

Floyd Gibbons'

ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"Stretching His Luck"

HELLO EVERYBODY!
Teddy was a wing walker.
You know, one of those birds in a flying circus who does things on the wing of a plane you wouldn't try in your own parlor. They must need money mighty bad, you tell your neighbor.

Teddy always was a runt. That's why he was a wing walker. You wanted as little weight as possible moving around out there on the fabric-covered wings of those Jennies the flying circuses were using right after the war. They weren't built for wing walking. But Teddy walked 'em, even in his sleep.

It was old stuff to him. It was so old he began to look around for something new to thrill the gaping crowds.

Something that gave them a bigger kick than hanging by your knees from the undercarriage of a speeding plane. He didn't know then it never pays to play the other fellow's game. But he learned.

Well sir, it was in a town the flying circus was playing out in Iowa that Teddy came across the idea he was looking for. It came to him as he watched a human fly scale the walls of the tallest building. Reaching the topmost story, the fly somehow attached an ordinary inner tube to a window, sunk his teeth in the other end and hung there in the breeze. Teddy saw the stunt "got" the crowd. And it would knock 'em cold when he pulled it on a plane a thousand or so feet in the air.

Human Fly Coaches Teddy for New Job.

When the fly came down to earth, Teddy introduced himself, invited him to supper. Maybe he hoisted a couple. Anyway, the fly warmed up enough to tell Teddy how it worked.

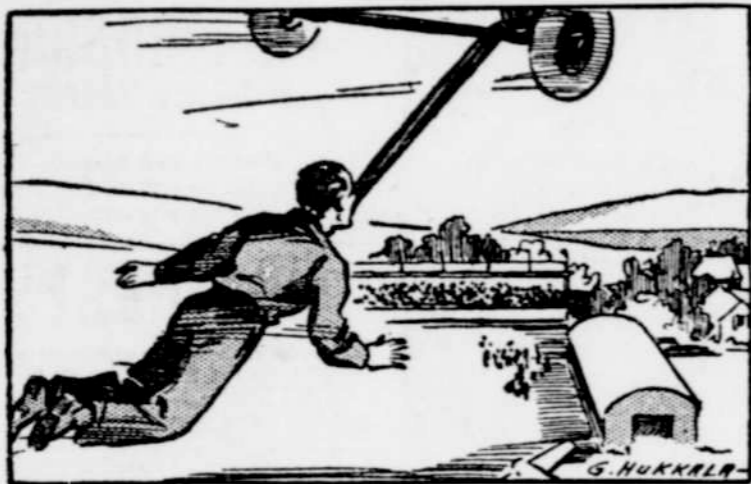
Before he went to bed that night, the wing walker bought himself a couple of brand new inner tubes. The next day, out at the flying field, he rigged them as he had been instructed. High up on a wall he fastened an end of one. Then, climbing on a chair, he took the other end in his teeth and kicked the chair away.

The darn thing stretched so far his feet touched the floor. He moved the tube a couple of feet higher and everything was fine.

Day after day Teddy religiously practiced hanging from that tube to strengthen the muscles of his jaws and neck. It was a heavy strain to put on the front upper teeth that were bridge-work, but they held. And six weeks later Teddy was prepared to strut his stuff.

Before we go any further I had better tell you Teddy is Theodore Davidson of Galesburg, Ill. They still call him "Dare Devil" Davidson, this new member of the Floyd Gibbons Adventurers' club.

He was all of that on a sunny afternoon, in September, 1919, in Moline, Ill., where the flying circus was putting on its show, making those



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Jenny do things they were never built for. The weather was perfect. So was the gate. And the performers were feeling pretty good as they took to the skies.

Especially Teddy. He was going to pop their eyes out with a brand new, death-defying stunt, performed for the first time in any land. It never occurred to him then, this would also be the last time.

The inner tube was fastened securely to the axle of the undercarriage of the Jenny. And everything went off according to schedule until Teddy began lowering himself down that wriggling, slippery, flabby length of rubber.

Fails to Figure Effect of Air Resistance.

"Right then," Teddy says, "I could see I had stretched my luck too far."

Right there, too, he began learning a painful lesson in simple physics! He had failed to figure what effect the air resistance of his body would have upon the tubing. Hanging below the plane, moving 70 miles an hour, the drag of the air on Teddy added some 30 or 40 pounds to the weight on that big rubber band.

"That tube started stretching and stretching," says Teddy, "and it was like a live thing as I slipped and fought it!"

The more it stretched, the harder it was for a wing walker with a bright idea to hang on. It had never acted that way in practice. Would it hold? Could it hold? What was he going to do about it? Teddy says he was too dumb to climb back. That was probably because he was too busy holding on.

