To Oliver Many of the second

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE Phillip Edison is host at a night-club party to his just recently-divorced wife and Oliver Sewell, sportsman and Don Junn, Edison presumes that Sewell and Junn. Edison presumes that Sewell and the divorces are to be married. When the party breaks up. Edison goes to Sewell's home and, while he is waiting his return, is informed Sewell has been found dead. Inspector Marx begins a police investigation. He questions Sewell's Russian valet. The elevator operator is also questionew. He did not see Sewell return. A young medical examiner, with a taste for detective work assists Marx. Their search of work, assists Marx. Their search of the apartment reveals complete ward-robes for women in different colors. In a safe-deposit box they find a scrap of paper bearing the inscription, "Paid in Pull." The following day a Major Preston, who has been a sporting associate of Sewell's, in interrogated. Then Sewell's widow visits the apartment. She intimates that Preston might know something. As the investigators are standing, after Mrs. Sewell's departure, looking at a mirror door, it parture, looking at a mirror door, it opens, and Mrs. Edison appears. She relates a story which the police do not believe. After she leaves, her lawyer threatens Marx with political reprisals if the woman is moiested. Then Edi-

CHAPTER XIV She, who calls herself Nina Karasova, was my flance. She was I digress again. On one occasion the youngest daughter of a when I made what I then deemed any cost. wealthy Ukranian landlord, a one of my pilgrimmages to Nina, peighbor of mine, and our mar- I was attracted by the sudden riage was to unite two substan- opening of a door. An aristocratic from me what disturbed me, she tial, if not noble families, I may woman of perhaps fifty, terribly add here that I have little use for distraught, beckoned to me; I apthe nobility, which, in Russia at Proached her, and she hurriedly least, belied its name and was di- dragged me in, and shut the door. haps I bored ner. In any event, I rectly responsible for the catastrophe that ruined all of us

handwriting. A diary belonging to the dead butler is found. "NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

-Nina (the Countess, I may re- she asked. peat, is assumed) had come to when the whole world was strick- ped in tissue paper. en I knew nothing of her then, aithough we were engaged, for I heavily, and thrust the package in knew nothing of people, and as- my hand, "And for God's sake sumed them to be like myself - hurry, for they've gotten wind of honest, well-meaning and pain- it, and they're coming here to fully frank. If she said "white," search, and if they find it, we'll how was I to know she meant both be dead." "black" or "pale gray." But this is the feminine mind. At least it was Nina's mind. Perhaps I am and as unceremoniously as she stupid, unlike other men. Perhaps had dragged me in, she pushed me others would have understood out again, I felt the package in

This much I knew, I was in I paused in the corridor and love with her, for she was beau- undid the package. Then I gasped. tiful. She still is. And even in the general humiliation, in the defeat diamond, the most famous diathat my return to Petrograd sign- mond in the collection of he Roified. I was happy that I would manoffs. I do not exaggerate see her again. And she seemed when I say it was as big as an happy to see me.

said he was a true friend of Rus- string he tied to his throne, so sia. I must smile when I write that in his lighter moments he

Shortly after my arrival in Petliving at the notel.

I insisted that she come and As I stood blinking at ft.

ell had promised to protect her. and his safety would extend to alone. her. I did not know she was already Sewell's mistress. This seemed vastly important and heart-breaking at one time, but now as I write it, it signifies nothing. I may have been in love with Nina, at least a girl who looked

Perhaps this is not coherent, but I must set down the events as they happened, in sequence, Being separated from N'na,

like Nina. But that love was kill-

ed when I discovered her as she

had to think up ingenious schemes | the Shah diamond and was detertel and get past the guards by in- a messenger to take it from her, belief in "race equality." sisting I had been assigned to while the authorities came to

Strangely enough, I never met! I was too amazed to talk.

"You are Igor Simonovich?"

What prompted me to nod, Petrograd with the outbreak of do not know. Perhaps my natural in the hotel! the war. She said something of slowness and stolidity. Perhaps it going into nursing, but her real was just curiosity. In any case, reason was her desire for that she fumbled with her gown and galety which did not abate even then produced something wrap-

"Here it is," she breathed I stared at her

"Hurry! Hurry!" she panted. my pocket.

You have heard of the Shah egg. Not a hen's egg. A duck egg. It was from her I first learned | And at one end of the diamond of Sewell. She babbled innocently the Shah, if history is to be trustenough about his gorgeous enter- ed, had caused a cut to be made, tainments, his generosity. She over which he fitted a string. The coud play with the diamond.

