OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men

POP

By J. Millar Watt

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NEW STORIES

"There is no new thing under the sun."

"You ought to hear the excuses my husband has for being out late nights."

Good Deed

Uncle Tom—You know my nephew, Billy, is a Boy Scout. One of their pledges is to do some kind act every day. One night as he was getting ready for bed he remembered that he had done no act of kindness. Just then he heard the mouse trap snap.

Uncle Jerry—And he ran to let the poor little mouse out?

Uncle Tom—No, he ran to get the cat.

ALL EYES

Potato—Gee, it's a good thing I don't need glasses.

CABINET MEETING

The President—Gentlemen, these are your two new cabinet associates, Mr. Knox and Mr. Stimson.

Secretary Hopkins—Pinch me; I still think I'm dreaming.

Secretary Ickes—I was positive this was coming.

Mr. Hopkins—What made you positive?

Mr. Ickes—The boss' statement that he wasn't even considering it.

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Mr. Knox—I feel strange here, don't you, Henry?

Mr. Stimson—No; I'm equally uncomfortable anywhere.

Mr. Knox—Gosh, I never thought I'd land in a Democratic administration.

Mr. Stimson—If you're surprised, imagine my amazement!

Mr. Ickes—Why should either of you be surprised? A Republican is apt to wind up anywhere. Look at me!

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Mr. Knox (still incredulous)—It seems funny here when I think I ran on the ticket in opposition to Roosevelt.

Mr. Ickes—That was no opposition!

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The President—Now Frank and Henry, you know all the boys. There's Mr. Morgenthau who has charge of all the money.

Mr. Morgenthau—All what money?

The President—And you all know Harold Ickes. Harold, are you surprised to find Frank Knox here?

Mr. Ickes—No. I always said Republicans make the best Democrats.

The President—You all know Miss Perkins. She is the secretary of labor.

Miss Perkins—Did he say Is or WAS?

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The President—And you know Harry Hopkins, the secretary of . . . of . . . what are you secretary of, Harry?

Mr. Hopkins—I lost all track of that.

The President—And there's Mr. Hull.

Voice—I propose that the cabinet now sing "Hull, Hull, the gang's all here."

Mr. Stimson—Well, Mr. President, I am anxious to get to work as secretary of war. There is much to be done. I assume I am to have full authority there.

The President—You'll find out.

Mr. Knox—I think I'll go over to the navy department at once and get things going.

The President—I'll be right with you.

Mr. Knox—That's what I'm afraid of.

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TELEVISION OPERA

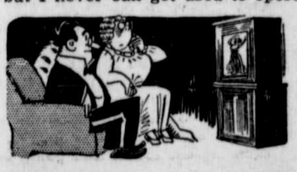
TELEVISION is making headway. More and more homes are now getting their radio noises illustrated.

It is possible not only for the family to argue over the radio words, but over the radio pictures.

Grand opera got its first television broadcast the other night. It proved that it is entirely possible to throw a fat tenor's voice into your living room, and the tenor with it.

Elmer Twitchell is so sensitive to the conventions and such a slave to form that he dresses for television opera.

"It is a nuisance to dress for a radio program," said Elmer today, "but I never can get used to opera



in any form unless I am all dolled up for it. I climbed into my dress clothes as soon as I found that Pagliacci was coming over the radio. I just couldn't help it."

But what made Elmer sore was the way Mrs. Twitchell reacted to opera by television. She went out and bought a new ermine wrap for it.

"Believe it or not," declared Elmer today, "that woman has me run ragged. Do you know what she proposed when it was announced that the Metropolitan Opera company would broadcast an opera by television, right into our living room?"

"No."

"She put on all her jewelry, had a facial, spent four hours having her hair done and then insisted that we go over to the corner garage, hire a sedan with chauffeur and be driven right up to our radio set in style!"

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PROVERBS FOR 1940

Feed not to others your uncooked thoughts.

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Millenium: The cry of laziness.

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Conventions are the silly sands on which Proficiency is stranded.

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No man should win or gain applause if ethics cannot bless his cause.

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Our ideals are often smothered by the dollars we have earned.

FIRST-AID to the AILING HOUSE

by Roger B. Whitman

Flood Control.

QUESTION: Where can I get information and booklets on flood control?

Answer: Apply to the U. S. department of agriculture, Washington, D. C. It is also probable that your own state department of agriculture can advise you.

Restoring Paintings.

Question: I recently rescued a couple of paintings and prints from an attic. The paintings are grimy, and one is scaling. The prints are weatherbeaten, with brown marks. How can I restore them?

Answer: A painting that is cracked and scaling should be treated by a professional restorer; any home method is likely to do irreparable damage. To clean the other painting, pat with a damp cloth in one corner to see if the paint is fast color. If so, go all over the painting with a pad of soft cheese-cloth wet with the suds of a mild soap, which will loosen the dirt; follow with other pads of clean cloths damp with clear water. Do not rub; cleaning should be by a patting motion. After cleaning, shake off loose water and stand on edge at an angle to dry.