Well sir, that's one of the darnedest fixes I ever heard of. And it became worse. After rattling for 10 minutes with that flexible support his arms tired.

He slipped lower. Finally, he just had to let himself down to where he could sink his teeth into the gadget attached to the flapping end. His jaws clamped down on it. The rest of him was limp with weariness. His head forced back, he saw the tube stretch alarmingly as gusts of wind put more pressure on his body. There were six feet of it between him and the landing gear.

In practice, it had never stretched to more than three!

Rests Arms to Climb Back to Safety.

Teddy tried to relax as the plane circled 1,500 feet above the grandstand. His aching arms were folded, resting for that long climb to safety. He wasn't sure he could do it. But he was not permitted to dwell on the idea for long. There was a wrench, a crunch, a shoot of pain in Teddy's face.

The bridgework that was Teddy's front uppers had crushed!

The ends of the mouthpiece, however, were tucked away back where they were gripped by molars on both sides. Still gripping it, Teddy began inching his way upward along that thin, twisted, tough tubing that had been put to such strange use. Well, boys and girls, there is no use prolonging the agony.

"I made it, too," Teddy says, "but by such a small margin I decided then and there to be satisfied with my old bag of tricks."

Teddy's story closes on a note of sadness. Those artificial teeth of his vanished into thin air during the minutes he struggled up that yielding rope of rubber. All the dough he made that dizzy day went to buy a new set.

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Quaint Customs Surround Oldest British Festival

Quaalagh is seldom heard of in England, but is one of the oldest British festivals. It is observed in parts of the Isle of Man, where customs similar to "first-footing" in Scotland are kept up, says Tit-Bits. Men go from house to house singing special festival songs, and are invited in for a bite and a drink. But there are one or two customs in connection with Quaalagh which are observed nowhere else. Before midnight the floor of the kitchen is

swept, always starting at the door and sweeping to the hearth, otherwise good luck will be swept out. Before retiring, the ashes are taken from the fire and smoothed over the hearth with a pair of tongs, and in the morning the housewife looks eagerly at the ashes for tracks of a human foot. If there is one and the toes point to the door, it means death for one in the house; if the footprint is reversed, it means the birth of a child.

Beguiling Silk Lingerie That's Styled Dress-Like

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



YOU must have a hobby. Nerve specialists recommend it. They tell you in order to keep fit, stay young and be zestful in life every one should seek relaxation from the humdrum and routine of life by following up some subject, some one pursuit of all-absorbing interest.

As for this absorbing pursuit of "hobby" we know of none so all-prevailing among the fair sex as the love of lace-laden, ribbon-pretied silken lingerie finery. So let's talk about the entrancing negligees and gowns and housecoats and cunning bedjackets that this season go to make up as alluring a collection of boudoir fantasies as ere intrigued feminine fancy.

In regard to modern trends it would seem as if the thought uppermost in the minds of current designers is to create negligees that may serve many purposes, rather than be restricted for wear in one's boudoir. This movement accounts, no doubt, for the outstanding feature about the new silk lingerie which this season has all the individuality and high styling of a dress.

That our smartest daytime prints and pastel sheer wools are being all-over pleated is a well-known fact. See this manner of styling reflected in the new sheer silken "at home" robes that are worn over matching or contrasting gowns, giving the feminine appearance of the "smelling salts" era of romance. It is requiring yards and yards of pleated silk sheer to arrive at this romanticism but the result is worth the extravagance judging from the enchanting ensemble shown to the right in the illustration. As milady moves about in this maze of diaphanous pleats the sheer loveliness of this creation is like unto that of a

Grecian goddess. This full length coat in mirage blue silk sheer with knotted short sleeves and Grecian lace bust treatment is worn over a trianon rose gown with net bra top applied with matching lace.

Again, speaking of lingerie fashions that take on the styling of a dress, wouldn't you think, if we were not telling you otherwise, that the lovely lady seated in the foreground of the group was gowned in a party frock? Fact is this is a boudoir fantasy designed especially for women who like to breakfast in bed or sit pillowed in cushions in luxurious ease. The bolero is of silk sheer lastex quilted and bound with plain satin and makes an intriguing bedjacket to wear with another gown as well as the one here shown. Off with this fanciful bolero and a gown of exquisite pure silk satin is revealed that has a silk sheer top of lastex in quilted effect and plain satin binding matched to the jacket.

A Victorian-inspired boudoir ensemble graces the queenly figure standing to the left in the picture, consisting of a satin gown with a lace yoke and over it a "coat" of matching chiffon, with lace applications and ruffles that cascade all the way down the front, also edging the sleeves. The ensemble comes in such lovely shades as shell pink, palest blue, champagne, also white. The lace is dyed in each case to match the color of the satin and chiffon.