But this may betlittle this most rograd, the Red Terror began, magnificent of stones which at Everyone was under suspicion. I that moment seemed to burn my had long since discarded my uni- hands, like a live coal. It blinded form for a workman's blouse, one with its myriads of light, its sheepskn coat, baggy trousers and pure brilliance. It was so large old boots, and I had taken a room | that it seemed incredible. And yet with a carpenter's lamily in the you will find it coldly and accurpoorer quarters. Nina had been ately described in any work of reference.

stay in my apartment, for the heard a commotion in the other

hotel; were constantly being end of the corridor. I slipped it searched. But she said that Sew- hastily into my pocket and then sped down to Nina's room. She Sewell; as an American, was safe, was expecting me, and she was

She could see that something had happened, and she asked for me. But I brushed her questions aside, for I did not know myself what happened. Later I deduced that the aristocratic woman had mistaken me for some messenger she had expected. I say deduced because she was executed later, and I never learned the full story. This much I do know. She was a lady-in-waiting to the Czarina, and when the revolution had son visits the apartment. As he goes out a shot is heard. The Russian but-ler is found dead and Edison is arrested. Mary Pennell, whose clothes are found in the apartment, is questioned. She identifies the "Paid in the I would run up to her to her into the level and then I would run up to her to her into the carried a friendly warning—and it her that of the 21 members of the desperation she had taken me for the appointed messenger. For the appointed messenger. For many months afterwards I was and then I would run up to her the appointed messenger. She many months afterwards I was and then I would run up to her the appointed messenger.

Full' note as her uncle's, the Major's and then I would run up to her many months afterwards I was er. handwriting. A diary belonging to the room and we would sit and talk. puzzled by her complete madness in this thrusting the stone at the Ind., founder of the order was re-Sewell then. Perhaps Nina took first comer, but life to her was care I should never meet him. But more precious than the stone, and she was anxious to be rid of it at

I come back now to my meeting with Nina, Failing to learn indicated a desire to have the visit cut as short as possible. She complained of a headache. Perwas about to go outside when I heard the tramping and voices of Good Night Stories soldiers. I listened intently. They were searching every room

I must explain here that the ways of undisciplined soldiers, clous Twiggersuch as the Reds were then, are unfathomable to the average mind. Having received informa- him in astonishment. tion that the lady-in-waiting possessed the stone, they did not at

al bureaucratic delay, which per- Twigger." mitted some loyal friend to give her warning. But once embarked on the search, the Red machine was determined to make it thorough. It meant I would be searched. The problem before me was to hide the diamond, I turned to Nina. I told her what had happened. I showed her the stone.

dier will tell you that, I don't (To be continued tomorrow)

NORFOLK, Va., June 20 .-AP)-The Knights of American Protestantism closed their sixth annual national convention here tonight after re-electing all national officers and unanimously burst in full force, she got hold of endorsing a resolution "deploring the action of Mrs. Hooyer in enof seeing her. Dressed as a poor mined to make her way out of tertaining the wife of a negro workingman I would go to the ho- Russia with it. So she sent forth congressman," and declaring dis-J. H. Walter of Norfolk, na-

> S. H. Bemenderfer of Muncie. elected president.

Vacation time is near. Take out a Statesman Travel accident insurance policy before you start.

GOOD-NIGHT STORIES

By Max Trell >

Tin-Soldier Tells of His Hunt for the Ferocious Twigger "When I was young," the thin | soldier said, "I hunted the fero-

"The what-?" they asked. "The Twigger," he repeated. did we see but-

once visit her. There was the usu- "Everybody has heard of the "Of course!" Knarf, the shadow-boy broke in. He tried to

look very wise, "Of course, everybody has heard of it." "If you're so smart, what does

a Twigger look like?" Hanid asked him. "Humph," he said, "the tin sol-

want to interrupt." "Thank you," the tin-soldier said. "A Twigger looks something like a sandwich and something

like a medicine bottle. It gets its name from its nose which resem-"What does it live on?" Yam

wanted to know. "It lives on everything that i black, such as blackberries and blackboards and blacking and blackbirds and blacksmiths. But for dessert it likes telephone wire -particularly long distance telephone wire. After dinner it takes

its ladder and climbs to the tele

"Can't it climb poles?" demanded Mij. "No. certainly not-" started the soldier.

phone wire-

"Certainly not!" added Knarf. know how to climb a telephone pole," continued the soldier. "It thinks that it has to start from the top-

-and you can't climb a telephone pole from the top!" con-cluded Rnarf. "You can climb it down," said

Yam. But neither the tin-soidier nor Knarf seemed to hear her "The way to catch a Twizger." the soldier went on, "is to wait until it is feasting on a telephone wire and then to creep up under it and tickle it on the soles of its feet. How well I remember the time when King Fatwat asked me to help him catch a Twigger for his napkin-ring-" "For his napkin-ring!" claimed Flor.

