family."

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Where Death Is Sure Houston, Texas,-Some n his life that "he cannot over-

come" has caused a Houston man to seek death-and he wants it to be in a "hazardous undertaking which will save some man upon whose shoulders rests the responsibility of a

This man, with an apparent-

ly keen, properly functioning

mind, has prepared a letter to

Gov. Miriam A. Ferguson, asking that he be assigned to a

duty "where the possibility of

Whether the governor will

'call the bluff," if it be a bluff,

and what this person will do if

the governor raises the ante and

assigns him to a particularly

hazardous undertaking remains

The man is of German birth,

thirty-five years of age, and

nade a declaration of intention

to become a citizen of the Unit-

ed States in 1924. One of his

grandfathers lived in Texas be-

fore and during the Civil war.

ried now, has a good position

and is not in need of finances.

He speaks English, German,

French and has a fair knowl-

He asks the governor to place

him in a dangerous situation as

soon as possible, "or I will try

to bring my days to end in this

Goes to Sunday School and

Next Day Robs.

Toronto, Can.-Toronto's "Sunday

BECOMES BANDIT

edge of Spanish.

or that way.'

Dominion pondering.

VILLAGE YOUTH

The man says he is unmar-

death is 100 per cent."

Man Hunts for Duty

IT WAS A RAINY DAY

IT WAS pouring. Not a ray of sunshine greeted Cheerups when he opened his eyes. All the world was gray, and nothing could be heard but the sound of great drops tinkling on his tiny roof.

"I guess I shall have to stay at home today, sure enough," chuckled he, wagging his topknot; "and no visitors will come either, unless the ducks manage to get out. I feel a trifle It made him a little homesick to think moist, but it's worse for the Quixies out there on their spiderwebs in ah this rain. Oh, Brighteyes, Quickear, Softfoot, Sniffsniff; come here and get under as much cover as this summer house of mine offers!"

The Quixies didn't take long in answering that call. They were all very wet except Sniffsniff, who said he had found a big mushroom to crawl under "Now, boys, Old Brother East Wind has just whispered to me that he's go-



These Birds Wear Brown Crests With White and Black Tips.

ing to keep this rain up all day. What shall we do? Supposing we play games!"

"Oh, please, Mr. Cheerups," begged Brighteyes, "tell us a story!"

"Yes, yes, a story," chimed the others in chorus, clapping their hands

and squealing with delight. "Oh, well, if it's a story you are wanting, you provoking young rascals, I suppose I can find one tucked away in my head somewhere," said Cheerups, smiling, "But I am getting decidedly damp on one side, and if you want a story, you will have to keep

your story-teller dry in some way." "I know how," cried Quickear. "We'll get some big leaves and hang them like curtains on the side of the house where the rain comes in." Before Cheerups could suggest that they would get all wet while doing it, they were off and back again with the leaves; almost before he had time to put on his little red shoes and straighten up his topknot for the day. Then the great glossy leaves were fastened on two sides of the house in a twinkling, with strong grasses and bits of twisty vine, and the jolly little Quixies, all snug and warm, sat down in a circle about Cheerups, their eyes shin-

ing, and their ears pricked for a story. "Most stories begin 'Once upon a time," said Cheerups, beaming, for he was enjoying himself immensely, "but this one starts with just 'Yesterday.' Do you boys remember Mr.

| Hoopoe, who came for a singing les-

"Remember him? I should say 20!" piped Quickear. "I was out on the edge of the desert eating prickly pears with Jacky Monk, and I heard him all that way. Goodness, but he made a noise, worse than Fourth of July back

"There's quite a remarkable story about Mr Hoopoe," said Cheerups hastily, trying to change the subject. of the Fourth of July, and he saw a tear in Softfoot's eye.

"Well, in Arabia, which is a country lying beyond the Desert of Sabara and the Red sea, far away from our jungle, the people have a legend about Mr. Hoopoe and King Solomon, who lived long, long ago. Once when King Solomon was traveling through the desert -for other lands have deserts, too, you know-he grew very faint from the hot rays of big bright Mr. Sun. Then a flock of Hoopoes came and formed a screen just above his head to protect him. King Solomon was so delighted and thought it was so kind of the Hoopoes that he asked what he could do for them as a reward. What do you suppose the foolish things asked for? Why, crowns of gold upon their heads! Of course, the king granted their request and they vere very happy and proud of themselves for a while, looking into all the pools and even the dewdrops to catch their reflections. But soon men began to trap them and hunt them to get their golden crowns. The Hoopoes were most dreadfully frightened then, and some of them went back to King Solomon and begged that he would take away the horrid crowns. The kind king listened to their troubles, of course, and gave them crowns of feathers instead of their golden ones. Ever since then these birds have worn brown crests with white and black Cheerups, with a merry twinkle in his tips. Didn't you notice Mr. Hoopoe's yesterday?"

