

Small Courtier Makes His Bow



Little Master Headley, here photographed, hasn't a tummy ache but is making his bow to the duchess of York after presenting her with a purse during the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund garden party in the Royal Botanical gardens at London.

Preparing to Salvage Sunken Gold

San Francisco.—A little gray haired man with small quizzical eyes and a determined mouth sat in the lobby of the Palace hotel recently and told of a treasure hunt on the high seas as full of adventure, thrills and suspense as anything ever conceived by Stevenson or Conrad.

Capt. Charles O. Haskell, inventor and veteran salvager, who announced to the world a short time ago that he had located the old Pacific Mail liner Rio de Janeiro that went down off the Golden Gate in 1901 with 131 souls aboard and a reputed \$8,000,000 in bullion, when he filed a claim at the recorder's office, was the speaker. But as to where the claim actually is or exactly how he found it, Captain Haskell was cautiously reticent.

"People have said that I used magnetic rods to locate the ship; that I used an ocean sounding device; that I used a diving suit, and many things.

"Well, what I used mostly was just plain common sense, and I've always been gifted as well with an uncommon share of plain good luck when it comes to finding things."

"I found the spot all by myself by a secret but simple method," he said.

"The actual search took only three days, though I had been planning it at various times since the vessel sunk.

"I had come to San Francisco in that year to meet an old friend, who

was supposed to be on board, but who luckily had missed the boat in Honolulu. Naturally, I was stirred with a desire to find the vessel, as many were at the time.

"Now I have located a ship in the spot where the Rio ought to be.

"Naturally, I can't swear that it is the Rio, but I believe it is. And I am making arrangements to make it to

prove the question."

Further than that Captain Haskell would not comment, other than to reveal that he has received a sudden flux of letters since his claim was made public, some of them from people who offer to help him, some who just want to join the adventure of salvaging the vessel, and even some women—who want to marry him.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By John Hix



Electric Weather Map for Flyers

Washington.—An experimental electric weather map, which indicates conditions along given routes at a single

glance, thereby saving the pilot ready for a cross-country jaunt worry and trouble in choosing the best course, has been designed by Lieut. J. B. Anderson, U. S. N., meteorological officer at the Anacostia Air station.

Tests have been conducted successfully for several weeks, and two identical maps have followed the first device. One is located in the commanding officer's office, another in the pilot room and the third, which controls the three maps, is situated in the meteorological room. All three are worked simultaneously.

In general appearance, the electrical map is an ordinary chart of the United States extending from the Middle West to the Atlantic seaboard. A large map of the entire country could be arranged, but for experimental purposes only a small section has been drawn on the board.

Tiny lights showing white, green and red dot the ordinary routes extending from Washington to other sections. White indicates good flying weather; reds will confront the pilot; red shows storms, heavy fogs and gale winds, and means that under no conditions must a pilot attempt to fly over that particular area. Two different colored lights indicate that weather conditions are expected to change, and electric green means that undesirable conditions are likely to call attention to the shifting colors. Prolonged rings warn of squalls, thunderstorms or line storms.

The usual procedure followed by a pilot preparing to leave a military air station consists first in obtaining a trip map of the route to be followed. On a huge board in the operations room there are marked the names of the various military fields of the country, and under them are marked in chalk the flying conditions at that particular field, velocity and direction of winds at various altitudes and visibility obtaining at the time at which the report was received.

These reports are received every few hours, but it is left to the pilot to interpret changing conditions over the route he expects to fly.

Thus great saving of time and greater reliability are afforded by the electric map. The shining lights instantaneously show the pilot just what he may expect, whether conditions are changing and where he should begin a detour in order to escape bad conditions if his mission is urgent.

The Navy department is enthusiastic about the new device and plans are

under way to have similar maps installed at the Naval Air station at Hampton Roads and at San Diego, Calif. Very likely, too, it will soon find its way to commercial airports.

SAILING TROPHY



The George Brock perpetual challenge trophy for eight-meter boats is shown as it is completed and placed on display at Los Angeles, where it has been posted for the national mid-winter sailing championships, staged each February. The first name to be engraved on the beautiful masterpiece of silver, gold and marble, is that of Owen Churchill and his "Angelita," which won it in the last races, before the silversmiths and artists had completed their task in turning out what is said to be one of the most beautiful prizes of its kind in the world. Miss Adrienne McKenzie is shown with the perpetual challenge trophy.

