 26, section B, if you have said "Yes," score five points.

In question 27, section B, if you have said "Yes," score five points.

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50-100 points:

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say he's a lousy disgrace to the Jewish Refugee Community who, having been thru hell themselves, are invariably sympathetic and generous towards these less fortunate than themselves.

12) . . . OUR racket of the week concerns a group of refugees who are paying prices of from \$5 up to \$25 for empty liquor bottles providing their original labels are in perfect condition. The answer to this one is that unless you want your original booze bottles returning to you filled with Hongkew hooch, deface the labels on them right away. A good Haig bottle will bring \$5 . . . a Three Star Hennessy bottle as much as \$20 while a Martell Cordon Bleu bottle can be sold for as high as \$30. Of course your best protection would be to see that ALL empty liquor bottles are broken up, but this radical action would undoubtedly create a riot amongst your domestic staff. With Hennessy retailing at \$135 a bottle only a confirmed optimist or a damn fool believes that all local bars and nite-spots serve the genuine article. Beer and coca-cola are about the only drinks hereabouts that a nite-lifer can really depend upon as being the real McCoy.

13) . . . BUYING thru third, fourth and even fifth persons in an effort to lose the trail, local Axis agents have for some time made every effort to corner the local market in essential drugs and supplies. Working thru Chinese and two-faced foreign business firms, the Axis agents have purchased millions worth of essential commodities, made millions in excessive profits for under-cover traders, shipped the stuff thru Tientsin and over the northern "Burma Road" to a point where the old camel trail connects with the trans-Siberian railroad. The only way such business can be stopped is to prevent certain cargo from reaching Shanghai and both England and America now appear to be bending every effort towards just that.

14) . . . WITH every moon-rise witnessing one or more motor car thefts in the Western District, it may not be long before insurance companies put surcharges on their theft policies. There's nothing subtle about the way those badland boys swipe cars. Tough hombres with drawn Mausers just kick you or your chauffeur out and drive off with the bus. We hear that within twenty four hours after a car is swiped it's on its way to Hangchow, Soochow, Nanking or Tientsin . . . and let's see you FRY to get it back.

15) . . . ORCHIDS are due to a British firm whose name, unfortunately, we cannot reveal. Recently the manager of this firm refused to accept an order from a Chinese firm because he had reason to believe that the commodity ordered was ultimately destined for Germany. He sacrificed a \$75,000.00 bonus as well as a very large profit which would have run well into six figures.

16) . . . AND orchids may also be due to Judge Rapex of the local Italian Court for the fair and impartial manner in which he handled an extremely delicate case. We suggest that Dr. Constantini as a member of the Council's Library Committee, spend a little time over in the Municipal Council's Library reading Emily Post.

17) . . . WE won't vouch for this yarn but maybe it's true. It gives that a well known Russian gent who has worked hard and honestly here for many a year and built up a reputation for industry and ability decided that he could do better in his chosen line if he went to America. So he called at the American Consulate to secure the necessary papers . . . and was told

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What is the name of the university?

2. When seen in a mirror, which of the following words printed in capital letters will look the same as when viewed directly?

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3. How many black squares are there on a checker board?

4. A man while coming out of the door of his house in the morning notices that the sun is just rising above the horizon on his left. On this day it will take the sun ten hours before it sinks below the opposite horizon. Upon returning while he is unlocking the door, the sun is still on his left and a quarter of the way above the horizon. Approximately how long has he been gone?

5. There are three doors to a house and three men who wish to enter them. They all enter at the same time, and no two men enter the same door together. How many possible ways are there for them to enter the house?

6. What word meaning "a short distance" means if read

backwards (from right to left) "beloved creatures."

7. In a football game the ball is on the 12-yard line. The center passes it back 9 yards toward midfield to a kicker, who steps forward 2 yards to kick a dropkick. When he kicks the ball, how far is he from the goal posts at which he is kicking?

