WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—John F. Stevens was self-educated as an engineer. Therefore, he was an eclectic and readily made use of a retired murderer to accomplish a desperately important end, regardless of the lack of engineering precedent. He is now 86, one of the greatest of American engineers, the first engineer in charge of planning and building the Panama canal, recently awarded the Hoover medal by the American Society of Civil Engineers at its eighty-sixth annual meeting in New York.

Famed Engineer Used Murderer To Attain End

The murderer who came in handy was a Montana Blackfoot Indian. Jim Hill's new railroad, westbound from St. Paul, was rather impulsively started. It ran slap-bang into the impenetrable wall of the Rocky mountains. There was an Indian legend that there was a pass over the divide, along the course of the Marias river. Mr. Stevens, a young engineer for the railroad, talked to the Blackfeet about it. There was such a pass. They knew all about it. But not all of Jim Hill's wampum could bribe them even to point in that direction. This Marias pass was the dwelling place of evil spirits, of sorcerers, of dreadful demons, and all who went that way lost either their lives or their reason.

Mr. Stevens mushed over the mountains with the thermometer at 50 degrees below zero and found no pass. But, by chance, he found a wanderer in the wilderness, a Blackfoot driven out by his tribe because he had killed a man. The Indian had been having a difficult time. A few devils and monsters, more or less, meant little to him. They made a deal. The story of their days-on-end scramble to the roof of the continent through five feet of snow and bitter cold, with Mr. Stevens sleepless as he kept an eye on his homicidal guide, is one of the classics of the conquest of the wilderness. They found the pass, and their return was another desperate adventure. But soon the scream of locomotives was crying down the demons, who, presumably, moved on.

When the Panama canal was projected, John F. Stevens fought through, against weighty opposition, the lock principle against the sea-level plan. The engineer in charge, from 1905 until he was succeeded by General Goethals, he flattened all the demons of disease and disorder which had licked De Lesseps. General Goethals rated his work as among the greatest of engineering achievements. He was minister plenipotentiary to the Soviets in 1917, remaining six years and reorganizing and rebuilding their railroads.

DR. VANNEVAR BUSH, testifying on the patent system before the national economy committee at Washington, is the inventor of a "mechanical brain," or "thinking machine." It is as big as a sawmill that solves problems "too difficult for the human brain." It works nicely, and Franklin institute awarded him a medal for it.

Scientist's Brain Machine Downs Human Thinker

One can think offhand of a lot of vexing problems that might be tossed into its hopper these days. Set up in congress, dealing the answers on war and peace, national defense, relief and a balanced budget, it ought to save a lot of money.

Dr. Bush, former vice president of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, became president of the Carnegie institution on January 1 of this year. He is one of the most distinguished mathematical physicists in America. A tall, genial, bespectacled scientist, with a slightly stooped and somewhat stringy figure, with untamed hair, he leads reporters quite out of their depth. His metallic cerebration was just one of many of his interesting devices and discoveries, including, particularly, research in the transmission of electric power, to which he has made notable contributions.

The son of a distinguished Boston clergyman, he romped through Tufts, Harvard and M. I. T., picking up three degrees in three and one-half years, thereafter teaching at M. I. T.

On February 19, 1936, addressing the New York Patent Lawyers' association, he was severely critical of the American patent system, for its "appalling fixity and lack of adaptability." At the current committee hearing, he commends it, but both meager news reports are out of their context, and Dr. Bush doubtless could defend himself against charge of inconsistency.

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New Wash Materials Remind It's Time for Spring Sewing

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

AS A proper approach to the perennial spring sewing program that soon will be staged in countless households, we know of no gesture that will so inspire to hurry and get going as to take a day off and go fabric sight-seeing. We make the prediction that at just a mere glimpse of the new textiles with their refreshing departure from the old, in the way of texture, patternings and colorings, you will feel an urge stirring to cut and to baste and to sew.

