

# Inventive GI's Given Full Sway In C.B.I. Region

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New Delhi, India (UP)—Americans at home who may think the present generation of young citizens has lost the inventive genius of their pioneering ancestors, and are no longer capable of building houses with wooden pegs and the like, should take a trip around the China-Burma-India theater of war.

Americans fighting the Japanese in this part of the world have invented everything from 45-caliber pistols to electric fans, including such other luxurious articles as burglar alarms, semi-comfortable beds, reading lamps, portable cookstoves and means of cooling beer in a hurry.

All of which, stacked up against

grandpa's wooden-peg house, puts him pretty much in the shade.

**Non-Rolling Hammock**

Down below Mogaung, and in other sections of the theater where living conditions are on the minus side of Park Ave., American GI's have devised a bed which, taking everything into consideration, is rather comfortable. In that section, everybody sleeps in a jungle hammock. Sleeping in a jungle hammock requires a certain sense of balance without which the sleeper is liable to have to be extricated from his bed with a knife. To avoid rolling over in the air, GI's have built a rectangular frame from bamboo, covered it with a ground sheet and then placed the hammock above this. Thus, when the GI gets in his hammock, it rests on this cot-like frame and acquires considerable stability.

In the same sections, where the time of arrival of flashlight batteries is a question which is not even debated any longer, inventive GI's have constructed general utility lamps, used for everything from reading to lighting oneself to bed. These lamps are made from discarded C ration cans, a

## Nimitz Honored by Fordham



(NEA Telephoto)  
Admiral Chester W. Nimitz (left) is awarded Fordham University's honorary degree of Doctor of Laws by the Most Reverend James J. Sweeney, Roman Catholic Bishop of Honolulu, who presented the degree on behalf of the university. The citation said in part, "Modest, patient, brilliant and courageous, he has proved himself an admiral's admiral—an American's American." U. S. Navy photo.

## Hollywood Film Shop

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Hollywood (UP)—Look for sentimental realism in motion pictures when peace comes, suggests director Roy Del Ruth, who believes no fast-paced jazz age will

short length of parachute rope as a wick, and a fuel, believe it or not, of insect repellent.

It is generally easy for GI's to acquire small supplies of coffee. They save the little bag out of K rations, or they get it somewhere else. But the problem of heating the water was a stiff one until some genius invented the sand stove. The sand stove, like the lamp, is made from a C ration can. The can is filled with sand, and then gasoline is poured over the sand. When ignited, the stove will burn for long enough to make hot coffee. In a country where not even the air you breathe is pleasant, hot coffee is a luxury of luxuries.

**How to Cool Beer**

Cooling beer, when a GI can get beer, is another trick with gasoline. A hole is dug in the ground and the beer is placed in the hole and then covered with dirt. Gasoline is poured over the covered hole and ignited. When it burns out, the beer is dug up—and it's cool.

Further back from the front several GI's at an army ordnance machine shop have been making single shot .45 pistols from scrapped parts of various devices. Working in their spare time, they have turned out some neat looking firearms, using, in one instance, part of the barrel from a tommy-gun. Fancy handles come from isinglass from wrecked planes.

One burglar alarm, of a sort, was built by a unit which kept missing articles of clothing from its clothes line. The boys in the unit finally tied 220 volts to the line, which made wet drawers too hot to handle.

The electric fan was recorded in the *Grenlin*, published by the personnel of an air base in India. The fan is made from an electric razor. Says the *Grenlin*: "The process is simple. The men simply take the razor motor out of the case, remove the cutting head, and place a paper fan plate under the screw on the spinning wheel. Then place the motor back in half the case upside down. The gadget puts out a real breeze, and is easily hung inside the mosquito net."

around it when they come back would be a travesty on common sense.

"The returning men will demand a deep respect for American womanhood. But they'll want it exceedingly feminine in portrayal. As much as they admire her for her avid interest in the war effort, one wonders how they will feel toward the woman in slacks.

"Everyone knows there are thousands of men in isolated areas in the south Pacific and in the Aleutians who have not seen a civilian American woman for—well, your guess on the time factor is as good as mine.

"This craving for feminine graciousness or characteristic loveliness will be in demand, but not in a slim-sham or dreamy mist sort of way. The sweet genuine American girl is coming into her own again."

Hollywood (UP)—Honey-ànd-roses clinches for years have formed the inevitable endings for motion pictures but few of Hollywood's leading glamour ladies are getting them this season.

Maybe producers feel that with men away in the armed services, the final clinch ought to be eliminated for the duration. Or maybe there's a trend in Hollywood stories to keep the lovers apart in Romeo and Juliet fashion.

Anne Baxter, for instance, sets her cap for both Ralph Bellamy and Scott McKay in Hunt Stromberg's "Guest in the House" and winds up without either at the end of the story. The yarn recounts the misadventures of a willful girl who spares no one of a happy family to get the man she wants. Anne winds up alone, unwed and jilted.

Romantic Linda Darnell tries to win George Sanders away from Anna Lee in "Summer Storm" and discovers she has alienated the man she loves to a point where he murders her.

**Plot Against Husband**

But for a gas chamber and the payment of a debt to society, Barbara Stanwick might have been united with Fred MacMurray in a movie clinch in "Double Indemnity." The pair play roles of murderers who plot the destruction of her husband. They almost get away with their crime except for a few psychological slip-ups.

Bronchial troubles get the man in George Sand's life in "The Love of Madame Sand," and attractive Merle Oberon is the loser. Cornel Wilde as Chopin is brought under the spell of famous feminist and writer at her summer home in Majorca.

But the call of his art and the remembrance of the obligation he owes to his old teacher, Dr. Joseph Eisner, played by Paul Muni, takes Wilde away from Merle. She remains married to her career as leader of Paris intellectuals of the 1840's, and the audi-

ence is cheated out of the final clinch.

In "Voice in the Wind" Sigrid Gurie and Francis Lederer as a refugee Czech and her celebrated pianist husband, separated by the cruel Gestapo in Prague, almost manage to get together in their island haven of Guadalupe. A fatal shooting of Lederer and an illness for Gurie keep them apart until almost the last moment, when they just manage to touch hands.

**GI ANTELOPE**

Fort Warren, Wyo. (UP)—Annie, pet antelope of the Fort Warren soldiers, apparently has been instilled with the military atmosphere around the post. She recently walked over uninvited to the head of a drill column, and executed maneuvers, along with the soldiers, with the precision of a veteran.

**MAN SHORTAGE AT JAIL**

Rollins, Wyo. (UP)—The manpower shortage has hit the Wyoming state penitentiary! It recently was revealed by state officials in Cheyenne that the penitentiary is running behind on a government order for wool blankets. The delays were attributed to three reasons: (1) manpower shortage; (2) antiquated and inadequate machinery, and (3) a lapse over from the completion of a second contract.

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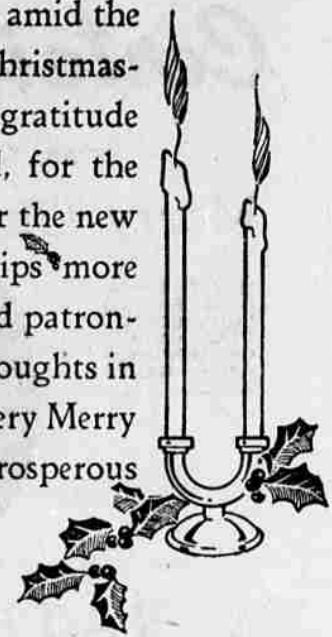
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