

SUCH IS LIFE—Almost Good



By Charles Sughroe

HERE IS PATTERN FOR THAT FROCK

PATTERN 9929

If you know you must have a new frock but are undecided as to just what it should be, this pattern will make up your mind for you. It is the kind of a frock everybody always likes and looks well in—even if she does weigh an ounce or two more than she should. That long rever is a wonder-worker—it slims at the same time it gives smart-



Science Changing "Girl-Boy" to Man

Dwarf Child Will Never Be Physically Fit.

Kittanning, Pa.—There is a long, uphill struggle ahead of Clara—now named Clarence—Schreckengost, the twenty-year-old dwarf whom surgeons are changing into a normal man.

The new science of the ductless gland treatments is being used with success; it was learned, and the physicians are confident that the "girl-man" will win the fight.

A physician familiar with the case said: "Clarence will never be completely normal. We believe, however, that gradually 'he' will improve physically. We have not changed his sex—such a thing is impossible. All we have done is to encourage the development of the patient's real sex."

The child is only 51 inches tall and unable to read or write, and has six normal brothers and sisters.

Cases Not Rare.

Changes from one sex to another, as in the case of Clara Schreckengost, are far from being rare, although sel-

dom heard about outside of medical circles.

Modern medical science has discovered that the change from one sex to another is the result of strange variations in the embryo or in imbalance in the ductless glands.

In such glands hormones are produced. They are responsible for the secondary sex characteristics, the masculine voice and beard of men, for instance.

If something goes wrong among the endocrines, a girl may grow more like a boy, and vice versa. This accounts for bearded women of the side shows and other like freaks.

For twenty years Mrs. Lettie Schreckengost has guarded her secret, even from her husband, Clark Schreckengost, a silent moody man of this Pennsylvania backwoods farming country.

"Better Off Dead."

And neither did Mrs. Schreckengost say anything when their family physician, kindly Dr. George S. Morrow, now dead, laid in her arms the malformed little creature who was to be named Claire.

The ancient Greeks had a word for it, and a myth, to explain these thwarted children of Hermes and Aphrodite in whom the sexes were fused in a mystic union.

But to the country practitioner of two decades ago the Schreckengost offspring was a biological quirk and better off dead, according to the mother.

"He said that it would be more kindly to put it aside and let it die," Mrs. Schreckengost said.

"The doctor told me," she said, "that it might be either a girl or a boy, and asked me how I would dress it. I said I would dress it like a girl."

"He said I ought to call it by some name that would fit either a girl or a boy, like Francis, or Frances. So I said I would name it Claire and if it developed like a boy, I would leave off the E."

And though it was no secret in this rural neighborhood that Claire was somehow different, a girl she remained, in habits and dress, until the first of a series of remarkable operations in the West Penn hospital at Pittsburgh this summer disclosed the fact that the E could, with propriety, be deleted from her name; that Claire was of masculine persuasion.

Stork Brings Offspring to All but Own Family

St. Louis.—Everybody knows the stork brings babies, but who brings the baby storks?

Mr. and Mrs. Stork of the St. Louis (Zoological) Storks, would like to know the answer to that one, for they are a disappointed couple these days.

Ever since last spring, Mrs. Stork has been industriously preparing a nest in the big outdoor cage in Forest park. But now the nesting season is over and there are no offspring. Mr. Stork seems pretty sad. However, that may be just his natural expression.

Well Done Maiden

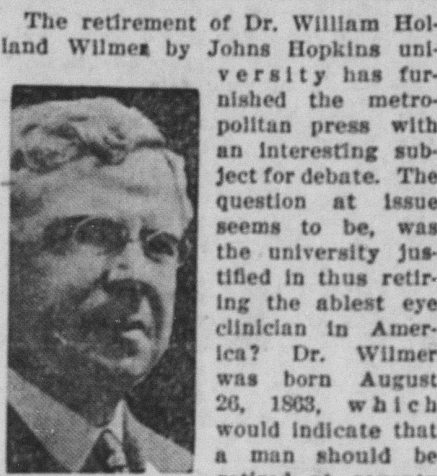


The annual "Perfect Sun-Tan" contest at Lake Arrowhead, Calif., attracted scores of beautiful girls who had acquired tans during the swimming season. The first prize went to Peggy Wood of Hollywood, shown above with the trophy.