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9. There were three horse running in a race. Their names were Tally-ho, Sonny Boy, and Juanita. Their owners were Mr. Lewis, Mr. Bailey, and Mr. Smith, although not necessarily in that sequence.

Tally-ho unfortunately broke his ankle at the start of the race.

Mr. Smith owned a brown and white three-year old.

Sonny Boy had previous winnings of \$35,000.

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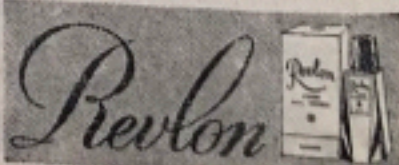


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By Esther Smith

Of course you're the perfect parent—at least all parents mean to be—but why not take this test score yourself, and then see what you think about it?

For each question you answer "No," give yourself 4 points, 3 points for "Very Seldom," 2 points for "Sometimes" and 1 point for "Yes."

1. Are you continually forgetting the fact that your children are no longer three-year-olds?

2. Before callers and in the children's presence, are you likely to come out with, "I tell you, Jack has the biggest feet in town!" or "Betty, turn around and show what big hips you have!"

3. Do you remind them frequently that they're eternally indebted to you for being brought into the world?

4. Do you tell your children that young people just don't have high ideals any more?

5. After being taken into the confidence of your children, do you tell all at the club next afternoon?

6. Are picnics and eating out of doors a lot of fuss and discomfort in your estimation?

7. Do you brag about your children's accomplishments to the degree that they wish they'd never done anything to make you proud of them?

8. Do you forbid your children to see certain movies or read certain books?

9. Do you quarrel with your mate in the presence of your offspring and others?

10. Are you abrupt over the telephone when your children's friends call?

11. Do you complain of being extremely nervous?

12. If the children are going somewhere, do you insist that they call you the minute they arrive and just before they leave for home?

13. Do you proudly tell the neighbors that your son or daughter has never touched a cigarette or liquor bottle?

14. Do you preach?

15. Do you insist on knowing about your children's mail—who wrote such and such a letter, what he had to say, what he's doing?

16. Do you question them, or chatter on when they're engaged in studying or reading the funnies?

17. Do you make a practice of giving dirty looks instead of stating your grievance?

18. Do you speak in a loud, unpleasant voice?

19. Do you become embarrassed and shocked when son and daughter reveal that they are pretty well informed along some phase of life?

20. Do you try to persuade them to study medicine and art when they possess definite leanings toward farming and home economics?

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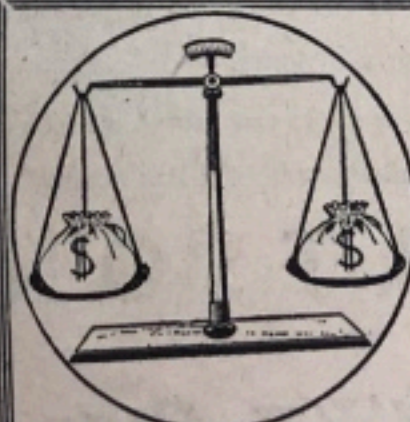
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LITTLE THINGS . . . THAT KILL ROMANCE

By Frances Bruce Strain

"Needles and pins, needles and pins. When a man marries, his trouble begins!" Most of us were brought up on this old jingle. We can hear Mother saying it as she tidied up the living-room after Father's evening bout with the newspapers. We can hear Father saying it indulgently on Sunday morning as he, all shaven and shorn for church, twiddled his thumbs while Mother primped upstairs. "Daughter, tell Mother she's beautiful enough. We've got to start or we'll be late." Brought up in the warming glow of such a union, who wouldn't face marriage gaily and expectantly?

Other children have less happy memories. Their parents' needles and pins were real. Their prickings went below the surface. A friend of mine recalls praying, as a child, "God bless Father and Mother and make them not quarrel so much." When she was older, quite by accident one day she ran across some verses written by her father to her mother just before their wedding day. They were verses of joy, of tenderness, of pride, of humility, full of all the sweet and humble sentiments a man can feel at the moment when a woman pledges him her life and her love. Her own father and mother! They had loved each other. They had stood together on the heights where all lovers stand. What had put an end to it all? Does disillusionment

always follow? Is there no way to keep love forever? The answer rests largely within oneself, within each of the two selves.