In this day and age when wonders are being performed in the way of textures and weaves, it becomes absolutely imperative that the woman who would sew successfully must know materials. This is especially true in regard to wash fabrics that are a revelation as to what science is achieving in the way of non-shrinkage, color-fast-boil-proof tones and tints and in the way of weaves of entirely new origin. Consider for example the new spun rayon fabrics that are as lovely and exquisite in texture as imagination can conceive.

When you ask to see these fascinating new spun rayons take note of their marvelous colorings that are so refreshingly different from the usual run. Many of the beautiful hues and motifs for design are traced to fine Chinese porcelains that excel in subtle soft blues and canary yellows, lime greens, peach-bloom pinks and cherry blossom reds. You'll love these new wash fabrics that are so handsome they really do not look like washables, but they are and what's more they are treated to an anticrease process that greatly enhances them from the practical standpoint. Some of the smartest washable crepes combine the newest fabric (spun rayon) with one of the oldest (pure linen).

You can get these winsome spun rayon crepes in delectable monotones or in prints that are so lovely mere word pictures fail to describe them. On your fabric sight-seeing tour be on the lookout for prints that stylize a flight of snow white birds against a sky of peachbloom pink or a seashell motif on a lime green background and you will thus sense the charm and beauty of the new spun rayon crepes.

Softer to the touch than all wool, yet cozier than cotton by far is an imported material that looks like and feels like a million, yet it can be sent to wash with a carefree mind for the fabric has been sanforized-shrunk. See to the left in the picture a housecoat made of this new flannel (half wool, half cotton) which is lightweight as thistledown. This particular smart plaid fabric tailors to perfection.

To the right in the illustration unusual charm is expressed in a quaint dirndl dress of flowered cotton poplin—one of the dependable modern cottons in that it does not shrink out of fit when washed. It is trimmed with Czechoslovakian embroidery and buttons in authentic Czech design. Wear it over shorts and cummerbund when en route to active sports, or as a full-time daytime dress. Either way, it is perfect with its matching bonnet.

You will find a bolero costume made of gingham (faithful standby) much to your liking. Why not enter it on your sewing list, for this two-piece is easy to make, so why not look up a reliable pattern and have it in readiness to wear this spring with dainty blouses? The model centered in the group is in blue and white check. The skirt is flared for fullness. The long-sleeved bolero jacket has wide revers and exposes cuffs of white pique caught with large mother-of-pearl links. Matching gingham trims the rough straw sailor hat she has in her hand.

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Rebirth of Amber

It's amber jewelry you will be wearing if you are up to the moment in style. The revival of this familiar gem is important fashion news. The new amber jewelry reveals untold beauties. The colors range from golden yellow to rich antique mahogany tones. The lovely transparent quality of the stone is especially effective in the new floral designs. The leaves and foliage of many flowers are formed of delicately shaded or veined amber. In the picture a very up-to-date young woman enhances her gown with amber flower jewelry.

Petticoat, Tiered Frocks Real News

If you see a glimpse of lacy frou-frou peeping from under her neat little afternoon dress of silk crepe, do not make the mistake of saying "Pardon me lady, your petticoat is showing." If you do milady is apt to airily reply, "Sure, that's the intention." Yes'm it's only too true, petticoats are in fashion and furthermore the so-termed petticoat dress that is causing so much excitement in fashion's realm is actually styled so as to reveal a tantalizing glimpse of its frill.

Another sensation on the dress program is the new flounced silhouette. Fashion is flouncing everything that will gracefully yield to flouncing. Daytime skirts rise tier upon tier done in a restrained way while soft afternoon and evening frocks are widely flounced in the good old-fashioned now very new-fashioned way.

Open Toes, Heels In New Footwear

The vogue of open toes and open heels has reached such a state that it will be difficult before many weeks to find even an Oxford which supplies good foot coverage. Shoe styles for spring have been placed on exhibition and indicate that pumps and Oxfords as well as sandals expose the toes and the back of the heels.

