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HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"A Swim in the Ocean"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

Here's the story of an adventure that almost ruined a girl's career. That's the way Grace Stoner of New York City looks at it, anyway. And since Grace is the girl in question—well—she ought to know, hadn't she?

But if you left it up to me, I'd put it a little more strongly than Grace put it. I'd say that adventure came doggone near ruining Grace. I wouldn't say it was only her career she was in danger of losing. It seems to me she stood a mighty good chance of losing her life in that little episode in the harbor at Corinto, Nicaragua, in July, 1922.

Maybe in mentioning her career, Grace was talking about the thing that mattered most. Grace is a dancer, and I've heard it said that dancers take their careers mighty seriously. But the point is that Grace risked her career, and her life, too, for that matter, because a couple of birds made a couple of sneering remarks about her sex.

It Happened in Corinto Harbor.

Grace was off on a cruise when it happened. The ship was anchored in Corinto harbor about a mile from shore. It was late afternoon—just before sundown—and a more peaceful picture you never saw in your life. There wasn't a breath of wind blowing. The sea was like glass. Off in the distance the beach was bathed in shadow and the sun was sinking behind the towering peaks of the Central American Sierras.

A bunch of the young folks aboard the steamer were splashing around in the tiny improvised pool, rigged up out of wooden frame-work and waterproof canvas on the afterdeck. There was a bunch of young Spanish students aboard, going home from the University of California to their homes in Panama and San Salvador. They made up most of the crowd. The rest of it was Grace.

In a nice cool bathing suit, and with half a dozen handsome young fellows around her, Grace ought to have been happy. But the canvas pool was so small you could hardly turn around in it, and Grace was casting longing eyes on the placid, inviting waters of the harbor. It would be swell fun, she thought, to dive right off the deck and swim to shore.

Grace Wouldn't Take a Dare.

Grace mentioned her idea to the young Central American students. And that's what started all the trouble. The boys laughed at her. One of them said: "You? A girl? Why you wouldn't have the nerve to swim ashore." And another one wanted to bet her ten bucks she wouldn't have the nerve to try it.

It made Grace see red. They couldn't talk like that to her just because she was a girl. Without another word she ran to the rail, dived overboard and struck out for shore.

Behind her, the boys crowded to the rail, shouting and gesticulating. Grace wondered what they were making all the fuss about. It was only a mile to shore, and that wasn't much of a swim, even if she was a girl. Grace knew lots of girls who could swim twice that distance. She smiled to herself as she rolled along through the cool, calm water. She'd show those birds what a girl could do.

She was halfway across when she noticed a commotion ashore. A bunch of the people had formed in an excited knot there. They were waving and shouting. Finally, two men in uniforms launched a canoe and began paddling wildly toward her. Now what was the matter with those fellows anyway? Hadn't they ever seen a girl who could swim before? Or were they customs officers, seeing to it that she didn't smuggle any grand pianos into the country in the folds of her bathing suit.

Swimming Toward the Shark.

Grace decided to have some fun with them. When the canoe was about two-hundred yards away she put on a sudden spurt, swerved, and swam away from it. Cries came from the canoe behind her, but the more they shouted, the faster she swam.

And then—she saw it. Ahead of her a dark, triangular fin was cutting the water, coming straight for her. A SHARK! Instantly, all the stories she had ever heard about those man-eating monsters of the deep flashed through her mind. Here was one of them coming toward her—and what was worse, she herself was swimming toward it. Now she knew the meaning of all the shouting and gesticulating—of the commotion on the beach and the two men in the canoe. Why hadn't she remembered that these weren't the northern waters she was used to swimming in? These were tropical seas, infested with sharks, barracudas, and all sorts of other aquatic dangers.

For a second or two, Grace was paralyzed with fright. She was closer—much closer—to that shark than to the canoe. And that ominous fin was steadily diminishing the distance between them.

Then, suddenly, Grace collected her wits again. She lit out for that canoe with a speed that would have shamed an Olympic champion. No time to look behind—and no reason to. Either she won that race or she didn't. Her life was at stake, but strangely enough it was her career she was thinking of most. What if that shark bit off a leg or two? There just wasn't any such thing as a legless dancer.

One Yard Between Her and Death.