Since marriage for most of us is based on attraction and love, its permanence depends on keeping alive the love it began with. Once the marriage is made, it does little good to wonder whether you have chosen the right mate. Almost every mate is a wrong one or a right one in spots. There are always those intangibles, not explained by love, which make it possible for people ill adapted to get along together, and for those well suited to come to a parting of the ways. It's what they put or don't put into it.

Said an old Irish cook, in speaking of divorce, "It's not men you exchange, it's habits." All too true. One man will drive you crazy with his entanglements of wires all over the place, another will always be putting you in a dither by bringing home unexpected and important guests on "leftovers" night. Or one wife is always tying you up with social engagements without consulting you, while another nonchalantly lends your current detective story to a passing visitor.

A young reporter who was given an assignment to cover the Court of Domestic Relations returned after a week or so and asked for a different as-

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IS BRIDGE A WOMAN'S GAME?

By Albert H. Morehead

A well-known contract bridge tournament star once remarked with pure philosophical earnestness, "I wonder why women can never become good bridge players." About the same moment, and not half a mile away, one of New York's leading bridge instructresses was waiting: "I'm not a bad teacher; I know that, because all the women I teach get along beautifully. But men just can't seem to learn anything."

The conflict of the sexes at the bridge table is as basic as it is inevitable. Perhaps it springs chiefly from the most profound and eternal of biological causes. More probably it is created by the temperamental dissimilarity of the two sexes, which gives them fundamentally different approaches to the game.

Where both men and women enter bridge playing with serious interest and a keen competitive spirit, the question of their relative skill becomes really contentious. All arguments are aggravated by the utter impossibility of proving superiority at the bridge table. The winner may, after all, have won solely by virtue of holding the better cards.

Such as it is, the weight of tournament rankings is on the side of the men. Women do take comfort in the fact that there is hardly a major tournament which a woman has not won at some time or other.

The men retort that 24 men, and only one woman, have attained top ranking among tournament players, and that women who have won pair and team titles have invariably had men as their partners.

Perhaps because they have the big bridge reputations, men in national championship play are always the dominant members of mixed partnerships. Before the game begins, the man issues definite

instructions as to how the woman should bid, and she is supposed to follow these instructions without any question.

Men may claim a measurable superiority among the handful of expert players at the top of the heap, but statistics support the claim of women to a higher average of excellence among the bulk of the bridge players.

Women seem to try harder than

men to improve their game. They buy nearly 85 per cent of all bridge instruction books. They have a near-monopoly on the bridge-teaching profession, and they take about 90 per cent of all the bridge lessons given by these teachers. Of 4,000 bridge teachers on the mailing lists of the bridge authorities, 97½ per cent are women.

At mixed bridge parties they state the rules with undisputed authority and carry off most of the prizes at duplicate games. They shudder with dread when acute need forces them to accept a mere man as a fourth at their "Wednesday Afternoon Bridge Clubs."

Men are aggressive players. They are usually willing to gamble for the extra trick which will give them a game or a slam. Men also like to figure things out. They lean on the mathematical and logical aspects of the situation. Only men follow the practice known as "flag-flying" (intentional overbidding which results in taking a 300- or 500-point set) rather than let the other side win a game or rubber. The woman at the bridge table hates flag-flying like poison. She hoards her points and considers it a disgrace to go down even 100 points, whatever the circumstances.

Yet if men are the more aggressive players, it does not necessarily mean that they are more courageous than women. Men will take big chances only for big gains. They will risk a 500-point set to avoid the loss of a 500-point rubber. They would not dare take chances to gain a paltry part-score worth perhaps 60 or 80 points. "What a fool I'd be," they tell themselves, "to risk going down about 800

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points when all I can get is 60 points."

