

The SANDMAN STORY

HER VERY OWN ROOM

NOW Mahalia hadn't had a room all, entirely, completely her own. She had had parts of other people's rooms.

She had slept in a room by herself, but during the daytime that room had been used as a sewing room.

She had kept her toys in another room, but that room was also used as a storeroom and when a visitor came little Mahalia had to take her toys in another part of the house, so the visitor's trunk could go in the storeroom.

She could only take some of her things along with her as she only had a little space in which to play in this other part of the house where the



Then She Arranged Her Things All About the Room.

back hall ended. That was one of her playing places.

Then she kept her everyday dresses in the room where she slept and her best dresses she kept in her mother's closet.

Her hat and coat and rubbers were kept in a corner of the downstairs hall which was hidden by a heavy curtain. This was where many of the outdoor clothes of the family were kept.

She had never had a place at all, entirely, completely her own.

But now at last she was going to have one.

She had heard the members of the family talking about it.

"Don't you think Mahalia could have a room of her own?"

"She's old enough for a room of her own now."

"It would be nice if the child could have a place she could call her very own, where she could keep everything together, instead of being moved from one spot to another."

"Yes, she is bundled this way and that. Whenever anyone comes here Mahalia has to make a room for the visitor, and her things are put under the bed, or in closets or on shelves because she hasn't any one place to keep them."

And then it was decided. Up at the top of the house was a room. It had been used as a room where old things were put which were of no special use anywhere and yet which no one wanted to throw away.

There was a bureau there and an old table, three large pictures, two chairs, a washstand and set of dishes.

Really, there was no reason why this room couldn't be fixed up prettily for Mahalia. It could be made pretty with so little trouble.

Oh, what fun it was to fix it up. What a pleasure in getting ready.

Mahalia pulled out her things from this place and from that. It was amazing how much she had in one place or another.

Pretty curtains were put up at the windows, the bureau was given a nice bureau cover, as was the table, and the three pictures were hung on the wall instead of left standing against the wall.

The washstand was put into a corner, instead of standing out in the middle of the floor, and then Mahalia's bed was brought from downstairs.

Her clothes were all put into the closet—everything was in the same closet now. The bureau looked quite fine with a pretty cover, and the bureau drawers were all Mahalia's own.

Then she arranged her things all about the room. There was plenty of space for her toys.

It was remarkable what could be done with a room when things were put into corners and arranged, instead of all standing about, looking in the way.

Mahalia kept working for days, pulling out this and that from some place or other that belonged to her—and all going to the one big room which was now to be hers.

There would be no moving about now. She would have a place all her own.

It was like having a little house of one's own. Oh, it was so nice.

She was so proud of it, so happy about it. She felt like a whole person instead of a person of different parts as she had sometimes felt when part of her belonged in one room, it seemed, and another part in another room.

It was enough to make anyone happy.

And she was happy, beautifully, beautifully happy.

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Alice Joyce

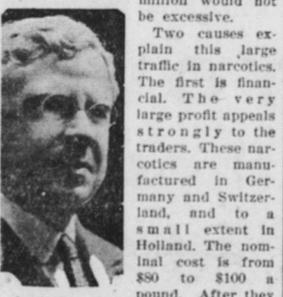
Handsome Alice Joyce was the choice of George Arliss for the leading feminine role in "The Green Goddess," which has proved popular as an all-talking version of that famous melodrama. Miss Joyce is one of the most beautiful and capable players in the industry. She began her career as a leading woman while still in her teens. She was born in Kansas City and educated there. New York City is her home when she is not working on a picture.

For Meditation

By LEONARD A. BARRETT

NARCOTICS

THE sale of illicit narcotics in the United States has greatly increased within the last ten years. In the city of New York alone there are not less than ten thousand addicts. The total number in the entire United States is wholly a matter of conjecture, as it is almost impossible to create methods by which a definite estimate can be obtained. Perhaps a quarter of a million would not be excessive.



L. A. Barrett.

Two causes explain this large traffic in narcotics. The first is financial. The very large profit appeals strongly to the traders. These narcotics are manufactured in Germany and Switzerland, and to a small extent in Holland. The nominal cost is from \$80 to \$100 a pound. After they have been smuggled into this country they are diluted with water and drugs until the original pound has been increased to several times the amount. In its adulterated form it sells for at least eight times the cost price, or about \$640 per pound. The net profit derived is from 600 to 700 per cent on the original investment. Fabulous fortunes have been made by the professional traders in narcotics. It has been estimated that these profits exceed proportionally the profits derived from bootlegging.