When Should an Old Man Stop Work?

By

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The retirement of Dr. William Holland Wilmer by Johns Hopkins university has furnished the metropolitan press with an interesting subject for debate. The question at issue seems to be, was the university justified in thus retiring the ablest eye clinician in America? Dr. Wilmer was born August 23, 1863, which would indicate that a man should be retired at seventy regardless of his mental or physical fitness. Doubtless retirement affords relief from detail duties and routine work incident to a professional career. The question still arises, however, should one be retired from active service when there still remains the unquestionably efficient service of many future years? Or, to put it in another way, should the public be deprived of professional service at

Eddie Gerard



The franchise of the old Ottawa hockey team of Canada has been transferred to St. Louis, Mo., and Eddie Gerard, former manager of the Montreal team, has been engaged to manage the team of the city by the bridge.

Just the age when experience would make that service all the more valuable? In other words, just when should an old man stop work?

Let us remember that much of the finest work in art and literature as well as in medicine has been accomplished by those who labored most effectively far beyond the age of seventy. Some business concerns have a rule that a man must stop work at sixty-five, others at seventy. The reason advanced is that room must be made for the younger men. Other business concerns refuse to employ a man who is over thirty-five years of age. In one case, known to the writer, a member of a certain firm was thus retired and went to England, where he established a rival business which proved a great financial success. The better part of wisdom would have been for that American firm to have kept that man on its payroll.

Is it not true that no organization is competent to say just when a man should stop work? Does it not depend entirely upon the man himself? Some men are old at forty, others young at seventy. Should not efficiency decide the issue? A man without a job is not only unhappy, he is miserable. Many a man has "passed out" shortly after relinquishing active work.

The man himself, however, is not the only one concerned. Public health demands the best judgment that experience can afford. In business the wisdom of those who have successfully weathered the storm is far more valuable than the opinion of the young man just about to set his sails afloat. In literature and art we want more of that "better self" which Michelangelo gave to the world at eighty. What shall be done with the old man? Would it not be better if we would let him decide for himself, provided he is still mentally and physically fit?

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Late Reward for Bravery
Plainville, Conn.—William Cunningham and Fred J. Callen, Jr., aided in capturing three bank robbers June 22, 1927. More than seven years later each received a check for \$40, rewarding them for their bravery.

The Household
By Lydia Le Baron Walker

WINDOW screens, like the windows themselves, need attention. They do not show dust and dirt as the panes of glass, but they accumulate dust just the same, and this seeps through the meshes when the wind blows, and a film settles on the things in the room. There are several ways of keeping the screens clean, different methods being suited to varying conditions, such as situation of rooms, whether the screens are inside or outside the house, and whether the location of house is such that a hose can be played on the screens. In city houses built in rows this is not often feasible, while in suburban homes it is.



The hose-cleaning method is recommended when possible. Shut the windows opening on the side of the house where the hose is to be played. Play the hose well on each window, especially the half where the screen is, since the force of the water will project the dust on the screen through it and against the window. It is only when the window is spotless that the screen will be clean for the reason just given. By this method both screens and windows are beautifully clean after the washing.

If screens are easily removable, as on inside windows, they can be taken out and washed in the kitchen sink. Dry well before replacing. Inside screens require much less care than those outside because they are not exposed to the dust from roads and driveways all the time. When windows are closed they are protected. On the other hand there is on cleaning days some dust raised indoors even when modern cleaning appliances are used. This dust

gets into the netting and onto the frames.

Hazards of Brushing.

Brushing screens when in windows cleans the netting, but unless there is a strong breeze blowing out through the windows the amount of dust which gets into the rooms more than offsets the advantage of having screens clean. So be sure the wind is the right way before brushing screens thus.

Wiping screens with a cloth moistened with kerosene is recommended for two reasons. First, the dust will be caught and wiped off rather than be scattered about, and second, mosquitoes will not try to get through kerosene tinted netting. The odor of the kerosene soon evaporates as far as perceptible to those indoors, but if a nose of a mosquito is thrust against it, there is little temptation to try to creep and crawl through meshes. It is a good thing to wipe the screens with the kerosene cloth at twilight, for mosquitoes begin to hum about more than during the day. A cloth dampened with clear water only will gather up the dust excellently also.

