Bedtime Story
by Thornton W. Burgess

JUMPER THE HARE CANNOT SLEEP

JUMPER THE HARE was growing thin. Yes, sir, he was growing thin. He never had been very fat, but now he was thinner than ever and getting more so every day. What was making him? Why, just worry. That is all—just worry. Here it was the beautiful springtime and plenty to eat, yet Jumper was growing thin. Very few people have a good appetite when they are worried. It was that way with Jumper. He just couldn't eat much, and what was almost as bad, he

You Know Reddy Can See in the Night.

couldn't sleep much. Now eating and sleeping are what make people fat, and whoever cannot eat and cannot sleep is bound to grow thin. And so Jumper grew thinner and thinner, while almost everybody else grew fat.

It was all because of Reddy Fox. Reddy had made up his mind that he was going to catch Jumper the Hare and Jumper knew it. Now Jumper can outrun Reddy Fox, and when it comes to a race he isn't the least bit afraid. But Reddy is sly, very sly. He knew better than to try to catch Jumper by chasing him. He knew that he would have to catch him by surprising him when he was asleep, or by hiding close to some place where Jumper was in the habit of eating.

Jumper knew that, too. Of course he did. He knew just as well as Reddy did that Reddy couldn't catch him in a race. He felt perfectly safe as long as he could see Reddy or knew exactly where he was. But at all other times he worried. You see, he didn't know but Reddy might jump out from behind any bush or tree, and so he had to be on watch every minute he was awake. That was bad enough, but what was worse was the fact that he didn't dare sleep. Of course, he had to sleep some, but it was in little naps from which the merest rustle of a leaf would waken him all ready to jump and run for his life. Now you know little naps like that give very little rest. And it is dreadful to close your eyes wondering if you will ever open them again. It was no wonder that Jumper grew thin.

It would not have been so bad if Reddy had been content to hunt him in the day time only. But he wasn't. You know Reddy can see in the night. And so he hunted by day or night, whenever he felt like it, and so of course poor Jumper never knew when he might safely sleep. He kept to the deepest part of the Green Forest, hoping that Reddy would not hunt for him there. You know Reddy is more fond of the edge of the Green Forest than he is of the deep, dark lonesome parts. But he had made up his mind to catch Jumper, and so now he followed Jumper to his most lonely hiding places.

It really was quite dreadful for Jumper, and yet it would have been worse for some others had they been in his place. You see, bad as it was, it wasn't quite as bad as things had been in the Great Woods, where Reddy had lived before coming down to the Green Forest. There he had had to watch out every minute for Tufty the Lynx and Howler the Wolf and Mr. Fisher and Mr. Wolverine, which was, of course, much worse than having just Reddy Fox to watch out for. So he had grown used to being always in danger. But since he had come to live in the Green Forest he had felt so much safer and life had been so much easier that now it came very hard to go back to the old way of living.

So Jumper the Hare lost his appetite and couldn't sleep and grew thinner and thinner in the beautiful springtime. And so it was that the fun that his friends and neighbors were having in teasing and making fun of Reddy Fox was really the cause of all the trouble that had come to Jumper the Hare, and he was too polite to tell them about it.

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Charlie in Toyland

None other than the very sophisticated Charlie McCarthy, wooden pal of Ventriloquist Edgar Bergen, is pictured here as he visited the toy center in New York for the preview of good things for Christmas of 1937. Alex Wanamaker, five, is enacting the role of Charlie's boss here.

ANIMAL CRACKERS
By WARREN GOODRICH
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"Why did my best friends tell me?"

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RED SNAPPER IS GREAT DELICACY

Expert Tells How to Cook and Serve This Fish.

By EDITH M. BARBER

"IS STEAK fish the same as red snapper?" asks a reader. "And how should it be cooked?" I have heard almost every fish which is large enough to be cut into steaks called by this name. Snapper is often known as redfish in the South, where it is considered a delicacy. Almost any method may be used for cooking it. I have recipes for boiling, baking, and broiling in my files.