"Yes, Twigger-skins make excellent covers for nakin-rings. We'll go catch a Twigger togeth-Mij, Flor, Hanid and Yam-the er,' said the King. 'Ay, ay, Your have its ladder to come down little shadow-children gazed at Majesty," said I, 'we'll go at once. | with." So out we went. Just as we walked out of the royal gardens, what it just stayed there."

SHE SAID SHE

BUT LISTEN,

"- a Twigger!" shouted Mij, Flor, Hanid, and Yam, unable to restrain themselves

"No-we saw a telephone wire. 'Let us hide in a telephone booth until a Twigger comes,' I said to



"I Used to Hunt Twiggers!"

we hid in a telephone booth. By and by a Twigger stole up, carrying its ladder. In a flash it climbed up to the top and began nibbling the wire. The first thing we "A Twigger doesn't begin to did was to take down its indder. Then I bowed to King Farwat 'Your Majesty may have the honor of climbing up the pole first.' said I. Without a word he climbed up. I followed close behind his feet. All at once a curious thing happened. Instead of reaching up and tickling the Twigger's soles. I tickled his Majesty's, 'Hor-heehee-hee' he laughed. Then down he came, right atop of me, and we both fell to the ground together. Then we both started to run-I in front and the King close behind me, 'Come back,' he cried, and I'll make you a seneral.' But I didn't, for King Fatwat didn't always keep his promise, you see, especially when he a Twigger.'

'And what happened to the Twigger?" asked Hanid. "It didn't

"No," said the tin-soldier, "so "Of course, it just stayed knows that!"

MERELY A MATTER

OF FORM MY DEAR

Home-Making Helps By ELEANOR ROSS

Cool Cooking in Warm Weather | boiling turn off the heat, keeping Even if the family maintains a the vessel closely covered so that good, normal appetite in warm no heat escapes. The cooking proweather, it isn't necessary for cess will continue long enough to the housekeeper to maintain a hot finish the dish. kitchen. Lots of people manage to But planning the kind of meals keep their appetites unimpaired that require a minimum of cookby the dog days. They gaze upon ing is another excellent way of a meat dinner with positive re- keeping a cool and comfortable lish, a relish that may not be kitchen. Let your icebox do some shared by the housekeeper, who meal preparation for you. Some spent a warm day in the kitchen. raw fruits and vegetables for sal-

However, fortunately, here's at ad and deserts; even cold cooked least one case where opposite in- soups and jellied meat and vegeclinations can be served. The fam- table dishes can be ice-box breily can have an ample cooked din- pared so that no long hot hours ner regardless of the weather - need be spent over the kitchen but there's no need for the house- stove. keeper to stay in an uncomfortably warm kitchen for the purpose. All sorts of devices, mental to the family. The club plates, and mechanical, can be impressed with their several grooved spaces into the service.

First, in the matter of planning full-course dinners with a minimum of cooking. And second, by adopting such cooking equipment as will do the cooking with a minimum of direct heat. Fireless cookers are a great help. You can cook several things at once and need little direct heat to start with, and no watching in the kitchen while the process continues. Nowadays the fireless cookers come in all sorts of sizes and prices, to fit the small kitchenette as well as the large family kitchen. If cooked meals are inevitable for the summer, investing in some kind of fireless cooker will pay in time saved, in kitchen comfort, and even in reducing the fuel bill. Another cooking utensil that

reduces kitchen heat is the pressure cooker. It's rather a large affair, true, but it will cook meats was disappointed at not catching and vegetables and cereals in a fraction of the time taken by other direct heat cooking.

Double boilers save heat too. You can start cereals like rice. and after ten minutes of rapid

there," cried Knarf, "Everybody a hurry to finish up, or dishwash-

ing becomes too uttarly repellent. By CLIFF STERRETT

Work can be cut in half too, in

the matter of serving full dinners

to accommodate different foods.

are rather informal, of course, but

they are cozy enough for family

use, and indeed make for rather

neat service. Their particular val-

ue, however, is to cut down the

One ingenious inventor has

gone even further in devising a

method for saving dishwashing

these warm days. Instead of china

plates with grooved spaces, there

is now on the market a type of

decorated tray for individual serv-

ice. It is specially grooved in

squares and circles of different

shape with a special place for

everything-dinner plate, vege-

table dish, even bread and butter

plats or butter pats, as preferred.