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Full-Length Belted Coat



A full length belted coat of Holland Hudson seal. Sleeves are big at the elbows and the caplike revers at front form an interesting collar. The grosgrain beret is of the latest saucer type.

The English Channel

The English channel is calm 20 days out of every month, on an average.

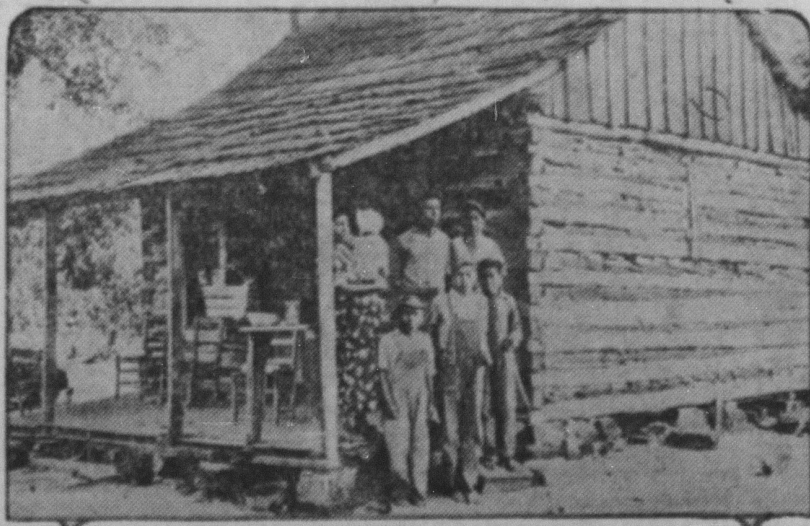
Nail in Dam Marks River's Water Level

Riverton, Ind.—Thirty-seven years ago, Dave Taylor, veteran ferryman, drove a large nail in the Wabash river dam here when the river reached its lowest level.

During the dry seasons in the past 25 years Taylor has compared the river's level with that of 1897. The best he was able to do was to feel the nail under water.

Recently Taylor went to the dam and saw the nail. He said the water would have to drop only one-half inch to reach the 1897 level.

New Deal Homes for the Indians



The United States government has at last taken a hand in the affairs of the Indian tribes of eastern Oklahoma, comprising one-third of the entire Indian population of this country. The government has undertaken to build homes, on land purchased from farmers, which shall be a great improvement over the hovels now occupied by these poverty-stricken redmen. Our illustration shows, above, one of the dilapidated houses, and, below, an example of the modern dwellings that will replace them.

ODD THINGS AND NEW—By Lane Bode

DYED BANDITS!
SHOP WINDOW BANDITS ARE NOW FOILED BY A SPIKE GATE DROP, PING AND BARRING ENTRANCE, WHILE A SPRAY OF DYE BRANDS THEM FOR IDENTIFICATION.

WEST WINDS -
THE PATHS OF METEORS SHOW THAT THE WIND ABOVE TWENTY MILES HIGH BLOWS CONSTANTLY WESTWARD DURING THE DAY.

SAFETY EYES -
ELECTRIC "EYES" IN THE HOLLAND TUNNEL TURN ON VENTILATION FANS WHEN IMPURE HAZY AIR ACCUMULATES.

Smiles

REDUCING

"My doctor says I'll have to reduce," said Mr. Dustin Stax. "You don't look overweight." "I refer to my business doctor. He says I must reduce dividends."

Like Socrates

"If I had asked as many stupid questions at your age as you do, what would have become of me?" "You would have been able to answer my questions."—Ait for Alla (Stockholm).

English Misspoken

"There is a growing indifference to the dignity of language." "I resent it deeply," said Senator Sorghum. "I do my best to oppose it." "In what way?" "I leave positive instructions not to answer letters referring to any branch of the aviation business as 'aeronetics.'"

Defaulting's Easy

"It seems that this influenza epidemic came to us from America." "Heavens! How much will they make us pay for it?"—London Tit-Bits.

WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT

THE KEY TO QUALITY GUM