Stains on the margins of prints can usually be taken off with a very weak solution of Javelle water or some similar bleaching powder containing chlorine. Prints and lithographs are usually fast color, and can be washed in clear water. You should test out the fastness of the color before attempting this.

Bulging Linoleum.

Question: We put linoleum on our floors from wall to wall, and nailed wood edging down at once. The linoleum bulged in the center. We took up the edging and trimmed the linoleum, but still it does not lie flat. Would oiling help?

Answer: Linoleum will always stretch when first laid down. It should not be tacked or held with edging until it has had several days for stretching. Even then there may be trouble, because of a swelling and shrinking. Whenever possible, linoleum should be cemented down. If this cannot be done, the linoleum should be left on the floor for some time before tacking or otherwise securing it. Do not use oil of any kind, for the linoleum would be damaged.

Leaking Garage Roof.

Question: Our garage extends beyond the house, the top of which is a porch. After every storm rain soaks through the concrete roof. How can we waterproof it?

Answer: All edges of the concrete wherever there is a joint with a vertical wall should be cemented over with an asphalt roof cement. Any cracks in the body of the floor should also be filled with it. This cement, which can be had at hardware stores, can be poured into a crack when melted by heating.

Replastering.

Question: I want to finish the walls with a sand plaster to give the walls the appearance of age. Could sand plaster be applied over the present painted plaster?

Answer: No; plaster will not adhere to smooth surfaces. Your best chance will be with plastic paint. This makes a very good finish.

Discouraging Rats.

Question: There are rats on our premises due to tardiness in the collection of garbage. How can we get rid of them?

Answer: As a starter, get rid of anything around your premises in the way of food that would attract them. Use a rat poison, following the directions on the label of the box. If the rats are nesting in the ground, put several handfuls of moth balls in each hole. Clear away rubbish or any place where they might nest.

Wood Pile in Cellar.

Question: Could you tell me if there is any danger in putting large wood piles (pine and oak) in the cellar of our country home? Will we have any termites? This wood is the result of a hurricane.

Answer: If the cellar walls and floor are of solid concrete with no cracks to connect with the ground, there will be no danger of termite attack. Even so, wood pile of any size stored in a shed or outside would be better than in a cellar.

Spacing of Shingles.

Question: Should cedar roofing shingles be laid as tightly together as possible, or loosely to allow for expansion? Would it be worth while to saturate the shingles with hot linseed oil, after laying, by sprinkling with a garden sprinkling can?

Answer: All shingles when laid on a roof should be spaced at least one-half inch apart. Brushing the oil on the shingles will be more effective than spraying. Dipping the shingles before laying would be still better.

'Ready Cut' Houses.

Question: What is the difference between a "ready cut" house and a "prefabricated" house?

Answer: A "ready cut" house is the kind where the studs, rafters, floor joists, etc., are cut to size ready to put in place. The portable or prefabricated house is one where the walls, roof and other parts are made in large sections, to be assembled on the building site.

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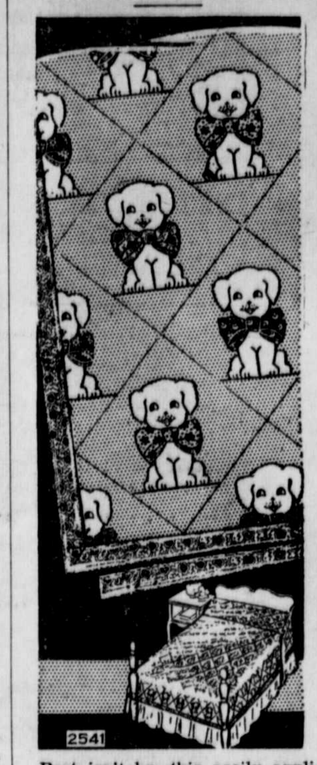
Appliqued Bedspread In Gayest of Scraps



Pert isn't he, this easily appliqued pup, Frisky Fido! He's just one patch and his bow can be in the gayest of scraps. Do a block in odd moments. Pattern 2541 contains a diagram of block; accurate pattern pieces; directions for making quilt; diagram of quilt; yardages; color schemes. Send order to:

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Strange Facts

200-Mile Lights
No Double Joints
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¶ The brightest lights ever created by man are the 800,000,000-candlepower carbon-arc searchlights that are owned by the United States army. Their beams, when directed vertically into the night sky, can be seen for a distance of two hundred miles.

¶ There are no such things as a double joint in a human being, a revolver silencer outside of fiction or a blood test through which it is possible to determine whether an unknown parent of a child is of the white or Negro race.

¶ Several Americans pay a larger federal income tax than is collected from all persons in any one of about 12 states.

¶ Scientists have found single plants of crested wheatgrass the total length of whose roots was 319 miles.

¶ Many orthodox Brahmans of India are so fearful of pollution by animal flesh that they take a purifying bath even after receiving a letter from a meat-eating country.—Collier's.

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