But such risks are nothing remarkable in the bridge life of a woman player, who daily accepts danger on grounds where men would fear to tread, extricates herself with almost invariable success and proudly adds a few odd points to her score.

If women are more emotional and more intuitive than men, it is not revealed in their bridge playing.

Male or female, all are "intellectual" rather than "natural" players. The woman bridge player shelves her intuition before she sits down at the bridge table.

In fact, if there is any difference at all, it is the man who is likely to make some unusual bid or play "because of a hunch." He also exhibits a greater degree of superstition. He constantly changes from "losing" seats to "winning" seats and from "losing" cards to "winning" cards. These are things a woman seldom does.

Observation does not reveal any yardstick by which the relative petulance of husband and wife may be measured. When there is a revoke or a lead out of turn, or some other infringement of the law, women usually seek every possible benefit, while men are inclined to laugh the matter off. On the other side of the ledger, there is the woman's capacity to forgive and forget when her partner makes a mistake, while a man will keep on complaining (he calls it explaining) for several rubbers, perhaps even as long as two or three hours.

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—RUTH LEIGH in Baby Talk

WHAT'S THE WORD FOR IT?

(Answers to Quiz on Page 14)

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2. lagoon
3. harpoon
4. buffoon
5. typhoon
6. corrode
7. episode
8. abode
9. forebode
10. commode
11. malicious
12. conscientious
13. tedious
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EQUIP ovens of all electric ranges with an automatic self-opening door controlled by a thermostat which would push the oven racks half out when the baking was done? This would make it possible for the cook to leave cakes and pies in the oven without fear that they would be spoiled by overbaking.

THUMB-INDEX all heavy telephone directories, for ease in finding names?

MARKET small brushes, with silver handles, similar to pastry brushes, for use in spreading melted butter on corn on the cob?

DESIGN a movable type-writer table in the form of a

cabinet which would be an attractive piece of living-room furniture concealing its real purpose?

SELL all children's clothing according to weight and height rather than according to age?

WORK out a formula for a liquid that can be applied to the hands in place of rubber gloves when dirty work is to be done, and can be removed easily, taking the dirt with it.

DIVIDE all Venetian blinds into upper and lower sections, so that the slats can be opened and closed, either top or bottom, for better control of room lighting?

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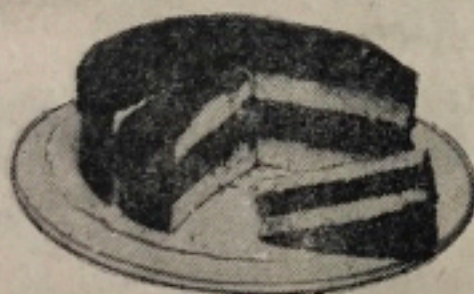
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Shopping With Sue

We all know that June belongs exclusively to the Bride—but we don't all of us know just what to give the happy pair. It has been my experience very often to have some one come in and loudly lament the fact that she had received an invitation to a wedding because "although the dear darling is one of my closest friends, I really don't know what to give her;" either the dear darling has everything her little heart desires, or the Lamenting Lady has to do some fine stretching of that budget to include the present. Actually though, I see no reason why any one should complain about getting presents suitable from all points of view, be it budget or beauty. All one has to do is to go to Wing On's 2nd floor and look around. Silver or Ivory, its all there for you to make your choice. In this neck of the woods, where the Gay Young Things are quite capable of drinking down Grandpappy, a cocktail shaker is always welcome. And what could be more worthy of your namecard than a silver shaker, complete with beaten silver tray and 6 cocktail glasses with fragile silver handles—at \$650.00 for the set... or just the shaker, with a scabby dragon coiled around the middle of it to give perspiry hands a better grip, at \$198.00. Very novel indeed would be a blackwood tray with a silver fire-breathing dragon about 2½" in width and raised ¾" from the tray itself. The tray is 8 x 14" while the dragon is all of 8" in length. At \$48.00. A little blackwood stand 8 x 2½" with small Chinese Dragon Boat Festival characters in silver about 4" high caught my eye, and so cleverly were they cast that for a moment I heard the clash of cymbals and saw the dragon man sway rhythmically from side to side. Original and for only \$88.00. Elephants. To a great many people the elephant is significant of good luck, and a line of 6 Ivory elephants in graduating sizes on a carved, arched blackwood stand will certainly be most welcome. Another Ivory gift is an ashtray, in the shape of an elephant 6 x 10", and while it is too small to be used as a flower container, still, such short stemmed blooms as violets and pansies could be put in.