"Oh, yes, Mr. Cheerups, we did," cried the Quixies in glee, "for we

Rudolph Valentino



Rodolpho Alfonzo Raffaelo Pierre Filibert Guglielmi di Valentina d'Antonguella-the full name of this prominent "movie" star-was born in the little village of Castellaneta, Italy, May 6, 1895. It was not until after his arrival in New York, in 1913, that he learned to dance, and later obtained a position in a prominent New York cafe as a dancer. After an unsuccessful tour with a musical comedy he joined a motion picture producing or-

were peeking from behind the breadfruit tree all the time, except Quickear, who was away eating fruit. Thank you, sir; that was a lovely story." "But you see now, don't you," said eye, "that

"Golden crowns and all the rest Are not of gifts the very best." (© by Little, Brown & Co.)

USE COTTON MATERIALS IN VARIOUS WAYS



How Many Women Are Good Judges of Cotton Fabrics?

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Did you know that velveteen, corduroy and India linen are all cotton materials, in spite of their trade names or their appearance? That there are almost a hundred common cotton materials women use in different ways for family clothing or household purposes? Do you know the difference between spun and reeled silk, worsted and woolen, satin and sateen? That although we instinctively look for goods that are all wool and a yard wide," such material as part-cotton serge may give very good service considering its cost? That paper "yarn" is found occasionally in fabrics, combined with cotton, wool, or even silk fabrics?

The bureau of home economics of the United States Department of Agrischool bandit" is a human enigma who culture in its textile division is studyhas set criminologists throughout the lng a great many such questions with a view to aiding the housewife in the On a Sunday morning recently Percy | selection of the materials her family Borden White, aged twenty, attended needs. Women ought to know more service in the Orangeville United about the various kinds of fibers in each church. On Monday morning, just at sort of material, the best materials for the same hour that he had entered the any given purpose, and how to make church, White strolled into an East simple tests for durability and quality end branch of the Imperial bank here, in each case. A cheap fiber is not necthrust a revolver under the teller's essarily a poor investment if the pur-'em up, and come through with your it suits her purpose, and if the price | terial is fast to the purpose intended -is what it is worth.

Valuable Asset.

United States Department of Agricul-

ture. The chopped nuts and dried

made cookies.

He made a haul of \$1,000, but was pursued and captured before he had FILL COOKIE JAR gone more than a block in the taxicab which he had chartered for his attempted robbery.

Psychiatrists are interested in White's case because they believe he may be the possessor of a "dual personality"-may be a veritable Doctor Jekyl and Mr. Hyde in real life.

Born and raised in the little town of Orangeville, 50 miles northwest of Toronto, White had always been a timid, mild-mannered youth, a regular attendant at church, at Sunday school and at Epworth league meetings. He himself had formerly been employed by the Imperial bank and a desire to obtain revenge for his dismissal may have been the motive which actuated him in his first venture into crime,

It is also believed that White was influenced by reading of Leslie Hathewa, "gentleman gunman," who "stuck up" the Thorndale (Ont.) branch of the Bank of Montreal and escaped with \$6,000, although he has since been recaptured and sent to Kingston penitentiary.

\$100 Bills Rain Down on 16-Year-Old Boy

Boston.-Fleeting wealth rained down on sixteen-year-old Louis De Lucca recently. As he hugged close to the wall of a building on State street to dodge the drops of a lively shower, a \$100 bill floated down and landed at his feet. Scarcely able to believe his eyes, he picked it up, then espied other bills lying on the pave-

ment. Louis had just picked them all up and counted them, finding the total to be \$1,500, when two men climbed down the fire escape of the building, ran up to him and demanded the money. Not daring to do otherwise, the boy gave up the treasure. The men asked for his name and address

and told him "there may be a reward." The men climbed back up to the fire escape and Louis went sadly on his way. When he told his friends about it, they suggested that perhaps the men weren't the real owners of the money and that he ought to tell the

police about it. Louis followed their advice. At the police station he learned that while a police squad was raiding a gambling house in the building one of the gamblers had thrown the \$1,500 out of the window. The men who recovered it from Louis were police officers. The police also confiscated \$1, 900 found on the tables and arrested

Dives Into Furnace

four men.

Pittsburgh, Pa.-Unable to repel a sudden impulse, John Chick, twentytwo, a "carrying boy" employed by the United States Glass company, dived head first to his death into a glass furnace at the company's factory here.