AGAINST ODDS

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK
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It was a thrilling story that they told of Buchanan at the services which commemorated his victory and his death—a story which should give those who heard it a higher appreciation of duty, a stronger determination to win the battle of life even against odds.

Buchanan had always shown a strange faculty for doing things which he undertook to do, no matter what it might cost in personal labor and effort, or even danger to himself. If he assumed an obligation, he met it. He was a young naval officer in charge of a detachment of marines in Nicaragua. The Nicaraguan town which he was guarding was attacked by a band of guerrillas ten times the number of men at Buchanan's disposal. He might well have hesitated to engage them in battle. Ten to one the odds were against him and the attackers knew the country in which they were making their onslaught far better than he did. It was his duty, however, and there was no hesitation, he put the guerrillas to flight. He won his battle, notwithstanding the odds against him, though he lost his life. It takes courage to engage in any sort of contest against odds.

"I am willing to try you out on the job," the superintendent said to Craig, "because you show much enthusiasm for your work, but I want you to understand that you haven't one chance in ten of making good.

SILK SPORTS DRESS



Lita Chevre, Radio Pictures featured player, is shown wearing an attractive two-piece sports dress of striped silk.

LIGHTS OF NEW YORK

By WALTER TRUMBULL

A mixed party of Manhattanites were coming in from a hard week-end in Connecticut. Tired and wan from their rest in the country, they drooped in the chairs of the parlor car. One of the women of the party opened

languid eyes to stare at another passenger, who was wearing a coat with a fur collar. Suddenly she screamed. Now thoroughly awake, her companions looked to see what had alarmed her and almost echoed her cry. The fur collar was unmistakably in motion. A bit disturbed by the demonstration, the owner of the collar raised her hand, detached a tiny marmoset from her coat, and put it in her lap. The returning travelers were all immensely relieved to know that they all saw the same monkey and that it was real.

An important employee of big business made a mistake. It distressed him greatly and he said so to the head of the organization, a man who has the reputation of being pretty hard-boiled.

"Listen," said the latter. "I don't expect miracles. If you are right 51 per cent of the time, you are swell. If you are right 50 per cent of the time, you are good. But if you are right only 49 per cent of the time, you are a liability instead of an asset. As long as your average is good, don't worry over one failure."

A noted woman explorer recently registered at one of New York's largest hotels. Some time the next day she departed, but a housemaid departed several long, swift jumps ahead of her. In starting to clean the explorer's room, the maid discovered that one corner was occupied by an intertwined mass of sleepy snakes. The floor watchman asserted that a bullet had gone by him, but investigation proved it was only the departing maid.

I learn from Mr. Blascochea of San Juan that I can purchase Porto Rican coconuts at \$18 per 1,000, if I buy in 100,000 lots. The thing is, where to put them. I have looked at the pantry shelves, but they are so occupied with cans, boxes and bottles that there

doesn't appear to be room left for a blueberry, let alone a coconut. It is the same everywhere else. All the closets are full of shoes and golf clubs, and magazines I have been hoarding for a few years. There are things in those magazines I want to save. After all, 100,000 coconuts seem a good many for an apartment. If I owned a farm, it would be different. A man on a farm with 100,000 good milky coconuts wouldn't have to keep a cow.

A man I know met Vicki Baum, author of "Grand Hotel," a blond, interesting Austrian, who started as a musician and became a playwright. As he spoke no German, he was afraid their conversation would be limited, but he found to his relief that she spoke English, with rather a fascinating accent.

"Just speak slowly," she said, "and I will understand. Already I have learned well your two most important words, 'swell' and 'lousy.'"

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EARN SOVIET HONOR



Although the United States and Russia "do not speak as they pass by," that attitude on the part of the Soviet government does not apply to George G. McDowell, formerly of Manhattan, Kan., who bears the distinction of being the first United States citizen to be cited for the order of Lenin. McDowell has been in Russia since 1923 and has done much for agricultural advancement in that country. He is a graduate of the Kansas State Agricultural college, having obtained his B. S. degree there in 1900.

