

On the Side—By E. V. Durling

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Recently I stated I would make no more mention of Florida weather. I intended to adhere to that resolution. However, yesterday we ran into such "unusual weather" I feel compelled to mention it as an interesting curiosity. We were riding along a highway by the sea. It was a beautiful, clear, warm day. Hundreds of people were in swimming. Suddenly a storm came out of nowhere. And in the course of that storm large hailstones fell. You have to hand this to Florida weather. There is no monotony about it. You never know when it will change without hardly a moment's notice.

Birds
There certainly is a wide variety of birds in this section of Florida. Bird-checkers-up like John Kieran must have a wonderful time when they come down here. I saw a beautiful bright red bird on the lawn this morning. I am not much of a bird enthusiast but this one really attracted my attention. John James Audubon spent considerable time in Florida gathering material for his monumental work, "Birds of America," which sold for \$1,000 a copy by subscription. Audubon discovered and named that bird known as the Key West pigeon. This bird is included in the illustrations in Birds of America.

Sidelights
The British have been experimenting secretly with some planes that are reported to do 1,200 miles an hour. . . . You read "Gone With the Wind," of course. How long did it take you? C. S. Forester claims he read it in a day and a half, with time out for meals, sleeping, dressing, etc.

The Royal Rosarians of Portland, Ore., is an organization of 200 businessmen who are rose-growing enthusiasts. Incidentally, it has been claimed that Portland, Ore., supplies most of the roses for the Pasadena, Cal., annual Tournament of Roses parade.

Please Note
Do you believe dogs are good judges of the characters of people? Our dog has failed to warn up to some people whom we thought were all right and later turned out to be the opposite. I am inclined to believe some dogs are psychic. If somebody is thinking of doing a dog's master wrong the dog is likely to realize it before the master. James Gordon Bennett, the great newspaper publisher of yesterday, went the limit in relying upon his pekingese dogs as character readers. If one of the pekingese showed evidence of not liking one of Bennett's employees he was usually fired. If, on the other hand, one of the dogs warmed up to an employee Bennett either gave him a raise in salary or a more important position.

Asking
Queries from clients. Q. You recently mentioned Bessie Love, a star of the silent film days. Do you know where Bessie is now? A. Last I heard of Miss Love was that she was starring in a stage production of Tennessee Williams' play, "The Glass Menagerie," in Dublin, Ireland. Q. Friend of mine says Geraldine Farrar was the first to play the title role in "Madame Butterfly." I say it was Emmy Destinn. Also that Emmy weighed nearly 200 pounds at the time. A. "Madame Butterfly" was first produced in Italy. Don't know who played title role there. But Emmy Destinn and Caruso were the stars of the production of "Madame Butterfly" that first attracted world-wide attention to the opera. This production was a Covent Garden, London. I know Emmy was a big girl, but I don't

know how much she weighed at that time.
Horses & Women
Joining in that never-ending discussion as to whether women dress to please themselves, or to arouse the envy of other women, or to attract men, James Laver says "Women take pleasure in dressing—in competition with other women—to please men. The basic impulse of feminine fashion is to attract the opposite sex. Female dress is governed by the attraction principle modified, ever so lightly, by the utility principle."

Introductions
No doubt you have at times been in the embarrassing position of forgetting the name of one of two fellows you wish to introduce. Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree always got around this situation by saying to the two men: "Consider yourselves introduced. I remember only one of your names and that wouldn't be fair to the other."

Quakers
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Boy Scout News

Troop 9
Monday evening Troop 9 had a lecture on birds by Mrs. Anderson, the merit badge counselor. Mr. Cook, the new scoutmaster of Troop 49, attended to learn a little more about how to handle a troop.

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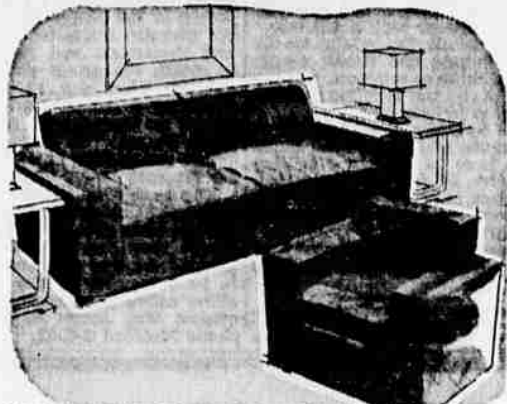
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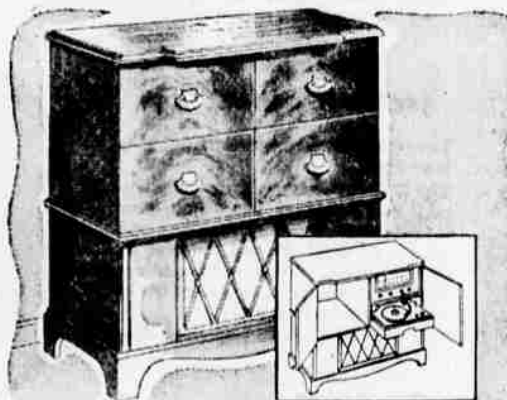


