

# THE AMERICAN HOUSE

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AS the summer passed, Mr. Cutter ate more, slept more, and worked less. Any hour of the day you might find him dozing on his stool, his face supported by his two white hands. If you were to tell him that the water was low, he would pick up his pen and nod with a weary, harassed look as if to say he would come when he could ever get clear of what he was doing. Half an hour later, when you went again, you couldn't find him. He began to get irritable. One of my favorite pastimes was poring over the hotel register, especially his early pages.

I liked to finger the copper paper weight while I read. Mr. Cutter allowed me to take both that and the register less and less willingly. Often after no more than 10 minutes he began to tap on his desk and beckon. When I put them back, he would straighten them with exaggerated care and then would return to his nap or his circles.

I used to complain a good deal about him. "He's crabby," I said, vehemently. "And Papa is always just so nice to him."

"Your father is nice to everyone," my mother reproved me. But she must have noticed, as I did, that my father was especially nice to Mr. Cutter. Every noon he took the paper to him, and every evening he sat with him for a time in the office, though they seldom talked.

"Mama," Sue said one day, looking puzzled. "Is Mr. Cutter Ada's fellow?"

"Of course not," my mother answered.

"She likes him anyway," Sue argued.

MRS. GUPTILL kept her eye on everything Mr. Cutter did, ready to find fault. It wasn't just that he was lazy, she said. He was wasteful, too. He left the office inkwell open. At meals he reentered, then neglected to clean his plate. Moreover, he was using too much kerosene. Every morning Ada brought his lamp down, bone dry. All of the other lamps were more than half full. Such extravagance! He must be burning it all night, she said.

Suddenly one day she noticed something. The lamp was bone dry, but the Wick barely needed trimming. It didn't make sense. Something funny was going on, she decided.

She lit into Ada, demanding an explanation. Ada flared right back. Let people mind their own business. . . .

This had gone far enough, my mother decided.

That night she spoke to my father about it. "Mr. Cutter is turning this place upside down," she said, "and I think you should discharge him."

"It isn't his fault, is it?" my father demanded.

"Maybe not, directly," my mother granted. "But he is the disturbing influence. Besides, we haven't enough business to warrant his staying."

"Oh, I don't know about that," my father said, picking up his paper. He never liked to face unpleasant facts.

"I know," my mother said. She had gone through a lot that summer, and her patience was getting sorely tried. "He's no earthly good, anyway, and it's costing us money to keep him. I'm going to insist that you send him back." My mother seldom took a real stand.

There was a long, strained silence.

My father got up and folded his paper. "I can't send him back," he said quietly. "I couldn't even if I made up my mind to it." He went out and closed the door.

(To Be Continued)

## Our Boarding House

## With Major Hoople



## Out Our Way



J. R. Williams

## Boots and Her Buddies



## By Edgar Martin

## Sleeping Beauties!



By MRS. ANNE CABOT

Make a crib doll of left-over materials from your little girl's summer dresses and pajamas. The early-to-bed crowd just love a "sleeping" doll which never opens its eyes! The 12-inch doll in the upper illustration has two faces and is called Lucy, the Awake-and-Asleep doll. The lower doll is called Sleepy Mary and is 22 inches big.

To obtain complete cutting patterns for body, dress, chart for embroidering features of Lucy (Pattern No. 3798) and for pattern for body, pajamas for Sleepy Mary (Pattern No. 3252) send 15

## Washington Merry-Go-Round

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Greek Foreign Minister Sophocles Poulos at first was considered anyone by voting against the British in Argentina. He sides with mission into the San Francisco conference. . . . He also helped to Russia against Argentina's adpass the Greek 8-hour child labor laws, later was condemned to life imprisonment by the Metaxas dictatorship under King George. . . . Real expert on peace machinery is Dutch Foreign Minister Eelco Van Kleffens who once served on the League of Nations secretariat. . . . A lot of San Francisco delegates once were Congressman Fahk Rifki Atay who edits "Ulus" and is president of the Turkish press association. Another, Huseyin Cahit Yalcin, is editor of the newspaper "Yeni Saban."

## For Juniors



By SUE BURNETT

As fresh as a bouquet — this clever 'date' dress for juniors has the snugged-in waistline the teen age miss adores.

Pattern No. 8858 is designed for sizes 11, 12, 13, 14, 16 and 18. Size 12, requires 3 1/2 yards of 39-inch material; 4 yards ric-rac to trim.

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Send for your copy of the new Spring issue of FASHION — just off the press. Book full of smart, up-to-the-minute styles. 15 cents.

## City News In Brief

A traveling examiner of operators and chauffeurs' licenses will be at the city hall in La Grande from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Friday to conduct examinations of applicants for drivers' licenses.

A forest area, burned over once only, grows again, but a double burning destroys all the seeds and makes replanting necessary.

cents in COIN for Each Pattern, plus 1 cent postage for each, YOUR NAME, ADDRESS and PATTERN NUMBER to Anne Cabot, La Grande Evening Observer, 709 Mission St., San Francisco, Calif.

## Freckles and His Friends



## Red Ryder



## Merrill Blosser



## Fred Harman



By Leslie Turner

## Ambassador

- HORIZONTAL
- 53 Town in France
  - 54 Poorly
  - 56 Stops
  - 58 Star post constituent of fatty oils
  - 59 Reire
  - 61 Tax
  - 62 Operatic solo
  - 63 Fish
  - 64 Foot (ab.)
  - 65 Unit of energy
  - 66 Peruse
  - 67 Eagle
  - 68 Note of scale
  - 69 Poker stake
  - 70 Image
  - 71 Tinting
  - 72 Winnow
  - 73 Sun god
  - 74 Arrangement
  - 75 Area measure
  - 76 Diversion
  - 77 His headquarters are in
  - 78 Sphere of action
  - 79 Triple crown
  - 80 Chief of the gods (Anglo-Saxon)
  - 81 Come in
  - 82 South Dakota (ab.)
  - 83 Arent
  - 84 Girl
  - 85 Anglo-Indian weight
  - 86 Face of a pedestal
  - 87 Sick
- VERTICAL
- 21 Chopped cabbage
  - 22 Endure
  - 23 Quicker
  - 24 Upon
  - 25 Perceived
  - 26 For
  - 27 Oxford Eng.
  - 28 ish Dictionary
  - 29 Rodent
  - 30 Anger
  - 31 Sardinia (ab.)
  - 32 Depict
  - 33 On the sheltered side
  - 34 Chopped cabbage
  - 35 Attempt
  - 36 Upon
  - 37 Precavator
  - 38 Land measure
  - 39 Recess
  - 40 Eject
  - 41 Entire
  - 42 Skill
  - 43 Northeast
  - 44 (ab.)
  - 45 Comparative suffix

## Answer to Previous Puzzle



## BUCK TEETH ON CALL

HOLLYWOOD (UP)—Cass Daley, film comedienne, has taken precautions against losing her fortune-winning buck teeth. She has casts for exact duplicates in Hollywood, New York, Detroit and Philadelphia dentists' offices. Should the actress ever lose her teeth in an accident, she can get false ones just like the McCoy in a hurry—and in any part of the country.

## Hold Everything



## Wash Tubbs



## Alley Oop



## By V. T. Hamlin