## THE LID OF A PILL BOX

A DETECTIVE STORY

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Clues and leads and to you." footprints and motives sprinkled all "It's the top of a pill-box," reover the place, till you can't hardly plied Conner. "Yes-and by Heavmove without trippin' over 'em." en, it's got Parker's name on it." which grew out of the discovery of taken, it's got something else on the dead body of Herman Parker, it—the fingerprints of the man who near Suffern, N. Y., had metaphor- took it out of Parker's pocket and ically thrown up his hands. On the tossed it over here, thinking it was surface the case looked simple worthless." enough. Parker had been found, "You mean the man who killed with a bullet in his heart and the him?" papers which he had been in the "Just that. The murderer was habit of carrying in his breastpock- evidently looking for somethinget, strewn over the ground nearby. possibly a letter or some kind of a Gossips of the village were not at document. He rifled the man's side all backward in stating that the pockets, found nothing in them but dead man had been one of the most | this pill box, tossed it aside and unpopular residents of Suffern. He | then examined the breastpocket of was rich, with a wealth gained prin- his coat. There he discovered what cipally through the foreclosure of he wanted, took it and disappeared. mortgages and, some said, indul- I'll photograph these prints and then gence in practices which hovered it'll be up to you to find out if they dangerously close to the border line | correspond with those of anyone in of blackmail. What was more prob- the village. While you're doing this, able, therefore, than that one of his I'll get back to New York and go victims had met him on the road, through the ones we have on file at demanded his rights and, when re- the office." fused, had fired the shot which had But before Conner had gotten resulted in instant death?

reason to change my opinion. But closed the case: the question is: Which one of 'em | "Prints are those of Benny the did it? In the couple o' days I was Dip'," read the wire. "We've got up there, I ran into reasons why him and he's come through. Conat least a dozen people would want | fessed to holding up Parker for the Parker out of the way. Some of wallet he knew he had on him.

'em are women, too. happen to be anybody close by "Well, I'll be hanged," muttered ery perhaps treasured for years is an outstanding favorite. Shown was so called when all the other cut side down in it and bake. when it occurred. There'd been a Conner. "An' all those clues I dug among wrappings of tissue paper, below to the left is a very charming light rain just a little while be- up weren't worth a darn compared the psychological moment has ar- gown of luxurious blue metallized fore, and the place was cluttered up to the lid of that dinky little with marks left by people as they shiny pillbox." passed. Out of these I picked eight or ten and then I got hold of the | Connecticut Teaches Its shoes of some of the persons who had reason to hate Parker. Would you believe me when I say that |

the prints exactly? tives, plenty of footprints, plenty of United Press writer. clues and not one of 'em that ain't | The state hatchery annually re-

did shoot this man Parker." authority on fingerprints, was silent. | defend themselves. Then, having evidently gone over in One notable advancement was handsome evening coats. The mod- ured are representative types of as Conner had detailed them, he when the hatchery abandoned the the illustration is typical of the one above is a gold velvet-surfaced

"Not one. I knew you were goin' her own aggs but she is imme. other gold events. This and theaters, the opera and embroidery said to be from a lord's to ask that, so I was extra careful diately separated from the young evening wrap is of black and silver gloves are gold colored to match the to look for them. There's not only because of her cannibalistic tenden- brocade with silver fox collar. A hat. Note the silver Gerli collar. no prints, but no place for 'em to be. Y'see, Parker was killed at the side of this road"—and the detection of the bigh sturdier breed is developed.

| Decause of her cambanate that the black sequin and red feather ornation and red feather ornati tive roughly outlined the highway on a convenient sheet of pa-per, sketching in the shrubbery at the side of the road—"and his body which the young are confined and all times. For their coming-out demand. was lying in the ditch when they found it. The bullet went right four times and finally acquire a through his heart, so he didn't have a chance to cry out, though it lobster changes from a swimming wouldn't have done him much good.
Nobody was near enough to hear cean. sistance. The old man's watch was still on him, so it evidently "plant" the babies in about twenty wasn't a case of robbery and, as inches of water, among the rocks there was nothin' shiny anywhere and seaweed. As they grow larger around, there was no chance for they migrate to deeper water. fingerprints—except on the gun it- Within five years they attain a probably have the man who fired for the table.

