

THE AMERICAN HOUSE
By Virginia Chase

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The expedition to the hill had originated with Lem Gott, who had chosen the spot, presumably, for convenient ascension. In to heaven. Once the word had got around, others decided it would be just the place for a good view—not only of the comet, but incidentally of Lem, making his preparations. Finally half the town agreed to go. The bold regarded it as an outing. The timid were not willing to be left behind. There would be plenty of fresh air on the hill, they said, just in case...

My father approved of the expedition. Comets didn't come very often—he appeared thankful for it—and this was a good time to clear up a lot of nonsense about them. If people were together, he said, a few couldn't start a lot of foolishness. He would go himself. Benjamin would drive all of us to the foot of the hill.

That morning Benjamin hauled his last load of gravel. When he came in for dinner, Mrs. Guptill was ready for him. He had promised to change the stove. Well, he could do it that very afternoon before he got tied up with some thing else. She started out again about her and Job.

"He'd do it, Benjamin said. He wasn't one to go back on his word. But it would take two men for lifting. Boshy was no good. He was shaking so much now he couldn't lift a feather. They would have to wait for Jay.

NOW that spring had come Jay was on an earlier schedule. He came in at 8, and he and Benjamin changed the stove at once. He was just finishing his supper when I went down into the kitchen to tell them that the teams were almost ready.

interested group of spectators. (No one was bold enough to laugh at him then. They would wait until 9 o'clock for that.) He was dressed in his best suit and reading aloud from the 12th chapter of Revelation. Every few minutes he would stop, look at his watch, and call out the time in a very loud voice.

"Half past 7. Just an hour and a half more to repent in!"

"Twenty minutes to 8. Just an hour and 20 minutes more!"

A few small groups stood apart, scanning the west. Mr. Havens was in one of them, offering comfort to Lily Poindexter, who had brought wet towels to protect her from breathing in the gases. In another Mr. McKinley, the principal of the Academy, was giving instructions to some of his students. "First find Regulus, at the end of the sickle." Sue and my father—keeping a tight hold on Boshy—joined them. Ada sat indifferently on a rock. My mother and Mrs. Guptill stood admiring the view.

In the west the last of the sunset had colored Wood's Pond a bright crimson. Ducks made dark lines against the sky. Frogs sounded like sleighbells. Now and then you could hear a loon crying.

Benjamin and I walked on. Just over the crest we came upon Jay and Julia, setting up the bottles. "Land, I used to have notions myself," Jay was saying. "Seen anything?"

"Not yet."

I had seen something, not in the west at all, but in the south, where the village lay. It came again—a long, red tail of flame. "Look! The comet!"

They looked.

"That's no comet," Benjamin said. "That's a fire!"

"It's high," Jay broke in. "Do you figger..."

"That's just what I was figgerin'."

It was the American House.

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J. K. Williams



Boots and Her Buddies



By Edgar Martin



Summer Butterflies



By MRS. ANNE CABOT
A lovely and unusual embroidery design—a cloud of big and little butterflies to be done in three delicate shades of blue. Use them on guest pillowcases, on towels on a dresser or vanity table scarf or scattered about on an organdie dressing table skirt. Nice on a breakfast cloth, too!

To obtain three transfers for the summer butterflies (pattern No. 5887) color chart for working amounts of embroidery threads specified, send 15 cents in coin, plus 1 cent postage, your name, address and the pattern number to Anne Cabot, La Grande Evening Observer, 709 Mission St., San Francisco, Calif.

City News In Brief

Joseph Biro, Kansas City, and Rance Marks, Bradley, Ark., were arrested on charges of being drunk and Louis Develer, transient, on a charge of being drunk and disturbing the peace, and all were to appear in the municipal court today.

Auto Crashes Kill 14 During April

SALEM, Ore., May 18 (UP)—Fourteen persons were killed in traffic accidents in Oregon during April, the same number as died during April of 1944, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, jr., said today.

Six deaths occurred in Portland, and one in Eugene and the others in rural areas.

A total of 89 persons have died in auto accidents since January 1, Farrell said.

Afternoon Charm



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33 Transpose		
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KAROLYI AGAIN?

Count Michael Karolyi, pictured at his London residence, may become president of Hungary for a second time, it is reported.

Answer to Previous Puzzle



Official Records

Water turned off, May 17:
E. J. Rostock, 1314 Jackson street; Mrs. H. L. Clark, 1410 Monroe avenue; Lee A. Powell, 901 G avenue.

A flea found imbedded in amber at Palmicken, East Prussia, is said to be more than 5,000,000 years old.

Hold Everything



Wash Tubbs



By Leslie Turner

Alley Oop



By V. T. Hamlin