

# Floyd Gibbons'

## ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



### "White Prairie Death"

By FLOYD GIBBONS  
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HELLO EVERYBODY:

You know, boys and girls, this Adventurers' Club of ours shows signs of spreading all over the cockeyed world. Just a few weeks ago we enrolled a native boy from Java, and today here comes one from Sweetwater, way up in British Columbia.

Bill Simpson is his name, and he is a homesteader in a country where farmhouses are few and far between. But in 1908 Bill was doing his homesteading in Saskatchewan, and up there, at that time you were luck if you saw a farmhouse in ten miles of travel.

That's the section Bill is going to tell us about today. He's going to tell us the story of the horse that knew more than a man. And Bill has the genuine eye-witness lowdown on that story, too. You see, Bill was the man.

It was just a few days before Christmas. Bill and his closest neighbor—a fellow named Barney—had driven into town, a distance of forty miles, to lay in a supply of groceries. It's hard to imagine a place that's forty miles away from the nearest grocery store. But it's a fact, nevertheless. And Bill and Barney drove that forty miles, not over roads, but on a rough trail over the virgin prairie—a winding route picked out by the horse himself, as he skirted around wet places and alkali spots, trying to find where the going was easiest.

### Caught in a Prairie Blizzard.

It was over that sort of a road that Bill and Barney started back for home. They planned to drive twenty miles, spend the night at the homestead of a man they knew along the way, and drive the other twenty miles on the following day. They had covered sixteen of those first twenty miles when a blizzard broke over their heads.

A prairie blizzard is a thing you can't fight. The snow comes pelting down with such force that it is impossible to face and travel against it. You've just got to travel in the direction in which the wind is blowing. The snow comes down so thick that you can hardly see two feet ahead of you. And that's the sort of storm that Bill and Barney were up against.

"The temperature dropped," says Bill, "until the sleigh runners screamed as they passed over the cold snow. The wind rose, driving snow particles at us with stinging force. The cold penetrated our bodies, and before we had gone half a mile we were performing the craziest-looking acrobatics you ever saw in an effort to keep warm."

"For a mile or so after the storm broke we were able to keep the horse headed along the trail. But every vestige of the trail was soon obliterated and we had to trust to luck as we headed for our destination. It began to



The Horse Stopped at a Huge Mound of Snow.

dawn on us then that, though it was only a few more miles to the homestead of our friend, we would probably never find it in that blizzard—that we would drive on and on until we froze to death.

"Even then we were not far from freezing. Barney, who was superstitious, kept crying over and over again, 'Oh, me poor mother. I'll never see her again. The storm devils will get me,' and many times in the next couple hours I felt myself becoming numb and drowsy. I just wanted to take a short nap—just a short nap. That's what I was telling myself. But I knew in my heart that if I ever lay down I would never wake up again."

### Beat Barney to Save His Life.

So Bill forced himself to beat his arms about and rub his face with snow to keep himself awake. After one of those sleepy attacks of his he turned to speak to Barney—and found him peacefully asleep in the bottom of the sleigh box. He had to beat him unmercifully with a blacksnake whip before he could get him awake again. "And as I beat him," he says, "the exertion brought with it a feeling of warmth that may have saved my own life."

By that time Bill had lost his bearings and even his sense of direction. He gave the horse a free rein, trusting in his instinct instead. On they went. The snow, by that time, was falling in such a dense curtain that it was impossible to see even as far as the horse's head. There isn't a man in the world who wouldn't have been lost in such a storm. But the horse showed no hesitancy. He plodded on.

Then, all at once he began to slow down. A few paces farther on he came to a stop before what looked like a huge mound of snow. Had he, too, lost his sense of direction? Bill shouted, "Get up!" at him. The horse didn't budge. Bill was about to take the whip when the thought came to him to investigate that mound of snow.

### Luckily the Horse Kept His Bearings.

He climbed down from the wagon. The mound was round and strangely shaped—for a snow-pile. Bill thrust his hand into it—and then realized that the horse knew things that he didn't. That mound was a snow-covered pile of straw that had been left there by threshers in the fall.

"I pulled the wagon up into the shelter of the pile," says Bill, "and was preparing to pull out some of the straw to make a fire, when I saw what looked like a star off toward the horizon. But I knew there was no possibility of seeing a star through such a storm and realized to my unbounded joy that it must be a light gleaming in the house of our friend with whom we planned to spend the night."

Bill headed the horse toward that light and drove him on. It was the house all right, but they were coming up to it from the opposite direction from which they should have approached it. "We had almost passed it," says Bill, "and if we had, we would have gone on to our deaths in the howling wind and deepening snow. The only thing that saved us from doing so was—the horse."

Bill and Barney spent the night at that homestead, and went on home the next morning after the storm was over. In later years, Bill never passed that place without remembering his battle with the elements—and the horse that kept his bearings when Bill and Barney had both lost theirs.