"Parker have any money on sters, hatches 360,000 flounders and

"A little, not much. That's another one of the funny things about this case. Here's a man who's Air is a mixture of gases, mainly known to be well-off, but who only carries a dollar or so in change in former supplies nearly four-fifths of his pocket. Whoever stuck him up the total, observes a writer in Londidn't touch that. In fact, I doubt don Answers Magazine. There is a if they went through his trousers layer of air extending nearly 200 pockets at all. Just rifled the breast- miles beyond the surface of the pocket of his coat like they knew earth, but at great heights it be-

case does sound interesting. So | gen. Although we are not aware of much so that I think I'll run up to it, the air which surrounds us has a Suffern and look over the ground. | definite weight. At sea-level a cubic Maybe the two of us working to- yard of air weighs more than two thing that one of us would over- of life. If there were no air in the

ground for the first time he had to air has a definite weight, we do not admit that the presence of so many feel it, because it acts inside as motives and apparent clues was well as outside our bodies, and so puzzling, while the absence of any "strikes a balance."

real distinctive clue made the case decidedly more difficult. It was only when he extended the radius of his search that he came across the bit of evidence which finally solved

"Conner," he called. "Come here a minute! What's that?" and he pointed to what appeared to be a bit of white paper, lying half concealed in the bushes. "No, don't LUES? That's the trou- touch it!" he commanded, as the ble, Chief-there're too detective bent forward to pick it doggone many of 'em! up, "just tell me what it looks like

The detective assigned to the case | "Precisely. And if I am not mis-

more than half through his task of "That's what I thought when I securing the prints of the inhabifirst tackled the case," continued tants of Suffern—a job which called Conner, the detective, while the man for the exercise of considerable inacross the desk from him listened genuity and diplomacy - he reintently. "So far, I don't see any ceived a wire from Faurot which

Parker showed fight and Benny shot "Then there's the question of foot- him, taking the wallet out of his prints. The shootin' took place on | breastpocket and not bothering | IF YOU happen to have a bit of | wear brocade this winter and for

Infant Lobsters to Dive Connecticut, great lobster center, more than half of those shoes fitted has a scientific method of hatching, cultivating and protecting its crus-"Can you beat it? Plenty of mo- taceans, states a Noank (Conn.)

riddled by a perfect alibi! That's leases about 500,000 baby lobsters, why I came to you, Inspector. I measuring about seven-eighths of an thought you might be able to sug- inch, and which have undergone a gest something that I've overlooked | twenty-day period of forceful feed-—some way of findin' out just who ing on ground beef liver. During exquisite weaves and in endless va- the most exciting news is in rethe first three weeks of their in- riety throughout the silk showings gard to the perfectly charming little For a few moments Inspector fancy they are taught to dive in now on display. For a new moments inspector
Joseph A. Faurot, head of the New
York police force and the man who

York police force and the man who who who was a second the man who who was a second the man who who was a second the man who was was known the world over as an til they attain a sufficient size to the story of brocades relates to stress the trend to Chinese influence

made in the rearing of lobsters | el portrayed above to the right in | this new trend, by Louisander. The common method of scraping the wraps best-dressed women are knitted silk jersey draped turban eggs from the mother's tail. Now wearing to formal midwinter din- with band of antique Chinese silk the tree. her own eggs, but she is imme- other gala events. This princess coat over a hundred years old. The

There are 200 tanks at the hatch-

the shot, much less a call for as- The young lobster then is ready

self, and when we find that we'll weight of one pound and are ready The hatchery, besides rearing lob-

30,000,000 smelts each year. The Air We Breathe what they were after and went right comes extremely rarefied. Thus airmen who wish to fly to high altiadmitted Faurot, "the tudes must carry a supply of oxygether will stumble across some- pounds. Air is essential to all forms water of streams, ponds, etc., there But when Faurot went over the would be no life in them. Although

## Italian Marble Tomb in Boston Museum Is Proved an Authentic Treasure

An Italian marble tomb, long sus- | like that of human fingerprints, i pected by critics of being an art considered unmistakable. The tomb fake palmed off on America, has is of two kinds of marble, the fabeen proved an authentic treasure, mous Carrara marble and some after nine years of scientific testing, from Olympia. Chisel marks were according to a writer in the Kansas also examined by microscope, and City Star.

At the Boston museum of fine arts, where the tomb aroused such vio- marble's surface was also studied. lent controversy that it was re- because scientists have learned that moved from public exhibition, the old marbles "breathe," that is, take case is settled.

calls the tomb a Fifteenth century dark bands on the marble surface. monument of Tuscan workmanship, visible through the microscope. This later restored in minor ways. A evidence of time and weathering beautiful figure of a woman lying was found on all parts of the tomb with folded hands is a feature of except where a new inscription was

the monument. Scientific tests included making face and where a few restorations paper-thin slices of samples from were made. all fourteen pieces of marble in the tomb. These samples were studied under the microscope and compared with similar samples of ear may distinguish 50 to 100 difknown kinds of marble. This test, ferent notes.

ultraviolet tests were made.