In New Orleans the snapper is called, "the king of the fish market." Spices are usually used in its preparation. They are put into the water when the fish is "poached" or a cut, the shape of a letter S, is made on the back and then this is stuffed with thyme, cloves and bayleaf. The body of the fish may then be stuffed with a highly seasoned bread stuffing to which, in season, oysters are often added. It may then be rubbed thoroughly with butter or oil and baked in a hot oven, or it may be baked instead in a creole sauce. The sauce may be made separately and served with the fish.

Creole Sauce.

1 tablespoon olive oil
1 chopped onion
1 tablespoon flour
2 cups tomatoes
½ cup chopped mushrooms
Thyme
Bayleaf
Cloves
Cayenne pepper
1 clove garlic, minced

Heat the olive oil and brown the onion in it. Stir in the flour and let brown slightly. Stir in the other ingredients and let simmer half an hour.

Red Dressing.

½ cup vinegar
½ cup olive oil
½ cup catsup
1½ tablespoon salt
1 teaspoon paprika
1 hard-cooked egg (chopped)
1 green pepper
1 tablespoon chopped chives or onion-tops

Mix the ingredients, add a small piece of ice and beat one minute until thick.

Baked Stuffed Fish.

1 three-pound fish
3 cups soft bread crumbs
1 teaspoon salt
Pepper
4 tablespoons melted butter
2 tablespoons lemon juice
3 small tomatoes
6 onion rings
Salt, pepper

Split and clean fish. Mix crumbs and seasoning, add 2 tablespoons of melted butter and lemon juice. Mix well and stuff fish with mixture. Sew split edges together and place fish on oven-proof platter. Halve tomatoes, place around fish, sprinkle with salt and pepper and arrange an onion ring on each half. Pour remaining butter over fish and tomatoes. Bake in a hot oven (450 degrees Fahrenheit) about fifteen minutes until fish is tender. Remove from oven and garnish with sliced lemon and parsley.

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OTHERS WORTH TRYING

Potato Dumplings.

6 medium boiled potatoes
2 eggs
1½ teaspoons salt
1 cup flour
½ teaspoon sugar
⅛ teaspoon nutmeg
⅛ teaspoon cinnamon
¼ cup butter

Mash potatoes, add eggs, salt, flour and seasonings and mix well. Knead lightly until smooth. Shape into one long thick roll, cut into pieces one-half to one and a half inches and roll into dumplings the length of a finger. Cook in boiling salted water ten minutes. Drain, pour melted butter over them so they will not stick.

Raisin and Nut Pie.

1 cup sugar
1 tablespoon butter
2 eggs
½ teaspoon nutmeg
½ teaspoon cloves
1 teaspoon cinnamon
1 tablespoon vinegar
⅛ teaspoon salt
⅔ cup seeded raisins
½ cup chopped nuts

Cream the sugar and butter and add the beaten egg yolks. Stir in the spices, vinegar, salt, raisins and nuts and cut and fold in the beaten egg whites. Pour into a pie plate lined with pastry and bake at 450 degrees for ten minutes, then at 350 degrees for about 25 minutes longer.

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FIRST AID TO THE AILING HOUSE
By Roger B. Whitman

AUTOMATIC HEAT

ONE of the greatest advances in house heating in recent years is in so-called automatic heat; that is, an arrangement by which a house is maintained at an even temperature with no thought or effort by any member of the household. The most important device is a thermostat, which can be applied to a heater of any kind; a heater that burns fuel of any description.

A thermostat is an electric switch that is operated by the temperature of the air that surrounds it. This electric switch controls a mechanism at the heater that opens and closes the dampers, or turns a stoker or an oil burner on and off.

The thermostat is put on a wall five feet from the floor, in a part of the house where the temperature is average for all of the rooms. As the temperature of the air rises to the degree for which the thermostat is set, usually 70 degrees, the switch acts and shuts off the draft, or turns off the motor of an oil burner or stoker. The house then cools off; but when the air around the thermostat has dropped a little, usually by two degrees, the switch again works, and the heater starts up.