Protect Feet

Robust weather calls for rugged footwear.

Daintiness in Women Wins Men's Favor

By PATRICIA LINDSAY

MEN loathe careless grooming. In fact I think that men are inclined to be more fastidious about us than we are about ourselves! That statement will probably bring an avalanche of mail contradicting me. Well anyway, men do like us sweet-smelling, tidy in our dress and noticeably well-groomed.

It isn't too easy to keep fresh as a flower, or crisp looking as a lettuce leaf. It takes special little rituals. We must bathe more frequently and more thoroughly. We must think to apply a deodorant powder or liquid under our arms, on our feet and across our backs (if there is where you perspire). Light floral scented colognes help to keep us cool and the alcohol which they contain plays a part in personal daintiness.

Fresh as the French countryside from which she comes is pretty Annabella, whose exquisite daintiness is one of her greatest assets on the screen.

But more than that we have to be ever so careful about wearing fresh underthings and hose each day. If you haven't an abundant supply you must form the habit of rinsing yours out each night.

Job-Hunting Girl Over 30 Has Competition

JUST this week a girl over 30 came to me in sheer desperation. She needed a job and couldn't get one.

"I am a secretary," she said, "with eight years of experience here and there. I'm not keen about secretarial work, but I'll take any job. I simply have got to work! Yet every place I apply they more or less tell me they want a younger girl. What shall I do?"

Her plight is a common one to girls over 30 who, married or single, find it necessary to seek employment this summer. When industry slackens, jobs become scarce and applicants for the jobs increase.

It is quite obvious why the younger girl is preferred. She asks a smaller salary, she is more easily trained to the work, she has no home ties to distract her during the day, and usually she is more attractive because she is about 10 years younger! All in all she is stiff competition for the older girl.

If the girl who sought my advice had asked me for a job I would not have given her one. Why? First of all she had let herself grow discouraged. I know it isn't easy to show enthusiasm when your stomach wants food and your room rent is due. But where will she get by showing her troubles to a prospective employer? He has his own; he will hire good spirits more quickly than experience. He doesn't want to look up from a knotty problem and see a drab, disheartened female dragging herself around his office, does he? "I'm not keen about secretarial work," she had said. Well that's just too bad if she wants a job as a secretary! Who is going to hire her knowing she will have little interest in her work? Not a soul!

Martyr Type Has No Place

"DON'T enjoy feeling depressed," is the advice Mrs. Richard Mather Boardman gives to women, especially women over fifty.

"Almost nothing is important enough to upset one's peace of mind if you look at it squarely. We should enjoy life, for living is fun. Don't make it hard for yourself and for those around you. How much we are inclined to worry over problems which never materialize! You can overcome every difficulty by going a step at a time."

This is the philosophy which Mrs. Boardman practices. And she has reached prominence by living the very rules she teaches the young girls who flock to her unique New York school. Though a grandmother several times, she has the vitality and alertness of a woman half her years and she carries on a busy social life along with the running of a large institution.

Her progress has not been a path of roses. She has met difficulties which would have floored many a woman, but her approach to life has been positive—never negative.

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Star Dust

★ *Two 'Happy Endings'*
★ *Another British Girl*
★ *Tex Ritter Shuns Horse*

By Virginia Vale

THEY'VE been having "happy ending" trouble with "Idiot's Delight." In the play, the hero and heroine prepared to die together. But that didn't seem to work out too well when the picture was previewed, so another ending was prepared, to be used if other pre-release audiences liked it better than the original one.

Now that Vivien Leigh is scheduled to shoot into stardom (if "Gone With the Wind" turns out well for her), some of the pictures in which she appeared in England will be released again over here.