While passing through the material department of Wing On's, I saw a couple of designs so gay, so bold, and so absolutely right for the dark girl that I had to put it down in this column, although it has no business to be in this week. It is American Crinkle Crepe at \$9.75 per yard of 36". Cute indeed, made into a swim suit, bra effect, with brief ballerina skirt—bra and waist band smocked until the flowers are of the required size.

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SUE.

MAKE all typewriter ribbons with two inches at each end uninked. This would save typists' fingers from getting smeared with ink when changing ribbons.

STAMP on the tops of all food cans the nature of the contents, so that you can identify them in case the labels peel off?

PLACE an automatic timing device on all telephones, so that long-distance callers may know exactly how much time they are using?

PROVIDE glass backboards at all basketball games to permit spectators behind the goals to see when the baskets are made?

EQUIP all flower corsage pins with tiny colored cork protectors in which to stick the sharp pin points after the corsage is fastened in place?

PACKAGE waxed paper in different colors for use in wrapping a variety of sandwiches—red for ham, green for lettuce, white for chicken, etc.? Picnic hostesses would find it useful.

PROVIDE automatic pin-setting machines for all bowling alleys?

SCORE the side of all brick ice cream, so it could be readily divided into equal portions? There could be six scorings on one side and eight on the other, to provide for large or small portions.

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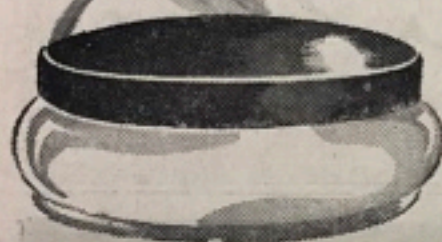
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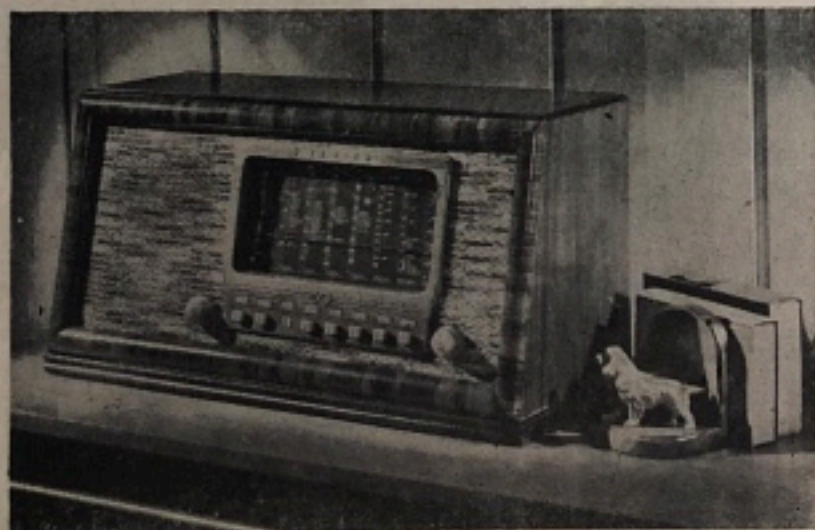
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LITTLE THINGS . . . THAT KILL ROMANCE

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signment. "What's the matter with the Court?" the city editor asked. "I'm engaged to be married," replied the reporter, "and I like my girl. But we won't be engaged or married either, if I keep on over there. Gosh! It's the kind of thing they wrangle over — bridge scores, meals, automobiles, petty things. The shirt goes through the wringer but the buttons don't."