With a clock attachment, a thermostat does even more, for it starts the heater early enough in the morning for the house to be warm by getting-up time. Also, at any desired hour in the evening, it will shut off the heater for the night. As showing the watchfulness of a thermostat, I recall an unusually cool spell in summer when on the Fourth of July, we awoke in the morning to find the radiators hot and the chill of the rooms pleasantly taken off.

For many years, both with steam and with hot air, when all heaters were stoked by hand, I had great satisfaction with thermostats. The labor of caring for the fire was reduced to putting on coal and shoveling ashes; there was no running downstairs to turn on the dampers when the house became too cool, or to shut them off when it began to overheat. I found also that in checking a fire at just the right time, there was a distinct saving in fuel.

Later, I used thermostats in connection with a buckwheat stoker and an oil burner. With either of these, house heating is really automatic and it is even more so with gas as the fuel.

A important point in automatic heat is the placing of the thermostat. In one house that I know, there was trouble because the upstairs rooms were never quite warm enough. On looking the place over, I found that the thermostat was on the wall of a small room, so near the boiler that its radiator was the first to heat. As a result, the room warmed up to the temperature at which the thermostat acted, long before the upstairs radiators had had time to heat. This was quickly proved to be the fault by turning off the radiator in the thermostat room. The permanent remedy was to remove the thermostat to the wall of a larger room, where the temperature was more nearly average for the entire house.

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MANNERS OF THE MOMENT
By JEAN
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THERE'S only one thing to do, when you're caught red-handed in the midst of forgetting a date. You simply have to do your best to hide the evidence.

If, for example, it was a dinner date, and the lad turns up just as you are about to pop a potato on the stove of your own little kitchenette, dump everything down the sink, and tell the boy friend that

When a Forgotten Date Turns Up, Hide the Evidence.

you were just fixing up some face lotion . . . That you won't be a minute. And then, for land sakes, hurry with your dressing. If it's a steak you're cooking, that's harder. But maybe you can persuade him it was for a dog or a cat or a sick neighbor. Do try. We hate to see these crestfallen lads who lose their assurance because girls forget dates with them.

Some girls, we know, forget dates purposely. But this is a habit we frown upon. If that's the way they feel, they shouldn't make the dates in the first place. We believe in honor among the parasites.

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Greatest Pitch Lake

Trinidad, an island of the British West Indies, and off the coast of Venezuela, is noted principally for the 312 feet high Maracas falls, and Pitch lake, from which more than 200,000 tons of asphalt, for paving purposes, are exported each year, principally to the United States. The supply is inexhaustible. Any hole made by removal is filled by nature in action near the center of the lake, bubbling up in a liquid state. A steel pipe one inch in diameter has been thrown into the lake, which covers three acres, and weeks afterwards was found in a distant part, bent and twisted.

GOOD TASTE TODAY
by EMILY POST
World's Foremost Authority on Etiquette
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ABC's in Manners: Red Nails Are Tabu

SHOULD schoolgirls ever use bright red finger nail polish either in school or at parties after school hours?

Answer: I think deep red finger nail polish atrocious on any one, but on a schoolgirl quite as bad as vivid make-up, or if anything, worse. Nails neatly manicured are of course proper as long as the color of the polish is not too conspicuous—especially while the girl is very young.

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Should Divorcee Have Shower Second Time?

DEAR Mrs. Post: Is it in questionable taste to give a shower party for a friend who is still young but who is divorced and marrying for the second time?

Answer: It certainly should not be expected, but if some of her friends want very much to give a shower for her there is no reason against it.

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Wedding Requires "Tails."

DEAR Mrs. Post: It is the custom here in the deep South to give evening weddings. In our community many of these take place at home. In the case I am specifically referring to the bride wants to make the wedding at home as formal as possible, and the groom insists that because the wedding will take place at home the men should be allowed to wear tuxedos instead of "tails." Will you give us your opinion?

Answer: Correctly, the men should wear "tails"—absolutely. Tuxedos are proper in small communities where few of the men have formal evening clothes. It is true that a house wedding may seem to have less solemnity because we know it is not taking place on consecrated ground, but apart from this consciousness of the fact a house wedding can be just as ceremonious and beautiful as a church wedding.