The crystalline structure of the in and give out air. In long years, Reporting its verdict, the museum this process leaves evidence in added by cutting away the old sur-

> Many Notes in Single Octave In a single octave the sensitive

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



Choice brocade or rare embroid- mid-season festive occasion brocade How did it happen that the dodo baking pan, place halved potatoes Plain icing, sugar or nuts can finrived in which to make use of it. | weighted silk brocade in calla lily You will be right in fashion if you pattern with bouffant skirt and the | tionaries. wear a dress, a wrap, a waistcoat new camisole and halter decol- As Discipline mayhap, a hat or carry a bag that | letage.

brocades or embroideries you can neat colorful design. be in vogue regardless of their sins | Volumes could also be written of omission, for the craze for these about the handsome embroideries kind of movement unless they are feminine vanities is flourishing to that are playing so spectacular a an extent that you can find the most role in current fashion. Perhaps erally they are permitted to.

is made of rich brocade or if not There are endless ways in which good deed every day, each of us like a slice of fried bread with the brocade then try a touch of Oriental brocades are being used other than should perform one unusual dis- breakfast bacon should try damp- hanging clothes on the line in embroidery to give high-style ac- for entire gowns and wraps. One agreeable duty each day. ing the bread slightly before fry- freezing weather, put pins on of the smartest fashions that we If children were taught the ing it. No matter how stale it clothes in the house, then snap The best of it is if your fair know is the tailored waistcoat of national anthem in the public is, it will fry beautifully crisp on on line with double clothes pins. ancestresses failed to will you their upholstery brocade done in tiny schools, they could sing more than the outside and "light" on the in-

hats turned out for midseason wear. their importance as a medium for in resort millinery. The hats picever so fashionable. In order to embroidery. The Chinese bracelet

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"AT HOME" IN LACE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



House coats, or hostess gowns, have been steadily increasing in im- for consumer acceptance in this orportance in the feminine wardrobe, der: blues, beiges and tans, black, and it is not enough these days to violet tones, gold and green. have just a negligee. The idea of the house coat has taken vast hold in the realm of "at home" fashions. The lace itself, which makes this delectable garment, is so luxurious looking it calls for simplest-cut lines sans superfluous trimming. model pitured is cut on fairly taianes, with zipper fastening from neck to hem and little turnback collar.

### BLUE WILL LEAD AS COLOR FOR SPRING

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

From a study of fashion trends here and abroad, a group of stylists and merchandise executives from department stores and buying offices, has decided that blues will be the most prevalent volume color in coats and suits purchased in retail stores next spring. After the blues, feminine shoppers are expected to buy their coats and suits in these colors, named in order of their anticipated popularity: beige, tans and browns; black, rose tones, gray, violet tones, gold and green. PEPSODENT...So what? So this! Irium In strictly dress coats and suits, black is predicted as the most popular color for spring, with navy, beige, brown and gray obtaining customer acceptance in that order. Beiges and tans are looked upon to be the leading volume shades in asual coats and suits, with blues, black, gray, gold, violet tones and green following in that order. Beiges, tans and coppers are expected to be seen most frequently in sports type coats and suits, but blues, rose tones, violet tones, gray, and green will also lead in customer Navy is singled out to be the pre-

dominant volume color in spring silk dresses. Next to navy, women's preferences in silk dresses will run to black, blues other than navy, beiges, rose, copper and lilac. Colors for wool dresses are listed

Pleats and Stripes Pleats and stripes are fashionright regardless of whether they appear alone or together.

Short Jacket A short jacket that deviates from the rule of boleros resembles a brief

Never were there such charming and varied blouses. Lame heads the list of important

new fabrics in Paris. Eye-catching and second in popularity to sequins is gold kid. Curly white lambs wool is fea-

tured for skiing. Many of the winter evening gowns fashioned of net show skirts which are completely ruffled.

Lucky is the woman who has invested in a fur bolero. Contrast in colors is an important note in current millinery.

Hosiery that is embroidered in colors is scheduled for a vogue. A bolero which has its own attached gloves is a unique fashion. Gold embroidery or applique on white is favorite theme with design-

A Quiz With

1. How much money was spent armaments in 1937 amounted to CANNED peach halves baked in on armaments in 1937?

3. What is the difference be- 3. The latter is twice as large course or they are equally detween two square feet and two as the former. feet square?