Before he succumbed to burns a short time later. Chick said he became dizzy while standing near the furnace and was seized with a degire to plunge through the opening. The case was re edible fat. The quantity given is for right side. ported to the coroner as a suicide.

Cotton, the bureau points out, may be chosen for its low cost, ease of laundering, coolness and durability; mercerized cotton because it combines durability and beauty with low cost; linen for its absorptive properties, resistance to soil, beauty and durability; wool for its warmth; silk for its great beauty and durability; and artificial silk, now frequently called rayon, for its extreme luster. Mixtures of fibers may be desirable in cases where wearing quality has not been too greatly sacrificed in order to lower cost. There are also many grades of cotton, linen or other fibers, with which the pur-

chasers should be familiar to some extent. The method of weaving a fabric is an important point, bearing upon its durability and attractiveness. Such familiar weaves as the basket weave, the twill or the satin, mean to most of us entirely different materials, and influence our selection. The finish of a material should be understood, as, for instance, the difference between mercerization, which is a process that strengthens cotton and gives it a gloss, and the finishes produced by applying paste-like fillings to the cloth. The subject of dyes is a very large one in itself, but the housekeeper can learn nose and commanded him to "Stick chaser knows what she is getting, if how to test whether the color of a ma-

fast to light or to water.

THE WHY & By H. IRVING KING SUPERSTITIONS

A farmers is that if you cut off a pig's tail he will fatten more readily -you will have a good fat hog at "killing time." This is one of those agricultural superstitions which go back to the most primitive times and ing near the sheaf to represent the "fox's tail."

at it and cry, "We have cut off the

fox's tail!" at the same time giving THE PIG'S TAIL vent to cries of a peculiar nature which may be words of some long for-NOT uncommon belief among gotten language. This proceeding is supposed to ensure a good crop for next year. In Scandinavia, Esthonia, parts of Germany and among some Slavonic races the favorite representative of the corn spirit appears to

can be clearly traced to that phase of nature-worship-the worship of the grain spirit-which in some of its orms regarded the spirit of the crops as taking on the shape, or at least as symbolized by, an animal. To this day at harvest time in Bourgogne, the last sheaf gathered is said to be "the fox." A score of ears of grain are left stand-

The reapers then throw their sickles

nection between the primitive custom of the peasants of northern Europe of cutting off the pig's tail to insure fat crops and the custom of the farmers of American states of cutting off the pig's tail to insure a fat hog is ob-(© by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

have been the hog; for in those re-

gions at times of planting and of har-

vest they pay the same attention to the

hog as the Burgundian peasants do to

In Courland when barley is sown

the farmer's wife boils a hog's chine

and tail. The chine is eaten but the

tail is cut off and stuck up in the

field to insure a "fat" crop. The con-

BBREVIATED =STORY

THE PROFITEERS

"WHY is it," thought Jazzbo, the man from Mars, "that the earth-people don't govern themselves more sensibly, as we do up on Mars? What they call the high cost of living. for instance-what is the cause of such a silly state of things?"

And he decided to go to those three representative business men of whom baker and the candlestick maker, and question them. So he stepped into Loiner's butcher shop and inquired politely: "Might I ask you to tell me

what causes the high cost of living?" "Selfishness-pure selfishness," replied the butcher gloomily. He removed a sign reading "Frankfurters, 30 cents a pound," and replaced in with one reading: "Frankfurters. 3 for 50 cents," and continued, "If everybody was satisfied with a fair profit, like me, there wouldn't be no high

cost of living. The profiteers!" Kneedle, the baker, in response to the same question, said: "Nobody ain't satisfied with a reasonable return on their investment-they want to hog it all, the profiteers!"

And he sold a dozen rolls to a customer for 65 cents, and Jazzbo went to the shop of Tallowbaum, the candlestick maker, who said: "The high cost of living? Piggishness. Look around you at the profiteers!" "I'll take that candlestick marked

\$3.50," said Jazzbo. "That's \$9.80 today-I forgot to change the card," said Tallowbaum. (@ by George Matthew Adams.)