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Meet Miss Sally

DEAR Mrs. Post: Isn't the form, "To meet Miss Sally Brown," in bad taste when most people already know her? I am giving a large tea for Sally, who is a young friend of mine whose engagement was just announced, and the invitations are for the most part going to Sally's own friends whom I have never met. In other words, I am the stranger and not Sally. Will you explain this?

Answer: "To meet" is merely a phrase used to indicate a guest of honor. The fact that she may be known to a guest personally is not considered.

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Light Evening Dress

MAY light colored evening dresses be worn in the winter time? I don't mean velvets or any of the heavier winter materials, but am referring to chiffon and taffeta?

Answer: I think this is a question of fashion. At present dresses of light colored thin materials are being worn everywhere, and such being the case they are particularly suitable for young people. Clothes in winter are somewhat more elaborate in design and less skimpy in their use of material.

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Father Comes First.

DEAR Mrs. Post: I'm in a predicament and am finding it very hard to decide the best way out of it. I have a father, stepfather, grandfather and a brother, all of whom have been very good to me always and of whom I am equally fond. Whom shall I choose to walk with me up the aisle at my wedding?

Answer: Your father, of course. If you choose anyone but him you would announce to everyone that you care very little for him.

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Note of Sympathy

WHEN a school friend's grandparent dies, and one has often stayed in this school friend's house and therefore knows the family, would it be nice to write a letter to her mother when it is the father's parent who has died?

Answer: Under most circumstances you would write to the mother, but if you know the father equally well, then it would be equally proper to write to him direct.

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Mixed Strollers

WHEN two boys walk home with a girl from school, is she supposed to walk on the inside or between them?

Answer: She walks between them but a man should never walk between two girls.

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Or Needs a Hint

IS IT ever considered proper for a girl to assist a boy with his coat?

Answer: No, not unless he has a broken arm or is otherwise disabled.

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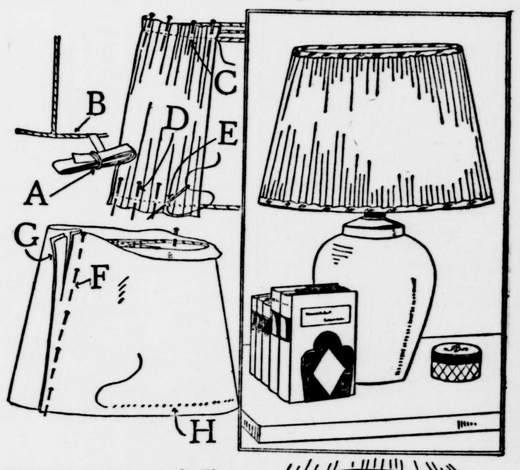
Progress in Virtue

If virtue promises happiness, prosperity and peace, then progress in virtue is progress in each of these; for to whatever point the perfection of anything brings us, progress is always an approach toward it.

Escorial Work Delayed

The building of Madrid's famous Escorial in the Sixteenth century was disturbed by strikes of the workmen for more pay and more wine.

HOW TO SEW
by Ruth Wyeth Spears



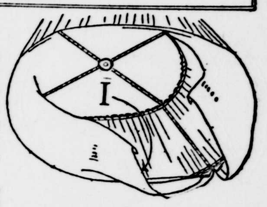
Silk Shades Give a Soft Glow

THERE is subtility in the light that glows through a silk shade, and many decorators are using them for the room that needs the softness of plaited folds and the mellowness obtained by placing two tones of fabric one over the other.

Two tones of China silk, one to be used for a plain lining and the other for a gathered outside covering will make an attractive shade. Before you buy the material it is best to experiment with samples one over the other trying them both in daylight and over an artificial light. You will also need a roll of silk binding tape matching the top color of the shade. This tape is to wrap the wire frame. And fancy braid either in gold, silver or a harmonizing tone of silk is used to bind the top and bottom of the shade.