Community Building

Co-Operative Plan for

Removal of Road Signs

The old question of how to get rid of offensive roadside billboard advertising was under discussion at a recent conference on rural beauty in Washington, and a plan was proposed said to have the approval of billboard interests and automobile and farm groups. Put the matter up to the business sense and good conscience of the property owners, was the proposal.

Herbert U. Nelson, executive secretary of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, has drawn up a model bill providing that three-fourths of the owners of roadside land may petition the proper authorities to bar these lands from commercial uses. In such restricted areas exceptions are made for signs offering the property for sale, or for products manufactured or grown upon the premises.

In return for the loss of rentals from roadside space, this plan would have state and local authorities recompense the landowners by special attention to roadside care and beautification. The suggestion has the advantage that it eliminates the threat of exercise of the police power of the state in keeping the highways free from objects that detract from the beauty of scenery, but enlists the cooperation of those who should be most interested in the preservation of such assets.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Skintled Brick Wall

Grows in Popularity

Skintling a brick wall gives it life, and that is the secret of the steadily growing popularity of skintled brickwork. Under the play of the sunshine a skintled brick wall is constantly changing. Lights and shadows, color tones that ebb and deepen, tapestried effects that change pattern hourly, these are conditions that intensify its appeal. Any architect will tell you that where you can insure shadow play on a brick wall you have something worth consideration that is not to be ignored.

Skintled brickwork produces this effect. But it does more. It couples with it the intermingling of the infinite color tones that are inevitable in almost every common brick save the white one. And even with that you have much the same effect as that for which the architect strives when he paints a brick wall to accentuate the play of light and shadow.

Pedestrian's Rights

There is no one who has invested money in towns and cities or in property or business who is not concerned in solving this problem of traffic to the extent that those vehicles of transportation that are used to transport passengers shall be allowed to operate and run with the least inconvenience. The pedestrian is just as much occupied with this proposition. If he—the man who does not operate a private vehicle—is excluded, then a very vital factor in the matter is left out. First, the pedestrian uses the common or public means of transportation. He arrives at his destination in the morning, which is his occupation. In the evening he goes to his natural abode, where he has invested money. During the day he uses the streets and sidewalks, which are dedicated to his use as well as to that of vehicles. The pedestrian cannot, and must not, be excluded from any study that has to do with traffic regulation.—Exchange.

Builder Needs Expert Advice

Ninety-five per cent of the small homes in this country have been built without adequate architectural planning and supervision. Experience of others in the increased and unexpected cost resulting from this practice has barred thousands from building their own homes, according to David S. Betcone, head of the architectural department of a western company which built more than 2,500 small homes last year. No home builder is properly protecting himself without such architectural service, Mr. Betcone said.

Zoning Requirements

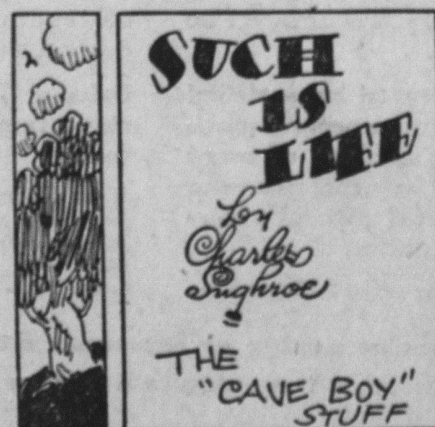
Most of the small suburbs around Chicago are now zoned with considerable portions of city area limited to single family dwellings. Winnetka, Ill., has 95 per cent of its area limited to single family dwellings, with remarkably generous area regulations, while Kenilworth, nearby, permits no apartment houses except in the small commercial district and requires that every lot must be in excess of 12,000 square feet per family house.

Garden Only Outdoor Room

A garden should serve as an outdoor room and should be located with this idea in mind. Usually perennial or flower gardens are not placed in the direct line of a long view, because it is difficult to enjoy the near and intimate when the grand and the distant are dominating, which is always the case when there is a long view.

Front Lawn's Value

The front lawn of the average home is seldom used for any form of recreation. As with the general landscaping of this area, the grass helps to provide a suitable appearance to the property as viewed from the street.



Your preparation for the work is not so good as it should be, you are young and inexperienced, and you are going into a most difficult position where the three men who have preceded you have resigned because they saw that they were facing failure.

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