'Just One More Cookie, Grandma, Please." fruits may be mixed with the dough

or pressed into the tops of the cookles

after they have been cut out. The

amounts used depend on individual

preferences. Drop Cookies. k cupful milk 4 teaspoonfuls cupfuls sifted baking powder soft-wheat flour 1½ cupfuls sugar or ½ teaspoonful % cupful milk cupfuls sifted ard-wheat flour 3 teaspoonfuls

flavoring % cupful fat 2 eggs The fat may be any mild-flavored-

lard or other fat containing no water. If butter or margarine is used one-FOR THE HOLIDAYS sixth more fat or two tablespoonfuls will be required. Place the fat in a warm place until it becomes soft, Supply of Sweet Cakes Is though not melted, so that it may be combined easily with the sugar. This is just as satisfactory and much quicker than the laborious method of (Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.) creaming together the cold fat and As the Christmas holldays draw sugar. After the fat and sugar have near, a supply of cookies, kept in air- been thoroughly combined stir in the tight tins or jars, is a valuable asset beaten egg yolks and add alternately to the housekeeper. Perhaps she has the dry ingredients, which have been boys and girls coming home from mixed and sifted together, and the boarding school or college, with seem- liquid. At the start add only a small ingly insatiable appetites and glowing of liquid, (If too much is recollections of the good things mother added, it dissolves the sugar, and the makes; or the holiday season brings fat separates into large masses that must be recombined with the other inunexpected callers, and visitors from a gredients by beating, thus making usedistance; or there is need for a few less the work of combining the fat and last-minute Christmas remembrances, which may well take the form of a sugar in the beginning.) Add the flavoring and fold in the well-beaten box or fancy basket of delicious homeegg whites. Drop small portions of Peanuts or other nuts, chopped or the mixture on a greased baking sheet and bake in a moderately hot oven whole, dates, raisins, figs, or frostings of various kinds may be used to mod-(about 375 degrees Fahrenheit). This ify the recipes given below by the amount makes about 50 cookies.

Crisp Cookies.

4 cupful milk or 4 teaspoonful 4 cupfuls sifted 4 teaspoonfuls soft-wheat flour baking powder 2 cupfuls sugar

3½ cupfuls sifted 2 eggs
hard-wheat flour 3 teaspoonfuls
1 cupful fat (see flavoring preceding recipe)

Combine the ingredients in the same way as for drop cookles. Roll the dough thin, handling it no more than necessary, cut it in any desired shapes. and bake the cookies on a greased baking sheet in a fairly hot oven (about 375 to 400 degrees Fahrenhelt). Instead of rolling out the dough it may be chilled and sliced thinly. Whether rolled or sliced, chilling the dough makes it easier to handle. This amount makes about 100 thin cookies.

Children love plain cookies cut in fancy shapes, and if one makes cookies often, it may pay to have a number of animal or other interesting cutters on hand. They are made of tin and are relatively inexpensive.

How to Resize Rug and Stop It From Curling

Resizing adds to the durability of the rug and makes it look much better. It can be done at home or by a carpet dealer, says the United States

Department of Agriculture. The rug should be stretched tight and true and tacked at frequent intervals, face down, on a floor or some other flat surface where it can remain undisturbed. It should then be sprinkled generously with a solution made by soaking and dissolving one-fourth pound of flake glue in one-half gallon of water in a double boller or a container surrounded by hot water. The rug should be allowed to dry for at east 24 hours. If it is light weight, care should be taken not to put on so much glue that it penetrates to the

By MILDRED MARSHALL-Facts about your name; its history; meaning; whence it was derived; significance; your lucky day and lucky jewel

Yvonne is almost a name without a history. It is a feminine name obviously invented from the masculine form for the purpose of honoring the name; it had no parallel growth and no particular reason for being. In short, it is one of the few names in etymological records, which were probably originally bestowed upon some girl baby to perpetuate the name of the father in the event that there was no subsequent male heir.

The history of Yvonne dates back to legendary times when a Persian bishop named Ivhar established a hermitage in Huntingdonshire in the Seventh century, and provided a patron for many an Ivar of Danish and Norman extraction. The use of this name spread throughout France, where it was known as Yvon or Ivone.

Yvon became popular among the chroniclers. It was Yvon de Taillebois, who was the villain in the story

A LINE O' CHEER

By John Kendrick Bangs A VALUABLE SECRET

I HOLD a secret good and true That makes for joy intense, The which I here confide to In strictest confidence: The reason why I get most things on which my mind is set at I always set my mind on things that I can get.

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of "Hereward" and his camp of refuge. There was also the good St. Ivo de Chartres, who suffered unjust mprisonment, and St. Ives of Brittany, the advocate of the poor. There have been scores of Yvonnes

in ballad and romance, to say nothing of modern literature. Though most popular in families of French descent, Yvonne enjoys great vogue in this

The opal is Yvonne's talismanic gem. It is said to bring her that mysterious fascination which is associat ed with superwoman charm. It will also guard her from unhappiness. Fri. he had heard so often-the butcher, the day is her lucky day and 7 her lucky number.

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