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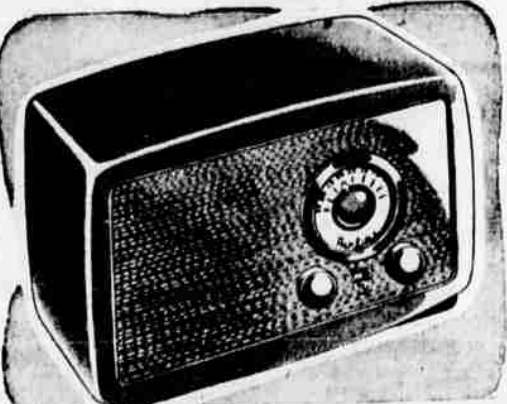


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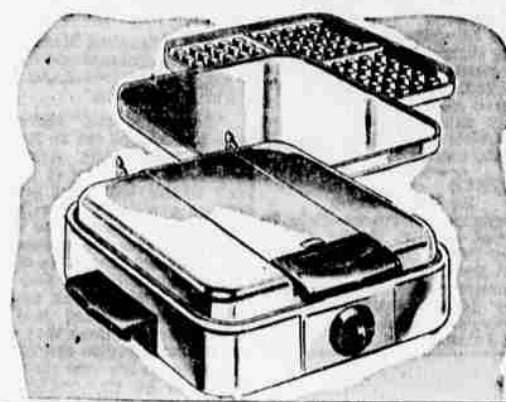


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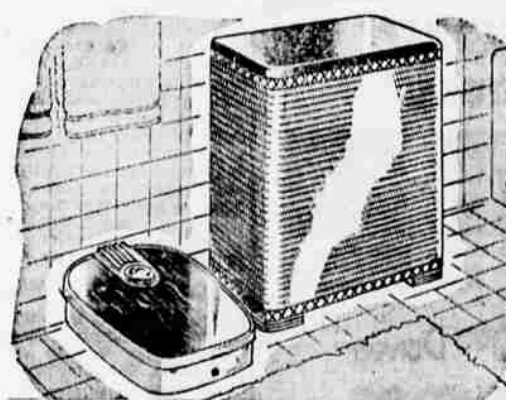


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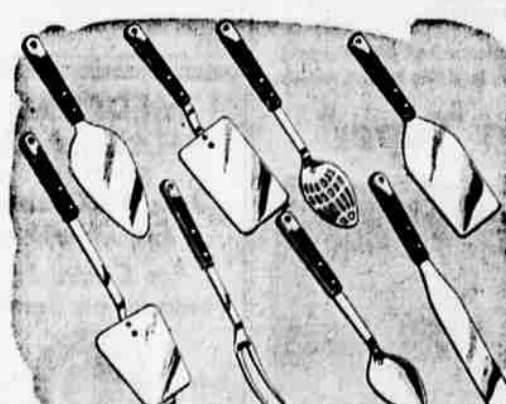
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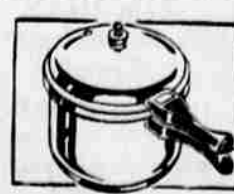
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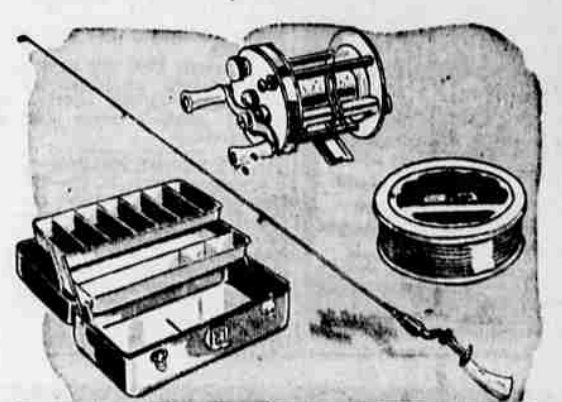
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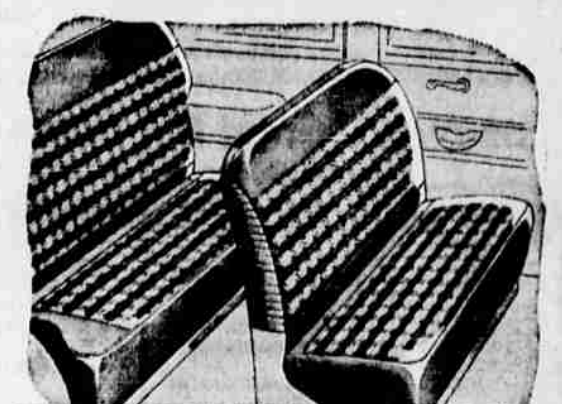


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