

Gloria Swanson Orders Crutches After Taking Unbecoming Tumble Into Gutter

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Paris—U.P.—I fell into the gutter! A spectacle unbecoming a "movie star," a "glamorous gran-ale," or even a "lady."
It was a rainy night and I just stepped off into space and made a crash landing. I promise you it was not what gutters are usually associated with that was the cause.

Happily, there were no broken bones, just a nasty sprained ankle. Now of course, my social plans for the week and gadding about must wait—although I've ordered crutches.
Can See Eiffel Tower
From my bed I can see the Eiffel Tower, and, if I stretch my neck a swan's length, the Arc de Triomphe with its ever-burning flame for the unknown soldier

of 1918... at night when it is all ablaze with floodlights it is bold and sure of its triumph.
These views and the gardens lining the Avenue Foch below me must compensate for the lack of ordinary "comforts of living" that an American always expects to find even in the Sahara. It serves me right because I'm one of those who is always screaming the loudest when an

old building is torn down to make room for modernity.
Apartment With View
I rented this lovely old apartment "with a view" eight days ago during which time four different men who introduced themselves as "plumbers" have come to look at the drain that won't drain in the bathtub—ssh! It's working today.
Another man who called him-

self an electrician came to fix a bell which, when pressed, wouldn't stop ringing. He fixed it, because today it doesn't ring at all.
Tomorrow, which can mean next week, he is returning to coax the ice box into making ice, or perhaps just to look at it. I know it's vulgar to brag but if you possess a "frigidaire" you are looked upon as one of

esteem. Frequently at di-n-n-e-r parties iceboxes are the main topic of conversation and whether it works or not is a detail usually avoided.
In the kitchen there is no hot water—in fact there isn't even a faucet for it. Heating water on the stove brought memories of my great grandmother. The gas "thingamobob" in the bathroom doesn't have enough gas pressure

to heat sufficient water for more than half an inch of bath water and I now realize perfume has a practical purpose.
The Outhouse
I've heard city folk complain about the distance to the farmer's outhouse. Mine is in the house but four rooms removed from the bathroom or bedroom. We had a cold rain storm yesterday and I had to stay in bed because two of the three enormous "French" windows won't close.

I agree with you that the natural thing to do is to call a carpenter. I'm thinking of doing just that. He's the "handyman" at 920 Fifth ave., New York City, and he can fix anything from my electrical pencil sharpener to opening my wall safe when I forget the combination.
What a pit, dear reader, that you can't see my view.
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