4. How many employees are 6,500. there in the Empire State build-5. Has the Vatican City its own

6. How many farms are there in book, preach a better sermon, or Pour the peaches and the syrup the United States?

get its name? 9. Does the sun rise in the west gressive party in 1912 came from each peach where the pit was reand set in the east of the Isthmus a remark of Theodore Roosevelt, moved and sprinkle them ever

of Panama? 10. What was the first house built | 9. It does not. However, it | a hot oven (450 degrees) until the on Lafayette square after the does rise in the Pacific ocean and sugar on the edges of the peach White House?

The Answers

1. The "Armaments Yearbook" of the League of Nations shows 10. Decatur house was the first. a few minutes.



Give Us Action

Rather a man who calls a spade a spade, give us one who calls a pitchfork a pitchfork and uses it in a good cause. A cheerful giver should cheer-

fully masquerade the giving. kind to each other.

Once the dictionary settled a dispute but now there are six dic- cabbage, apple and raisins, served

Besides performing at least one | Breakfast Notion.—People who

one verse of it when they grow up. side. Some people won't go into any

don't reason from them. If your friend can smile as well

1. Jake's picture is not fastened to thick and firm. 2. Large fish is being pulled from the 5. He has only half a skate on the the crust flaky.

6. Man is ice skating with roller skates. . Milk jug is foaming at the mouth.
. Bench has no legs. 9. Sights are on the bottom side of 10. Gun barrel is bent. 11. Girl jumping over barrel wears

two types of skates.
12. Man has no hands. 13. One side of his glasses is square, the other round.

15. Word "sents" is misspelled. Copyright.-WNU Service.

Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

\$11,857,000,000.

5. A complete coinage was pecially good. struck in 1931.

6. There are about 6,812,350. 7. "If a man can write a better | 14 cup brown sugar Cinnamon

"I feel as fit as a bull moose." so lightly with cinnamon. Bake in it sets in the Atlantic, since at begins to brown, or about 30 minthis point the land has a configura- utes. If you wish a more pro-

east of the Atlantic ocean. money he received in the wars ner. being made to save it for poster- with it.

# Favorite Recipe of the Week

Baked Peaches for Garnish

or Dessert. 2. How many women flyers in 2. Four hundred eighty-six li- tion of sugar, butter and a susthe United States hold pilots' li- censes are now held by woman fly- picion of cinnamon make an ideal 4. There are approximately them hot or cold but hot fruit during the winter months is es-

Baked Peaches. 1 No. 21/2 can peach 3 tablespoons

make a better mousetrap than his into a shallow pan, a cake pan is 7. What is the mousetrap quo- neighbor, though he builds his convenient to use. Turn the peach house in the woods, the world will halves so the cut side is up. 8. How did the Bull Moose party make a beaten path to his door." Sprinkle the sugar over the 8. This nickname for the Pro- peaches, place a piece of butter in tion so that the Pacific ocean is nounced brown edge, set the pan of peaches under the broiler for

that the world's expenditures on It was built in 1818 by Commodore | Canned pear halves are de-Stephen Decatur with the prize licious prepared in this same man-

with the Barbary pirates. The If the fruit is served as a deshouse still stands and an effort is sert, plain cream is nice to serve

MARJORIE H. BLACK.

the HOUSE FEET to the Housewife

To Bake Potatoes.-Potatoes | and nuts alternately. Fold in stiff-Blessed are the poor. They are will bake more quickly if cut in ly beaten whites. Bake in individhalves. Melt a little butter in a ual tins 20 minutes in a hot oven.

> A Winter Salad.—Chopped raw with mayonnaise, make a delicious winter salad.

. . . Preparing Oysters. - A little allowed to run things, and gen- baking powder added to the flour in which oysters are rolled before Facts are of no account if you frying will make oysters light and

. . . Judging Cod.—Cod should be are trying to hang him on a judged by the redness of the gills, tree-trunk, but nobody can find the whiteness, stiffness and firmness of the flesh, and the clear chestra begins to play "The freshness of the eyes. These are Lost Chord." Mistake-O-Graph Answers | the infallible proofs of its being | good. The whole fish should be

Flaky Pie Crust.—A teaspoon of vinegar added to the cold water | argument)—Every time I look 4. One of his skates has a bent blade. used in mixing pie crust will make at you, Mrs. Patrick, I feel I'm

Nut Cakes .- One-half cup of butter, three-quarter cup sugar, onethird cup milk, two eggs, one and one-third cups flour, two teaspoons baking powder, one-half teaspoon with boredom, was advised that salt, one cup almonds, blanched an exchange of shirts with a man and cut in pieces. Cream but who was perfectly happy would 14. Man is outdoor bathing in freezing ter, add sugar and continue beat- cure him. After a long search ing. Add well beaten yolks and for such a man he found the per-

Ironing Linens .- When ironing ecru linens always iron them on the wrong side. Ironing them on the right side makes them look

Stories Briefly Told

Playwright (explaining new script)-Now for the end of the second act I've got a really swell idea. The hero has been captured by bandits . . . they

Floorwalker (at 1 a. m. to burglar in his house)-Silverware? Yes, sir. Step this way. Mrs, Murphy (concluding an doing the government out of

the entertainment tax.

