

CHRONICLES of GINGER FARM

By Gwendolyn P. Clarke

It is surprising the things one can find to do around the house in stormy weather. For instance, last week Partner and I got ourselves a job of real hard work, lasting for two whole days. It was no less than wrecking our old square piano. A black piano that had long since become a white elephant. There was no other way of getting rid of it. It wasn't worth selling away, no junk dealer would take it in its entirety; its case was of no particular value and none of its "insides" could be used for repair work on any other type of piano.

This piano, you may remember, occupied a big corner of the room we moved into when we went "south". So imagine the state of our bedroom for two whole days. Almost the first thing Partner did was to unstring the instrument. Have you ever examined the works of a piano? Have you noticed how taut are the wires and how each one is tightly twisted around an iron peg? Those pegs had to be turned by brute force to release the strings—and Partner's hands are still sore from the struggle.

My job was dissecting the keyboard and in so doing I made several discoveries. Haven't you often wondered what makes piano keys come up again directly your fingers release them—or worse still, why sometimes, they don't. Well, I can give you the answer. Away at the end of each key is a tiny brass spring which controls the action of the key. And of course you know what happens when a spring becomes weak or breaks. Really, it was quite fascinating, this job. In fact it seemed almost a crime to deliberately destroy the marvellous and intricate workmanship that had gone into the making of this aged piano. Dear knows how much glue was used, for glue was everywhere. Not one nail did we find anywhere; nothing but screws, wooden pegs, brass pegs—and glue. And yet, with all

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this fine workmanship, the wood was poor—nothing more than pine with a covering of this varnish. The only parts worth saving were the lid, the hinges, and the screws—we don't need to buy any screws for years. Of course, the iron frame and brass pegs will go to help heat Hitler, and if from the melting pot there emerge a few shells to go singing through the air in the last music from our old piano may yet be its best.

TABLE TALKS

Serve Cheese And Egg Dishes

Eggs and cheese are good companions and, as with most good companions, they have many things in common. They are both protein or "building" foods and either of them can step into the missing role of meat. They react poorly to high cooking temperatures which turn them into "tough guys." They like to be cooked over hot water and when they go into baked dishes in any quantity they ask for a pan of hot water to sit in.

Cheese Puffit
12 half-inch slices stale bread, 1/4 lb. cheese, sliced, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 2 1/2 cups milk, 4 eggs, pepper and paprika.
Trim crusts from bread. Arrange alternate slices of bread and cheese in a greased baking dish. Beat eggs slightly, add milk and seasoning and pour over the bread. Cover baking dish and allow the mixture to become thoroughly chilled before baking. This is necessary to make the Puffit puff. Set in pan of hot water and overpoach in a moderate oven 350°F, until set, about 45 minutes. Six to eight servings.

Baked Tomato and Cheese
2 eggs, 2 cups tomato juice, 1/4 teaspoon salt, 1/4 teaspoon pepper, 1 tablespoon minced onion, 6 half-inch slices buttered bread, cubed, 1 cup cheese, cut in 1/2 inch cubes. Beat eggs, add tomato juice, salt, pepper and onion. Place a layer of bread cubes in a greased baking dish, pour on some of the tomato mixture, then add a layer of cheese. Repeat until all ingredients are used, having the top layer of cheese. Set baking dish in a pan of hot water and overpoach in a moderate oven, 350°F, for 40 minutes. Six servings.

Spanish Eggs
6 eggs, 2 strips bacon, 1 small onion, chopped, 1 tablespoon flour, 2 cups canned tomatoes, 1 green pepper, chopped or 2 tablespoons chopped parsley, 1 cup chopped celery, salt and pepper.
Hard-cook eggs—cover to a depth of one inch with cold water, heat to boiling point, at which water will keep hot and let stand 10 minutes. While eggs are cooking cut bacon in small pieces and cook until crisp. Remove bacon from pan and cook onion in the bacon tomatoes, green pepper and celery and simmer 20 minutes. Add bacon, salt and pepper. Remove shells from eggs, cut in half lengthwise and arrange in serving dish. Pour hot sauce over eggs. Six servings.

Dressing Up
The next time that there is some dressing left over when preparing poultry or dressed tenderloin you might consider the following delicious way to use it up. Spread it on bacon strips, roll up, fasten with toothpicks and cook in the oven till crisp.