He told a story about some red shorts, or maybe it was pajamas. The husband told the court he liked bright colors. In childhood his mother had tricked him out in red cap and mittens. In high school he had worn red sweaters and socks. When he grew up and went into business, he had had to give up gay colors in his dress, but he liked to indulge himself undercover. His wife laughed at first, then ridiculed, then pled. Finally she cleared out his bureau drawers, gave away all his red things, and replaced them with shorts and pajamas of her own choosing. Then it became an issue, a matter of personal rights.

Of course, it did. Surely one's wearing apparel may suit oneself so long as it does not offend public taste or one's husband's or wife's taste in public. Married people are so identified with each other that each must share the impression the other makes. But in the shelter of home, away from the public eye, husbands should be permitted their

loud colors, their smelly pipes, their sloppy bathrobes. One must be tolerant when it doesn't matter and conform when it does.

A story is told of a young wife who bought a new rose-colored hat which her husband felt was too coquettish for a minister's wife. After the service a young college student

stepped up to the minister, whom he knew, and said, "There's a pretty girl over there I'd like to meet. She's the one with the rose-colored hat." To his wife the minister said later, "See? I knew that was a mischievous bonnet." But the nice thing about this story is that the ensnaring bonnet continued to be worn with all happiness and freedom. After that, when new hats were selected, the husband's approval was always sought.

The taste of husband and wife is often at variance at first. Taste in dress and home furnishings is a matter of the familiar, the thing one has been accustomed to, of temperament and maturity. If there is tolerance, the chances are that each will tend to modify toward the other's tastes as the years go by. The well-dressed wife gets a little dash into the dress of her conservative husband, the conservative husband tones down his too buoyant wife.

It all takes tolerance, on the one hand, and, on the other, caring enough what one's mate likes and doesn't like. What is an inch on a crown of a hat either way? The other day a young wife of a conservative husband bought two hats—one to please herself and one to please him. When she went out with her women friends, she wore "her" hat; when she went



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out with him, she wore "his" hat, and all was well.

Besides dress, there is dressing—the getting in and out of one's clothes, on and off with one's make-up, in and out of one's shaving sessions. Husbands and wives should manage these moments a little more privately, to save the glamour. These moments are too disillusioning, too destructive to the allure which every man and woman should preserve for each other. A young woman whom I had always seen perfectly groomed and exquisitely gowned opened her door, shortly after her marriage, in the dress of a slattern. How can love stand such a test?

A man likes his wife to look natural—that's the way he expresses it, look natural. If results are right, he doesn't care how she arrives at them, but he does not wish to see the process. The artificiality of rouge and lipstick disturbs him. Yet a wife must not be neglectful. She must get it all done, somehow, some way, and emerge the perfect lady, sweet and fresh as a drop of dew.

A husband must remember that shirts with detachable collars do not look well without them in the living-room, and the omitting the morning shave on week-ends puts a strain on his wife's devotion. It is easy

to be careless in person and in dress when competition has been routed and the girl or man won. But attention to what may seem like nonessentials is necessary if two people are to live happily together and competition is to stay routed.

REPORT ON A GIRL WITH RED HAIR

Red hair is more commonly found in Scotland than in any other country. However, the percentage of redheads in every race and every locality is remarkably constant—about three per cent of the adult population.

The red-headed girl has less hair than do blondes or brunettes. This doesn't mean a redhead is comparatively bald. A head of red hair appears just as thick as heads of other colors. The reason for the smaller number lies in the fact that they are coarser than blonde, brown or black ones. To contain as many hairs as a blonde's, the red-head's scalp would have to be six times larger than it is.

Redheads are reported by an authority to create more disturbance in a dental chair than persons of any other hair color.

