

Bright Colors Add Much to Game Rooms

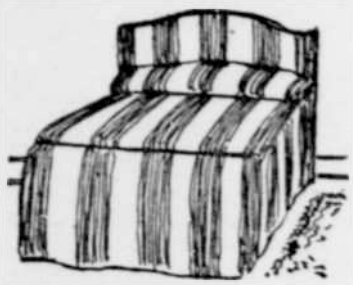
By BETTY WELLS

"WE'RE taking a lot of pains," writes Gertrude R., "to bring up some fine boys—we have three. They're just now in high school, and they're very handy at doing all sorts of things—building and upholstering and painting and all of that."

"Recently they and their father made over the large attic space of our house into three small bedrooms and a combined game room and study. Now they want me to help with the furnishings and ask for something exciting. The three bedrooms are very small; but they will only be room for a single bed and a chest of drawers in each. There is one window and one small closet apiece, too. We can't spend much; we're going to buy springs and mattresses but the boys will have to construct framework for their beds. We have chests that can be painted and we'll buy mirrors. Can you suggest ideas for these rooms?"

"The combination game room and study will have to be furnished with old furniture recovered and repainted. We're giving them our big old wood kitchen table to study on. What would you do in the way of colors, curtains, coverings, etc.?"

It ought to be lots of fun fixing up rooms like that because you can be bold without serious consequences. For instance, one of these rooms would be jaunty with white walls,



Striped duck is grand for a bed in a boy's room.

a bedspread of white and red awning striped duck with headboard upholstered to match and a window shade of the same material.

Do another of these small rooms with bare pine siding walls, a built-in cowboy bunk with a top deck for company, Navajo design blankets for spreads and plaid shirt flannel for curtains. Here the chest ought to be in bare pine or maple finish.

The third little room might be very shipshape with white walls, blue denim bedspread, white chest, curtains of a ship design chintz which could also be used for cushions on the bed.

Why not paint the walls of the game room white with natural stained floor, green corduroy coverings, burnt orange curtains, furniture painted light gray. Add extra odd cushions of burnt orange.

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NEW TYPE RAINCOAT



Though snow blankets much of the country, raincoats are still a necessity in other sections. Even the dog is equipped with a rain-proof coat made of koresal, a new non-deteriorating substance developed in Akron.

Sun Bathers Bask on

Top of Great Pyramid

CAIRO, EGYPT.—Sun bathing is extremely popular among winter visitors here. Even the Great Pyramid is not immune to devotees of this sport and the hardy visitor who is able and hardy enough to climb the Great Pyramid will frequently see groups of sun bathers basking on its top.

There is plenty of space and usually a pleasant desert breeze.

YOUNGEST REFUGEE



The youngest refugee in the huge camp at Szeprance, Czechoslovakia, seems very happy. The camp has been established in a former canning factory near Prague. It houses 280 refugees, including German Jews and Social Democrats.

LITTLE STORIES FOR BEDTIME

By Thornton W. Burgess

You've often heard the saying old about the famous slip That unexpectedly occurs between the cup and lip: 'Twas even thus with Reddy Fox when most he would be fed: On Meadow Mouse he thought to dine, but hungry went instead.

WHEN Danny Meadow Mouse darted right in front of Reddy Fox to save little Miss Nanny Meadow Mouse, on whom Reddy was just about to spring, he did one of the bravest deeds that anyone could do. Reddy was so surprised that for just a teeny, weeny minute he didn't know just what to do, and in that teeny, weeny minute little Miss Nanny ran out from under the little bunch of grass where she had been sitting, and where Reddy had known that she was sitting, and away to a place of safety. Then Reddy sprang. He sprang straight at bold Danny Meadow Mouse, just as Danny had



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expected he would, and because he was so excited and surprised he missed Danny, which was also as Danny expected.

Danny dodged and ran along the little path that led through the thickest grass, and then began one of the most exciting races of all the exciting races Danny had ever run. The grass was so thick that Reddy could not see him, but he could see the grass move as Danny ran, and so he kept jumping just ahead of the place where the grass was moving. Time and time again he almost landed on poor, frightened Danny. Once his toenails actually tore Danny's trousers and made Danny squeal with pain and fright, but he wriggled free and ran harder than ever.

