Why Spares Deflate So Soon

Inflated spare tires do not necessarily go down quicker than a tire in use on the wheel. When a spare tire goes down quicker than the other tires, and the difference is not accounted for by a leak in the tire itself, it is probably due to the fact that there is not as much pressure to hold the valve tight as there is in the case of a tire with the weight of the machine on it.—Exchange.

Why Eyelids Twitch

Overwork, particularly understudy, is frequently the cause of eyelids twitching. Errors in refraction cause eye strain that results in twitching, and inflammation of the eyes may cause it.

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EAT ICE CREAM & DRINK MILK TO PREVENT COLDS

Health Commissioner Kegel, of Chicago, interviews the representatives of the press advocating that everyone eat ice cream and drink milk to prevent colds.

"The part foods play in building up resistance against colds is often overlooked," he said. The intelligent way to avoid colds is to prevent them.

A meal consisting of meat, potatoes, two or three vegetables, topped off with a dish of ice cream, is a big factor in keeping up bodily resistance.

Ice cream, in fact, may well be indorsed as a winter food. Contrary to general opinion, there is no harm in the consumption of cold drinks or cold foods. By the time they enter the stomach they are raised to body temperature.

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Chestertown, Maryland

THE OLD BLUE-WILLOW PLATTER

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NORMA wouldn't have minded the yellow slip of paper in her purse half so much if it hadn't been such a bleak, dreary day. And like a ray of sunshine out of all the darkness she saw the window with the lovely old blue-willow platter. Ever since she had found her first job, Norma had been hunting up old pieces of blue-willow ware toward the delightful end of one day owning a complete set of the lustrous, shining blue stuff.

And there, resting on edge between two tall, dignified candlesticks was the very platter Norma had been wishing for, and wanting so long. Forgotten was the hateful little slip of yellow paper; forgotten the serious fact that she was again jobless and from the only job, too, that she had ever truly loved! Nothing mattered, now, but that gorgeous bit of blue-willow ware, and with Spartan courage, Norma Underwood grasped her purse with its last pay envelope and the hateful little yellow discharge slip as well, and marching into the softly-lit shop, asked the price of the dainty, quaintly shaped, square oblong platter.

That it cost the savings of a whole month of stinting and penny-pinching did but endear it the more to Norma's heart and she hugged the precious purchase tightly to her breast and hurried homeward through the fast-falling, drear November dusk. And so enthralled was she with her newly acquired treasure that for once in her life Norma Underwood failed to look through the plate glass corner windows of a Broadway department store to see if anyone was coming around the corner from the other street—and thereby met her downfall!

For Brice Atterbury was hurrying home through the dim, chilly dusk, too, and was conscious of the weariness, defeat and despair that comes to young men who are battling terrific odds—and losing daily! And he was hurrying with down-bent head, unconscious of anything but the cold, his weariness and despair. A gasp, a startled exclamation, and then the soft tears of a young girl crying bitterly, as Brice stared stupidly from Norma to the shattered platter lying in bits of brilliant colored ruin on the cement pavement between them!

"Please . . . I'm so terribly sorry! If you'll just stop crying, we'll go at once and find another just like it," begged the sincerely sorry young man, and Norma raised tear-drenched eyes to him, surprised that anyone else should have such weariness and dejection stamped upon his face.

"This is the shop," offered Norma faintly, "but you mustn't think of buying another. You've really no idea how costly it was!"

"Just as if mere money mattered now," remarked the young man bitterly, and Norma raised swiftly appraising eyes to his face to wonder at the bitterness and defeat she saw etched there.

"Surely there are things besides money," she said, trying to comfort him, for somehow there is a vast fraternity in true misery of spirit.

"Not now; not any more!" he said, sharply, his voice almost a gasp of pain as he started into the softly lit shop. "You see, after this week there won't be any Atterbury & Co., importers. They've got me against the wall, and I'm darned if I stand and let them tack my pride and hide as well to the door!"

"Why, why, that was what I was crying about! I was fired this afternoon—discharged from Atterbury & Co.—and I wasn't told why or anything!"

"You? Why, you never worked for me. I never saw you before in my life!" exclaimed the amazed Mr. Atterbury, staring at her as though in truth he had never seen her before.

"Oh, yes; I was in the packing room. I packed all the lovely china for shipping. But, of course, you never saw me. Why should the great Mr. Atterbury see one of his humble clerks?" and it was Brice's turn to think up something comforting to say now.

"So sorry," said the suave clerk, "that blue-willow platter was the last we had on hand," and, defeated they turned regretfully and plunged into the chill, drear dusk again.

Norma protested against the taxi; scolded Brice for being extravagant when he should be marshaling his every force to fight till the last gun was fired.

Laughing, he discharged the man with a quarter tip for his trouble, and together they caught a subway train to Brooklyn, the girl stealing shy glances at the lean, stern profile so near her that she could smell the pungent aroma of fine cigars from his coat; the man covertly watching the play of expressions on the soft, mobile face so close to his own as he held to a strap above her seat.

"I know of a place where we can find a platter like the one you want, I think!" came a cheery masculine voice over the wire half an hour later, and delighted, Norma agreed to be ready in twenty minutes and hung up, not nearly so discouraged as a jobless, nearly broke girl should be.

