



**CONTEST FINALIST**—Emma Jean Ivy, above, of Fairfield, Tex., has been named one of 21 finalists for the 1961 Maid of Cotton contest. The winner will be chosen at Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 29 and will tour Europe, the United States, Canada and Hawaii modeling cotton clothes.

(UPI Telephoto)



**Small Worlds Around Us**

By Lynn M. Watkins

**Bashfulness Gets Him Into Trouble**

There's one type of crab you may be unfamiliar with, the one that covers its face when it is scared.

But the one that either blushes or is really bashful is the one someone named the "tiger crab" because of the yellow stripes on the shell. This truly aquatic crab is really pretty as far as coloration is concerned.

When he becomes scared or bashful, he pulls his front claws in close to his face and tries to hide behind them. Actually he closes up about as tight as a box, for which he folds his forearms over his homely face, he also pulls in his legs, and turtle-like, is all "closed up."

This instinctive and probably protective measure would appear to be a "face-saver," but it really backfires about nine times out of 10 and the poor crab gets it in the neck, or at least about in the place where his neck would be if he had one. Actually, in trying to protect himself he leaves himself wide open.

Living as he does, in relatively deep water, where he spends his time crawling along the bottom, he often becomes alarmed, and quickly covers his face, pulls in

his legs, and hopes that everything is going to be all right, but his enemies are seldom fooled. And some of his enemies are other than living creatures that inhabit his watery home. Deep running waves may tumble him end over end. And when he is scared and closed in like a box, he becomes sort of ball-like.

In this position he rolls easily and tidal currents make a plaything of his body.

**He's Helpless**  
He becomes as helpless as a cork in a whirlpool. His instinct has become an agency leading to his destruction. As a consequence, the rolling may continue until he is cast up on a beach, or is stranded high and dry on a sandbar.

To be truthful, this crab is not "bashful," he has more of the so-called ostrich instinct. Since his face is hidden he may think he is "out of sight." He works on the theory that anything he can't see, can't hurt him. In many respects he is like so many of us.

If there is a moral in the actions of the "bashful" crab it would be: "Keep looking; it won't hurt any worse if we see it coming."

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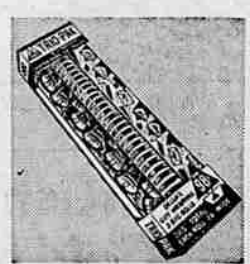
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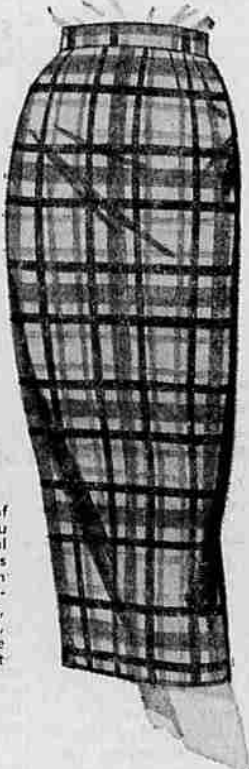
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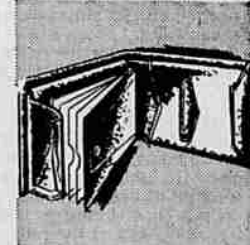
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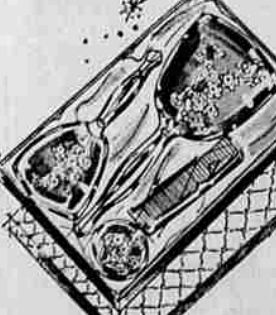
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