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### Buttons on Men's Coats

Buttons on the sleeves of men's coats are a matter of style. But how the style originated isn't known. Tradition puts the responsibility on Frederick the Great. This Prussian king was very particular about the appearance of the uniforms of his soldiers, and he had a row of buttons put on the upper side of their coat sleeves to break them of the habit of using their coat sleeves to wipe the perspiration from their faces, which gave the uniforms an untidy appearance. The buttons were generally adopted and became the accepted style of coats, and as the styles varied, the position of the buttons shifted until they were finally put on the lower side of the sleeve.

### Sense of Humor

Dr. A. A. Roback, psychologist, of Harvard university, after much study of the sense of humor, says: "Certainly the sense of humor is not to be gauged by the intensity or frequency of laughter. In fact, from observation one might come to the conclusion that he who laughs loudest and oftenest has a sense of humor not unlike that of the laughing hyena or braying ass." Dr. Roback says intelligence is an important factor in humor, and that the sense of humor is an ability to perceive possible incongruities in situations, even where we ourselves are involved. He says subjective people have less humor than objective people, who are more able to laugh even at themselves.

## Plaids Outstanding in Fall Modes

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



PLAIDS on autumn style program? We hope to tell you! Fact is, the college-faring and the school-going (from kindergarten to high school age) girl that fails to make a right smart showing of plaid in her fall wardrobe simply is not "in it"—when it comes to swank in dress. There's no doubt about it, colorful, youthful practical plaids fit into the campus, the office and the great outdoor scheme of things simply perfect.

All sorts of plaids are on the autumn fabric list from high-tone dressy plaids of silk velvet and handsome wool weaves down to the most utilitarian, practical, washable types—the kind that go bicycling along dusty roads and then come out "fresh as a daisy" after each tubbing.

Bicycling is a fad so important nowadays designers recognize they must create fashions tuned to the sport. The new sturdy washable plaids are proving most likable for outfits of this sort. The girl on the "bike" as shown in the group illustrated is fashionably and sensibly frocked in a dependable completely shrunk washable plaid that gives this rider the look of being keenly style-minded.

The schoolgirl centered in the picture is likewise alertly fashion-conscious in that she also selects plaid for her voguish blouse, and it's safe to say she will be getting a lot of wear out of it besides enjoying that feeling of confidence it brings to be appropriately clad for the occasion.

Another way to subscribe to the plaid rage that is now featuring in every phase of fashion is to wear a true clan plaid skirt and neckerchief with your new fall sweater as shown to the right in the group.

This most commendable outfit is sure to prove an inspiration to the schoolgirl. It was shown at a recent fall style clinic held in the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

Viewing the new fall fabrics one becomes fully convinced that plaids as a fashion "must" are definitely here. It is interesting to note that the more classic plaids are labeled each with its clan name. Also the many smart ways to wear plaids makes them all the more intriguing.

In enrolling as a plaid enthusiast we suggest that you line your jacket to match your plaid blouse, or wear a plaid dress matched to the lining of your coat, or top a pleated plaid skirt with a bright velveteen jacket, or enliven your fur coat or your fleecy coat with a stunning plaid lining. They are showing in the stores daring coats in forest green; radiant autumn browns, and the very new deep sapphire blue with bold plaid linings in giddy contrast.

Plaid velvets dresses to wear under fur coats is another outcome of the present craze for plaids. You can also find cunning jackets of plaid velveteen. Some are bolero versions with plaid belts to match.

If it is just a touch of plaid you favor, buy a dozen or so of the new plaid composition buttons and let them go marching down the front of your dark velveteen dress or coat. You can get all sorts of plaid accessories. There are ensembles of beret, bag and belt. There are belt and triangle-scarf sets to be had in plaid.

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## FASHION STRESSES FABRIC ELEGANCE

By CHERIE NICHOLAS

Fabrics play a most important part this year, and by their richness explain the apparent simplicity of the styles which are the greatest challenge to the dressmaker. Velvets, laces, brocades, laces, tulle are all in the picture.

Lace becomes a happy medium for day dresses, almost severe in their simplicity. These may be relieved by rich belts, patent trimmings, etc. Lighter laces in silk or rayon are combined with a colored fabric lining for day dresses or two tones used in combination as Worth has done. Lelong takes a heavy white wool lace for a hip-length top of a dress which ends in a simple black velvet skirt, with four rows of the velvet used at the side front from the high waistline to the hip. Patou offers rosepoint collars, cuff or bodice trim with severe dresses—but real rose point. Schiaparelli makes lace of gold cord for three huge medallions on the top of a two-piece effect black marocain. While dresses are simple in effect, fantasy goes into the head-gear.

### Style Sobriety Stressed

for Chic Daytime Costume

At the height of the vogue for romantic fashions, mutinous murmurs are echoing from the ranks of style leaders who favor simple garments for wear before the sun goes down.