Slip the binding tape off the roll and wrap a rubber band around it as shown here at A. Working from the inside end of the tape wrap the frame as shown at B. The outside layer of silk is put on next. This is gathered both top and bottom and pinned to the wire covering as at C and D so that it is stretched quite tight. Joinings in the outside covering need not be sewed but may be hidden under the folds. This material is sewed in place as at E.

Next, cut a straight strip for the lining and fit it around the outside of the frame as shown here at F. Trim the joining allowing a seam as shown at G. Sew to the frame at the bottom as at H. Trim quite close at the bottom. Turn lining to inside as at I.



Slip stitch the joining. Turn in raw edges at top and whip around top of frame. Pin the binding around and then sew it with stitches buried in the mesh of the braid.

Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; restoring and upholstering chairs, couches; making curtains for every type of room and purpose. Making lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents, to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Illinois.

"Quotations"

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We can do anything we want to do if we stick to it long enough.—*Helen Keller.*

Then let us laugh. It is the cheapest luxury man enjoys.—*William Matthews.*

Culture is the first fruit of education.—*Cardinal Hayes.*

This era should be the era of paradise on earth. Mankind has never had the possibilities of happiness that it has now.—*Harry Elmer Barnes.*

Beauty is the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace.—*Katharine Cornell.*

The expression of beauty is the primary purpose of art.—*George Grey Barnard.*

Cheap Sales Cost

United States census figures for 1929 show that at a cost of but 1.54 per cent advertising created a market for the $70,434,863,443 worth of manufactured products of that year.

How Lawrence of Arabia Became One of the Shaws

T. E. Lawrence of Arabian fame dropped in for tea one day at the house of the famous dramatist, Bernard Shaw. One of the ladies present glanced at him admiringly. He looked very young with his light hair, delicate complexion, and small slender frame. The lady turned to Mrs. Shaw. "What an excellent looking son you have!" she exclaimed. Lawrence howled with delight when he heard this, and swore that he would thereafter be known as Shaw.

The result was that when he soon afterward hid himself in the British tank corps he enlisted as Private Shaw.

When Bernard Shaw later presented Lawrence with a copy of his play, "Saint Joan," he wrote a presentation inscription in it, "From Public Shaw to Private Shaw."

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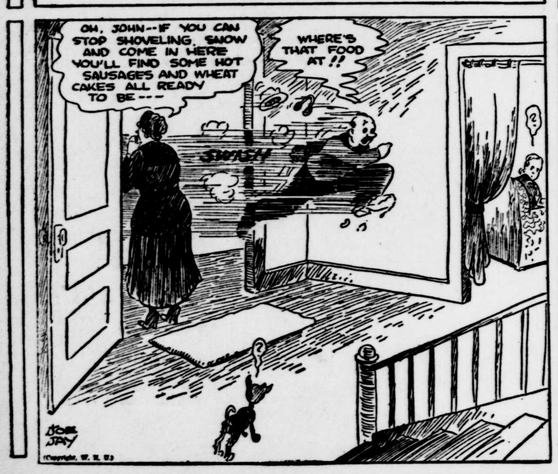
LIFE'S LIKE THAT — By Fred Neher

"Would you say dear Mrs. Dolan or just dear madam?"

Love, Honor and Obey



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"Easterling" Word Used to Denote Real Quality

After the Romans left Britain, coinage was in chaos for several centuries, writes Alice H. Coutant in the American Collector. Coins were of all shapes and sizes. Quality and weight of silver varied greatly and the practice of clipping coins, although punishable by death, was common. Toward the middle of the Thirteenth century, a number of north German merchants came to England and formed a guild in London. They made their own coins which soon became notable for honesty of weight and fine quality.

Called "Easterlings," probably because of the geographical position of the country where they originated the term soon applied to their coins as well. Then, by the end of the century, it had been shortened to sterling and this, derived from the name given to the honest product of honest men, became the accepted term for the alloy which has been of such a high standard in England.

Sterling silver is an alloy of 925 parts pure silver in 1,000. This standard, decreed by King Edward I in the year 1300, has been adhered to ever since, except for a few years when an even higher standard prevailed.