When she reached that canoe, the shark was just ONE YARD behind her. One man hauled her hastily into the boat while the other beat the shark off with a paddle. The passengers and crew were hanging anxiously over the side of the steamer when at last the canoe brought her back, and then there was a first-class brawl. The officers in the canoe bawled out the captain of the ship for allowing Grace to go swimming in the harbor, and then the captain turned around and bawled Grace out. The only ones who didn't have anything to say were the boys who hadn't thought much of a girl's swimming ability, and especially the one who bet her ten bucks she wouldn't have the nerve to try it.

"And incidentally," says Grace, "I collected that ten."
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Edison Inventions From

Signal Device to Rubber

Some of the important inventions accredited to Thomas A. Edison included the following:

- Telegraphic signal device (1863), the repeater (1865), the voting machine (1868), improved stock market ticker (1869), a typewriter (1871), quadruple telegraphic repeater (1872), district signal box (1874), automatic telegraph transmitter (1875), mimeograph (1875), carbon telephone transmitter (1875), phonograph (1877), incandescent lamp (1878), electric dynamo (1880), electric motor (1881), trolley car (1881), electric meter (1881), ore separator (1881), valve gear (1882), electric railway turntable (1882), railway signal system (1885), process for making plate glass (1887), extracting gold from sulphate ores (1888), sleeping doll (1889), motion picture camera (1891), composition brick (1893), rock crusher, dryer and mixer (1897), alkaline storage battery (1900), reversible galvanic battery (1901), improved cement mixer (1902), a photographic film (1903), recording telephone (1905), improved phonograph (1908), a starting system for automobiles (1912), talking pictures (1913), flashlight (1914), improved transmitter (1918), electro-plating (1919), disc phonograph records (1923), improved radio receiver (1926), synthetic rubber (1931).

Snow Drinks Forerunner

of Ice Cream Industry

Who first invented ice cream? No one really knows. Alexander the Great is recorded as having a great weakness for snow-cooled fruit drinks. The Roman patricians also drank vast quantities of fruit drinks mixed with exorbitantly priced snow. And an old Roman cook, Quintus Maximus Gurgus, is said to have been the first to serve ice cream soda, says a writer in London Answers Magazine.

All that historians are really certain about is that by the Middle Ages ice cream had definitely "arrived" in court circles. Four centuries ago, Catherine de Medici was being served with ice cream of a different flavor every day. As usual, the English were all behind in this branch of civilization.

Charles I remedied matters a little by bringing over a French chef who surprised the king with the delicacy.

With the coming of the Civil war, the Frenchman fed back to his native land, taking the secret with him. From that time until the seventies of last century, ice-cream was practically unknown here.

The history of the ice cream industry in the United States is quite different. The real pioneer of American ice cream was a Jacob Fussell, who kept a dairy farm just outside Washington, D. C.

Striking Wools for Town, Campus

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



SMART clothes are alive with fabric interest this fall. The wools that tailor to town and campus needs are especially intriguing and seeing that the first requisite of a perfect autumn wardrobe is a tailored outfit that will prove "first aid" no matter what apparel emergency may arise, here's telling you about the fascinating weaves that lead in fashion this season.

Tweeds especially have a lot of texture interest. They are nubbed and flecked in decorative weavings that capture your fancy at first sight. When you go tweed shopping, and of course you will if you are assembling a school-faring clothes collection, ask to see some of the new-this-season candlewick tweed, the latest herringbone weaves, smart diagonals, the houndstooth, tattersall, rosey plaid and sugar-leaf patternings, and you will feel, having seen these, that you have had a liberal education on the subject of tweeds at the very start.

The next thing is to decide on which tweed is the tweed you want most. To help you out we are suggesting a nubby beige tweed flecked with white such as makes the smart three-piece costume as shown to the left in the picture. Here is an outfit that is ideal for fall wear on campus or in town. It pretty near comes to being a whole wardrobe in itself. A suit that has a topcoat as has this is an economical buy no matter what it costs, for it takes care of the problem of an early fall coat since it can be worn as a separate wrap. Note its button-back revers, also the unpressed pleats running down from the slash pocket lines. The matching suit has a chic high lapel collar, triangular pockets and narrow leather belt. The skirt is cut straight and slim as a fashionable daytime skirt must be this season.

And we are not through talking about tweeds for we just must mention the especially lovely "winter pastels" that belong to the tweed family. More than likely you won't be able to resist them because of the fine shetland and other fine yarns used in the spinning. You can get novelty open weaves if you wish.

