

On The Side

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Departing from Paris I successfully supervised the progress of our baggage from the hotel George V to the boat train at Gare St. Lazare. After checking and double checking the number of pieces, and finding it correct, I sat down in the compartment to sign a few signs of relief. I was then suddenly confronted with a tragic scene a horrible spectacle that made a series of snouder shake my frail frame. Into the compartment came a poor wretch supervising the progress of 19 pieces of baggage, a wife and a Great Dane dog. Nothing signs of indignation on the faces of some of the travelers already occupying the compartment, the lady said, "Our dog has his own ticket." The dog looked very dejected. The harassed husband began trying to get 19 pieces of baggage in a space hardly large enough for six. Finally the poor devil rebelled. He explained: "Either we get a compartment for ourselves, our baggage and the dog or I am not going." The wife said, "But, dear..." The husband screamed, "You heard me! How right Dryden was when he said, 'Beware the fury of a patient man.' Anyway, the conductor was summoned and arrangements were made for an entire compartment for this heavily laden couple and their dog."

To Boat

The trip to the dock at Le Havre where the good ship United States, awaited us was without further incident. At Le Havre an angel in disguise wearing the uniform of the United States line said to all passengers, "Just leave your baggage where it is. Don't bother or worry about it further. We will transfer it to your cabin." Shortly after I saw a steward leading the Great Dane dog toward the ship. The dog was now in a good mood. He stepped gingerly along wagging his tail vigorously. Incidentally, 20 dogs of various sizes and breeds were among the passengers on the United States, which has unusually well equipped kennels for pets.

Sold Out

The United States for this sailing was sold out weeks ago. And this is the off season. No question about it. That beautiful ship is one of the most popular passenger vessels ever to travel the Atlantic. We embarked the night before sailing. That is we went aboard about nine p.m. and the ship sailed shortly after midnight.

Shopping

One of the first things I did after dining on the ship, the first night was to buy an elegant Havana cigar. Price, 20 cents for a cigar that costs 60 cents in Paris. Next to the tobacco department was a shop. Featuring a variety of articles. Lined up before the counter four-deep were eager female shoppers. They were buying perfume at French retail prices. Perfume is, as you probably know, cheaper in Paris than in New York. It is a "duty free" proposition. As I have aforementioned, Havana cigars are three times as expensive in Paris as in New York. Why is it that we cigar smokers always get the worst of it?

First Trip

The first trip to the United States made together by Grace Kelly and her Prince was on the steamship United States. I note Princess Grace, who expects a child in February, is certain it will be a boy. She has had the horoscope of the expected infant already read. When I get back to New York I will check as to what the stargazers say as to children born in February and report same in detail. As you know a child born in February can be born either under the sign of Aquarius or Pisces.

Lottery

Would like to clear up a few items collected in Europe before reporting the details of the transatlantic trip. In France there is a weekly national lottery with a first prize of \$115,000. The winner usually retires for life or buys a bistro. There is a special lottery connected with the classic horse race the Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe. First prize for this is \$280,000. Winner of this usually retires or buys a shop on the Rue Faubourg St. Honore that caters to the tourist trade.

EUREKA!

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Is That So?

By EUGENE BURNS
 Ranger-Naturalist

Know how to treat your home-grown flowers upon which you have already lavished so much work once you bring them into your home? You can double and even triple their life, you know.

For you who have written in asking, here's how:

Asters: Cut them when in full bloom, and if it is in the middle of the day so much the better. Char the cut ends or plunge them for a minute into boiling water. Keep them in a sugar solution—say one teaspoon to every quart of water. Recut the stems every other day under this solution. If they are woody, split them.

Because the foliage of asters withers before the flowers do, remove the leaves from the upper stems as they wilt, substituting other appropriate foliage. That way you'll get an extra week.

Prematurely wilted asters can be revived by placing the stems in warm-to-the-touch water.

Chrysanthemums: Mums are among the best lasting of cut flowers. If they are hard-stemmed perennials, split the woody stems from two flowers overnight in cold water to which one half cup of sugar has been added to every quart of water. As you can see, they have a sweet tooth.