The second reason for this enormous traffic is the large domestic demand for these narcotics. This demand comes from persons who have become enslaved by them and whose hunger for them is irresistible—in many cases absolutely beyond control. This condition is found mostly among the more fortunate people financially. The cost of the article being excessive. It is very common for a person to spend as much as five dollars daily for his illicit drugs.

Strenuous efforts are being made to subdue this traffic and ultimately to eliminate it. A world conference on narcotics will be held this year in Switzerland where these problems will be considered.

The assistant district attorney for New York in a recent address, said: "Smuggling of dope into the United States has become such a formidable problem that only the concerted efforts of nations in which the narcotics are produced and shipped can serve to impede the traffic. A sweeping investigation will be inaugurated and we hope to strike at the roots of the largest combines ever formed for smuggling."



Phones Mark Expansion
The telephone system of Australia added nearly as many telephones during the five-year period that ended in 1927 as were added during the preceding fifteen years.—New England Utility News.



"Better Sires—Better Stock"

A Superior Beef Type of Bull.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)
The scrub sire is gradually yielding the right of way to the pure bred in the nationwide crusade known as the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign, conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture and various states.

Up to now, four counties—Union, Russell, and Taylor counties in Kentucky, and Craig county, Virginia—have achieved the distinction of having banished all scrub and grade bulls. At present the live stock owners participating in the campaign, according to department records, number 17,345. The plan of procedure for this campaign and other methods suggested for improvement of live stock are included in Miscellaneous Circular 33-M, "Some Tested Methods for Live Stock Improvement," issued by the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Any farmer who desires to take part in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign may request an enrollment blank which, when filled out, entitles him to a lithographed barn sign resembling a metal tablet, reading "Purebred Sires Used Exclusively on This Farm." Other material issued by the department for assisting in the improvement of live stock includes Farmers' Bulletins, posters, motion pictures, lantern slides, and mimeographed matter, including instructions for conducting a scrub-sire trial. A noteworthy development in the campaign is the interest which banks, chambers of commerce, and other commercial organizations have taken in this work. The department reports a greater willingness on the part of bankers to make loans on pure-bred live stock than when the campaign was first started. The illustration shows the type of bull, which is favored for beef by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Corn Fertilizers Justify Expense

Recommendations Made for Many Different Types of Soil.

Giving the corn crop a "shot" of quickly available plant food in the form of commercial fertilizers has more than justified the expense, according to C. J. Chapman, soils specialist at the Wisconsin College of Agriculture. The application of commercial fertilizers by means of a special attachment on the corn planter gives that crop three advantages over the nonfertilized crop, he claims. It starts the crop off quickly in the early spring; advances the maturity in the fall from a week to ten days, which may be the margin needed to beat the first killing frost; and, at the same time, it increases yields and improves the quality and feeding value of the crop.

Will Use 18,000 Tons.
Following the recommendations of the college, and as the result of their own experience and observations, Wisconsin farmers will use approximately 18,000 tons of commercial fertilizer on the corn crop in 1930. For the prairie soils, the use of straight superphosphates or mixed fertilizers carrying a small amount of nitrogen and potash in addition to the phosphate is recommended. Such mixtures as 2-12-6, 3-18-9, and 3-14-6 have been used with excellent results, Chapman states. For the lighter colored clay and silt loam soils, he advises the use of fertilizers carrying a little more nitrogen than those used on the prairie soils, or such mixtures as 4-16-4, 5-15-5 and similar combinations.

Potash Content High.
On sandy soils, bottom mucks, and peats the fertilizer for corn should be relatively high in its potash content. Mixtures of 2-8-16, 3-9-18, 3-12-12, or even 0-9-27 and 0-8-32 combinations will cover the requirements. Stable manure or legume residue should, however, be used as the chief source of plant food for this crop, since corn is a heavy feeder on nitrogen. "Commercial fertilizers for corn applied in small amounts of 100 to 150 per acre cannot be expected to take the place of a liberal application of manure, but should be used as a supplement to it," he concludes.

Sudan Grass Very Fast in Attaining Growth
Sudan grass seeded late in May may be pastured late in June or used as a soiling crop during July. Because of its quick growth, its adaptability for late sowing, and its ability to withstand dry weather sudan grass has attained a high ranking as a supplementary pasture crop. Silage is a good pasture supplement, also, but it molds quickly in warm weather, requiring at least two or three inches to be fed from the surface daily. Silos small in diameter give best results for summer use, for they permit the feeding of greater depths of silage a day.