Red-headed individuals are least susceptible to baldness, which is most prevalent among blondes.

Red-haired people are banned as television announcers; for this color does not televise well.

The color of typical red hair is not caused by pigment granules in the hair, as in brunette hair. Instead, the whole substance of the tiny tube forming the hair is tinted by a transparent pigment in the substance itself.—*Fact Digest.*

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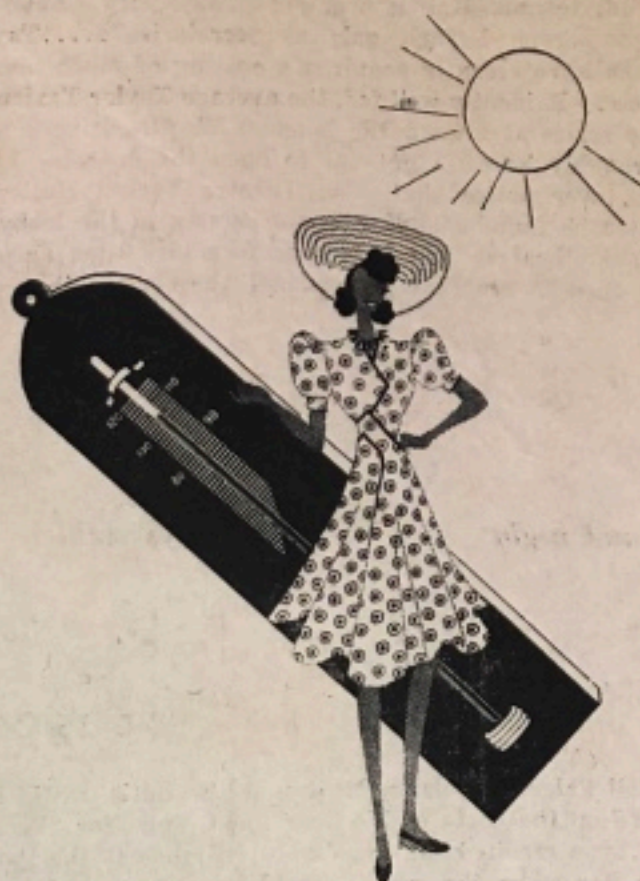
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tomers from boring each other home...that new violinist at the Park rates in the Fidon class yet the kid isn't sixteen yet. He's a Berliner and was born with a violin under his arm and a soul full of music...two nights before d'Auxion was murdered he stopped us at the Cathay cinema, said he had very important news to tell, that the so-and-sos had threatened him, never reached us to spill the dope. The so-and-sos might be any of three groups; pro-Chungking, pro-Vichy, pro-Frenchtown gambling ring. It's safe to predict the instigators of d'Auxion's murder will never be revealed, the murder blamed on politics and laid on ice...Reuter reports Elinor Glynn, the gal who put "it" in literature and made flaming youth sex conscious intends helping Churchill in his propaganda broadcasts. The team should be a tremendous success. Up to now Churchill's broadcasts have had everything except "oomph". Now with Elinor collaborating the stuff will probably have to be censored for American consumption...tell Henry Nathan that the most gorgeous Chinese gals in the world are to be found Saturday nite at the Park. He can look but he musn't touch...reports concerning the sale of the Bus Company to Japanese interests have been so strongly denied by officials that we're convinced there may be some truth in it...so Boss Marden's Wheelocks has taken over elegant new quarters in the as yet unfinished building opposite Mark Moody's. With their dough and set-up for persuading the dear public out of its hard earned cash we're surprised the Boss didn't just take over the Cathay Hotel. It would be closer to Benny & Potts, too...the old crowd was back at Farrens Saturday nite. Even beauteous Itali C. who hasn't been seen in these parts for lo these many moons...sooner than shortly the friction between the Vichy gents over in Frenchtown and the British gents over here will cease being subtle and spades will become spades. We hope it'll be later than never but present signs sure indicate sooner than shortly.

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