DRAPE AND SHIRR

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



A perfect afternoon frock for the young girl is this style in spongy texture lightweight wool. The draped button-over neckline and the shirring at the bodice are very new and attractive. A narrow gold-colored belt accents the fitted waistline. The skirt is softly flared.

Double-Duty Capes

Enter the double-duty shoulder cape, which may be looped up over the wearer's head and used as a hood.

DAYTIME SKIRTS TO BE SHORT AND SLIM

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Short, slim and pencil-like is the dictum for daytime skirts. The accepted length for the suit skirt is from twelve to fifteen inches from the ground. Depends on how conservative you may be. Of a necessity these narrow skirts often have slashed hemlines. Daytime dresses hover about twelve to fourteen inches from floor.

For evening dresses the newest thing is the short-in-front hemline. In fact uneven hemlines are a most important styling detail. A few designers continue to favor the short full ballerina skirts for dance frocks. There are dinner gowns galore that are ankle length and sheathlike, for the most part in sleek black, many of which are enlivened with glittering touches.

The majority have high necklines with flattering short sleeves. However, in the practical daytime dresses long sleeves perfectly fitted, also bracelet sleeve lengths are featured.

Slide Fasteners Used

The Schiaparelli type of housecoat developed in flannel and fastening at the front with a patent slide fastener is popular.

Flaring Youth

For college girls and the very young, important collections include gored, flaring skirts and some which are pleated all around.

'Way Back When

By JEANNE

FAMOUS SONG WRITER WAS NEWSBOY

PEOPLE who are able to help others express happiness and those who amuse us always have a chance for success far out of proportion to circumstances of birth or environment. So, rightly, the world sees to it that persons who can drive away care have no financial worries.

Irving Berlin was born in Russia in 1888, the youngest of eight children. His father, a cantor or psalm-singer in the village synagogue, brought the family to New York's East Side tenement district when Irving was four years old. The boy loved to sing, but his first jobs were as a newsboy, and a telegraph delivery boy. His was the depressing life of the slums child, street-fighting, swimming in the dirty East river, dodging traffic in the streets at play. At fourteen, he left home to sing in saloons for pennies the pa-



trons tossed to him. He was in the chorus of a musical show, was a waiter in a Chinese restaurant, and a singing waiter in a couple of night clubs.

Up to this time, the happiness Irving Berlin brought to others was limited to the few people who could see and hear him. His voice was not unusual enough to bring him to the top rank of entertainers. Then, he started writing songs. The first one brought him only 37 cents, the next, \$25; but thereafter he advanced rapidly. He worked often until two or three o'clock in the morning, and by the time he was thirty-six, 300 songs had been published under his name, including such world-known hits as "Down on the Farm," "Everybody's Doin' It," "My Wife Has Gone to the Country," and "Alexander's Rag-time Band."

PRESIDENT WAS LAUNDRYMAN

WORK is a habit, and to those who acquire it it becomes fun, relaxation coming through the kind of work done. In analyzing the lives of successful men and women, we usually find that they got the work habit early in life and never lost it.

Herbert Hoover was a worker. He was born in 1874, in West Branch, Iowa, the son of a blacksmith. His father died when he was six years old, his mother when he was nine; and he went to live with an uncle who operated a Quaker academy in Oregon. Herbert earned his board by doing odd chores, feeding and currying the horses, milking cows, and tending the furnace. All of this was in addition to his regular school work and, as if this were not enough work for a young boy, he studied English literature and history outside of school hours. Later



in Salem, Oregon, Herbert worked as an office boy for his uncle, and went to night school until he had enough credits to enter Leland Stanford university. He worked his way through by acting as clerk for the registrar, and handling and delivering the San Francisco News on the campus. Later he started a laundry agency, calling for the bags of soiled laundry and delivering the bundles himself.

In 1893, Herbert Hoover got a job with the United States Geological society. He had natural ability at engineering. That together with the habit of work, gained rapid progress for him. He became nationally known as a successful engineer and a business man. In 1928 he became President of the United States.

Herbert Hoover was born with no silver spoon. Orphaned early, he had to fight for every bit of knowledge, for every opportunity. But Herbert Hoover was born with the habit of work, and he had the good luck to keep that habit. His reward was success.

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Painting the Baboon

An odd punishment is meted out to thieving baboons in Kenya, Africa. A baboon is caught in a cage trap, shaved, painted pale blue, then liberated. After that no member of his tribe will approach the scene of this indignity so long as he lives.

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