Pasture Improvement
Why is it that most of this pasture improvement work is being done in the Northwest and East? Principally because that is where the need is the greatest and that is where fertilizer usage has long been established. But with the growing interest in pasture improvement that is to be found in the North Central and Middle Western states, it is no idle guess that the fertilization of pasture land will be as well received as liming for alfalfa and fertilizing corn have been in recent years.

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Women's Dress
Lieut. Apollo Soucek, who gained the altitude flying record, talked about women's dress at a dinner in Washington.

"There's very little of it," he said, "and yet, good gracious, how it costs!"

A movie magnate was dining in Hollywood with his lady friend one evening, and he nodded in an approving way towards two pretty girls at a nearby table, and said:

"Two of my stars. Look at their gorgeous Paris frocks. They spend a lot on dress. They're great rivals in the dress line."

"The lady friend looked at the two girls sourly.

"Yes," she said, "it's plain to be seen that each tries to outstrip the other."

Brazilian City's Elevator
Bahia, in northern Brazil, has an elevator tower containing two elevators to bring people from the plateau to the level of the bay. The city is built on two levels, and each elevator has a capacity of 27 passengers and speed of 700 feet a minute, which means that nearly 4,000 passengers an hour can be carried the distance of 195 feet which separates the two parts of the city.

Club Observation
Lou—Will I have to give up my club when we are married, love?
Laura—Oh, I'll have a little club at home for you, dear.

Weighting 395 pounds, a sturgeon was recently caught in the Rhine near Hamburg, Germany.

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Dear Editor:

THE reason why I pay less and less attention to advice is that so often it's purely negative.

I wrote a piece for a club paper once and showed it to a fellow member. "I'd be afraid of it," he urged, so I tore it up. Later I was sorry. Good-hearted impulses so rarely see the light!

The difference between a scolding mother and a Boy Scout troop is that the mother hushes her boys all the time and the scout leader gives them something positive to do. One says no, the other says yes.

I've often thought the Ten Commandments would have been more effective if they had been positive instead of negative. We get too many don'ts in this world! More and more I want to write as I feel, to act as my good heart directs, to be natural. It takes courage, but the results are glorifying.—FRED BARTON.



"Judging by his spelling," says our stenographer, "it must have been Chaucer who started the dictating-but-not-read fad."

Moon Like Volcanic Ash
The moon is composed of some porous material similar to volcanic ash found on the earth. Such is the opinion expressed by Dr. Paul Epstein, of the California Institute of Technology, who based his conclusions on data obtained during a recent eclipse.—Pathfinder Magazine.

THE WHY of SUPERSTITIONS

By H. IRVING KING

DANDELIONS

A COMMON practice among children is to take a dandelion which has gone to seed and by blowing upon it three times find out "if my mother wants me." If the round, white moon-like ball of fluffy seeds is entirely blown away by the three puffs the child resumes his play, confident that his mother is not becoming anxious for his return home. But if any of the delicate down-like seed spindles remain fixed in their base he knows that "his mother wants him."

In this simple childish custom we find a survival of that worship of the heavenly bodies which, far back in the morning of time, became formulated into the highest, most complicated and most intellectual of heathen cults. The dandelion was one of the plants gathered in the fields of northern and middle Europe on midsummer eve in the days when the worship of Freya had not yet disappeared. It is now so gathered in many remote parts of these same lands. The sun at his pitch of highest power imparted to it certain mystic qualities. But by midsummer eve most dandelion flowers are gone to seed and resemble a moon, rather than a sun. So, following the trail through the sun gods and moon goddesses of barbarous and classic time, we arrive at last where so many trails end, on the banks of the Nile.

Isis was the moon goddess but she was also the mother of Horus, the sun god. Like Diana and the other goddesses whose origin has been traced back to her, her usual symbol was two horns, or a crescent moon. But the full moon was also a symbol of Isis and in her pictures and statues when she is represented as suckling Horus she is represented with both the orb and the horns on her head—the old moon in the new moon's arms. And the greatest title of Isis was "The Mother of the World." It is easy to see then why in the primitive mind, the idea of motherhood attaches itself to the moon-like orb of the dandelion gone to seed, and why the child performs a rite to Isis to "see if his mother wants him."

Georgia's income in 1929 from ten truck crops was \$5,221,000, an increase of 29 per cent.