With each tray you get paper

plates to fit perfectly in these

grooves The paper 'is specially.

prepared so that it does not im-

part any flavor to a hot or cold

food, and it is strong enough to

need to do is to throw away the

paper plates in each tray, but the

tray itself remains spotless and

needs no washing. This may seem

picnicky for ordinary use, but it's

a boon on nights when one is in

After dinner is served, all you

resist knife and fork.

number of ashes to be washed.

POLLY AND HER PALS



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By RUSS WESTOVER

FLAT-FOOT MAY CAUSE SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS

Victims of This Condition Frequently Suffer Pains Associated with Rheumatism, Kidney or Spinal Trouble, Says Dr. Copeland.

> By ROYAL S. COPELAND, M. D. United States Senator from New York. Former Commissioner of Health, New York City.

NYTHING that interferes with the natural and free use of the feet in walking is bound to cause all manner of disagreeable symptoms. If your foot is thrown out of its natural position, strain is bound to be the result. Such strain is capable of causing pain extending anywhere from the foot itself through the leg and into the back.

suffering from rheumatism, or even some sort of kidney or spinal trouble, when these organs and parts are really perfectly normal. He is merely paying the penalty of walking on a foot which has became too weakened in certain parts of its delicate structure to perform its function

depressed or flattened. There are many causes of this condition.

Chief of these are improperly fitted shoes. They may be shoes with excessively high heels, or narrow or short shoes, or shoes which do not give necessary support to highly arched insteps. Another cause is the turning of the feet outward in walking. Weakened muscles and ligaments due to exhausting illness, poor health, old age, rapid growth in a child, overweight, prolonged stand-

ing on hard floors, corns and bunions and specific diseases—all these are factors in producing flat-foot. The first measure to take in the treatment of flat-foot is to get properly adjusted shoes. These should have broad, low heels and ample space for the toes. Everybody should cultivate correct

attitude in standing and walking. The sufferer from flat-foot should throw the weight of the body fre-diently upon the outer side of the feet while standing. He should walk with the feet held parallel and pointal forward, with the weight on the outer side. The third thing to do is to practice tip-toe exercises twice daily. The

outer side of the heels.

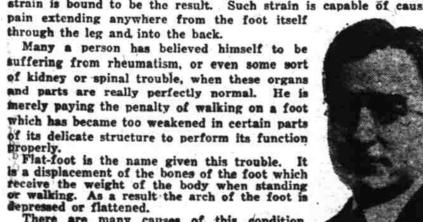
If these measures do not give re-Hef it will be necessary to strap the foot with adhesive plaster or to place it for a time in a cast or to use 4 ft. 11 ins. tall? mechanical appliances. Your doctor or the specialist will advise you re-

Even after the condition has been corrected the person who has once suffered from flat-foot must give close attention to the selection and fit of his shoes and to the cultivation of a proper attitude in standing.

A.—For her age and height she should weigh about 107 pounds.

2.—Proper dieting is the secret. You should eat nourishing foods and have plenty of sleep and rest. Deep breathing is essential. tion of a proper attitude in standing and walking. He must do this if he is to avoid a return of the trouble.

| Annabell. Q.—What causes twitching below the eyelid? Answers to Health Oueries



DR. COPELAND.

E. C. Q.-What do you advise for

A .- Correct the diet, by cutting down on sugar, starches and coffee. Avoid constipation.

Mrs. G. M. Q.-What can be done for a neurasthenic patient—would constipation be a factor in any way? A .- This condition can be improved by correcting the constipation and by

improving the health in general. T. W. Q .- What is the cause of ringing in the ears?

A.—This is often due to nasal catarrh which has extended into the inner ear. This can be cured with lowers himself upon the toes, definner ear. This can be cured with scending with the weight on the proper treatment. A nose and throat spray is beneficial. MISS L. F. Q.-What should a girl weigh who is 16 years old and

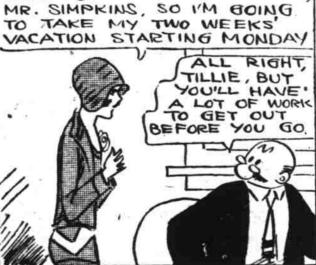
2.-How can I gain weight?

ing below the eyelid? Answers to Health Queries

Henry H. Q.—Can anything be ness. First of all try to remove the nervousness. It would be wise to have your eyes examined.

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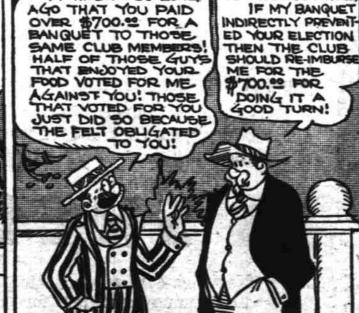
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TOOTS AND CASPER









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