Now, Danny had had a great deal of experience in his short life, and he knew the ways of Reddy Fox quite as well as Reddy knew his ways. He knew that it was his wife against Reddy's wife. He knew, too, that if he just ran Reddy would soon catch him, for, of course, a great big fellow like Reddy can run a great deal faster than a little bit of a fellow like Danny. So he knew that if he would escape he must fool Reddy Fox. So once as Reddy sprang Danny stopped short, and, of course, Reddy sprang completely over him. Then Danny darted back the way he had just come. For a minute Reddy was fooled. Then he heard the rustle of Danny's scurrying feet behind him and knew what had happened. Instantly he whirled about and was after Danny once more.

Now, if Danny had been near his own home he would have had plenty of safe hiding places, but over here at the home of little Miss Nanny he didn't know where the hiding places were and he felt quite helpless. He was getting quite out of breath and he felt lame and very sore where Reddy's claws had hurt him. But

10,000 Industrial Plants On Definite War Schedule

Criminal Tactics Change But Little to Expert, 73

CLEVELAND.—Nothing new has occurred in the tactics of criminals in the last 43 years, observes 73-year-old George Koestle, superintendent of the bureau of criminal identification here, who is lamenting over a move to retire him because of his age.

"All through the 43 years I have served here, I haven't seen anything new in crime," said Koestle, who has studied backgrounds of some 80,000 criminals. "Each generation produces new criminals, but the crimes are the same."

Koestle, whose efforts have made Cleveland's identification bureau one of the nation's most efficient, blames "environment" for breeding thugs, murderers, burglars and other criminals. Homes where no definite line has been drawn between good and evil are at fault, he believes.

Possibly the dean of America's identification experts, Koestle is worried about legislation pending before the city council to retire all police and firemen at the age of 70. He has served under seven police chiefs and has turned down numerous promotions so that he could stay on the same job.

HIS EYE FOR SALE



John Galatis of Fairmont, Mo., father of five children, has offered to sell an eye for \$10,000 in order to pay off the mortgage on his home, remodel it and educate his children. He is shown with his daughter Vivian, aged four.

his courage was good and he was bound that he wouldn't give up. He had been in tight places before, and he was sure that somehow he would get out of his present trouble if he only kept his wits about him and tried his very hardest. He dodged into a little side path just because it was handy, and then he remembered that this little path led straight to the old brush pile, under which little Miss Nanny had so many little galleries, and where he had tried so hard to find her. If he could reach that he would be safe.

Danny drew a long breath and ran harder than ever. He didn't stop to look behind him. He didn't need to. His ears told him all that he needed to know. Reddy Fox had discovered which path he had taken and was right after him. There was the old brush pile just ahead! Could he get there in time? How tired his legs were. It seemed as if he couldn't run another step. He gritted his teeth and just made himself run faster than ever.

Plump! Down came the paws of Reddy Fox, and one of them landed on Danny's funny, little stubby tail. He squeaked with fright and pain. The skin of his tail slipped off, and with a last frantic jump Danny was under the old brush pile. Reddy Fox had almost caught a dinner, but not quite.

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Da Vinci an Inventor

The world today remembers Leonardo da Vinci as one of the world's greatest artists—creator of the great "Mona Lisa" and the "Last Supper." He was best known in his day, however, as a great scientist, engineer and mathematician. He is credited with being the greatest inventor of all time.

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War Department Seeks to Eliminate Possibly Dis- astrous 'Bottleneck.'

WASHINGTON.—Assistant Secretary of War Louis Johnson revealed that 10,000 industrial plants have been given "definite war schedules of production." However, he warned that 250 of these plants, on which armed forces must rely for 55 critical military items, cannot perform wartime tasks because of a shortage of funds. He said the war department would ask congress for special appropriation for "educational orders" to eliminate an industrial "bottleneck" which might prove disastrous in war.

Addressing a conference of army procurement experts, summoned here to discuss industrial mobilization, Johnson declared that the United States must be prepared to meet the needs of changing strategic situations, presumably meaning that attack might come from any or all quarters or that this country might be forced to carry the fight far from home.

7,300 Articles on List.

"Our shopping list for items of war equipment includes 7,300 articles or processes of production," he said. "With your help, we have found production facilities in industry for practically all of them."