Meanwhile we have the word of Ernie Westmore, the demon make-up man, that another girl from the British isles will "burn up Hollywood." Her name is Maureen O'Hara, for screen purposes; in real life it's Maureen Fitzsimmons. She hails from Dublin, is 18 years old, and is the discovery of Erich Pommer, discoverer of Marlene Dietrich. She is working in London in the new Charles Laughton picture, "Jamaica Inn" as Laughton's leading lady.

VIVIEN LEIGH

Tex Ritter, Monogram's singing cowboy, is on a two months' personal appearance tour, with four members of the musical unit used in his pictures. They are traveling by car, with Tex in his trailer, and expect to stop in 52 towns before they return to the studio and another series of westerns.

There's to be a new hair cut for the ladies, named for Ina Claire; it will be launched with tons of publicity. Of course, Miss Claire has the kind of hair that will take and hold any kind of hair-do, and can have it whipped into shape by an expert three or four times a week, or even every day, which makes things tough for her imitators.

George Raft's departure from Paramount was not exactly unexpected. It came as a result of his refusal to play the lead in "Magnificent Fraud." Lloyd Nolan has formed the habit of stepping into the parts that Raft doesn't want, so he did it this time. Last August, when Raft refused a role in "St. Louis Blues," the same thing happened.

To this desk came a touching story about a cocker spaniel named "Rudy," given to Tommy Riggs by Rudy Vallee a year ago. According to this little tale from the press representative, the dog always listened to the Riggs Saturday night air shows. It began to pine in a corner when a dog character was introduced on the program, not knowing that the dog was played by Brad Barker, an animal imitator.

And, ran the story, a doctor friend of Riggs' claimed that, when "Rudy" died the next day, it was because of "the nearest thing to a broken heart that he had ever seen in an animal."

That doctor should have consulted the elevator boy in Riggs' apartment hotel, who confided to me the fact that the dog died of distemper. But distemper doesn't make a touching little story for press agents.

Got any hobbies? Dave Elman, conductor of "Hobby Lobby," declares that, according to statistics, the life of modern man is prolonged for several years through intelligent use of leisure time in cultivating them. If Elman himself doesn't look out he'll need something more than a hobby to prolong his. Since none of his "Hobby Lobby" guests arrive in New York before Monday morning, he works from nine o'clock Monday morning until at least midnight Monday night interviewing them and preparing the material for his broadcasts.

ODDS AND ENDS—Gabriel Heatter wishes that he could get another guest for "We, the People" who'd attract as many listeners as Tom Mooney did . . . Right along with the announcement of the "Gone With the Wind" stars comes the information that Walter Connolly, who was signed long ago, won't be in the cast; his options expired, and he'd got rather tired of the whole thing . . . Jimmie Cagney's sister has been making excellent screen tests.

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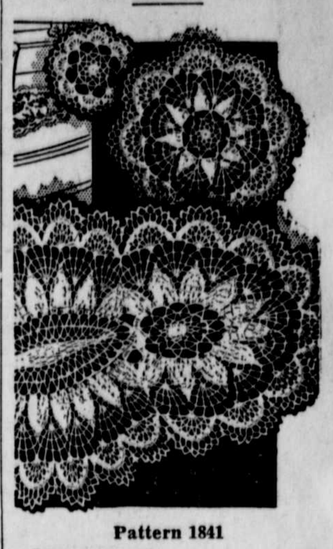

Pattern 1841

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Send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) for this pattern to The Sewing Circle, Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Ave., New York.

Gathering Cranberries

The best grade of cranberries are hand picked, but the bulk of the crop is gathered with rake scoops. The berries are sometimes raked from the bushes onto the ground. The ground is then flooded and the berries which are floating in the water are drawn down sluice-ways, where they are easily recovered.

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Good or Evil

All that we send into the lives of others comes back into our own.—Edwin Markham.

How Women in Their 40's Can Attract Men

Here's good advice for a woman during her change (usually from 38 to 52), who fears she'll lose her appeal to men, who worries about hot flashes, loss of pep, dizzy spells, upset nerves and moody spells.

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