

Smiles

Not All Lost

The play had reached its climax. There were tears in the eyes of the audience, for the villain had just kidnapped the heroine. The hero then came on the stage to find his sweetheart gone. Clutching hold of the table with trembling hands, he cried out loudly: "She is gone! She is gone! What is left for me?"

Somewhere in "the gods" the shrill voice of the new salesboy cried, "Peanuts, chewing gum, ice cream and chocolates!"

OVER THE GARDEN WALL



Mrs. Herdit—Do you consider Mrs. Chatterton strictly truthful in all she says?

Mrs. Seddit—Well, it does seem impossible that anyone could talk so continuously as she does while limited to the exact truth.

It's No Use

"Every time I look at you, Maggie, I think of Ginger Rogers."

"Do you, David?"

"Yes, but a chap like me has to be content."

"Wooden-headed drivers are best," says a golf expert. Not on the road.

Two Sides to It

"She thinks no man is good enough for her."

"Well, she may be right."

"She may be. But she may be left, too."

Should Help

Mrs. Browne—What I say to you never seems to bear any fruit.

Mr. Browne—Try pruning it a little.

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"Saved by a Deadly Snake"

By FLOYD GIBBONS
Famous Headline Hunter

HELLO EVERYBODY:

Here we are again, boys and girls, worshipping at the dangerous shrine of the Goddess of Adventure.

Old Lady Adventure sure does some interesting things in real life—stranger than anything the fiction boys can think of. For instance: who ever heard of a snake saving anyone's life? And yet it did happen. Edgar Bell of Mountain Lakes, N. J., says that a big copperhead snake saved two lives and by golly he can prove it.

On a blistering day in August Ed and a chum of his decided to explore an old canal that, in the towpath days, connected the Ohio river and the Lake Erie ports. The canal, long since out of use, ran through a lonely, uninhabited, densely wooded country. The boys paddled along enjoying the scenery until they came to a ramshackle houseboat moored to the bank, and then their trouble commenced.

Well, sir, they were floating along lazily a few feet from the houseboat when the cabin door banged open and a wild-eyed, bearded giant staggered out with a double-barreled shotgun in his hairy hands. The man was obviously crazed with liquor, and Ed says he must have thought they were pink elephants or something because he suddenly covered the boys with the gun and tried to draw a bead on them.

He Was Determined to Shoot Them.

The boys tried to reason with him, but he seemed to be beyond reasoning. Fortunately, Ed says, the man was so unsteady on his feet that he couldn't keep the gun pointed at their canoe long enough to get in a shot, but it was plain that he was trying his best to do just that. Ed says, too, that every time that gun swung his way he thought he was looking into twin entrances to the Holland tunnel.

Ed admits that he and his chum were scared to death. Their canoe made such an easy mark that they didn't dare start to paddle away,



A Copperhead Lay in Position to Strike.

for, while the drunken man seemed to have some difficulty aiming, he was still able to keep the muzzle of that shotgun pointed in their general direction. He couldn't have missed at that distance. And there wasn't a soul within miles of them.

The man must have had some insane idea that the boys were attacking him, Ed says, because he kept jabbering curses and trying frantically to balance himself for a shot. Finally, with the muzzle of the gun still pointed in their direction, the maniac leaned against the cabin to steady himself and squinted along the sights.

Copperhead to the Rescue.

Gosh! What a spot to be in! Ed says he felt powerless to move a muscle as he saw the muzzle of the gun grow steadier. He had about decided to overturn the canoe and swim for it when he saw something on the houseboat roof that made him forget his own danger and cry out in alarm.

A deadly copperhead snake lay poised in position to strike—just a few inches from the man's face.

"Look out!" Ed screamed.

The drink-crazed man raised his head for a moment at the sudden cry, then he grinned evilly and squinted along the barrel again. Ed saw by his tense expression that this time he was going to pull the trigger. A nerve-wracking second passed.

And then the snake struck!

Once, twice, three times that vicious copper-colored head flashed in the sunlight, and each time those poisonous fangs found their mark in the man's face. The victim's gun clattered to the deck. His hand went to his cheek and he turned and looked in a dazed manner at this new enemy.

Ed says the sight of the poisonous snake seemed to steady him, and, as the snake drew back to strike again, the man deftly caught it behind the neck and killed it with his bare hands.

Venom Brought Him to His Senses.