"Hop in and I'll tuck this fur robe about you," commanded Brice a while later as he stood by the open door of his smart roadster in front of Norma's rooming house.

"It seems shameful to let you trouble yourself so much," faintly protested the girl as Brice got in and shifted gears, pointing the car upstate. "Well you should be storing up a whole lot of unpleasantries about me, I think," he retorted, "being the indirect cause of you losing your job and certainly the busticator of that lovely platter!"

"I haven't heard that word since I went to Erasmus!" laughed Norma, aware of a new humanness in the stern young man who could use a childhood slang term with so much ease.

"Aunt Libby, this is Norma Underwood, my private secretary. We've come to see those blue-willow dishes you wrote me about placing for you," and astonished, Norma watched the young man select almost a whole set of dishes from the displayed set, and together they laughingly packed them, Norma observing that at least there was one thing she could do better than he!

"Why," asked the girl as they stood on the steps of her home bidding each other good-by, "did you tell your aunt that I was your private secretary?"

"Because, from that moment on you are!" he retorted, though his smile and eloquent eyes said far more than the lightly spoken words.

"What about Miss Kennedy?" doubted Norma.

"She was responsible for the loss of your job!" he said sternly.

"Oh! Well, do you know why I wanted the blue-willow?" teased the girl.

"No, but you're going to invite me to a chicken dinner, aren't you, soon?" begged the serious Mr. Atterbury.

"Tomorrow night?" she challenged and he picked up the dare by assuring her that he'd be there in time to mix the salad!

Atterbury & Co., did not fail; that is, not if one can believe the new Mrs. Atterbury!

Fulton Not Inventor of "River Steamboat"

In connection with newspaper accounts of the recent celebration of Ohio river navigation improvements, James Howard of Jeffersonville, Ind., rises to correct an erroneous impression that Robert Fulton was the "father" of the American steamboat. Fulton built the first practical steam vessel in America, Mr. Howard admits, but it was a steamship, a deep water craft carrying its machinery in its hold. "The steamboat was something else altogether." It was—and is—"nothing in the world but a steam-propelled keel boat, designed to sail on the water instead of in the water." After their achievement with the famous Clermont on the Hudson river, Fulton and his backers built several vessels of the same type for river navigation. All of them were failures. Some succeeded in going down the Ohio and Mississippi from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, but could not make the return trip. After spending nearly a million dollars on his experiments, Fulton gave them up. It was Henry Shreve who built the first practical steamboat, using engines of a new type and putting them on the deck instead of in the hold. He scored his first success at Wheeling in 1817. And, says Mr. Howard, every steamboat built since that time has been constructed along the same general lines. "There have been many improvements, but the general type has remained, for the simple reason that it has proved better than any other." How many Americans of this generation ever heard of Henry Shreve? Not many, it is to be feared. Yet his name still lives in that of one of our flourishing southern cities which grew to importance as a result of his invention. Shreveport should give Mr. Howard a vote of thanks.—Houston Post-Dispatch.

Just a Beginner

The engine was not behaving as a true locomotive should. First it would move forward a hundred yards or so, and then, with a good deal of puffing, it would shift back to its original position. For ten minutes this had been going on, while the passengers raved all along the train.

At last one of them, unable to contain himself any longer, put his head out of the window and hailed the guard.

"What on earth is the matter?" he demanded.

Leaning out of his own compartment, the guard turned a rueful smile on him.

"Well, sir," he said, "I'm not sure, but I think the engine-driver must be teaching his wife to drive."—London Answers.

The Modern Maid

The very modern girl had met one of her friends in a cafe and they were discussing male acquaintances.

"I think I shall settle down with young Gumleigh!" said the first. "He's frightfully rich!"

"Yes," said the other. "I hear he owns several country residences. But won't people say you've married him for his money? I can just hear them!"

"Oh," replied the first, "I can truthfully say I love him because of his charming manors!"

Oil Tree Not American

The tung oil tree did not originate in the United States. Those that we have in this country were brought here from China. The soil and climate in the southern part of the United States has been found suitable for the cultivation of this tree. The nuts are crushed and the oil extracted commercially at this time in a recently erected factory near Gainesville, Fla. The Florida agricultural extension station has done considerable work with this tree.

Takes Much Water to Supply World's Cities

Have you any idea how much water the average city dweller uses daily? Take London, with its gigantic population. Here the authorities have to supply an area of 558 square miles, and give the 7,000,000 people the water they need. Would you have imagined that each of these demands no less than 36 gallons every day? Yes, that is only the average supply per head per day. In the dry, hot weather the amount required for each person becomes 40 gallons, or more than a barrel of water per day for each man, woman, and child. London is not the thirstiest town. Scotland consumes more water than England. In Glasgow and Edinburgh, for instance, the average consumption per head is not 36, but 37 gallons; and to Helensburgh, in Dumbartonshire, belongs the distinction of being the most thirsty town in the whole of the British isles. Here they take 81.7 gallons per head. One reason given for Scotland's large consumption is that the water supply is much better than in England.

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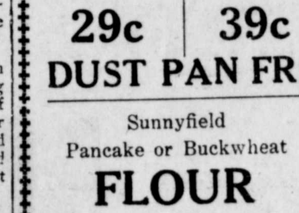
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