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Plaid Silk Hat



Fashion is calling for color and more color. Milliners are answering the cry, with hats made of plaid surah or taffeta with bags to match. The picture shows how cheerfully the new gay plaid trends tie up with an otherwise all black costume. The use of plaid accents is apparent in many of the new dress and hat collections. Stripes are quite as important and many spring hats are to be seen trimmed with scarfs of vivid plaids or stripes.

Modern Apartment

A distinctive one-room apartment has creamy bleached mahogany furniture which shows to excellent advantage against the walls which are painted a pale French gray.

Hooded Coats

Winter coats with hoods will be seen when the snow flies.

See Junk Jewelry In Spring Colors

Junk jewelry, made up in the best of the spring accessory colors, such as the cyclamen range of pinks, fuchsia, magenta red, violet, pastel, and vivid blue, lime green, and golden to mustard yellow, is being used to give a color note to the best winter dresses.

Velvet or silk ribbon bracelets with heavy jeweled plaques at the front are worn in pairs, with a jeweled clip to match them. Enamel clips and clips set with fake stones, in big sizes, are very chic. One of the enamel flower clips is made to represent twin morning glories in fuchsia and blue with a gold stem. Jeweled hat pins continue to be worn in the new hats.

New Gloves Match Footwear or Bags

Glove, shoe and handbag ensembles of medium price have been launched in one-color combinations such as purplish blue or rust. . . . Basque dresses, molding the figure to the hipbones, are being shown universally for midseason wear.

White dots and stars pepper the black crepe jacket frocks featured by a New York shop as stepping stones from winter crepes to spring prints. . . . Cotton plaids are being talked about as "comers" for spring.

For a Boy's Room

A monotone color scheme is effectively carried out in a room for a boy of high school or college age. Painted walls of pinkish-beige meet a soft brown carpet.

Pastels Popular

Pastel shades of blue, mauve and purple are most popular.

WHAT to EAT and WHY

C. Houston Goudiss Gives Some Timely Hints on How to Keep Up Fuel Value of Winter Diet; Discusses New Methods for Quick Baking

By C. HOUSTON GOUDISS

MIDWINTER weather calls for energizing breakfasts to get the day off to a good start . . . energizing midday meals to help keep children and adults functioning efficiently . . . energizing, but easily digested, evening meals to satisfy bodily requirements without over-taxing the digestive system.

In addition to the need for supplying meals that are adequate as to energy values and other nutritional requirements, the homemaker has two other important factors to consider; she must satisfy the appetites of various members of her family . . . and she must keep within her food budget.

Breadstuffs—The Staff of Life

One of her greatest aids is bread in various forms. Breadstuffs, or other foods made from grain, are undoubtedly the largest single item in the dietary of the majority of people throughout the world. They appear in some form at almost every meal. And they are also highly satisfactory as a between-meal lunch for rapidly growing school children.



Breadstuffs are notable for their energy values and for their ease of digestion. They contain some protein and minerals, and under some circumstances, they may also carry other significant food values.

Bread and rolls combine well with milk, cheese, butter and meat. They make good eating and give a comfortable feeling of satisfaction afterwards. Such simple combinations as bread and cheese, or rolls and milk, are highly effective in satisfying hunger. And they go a long way toward meeting nutritional requirements.

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both white and whole wheat flour with seeded, uncooked prunes . . . refrigerator rolls, coffee cakes, raisin bread, wholesome raised doughnuts, waffles and buckwheat cakes.

It cannot be denied that bread is one of the oldest foods known to man. But just to prove that even our most basic foods may be improved—along comes this revolutionary yeast to provide a leavening that is more satisfactory than ever before, perhaps, to homemakers all over the country.

TIPS to Gardeners

MANY hobbyists get pleasure from special gardens. Some have been successful with all-marigold, or all-petunia gardens. Marigolds are available in a wide variety of sizes and shapes and provide a golden-brown garden scene of unusual richness.

Petunias have a wide range of color, and more and more they are being used for cut flowers as well as for garden color and beauty.

Some have grown gardens primarily for fragrance. The best flowers for such a garden, according to Harry A. Joy, flower expert, are: Alyssum, carnation, pink, monardella, nicotiana, sweet pea and sweet William.

For a garden of plants without actual flowers but with showy foliage, interesting results have been obtained with the following: Joseph's coat, coleus, dusty miller, snow-on-the-mountain, a n u a l poinsettia, kochia and castor oil bean.

The following will fit well into a typical wildflower garden: Annual lupin, bachelor button, rudbeckia (cone flower), columbine, perennial aster, heuchera (coral bells), and perennial lupin.

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Beauty Recipe

A newspaper once offered a prize for the best recipe for making the hands beautiful. There was a deluge of answers from which the following was chosen: "Soak the hands three times a day in dishwater while mother rests."

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