And now, boys and girls, comes the strangest part of the whole adventure. Ed says that the deadly venom from the snake seemed to bring the houseboat man back to his senses. He thinks the poison had some chemical effect on the man's blood, because, when he turned and looked at the boys, his entire expression had changed, and they knew they had to deal now with a sane man. He gave them a sad smile.

"I'm sorry, boys," he said. "Guess I've been doing a little too much drinking. That copperhead sort of brought me around to my senses. Come in."

Well, sir, the boys went in the houseboat cabin and helped their erstwhile enemy doctor himself. They knew that in many cases the bite of the copperhead means a quick death and they watched him closely.

"I'm all right," the man said, weakly. "Whiskey acts as an antidote."

And it did. Aside from a little sickness the man was soon as well as ever, but Ed couldn't help feeling sorry for the copperhead.

"That snake should have had a Carnegie medal," he says, and I agree with him. Don't you?

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Peiping Once Cambulac

Ages ago Peiping was known as Cambulac. Later it became the "Purple Imperial City," or Peking, which means "northern capital." The latter name hung on longest. But in 1928, Gen. Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist hordes swept up from the south, not only captured Peking, but took the seat of the government back to Nanking, says the Washington Post. So, as Peking was no longer the "northern capital," the city's name was changed, this time to Peiping. The meaning of that is ironic. For Peiping means "city of northern peace!"

Bats Pollinate Bananas

Bats play the role of bees in pollinating certain kinds of bananas, states Dr. L. van der Pijl, biologist of the Netherlands East Indies. Certain species of these flying mammals have very long tongues, equipped to collect pollen for food. They move from flower to flower, and in so doing transfer enough of the pollen surplus to effect fertilization. The banana flowers visited by the bats have an odor quite disagreeable to human nostrils, which is said to be quite like that of the bats themselves, and hence presumably attractive to them.

The Oppressor

IF WE should look under the skirt of the prosperous and prevailing tyrant, we should find, even in the days of his joys, such alloys and abatements of his pleasure, as may serve to represent him miserable, even in the hour of his prosperity, and independent of his final infelicities; and although all tyrants may not have such accusing and fantastic consciences, yet all tyrants shall die and come to judgment; and though such a man may be feared, he is not at all to be envied.

"Envy thou not the oppressor, and choose none of his ways."—C. Buck.

Wise and Otherwise

"No, I'm sorry I can't marry you," said the lovely miss to the ardent suitor, "but I'll always admire your good taste."

Sunny smiles are sometimes worn by shady people.

Should sportsmen show emotion? Well, after a day's fishing the angler often has a catch in his voice.

If half the world doesn't know how the other half lives, it is because they have never traded cools.

The words of a wireless announcer are said to travel through the ether at the rate of 155,864 miles a second. Apparently what he says goes.

AROUND the HOUSE



Items of Interest to the Housewife

Two Buttons and a Hair Pin.—In most cases that's all you need to keep the loose pieces from falling out of a shattered window pane in your home or car. Put one button on each side of the hole in the glass, run the hair pin through the buttons and twist the end until it is tight.

A Delight for the Children.—Next time your children want a party, cook a cornstarch custard and fill cones. Alternate every spoonful or so with currant jelly and finish with jelly on top.

Cauliflower and Eggs.—Butter a pie dish and break into it 4 eggs. Half cook a small cauliflower and break into neat pieces. Arrange these round the eggs and season with salt and pepper. Pour over 4 tablespoonfuls milk and place 1 ounce butter in small pieces on the top. Sprinkle 2 ounces grated cheese over, and bake 15-20 minutes in a moderate oven.

Lattice-Topped Pies.—Fruit and berry pies with lattice-style tops require less baking time than the regular full-crust toppers.

Good Airing.—When you have the windows open in the morning to air the beds before making, open the clothes closet doors wide and let the current of air run

through them. It will prevent them from getting that close stuffy odor so undesired where our clothes are concerned.

To Wash Curtains.—Lace curtains before being washed for the first time should be soaked for an hour or two in cold water to which two tablespoons of table salt have been added. This removes dressing in curtains and makes them much easier to launder.

Saves Time on Wash Day.—An old wood plane is just the thing to convert bar soap into shavings that dissolve quickly. Turn the plane upside down over a large jar or other container and work the soap back and forth across the sharp edge.

Apple Butter and Ice Cream.—Try a scoop of vanilla ice cream topped with a spoonful of rich brown apple butter.

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