Roses: For best results cut your roses when the buds begin

Around Hollywood

By ALINE MOSBY
 United Press Correspondent

Hollywood — (UP) — With National Cat Week over, Mrs. Pamela Mason has a confession: The reputation she and her actor husband, James, have for cats is all a mistake.

The Masons, true, have 11 cats in their menage, and I visited the four-footed members of the family during National Cat Week because the Masons are Hollywood's most famous cat-owners.

But Mrs. Mason, a brunette dressed in pink from shoes to earrings, sighed that it's all a fraud in a furry sort of way.

"We love cats, but!!!" She sighed. "The idea is to have two cats. It's all a tremendous mistake."

The great cat caper began when Mason and Pamela met in England. She owned a Siamese and Mason was inspired to adopt a stage door tabby. By the time they were married they owned two cats apiece.

"Then once we lost our white cat, Whitey, on a train and it caused a great to-do," Mrs. Mason said. "We found him 24 hours later—He had crawled under a seat. The story got out because James is an actor and from that moment on we've never had a moment's peace with cats."

"When we arrived in this country eight years ago with five cats, this same Whitey had eczema. We put a big collar around his neck so he couldn't bite himself. When the photographers saw that, well!"

She added thoughtfully: Whitey died last year of heart failure. He had been on digitalis for a year.

Some Hollywoodites adopted the Masons as cat fanciers. Judy Garland gave them a cat; other critics arrived from fans and friends. The Masons now are owned by their 11 cats.

Their large home has to be divided into three sections, with various gates and rules, so that the cats who get along with each other will be separated from those they fight with. Daughter Portland's playroom was transformed into "our cat room" where the 11 felines eat their horse meat and codfish.

Though the Masons never planned on turning their home into a kennel, they enjoy being cat experts. The actor's drawings of cats cover the walls of the house. So many fans have written seeking advice on cat problems that four years ago the couple wrote a book on cat care, "Cats in Our Lives."

Other fans have sent the Masons their favorite cat stories, and Mrs. Mason assembled them in a book, "Favorite Cat Stories," for the recent National Cat Week.

ALARM

Detroit — (UP) — Patrolman William Waldecker shook the door of a dime store to make sure it was locked tight and set off a burglar alarm that clanged away for six hours while police looked futilely for someone to shut it off.



Aline Mosby

Achievement Night Held at Oak Grove

Achievement awards were presented to members of the Southwest Medford, Oak Grove school.

Pins and cards were awarded by Elwood Hedberg, manager of the Medford branch and vice-president of the First National bank, and Gene McCurley, agricultural fieldman of the First National bank.

First year pins were awarded to Sheila Franklin, Tamara Jean Smith, Wayne Brown, Steven Clark, Martha Merriman and Lorraine Davis.

Second year pins were awarded to Mathew Rode, Carole Lee Newland, Mary Kay Harris, Candace Newland, Carol Depner, Marcia Belknap and Bonnie Brantley.

Third year pins were awarded to Heather Rode, Carol Mann, Sandra Reich and Elizabeth Clarke.

Fourth year pins were awarded to Ray Nougier, Keith Smith, Donald Mann, Jeanette Nougier, Ann Darland, Jeanette Robertson and Robert Allen.

Fifth year pins were awarded to Bruce Boldenow, Ursula Bates, Mavis Strom, Sheila Couey and Thomas Turpin.

Sixth year pins were awarded to Donald Smith, Stephen Smith, Judy Nelson and Carolee Brantley.

Ann Darland also received a style review pin as one of the best dressed girls in the 4-H program. Jeanette Nougier also received a county medal for food preparation.

Driver Joe Scolaro Visits Driver Scolaro

Lincoln, Neb. — (UP) — Bus driver Joe Scolaro of Lincoln, Neb., went to visit bus driver Joe Scolaro of Tampa, Fla.

Both have the same name, type of work, and work for the same bus company — National City Lines.

Lincoln's Scolaro began writing his "twin" when the latter won a recent national "Bus Driver of the Month" award and his picture appeared on national place cards.

The men are not related.

Call Lilies: Condition them by submerging the foliage—stems and leaves in cold water for one to four hours. Then before using recut the stems. The foliage and stems can be curved as desired with warm hands. If a stem splits, hold it together with a rubber band. If you use a shallow container, be sure to keep the water supply adequate.

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