

FLASH THE LEAD DOG By GEORGE MARSH

Up the wild waters of the unknown Yellow-Leg, on a winter's hunt, journey Brock McCain and Gaspard Lacroix, his French-Cree comrade, with Flash, Brock's puppy and their dog team...

CHAPTER IV—Continued

Before dawn, Brock left the disappointed Flash at the camp, fastened to a tree by a leg, for his wounded neck would bear no collar...

Starting slowly from the forest at his right, Brock's eyes swept the barren. In the dim light he could see but a few hundred yards into the snowy plain...

Brock waited until the sun lifted to turn the expanse of snow before him into a shimmering plain of fire. It was no use; there were no deer within sight...

When he had heated and skinned out the fur which he had brought in the night before, he talked to his dog in a useless attempt to soothe him...

"Hello, Kona, Yellow-Eye, Slip-Bear, old socks! How're the pups?" Then not seeing a fire in the hole in the snow and receiving no answer from Gaspard...

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"You mean she might have mated with a wolf?" "Ah-hah." "And you're sure it was her track?" "I would know eet anywhere."

"Eef dese men are een dis country, before dese snow fade een April, I weel mak dem tell me how he died."

The fixed purpose, the bitter hatred, in the face of his friend as the firelight touched his knotted features, filled the youth who watched with awe...

A few days later, Gaspard and Brock, leaving their dogs wired to trees at camp to avoid their yelping, started on a two days' scout through the country to the north of the big lake...

"I don't think there's a soul within a hundred miles to the north of us, argued the skeptical Brock. 'We must have made forty miles today and haven't seen a shoe track.'"

"They are on de lower lak' or the riviere," granted the stubborn Gaspard. "Wee fit' dem tomorrow."

"The small eyes of Lacroix glittered. 'As it wound his platted rabbit-skin robes around him under the brush robes around him under the brush roof they had built across the slope to hold the heat of the fire, Brock wondered what the next day would bring forth...'"

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POULTRY EARLIEST HATCHED CHICKS ARE BEST

Experiment Shows the April Pullets Produce Good Eggs.

Reports from poultrymen in Colorado show that the tendency to earlier hatching is gaining a foothold among successful breeders. Early-hatched chicks make better winter layers...

The cold weather of this season of the year seems to give much greater development in a short period of time, while those that are hatched late and grow during the warm weather are slower in their development.

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Nowadays the committee of women in charge of the community meal meets beforehand. The menu is talked over and planned, keeping in mind cost and facilities for cooking, keeping foods hot or cold during serving, and handling the crowd quickly.

Hot hamburger or roast beef toasted sandwiches with vegetable salad. Fricassee of rabbit or chicken on hot biscuits. Roast spare ribs with apple dressing and sauerkraut.

WASHABLE DRESS FOR YOUNG GIRL Children Soil School and Play Clothes Easily.

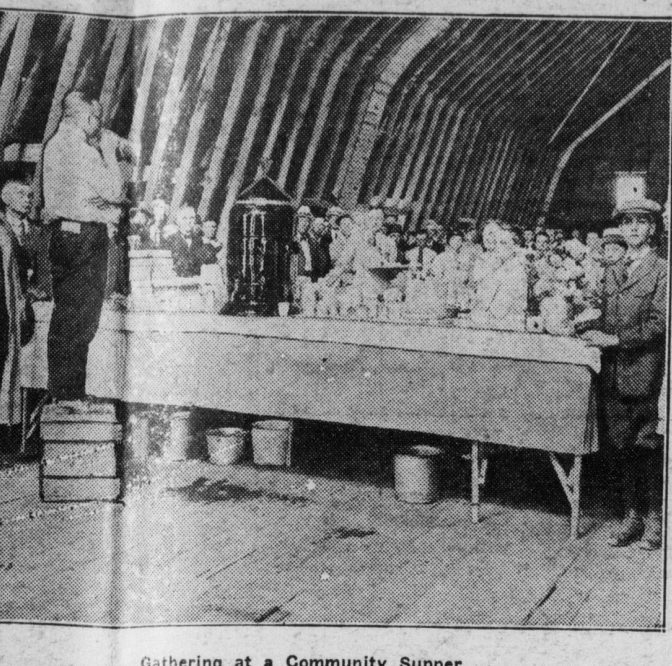
Many mothers find it practical to keep their children in washable outfits the year around, since children soil their school and play clothes very frequently...

Ventilation of Poultry House Is Big Problem The ventilation of the poultry house is a much discussed problem and many times local conditions are responsible for troubles.

Feed Heavily January and February are the months when all flocks should be fed heavily, says T. S. Townsley, extension poultry specialist of the Missouri College of Agriculture.

Give Hens Chance Poor housing of farm hens during the winter plays a big part in keeping the production of the average Illinois hen down to about 50 eggs a year.

WINTER MENUS FOR COMMUNITY DINNERS



Gathering at a Community Supper.

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Meat pies—large or individual, depending on the available crockery—made of chicken, pork, veal, lamb, or beef, with gravy and vegetables. Sausage turnovers served with hot or cold slaw.

Meat loaf, either hot or cold, served in slices. It may be made of beef, fresh pork, or veal and should be accompanied by a well-flavored sauce or relish.

CONVENIENCES FOR HOME EASILY MADE Few Simple Tools and Ability to Use Them Needed.

Various labor-saving conveniences for the farm home may be made at small expense by anybody who has a few simple tools and the ability to use them.

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Sour Cream. Sour cream should be cherished. Dressing made from it is ideal for cucumber and other salads and, just seasoned, it is tasty on lettuce.

DETROIT POLICE MYSTIFIED BY WIDOW'S DEATH

Found Murdered in Attitude of Prayer in Basement of Home.

Detroit.—Mrs. Jane Lantz, fifty-one, who lived alone in a two-room house furnished in what was the grand manner of 30 or 40 years ago, was found murdered recently, and in her death the police are confronted with a mystery.

She was the widow of Frank H. Lantz, who died about a year and a half ago. Before death he had retired to live on the income from a fortune amassed as a real estate broker and dealer in oriental rugs.

A rear basement door leading to a flower garden of frost-blackened blooms was open. A heavy iron furnace shaker lay near the body. Police took it to headquarters for minute examination for blood stains or finger prints.

Every room of the Victorian home was searched. Detectives peered under four poster beds covered with old-fashioned patchwork quilts. They found a rear basement door leading to a flower garden of frost-blackened blooms was open.

Robbery, police said, was not the motive of the murder, in admitting that they do not know what the motive might have been. Every detective attached to the homicide squad is trying to find out.

Neighbor Discovers Murder. "She told me," Mrs. McFall said, "that the house was chilly and that she was going downstairs to fix the furnace fire. Then, she said, she was going to dress and go out."

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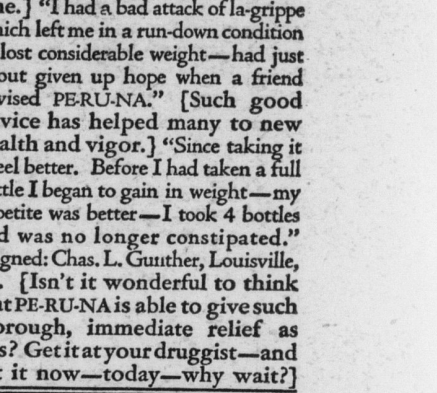
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Eagles Fight Duel. Naniamo, British Columbia.—Two eagles fought a duel to the death here. Locked in combat, they fell into Comax Road park and continued to battle until a truck driver ended the fight with a club.

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