"In an emergency more than 99.25 per cent of our needs, industry, upon short notice, will be able to produce. Our bottleneck, however, is in that other three-fourths of 1 per cent, represented by 55 critical items so difficult of production, so different from ordinary peacetime needs, that industry will not be able to produce them in mass without some education."

"I want to assure you men in the field that we in the war department will not be satisfied until we have convinced the congress and the American people of the necessity for educational orders to industry for the manufacture of every one of our critical 55 items."

War Bureau's Objective

He outlined the immediate objectives of the war department as follows:

1. Establishment of standard types for all critical items and the completion of necessary drawings, specifications and manufacturing data for immediate use in an emergency.
2. Completion of current industrial surveys to develop thoroughly the industrial capacity of all procurement districts.
3. Preparation of allocated plants for their war schedules by means of current orders for production, educational orders and production plans.
4. Completion of the organization and the training of personnel required to expand peace procurement organizations to war strength.
5. Early completion of contract forms adequate for all anticipated war conditions and simple enough to be readily understandable both by industry and the war department.

WATCH THIS CHAP



Young Clayton Haefner, professional golfer of Greensboro, N. C. Golfing experts say he is a golfer who will bear watching during the winter tournaments.

California's Surety Fund Is Producing a Dividend

SAN FRANCISCO.—California's system of requiring employers to put money into a state fund to insure their workers against injury or death while in the performance of their duty is rapidly developing into "big business."

There is already \$17,000,000 in the fund and the state compensation fund this year declared a dividend of \$3,500,000.

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Star Dust

★ Repeated Mistakes

★ Doug. Sr. in Again

★ A Moral-less Tale

By Virginia Vale

THERE'S a good reason for one of the mistakes Hollywood makes about every so often; the only trouble is that after it's been made the studios forget about it, and make it all over again later.

You read about beautiful models who've been signed for pictures—girls who pose for magazine covers and advertisements, girls whose faces are familiar to you, although you probably have never known their names until you read about their going to Hollywood. Then, in all likelihood, you never hear of them again. They stay in California until their contracts run out, and then head back to New York, sadder and wiser.

One of those models talked to me the other day. She'd been urged—by phone, telegraph and letter—to take advantage of the movies. She'd



ANITA COUNIHAN

been offered a screen test. She'd dodged all interviews, just saying that she wasn't interested.

"Of course I take beautiful photographs," she said. "That's because I know how to use make-up. I'm nothing unusual to look at in real life. But the men who make movies, even though they know what make-up can do for their stars, don't seem to realize that a model's beauty may be all artificial. They sign us up, and then comes the awful shock! We're not beautiful, except when our faces are re-done and are in repose. And then they lose interest in us."

Well, that hasn't been the difficulty where some of the famous models are concerned. Anita Couston is an example. She went to Hollywood, got started in bits—and went back east again. But for one like her there have been others by the dozen, girls whose beauty in photographs captivated the movie men, when it didn't exist in real life.

Remember Mary Kornman, who used to be the sweetheart of the "Our Gang" comedy shorts? She's an attractive young woman now, and you'll see her in "It's Spring Again," with Oliver Hardy and Harry Langdon.

The Hall Johnson Negro choir, which you've often heard on the air, has been signed for that same picture, incidentally; in it they'll feature "In the Evening by the Moonlight."

Douglas Fairbanks Sr. just couldn't stay out of the picture business any longer. His new company is all set, financed by American, British and Swiss capital. The senior Fairbanks will just produce—at least, at present he thinks he won't act, but you never can tell—and he has planned three pictures for 1939. They are "The Californians," "The Tenth Woman," based on the life of Lord Byron, and "The Three Musketeers."

Here are a couple of success stories of the air for you. Eugene Conley was a shipping clerk in Lynn, Mass., until not so very long ago. He took time off whenever he could to sing with three of his friends. A radio executive heard the boys, one time when Conley was playing hooky from his job in order to sing—and now Conley has three programs a week, and has had an offer from the Chicago Opera company!

John Laing didn't play hooky from his job, because he was a page boy, and soon after that he was a guide (N. B. C. has a lot of them, you know, to guide tourists through its studios). After that he did an audition as an announcer, and an announcer he was, for four years. Now he's been signed up for movies.