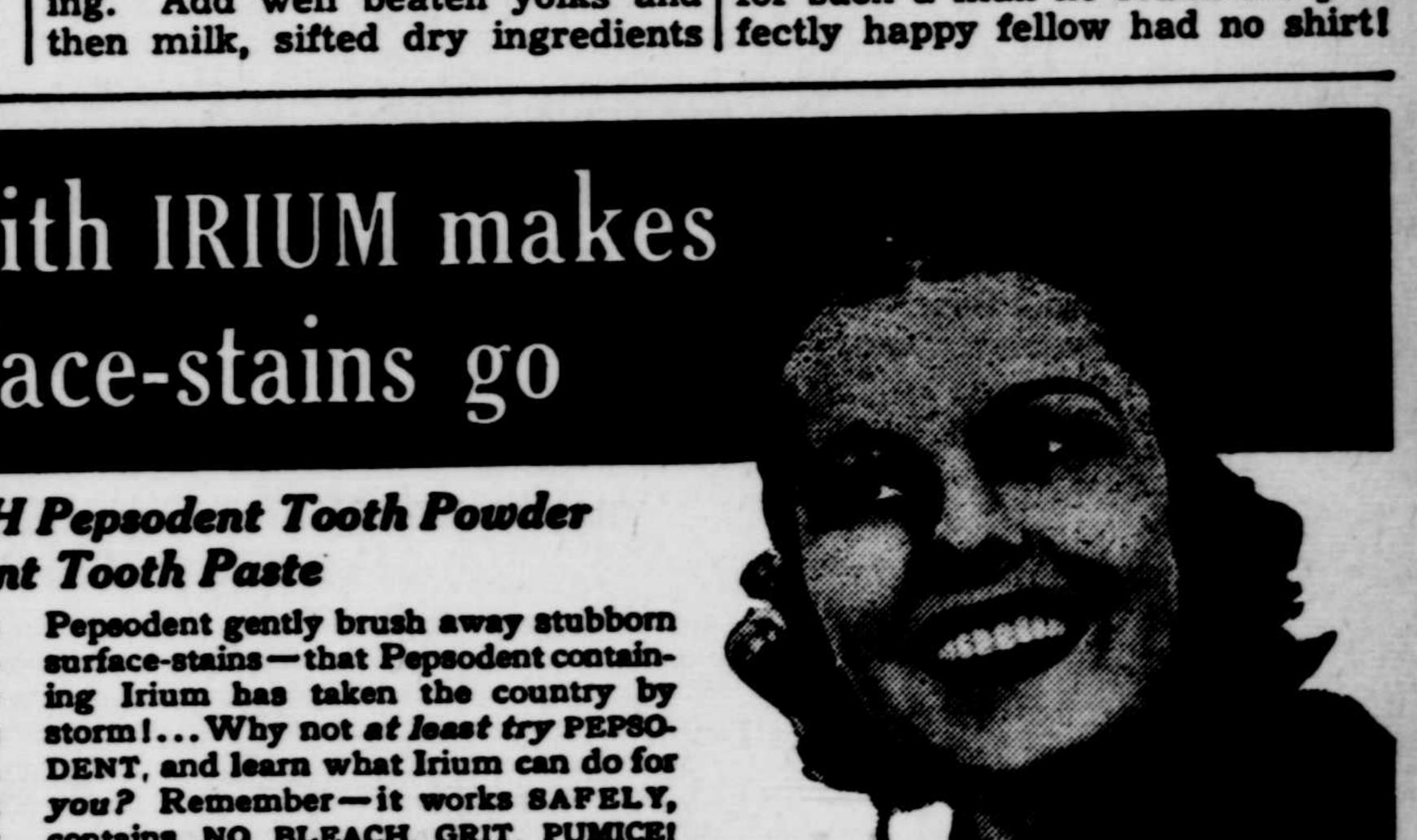
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# Mistake-O-Graph



O Ledger Speliette In the midst of the snow and icy blasts, our artist friend took a few days off last week to visit his folks back home in the hill country. While there he participated in the skating party, and made the sketch. We see several bad mistakes, however. Can you find fifteen? Answers will be found above.