"Sobriety of the best quality" is the formula advanced by a leading French couturiere as the prime requisite of daytime chic.

"Wear tailored suits and little sweaters," she advises, "but have them fitted by a good tailor and made of the finest wool. See that each accessory is equally first grade, for one inappropriate gadget can spoil the entire costume."

## BE PENCIL-SLIM

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



This afternoon frock of purple silk jacquard was worn in a fashion preview for the silk parade held in New York which presented outstanding advance fashions created by the foremost designers of the world. To be right up to the mark your new frock must feature the pencil-slim silhouette that fashion demands this season, such as this gown so correctly defines. The handsome firm silks of quality kind that are so characteristically a product of this season's looms have been found ideal for achieving the new pencil-slim styling.

## 'Way Back When

By JEANNE

FORMER MAYOR WAS A SONG WRITER

THERE were twelve children in our family and it was necessary to have a pretty strict rule about being reasonably quiet in the house and at the dinner table. My father repeated so often, "Children are to be seen and not heard" or "Silence is golden" that just to think of those old adages brings back the echo of his voice. I can't agree with the principle of those sayings. Children who are encouraged to join in the conversation are likely to have more self-confidence and to be more social minded. In some cases, their very talkativeness may be golden. Take Jimmy Walker for instance:

James John Walker, who later became mayor of New York City and was one of the most popular men ever to hold that office, was born in New York's Greenwich Village in 1881. When still a very small boy, he was nick-named "Jimmy Talker" because he could not be



kept quiet. His father was running for alderman at one time, and Jimmy was sent to explain that he could not be present at a political rally because of illness. The crowd called for a speech from the young boy, and he did so well that his father was elected.

Jimmy Walker went to school in New York City, and studied law; but for a while it looked as though he might be a professional song writer instead of a lawyer or a politician. He wrote several songs which were published and made a national hit by composing "Will You Love Me in December As You Did in May?" None of his other songs enjoyed the popularity of this one, however, and Jimmy decided upon a more conventional career. He went to work as a clerk for the Union Surety Guarantee company and with his earnings returned to law school. He established a fine law practice, and became more and more prominent in politics. In 1925, he was elected mayor of New York City and enjoyed more mass popularity than any mayor of recent times has known there.

### INVENTOR RAN BICYCLE REPAIR SHOP

THE seed of success is ambition, and Orville Wright was ambitious from early boyhood. He was born in Dayton, Ohio, in 1871, the youngest of five children, and as they grew up Orville and one of his older brothers, Wilbur, became inseparable. A highly respectable mid-western family, the father was a bishop of the United Brethren church and later publisher of a religious newspaper; but the family never had a lot of money. Orville Wright started to make money



early in life, going about the neighborhood and collecting old bones to sell to a fertilizing plant. When he was fourteen, he published a school paper with a toy printing press. Later he made a press of his own and Wilbur improved it. Next he invented a paper folding machine for his father's print shop. He quit school in the third year of high school and, with Wilbur, started a weekly newspaper which lasted only three months. They then turned to job printing and later started a bicycle repair shop.

At about this time, they became interested in aviation and proceeded to construct the first heavier than air machine large enough to carry a man. As in their previous activities, Orville was the creative genius, Wilbur the perfecter. Their first successful flight was at Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903, and the success of aviation was assured when Orville made a flight lasting 62 minutes and 15 seconds, in 1908.

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## Household Questions

To Soften Sugar.—When brown sugar becomes hard or lumpy, place it in a shallow pan in the oven for a few minutes.

Shiny Windows.—A few drops of kerosene added to the water when washing windows will make them shine brightly.

For Baking Cakes.—The center of the oven usually has the most even heat and is therefore best for cake baking.

Discouraging Ants.—Prompt disposal of garbage and other waste materials around the home will aid in the control of ants.

Cleaning Black Frocks.—Black frocks which have become marked with powder may be cleaned quite easily by being rubbed with crumbed, dry, stale bread.

For the Seamstress.—Before stitching heavy materials, like khaki, duck or canvas, rub hard soap over the hems and seams. The needle will then penetrate the material more easily.

## How Constipation Causes Gas, Nerve Pressure

When you are constipated two things happen. FIRST: Wastes swell up the bowels and press on nerves in the digestive tract. This nerve pressure causes headaches, a dull, lousy feeling, bilious spells, loss of appetite and dizziness. SECOND: Partly digested food starts to decay forming GAS, bringing on sour stomach (acid indigestion), and heartburn, bloating you up until you sometimes gasp for breath.

Then you spend many miserable days. You can't eat. You can't sleep. Your stomach is sour. You feel tired out, grouchy and miserable. To get the complete relief you seek you must do TWO things. 1. You must relieve the GAS. 2. You must clear the bowels and GET THAT PRESSURE OFF THE NERVES. As soon as offending wastes are washed out you feel marvellously refreshed, bloated vanish, the world looks bright again.

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