So one won out by not sticking to his job, and the other succeeded by sticking to it.

ODDS AND ENDS—Dolores Costello has the feminine lead opposite Adolphe Menjou in "King of the Turf"—and Bing Crosby, the horse, not the crooner, is also in the cast. That corn-flake company that wanted Rudy Vallee for its radio programs took Carole Lombard and Cary Grant instead.

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CONGRESS GOES TO WORK

Faced with more than its usual quota of world and domestic problems, congress opens a session which will continue far into the summer months. Picture Parade gives you a glimpse of the work at hand.



Picture Parade

DEFENSE—To guard against what he considers a threat from aggressor nations, President Roosevelt favors throwing a defensive ring around the entire Western hemisphere. The war department wants a bigger air force. Also planned is industrial mobilization.



TAXES—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau's budget requests will possibly be smaller for the fiscal year starting next June. Considered as a new revenue source is reduction of income tax exemptions for single persons from \$1,000 to \$500, for married persons from \$2,500 to \$1,000.



IMMIGRATION—Because Germany is persecuting Jews, some congressmen will ask a partial lifting of American immigration restrictions. This plan is opposed by Senator Borah, among others, on the theory that an influx of new population would only add to the unemployment problem.



CHAIN STORES—Texas' Congressman Wright Patman will introduce his bill to tax chain stores out of existence. But the bill is confronted with mounting public opposition from such groups as the American Federation of Labor, farm and consumer groups, who believe it would cut the farmer's market 30 per cent, raise living costs and increase unemployment.

LABOR—Charging that the national labor relations act as now constituted is unfair to employers, congressmen will seek revisions. Two proposed amendments would (1) require employers to ask for labor board elections and (2) permit court review of NLRB findings.



AGRICULTURE—Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace may ask congress to approve his "two-price" plan for domestic subsidies, whereby surplus American agricultural products would be sold at a low price to needy families. A general farm revolt is expected over acreage reduction plans.



PENSIONS—Although the November elections saw defeat of many unorthodox pension proposals, many congressmen were elected with the backing of such groups as that formed by Dr. Francis E. Townsend, above. The original Townsend proposal of \$200 a month would likely be modified.



RELIEF—Originated by Democrats but claiming Republican support, a measure will probably be introduced to return administration of relief to states, where bi-partisan boards will be in charge. Enlarged defense appropriations, together with the predicted upswing in business, may preclude a repetition of the large relief appropriations made during recent years.

BEEES TO PAY COST OF COLLEGE YOUTH'S EDUCATION

EVANSTON, ILL.—Four million bees worked overtime last summer so that Ralph Lidger, 17-year-old Chicagoan, could study at Northwestern university this year. He will work his way through college by selling the ton or more of honey which they produce annually.

"I've been keeping bees for four or five years now," Lidger said. "It began as a hobby, but I realized that I could make money at it

and expanded my apiary. I have 40 colonies now, with about 100,000 bees in each colony. I intend to start another 25 colonies next spring."

Lidger is a freshman in the college of liberal arts, taking a pre-medical course. He keeps his bees on a small farm on the outskirts of Chicago, and sells the honey both wholesale and retail. He reported that bee-keeping combines nicely with a college education, for during

the winter the bees cluster in their hives and require no attention.

"In spring I investigate to see how the bees have come through the winter," he said. "I combine weak colonies or buy a few pounds of new bees, and check the whole group for disease. In summer I have to see that each colony has enough space for honey storage, and watch for swarming. In fall I pack straw around the hives so they will

keep warm during the winter."

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Town of Harpers Ferry

Harpers Ferry, Ohio, was originally known as Shenandoah Falls and some time between the years 1840 and 1850, its name was changed. A ferry had been established across the Potomac there for some years, and this gave its name to the town.

World's Supply of Clover

About four-fifths of the world's supply of clover comes from the islands of Zanzibar and Pemba, East Africa.

Lyons of America

Paterson, N. J., is called the Lyons of America because it is the chief silk manufacturing city in the United States. More than \$100,000,000 worth of silk is produced in one year.

Hangs by Its Toes

In midair several stories above the street in Stockholm is the Ny Katerinahiss, a restaurant that hangs "by its toes" beneath a sky bridge.