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The Jade God

By MARY ILMAY TAYLOR

CHAPTER IX
"Who's the man?"
Pam blushed furiously; for the twentieth part of a second she hesitated; she had a terrible remembrance of Fossick's "Byram," and Mark's reply. But she had no hint of its real significance.
"It's Stewart Byram. Don't you remember him at dinner that time, Uncle Herbert? The tall fellow with the different look?"
"I seem to remember quite a number of tall fellows with different looks," Burleson replied, musing.
Pam laughed uneasily. "Oh, you noticed him! I saw that myself. He's—he's not like anybody else." Burleson glanced down at her quickly and caught only the sweep of her thick lashes on a red cheek. "Come to think of it, I do remember the man you mean," he admitted slowly; it occurred to him that it was the one whose face recalled something forgotten. It had been vaguely familiar "What sort is he, Pam?"

Pam did not reply at once; they had come to a crossing and Burleson observed that she took advantage of it to hurry him across and point out the magnificence of a florist's display.
"Those are blue carnations. I don't like them; they're unnatural." "I see that I'll have to observe this blue carnation young man, myself," Burleson retorted dryly.
"Uncle Herbert, I want someone to 'dress' me," said Pam, coaxingly. "Will you give it? It's not much, really!"
He looked at her and his big mouth widened into a hard smile. "Not to be caught, young woman. What is it?"
"Your little jade god—please, Uncle Herbert!"
"No!"

She had coaxed for it before, but never before had she been refused with such violence. A red streak went up over his thin face. It showed vividly between his eyes like a scar. She was startled; for



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But she leaned out, calling to him. "Whom does he look like, Uncle Herbert? I've got to know!"

He seemed surprised at her persistence; he answered with a shrug, shutting the door on her.
"Look like? Oh, like a dead man!" and he gave his own address to the taxi-driver. The girl, peeping out of the back window at him, felt a queer tightening about her heart.
"How ill he looks," she thought, "how broken and how old!"
She could not remember that she had ever seen him really happy!

Teddy Banks had been losing money since he won his wager and forced the indignant Landon to pay up. The young man had the habit of losing money, but he had inherited a good deal from those unimportant people whom he called the "Mudbanks." The only difficulty about it was the fact that it was tied up and old Fossick, that dry-as-dust, crusty old lawyer, had charge of it. Thus it happened that Teddy had to make occasional visits to the lawyer's office and take—usually—a lecture before he got his money. Nevertheless, he got the money, because under his grandfather's will, he had a right to a fairly large income, paid quarterly.

The day after Pam lunched with Mark happened to be quarter day and Teddy Banks called a taxi and drove down into the swarming street where Fossick's hive rose imposingly. He found the old lawyer in his usual mood; he looked Teddy over with his lizard eye.
"You've been gambling again," he remarked dryly, "drinking, too. I should imagine from your eyes. Of course you're after money."
"I'm broke," he admitted cheerfully; "stony broke!"
"Humph! Fossick began to turn over some papers. He had to, valid excuse for holding up the legacy, but he wished he had. He despised the young man heartily; there was nothing in Teddy's make-up that appealed to him. "I suppose you're in debt, too, as usual?" he snapped.
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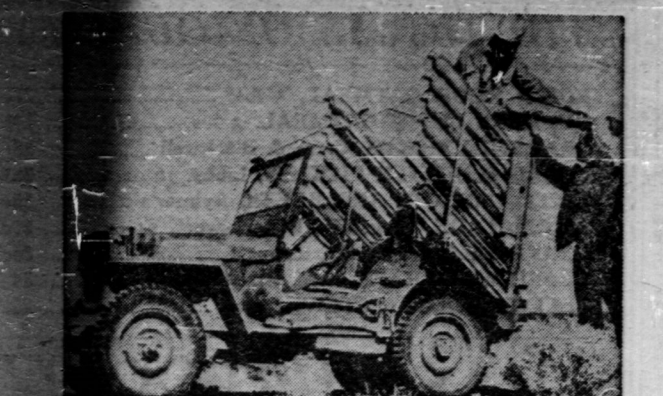


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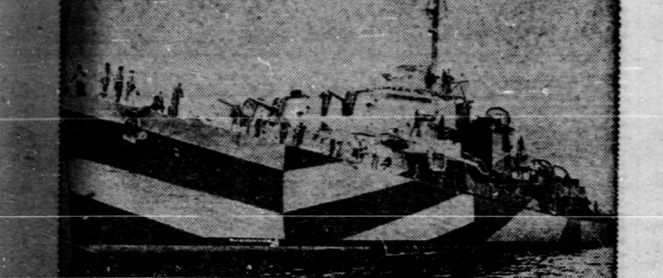
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Something new in rattle-dazzle camouflage is used on the 2200-ton super-destroyer Hank, pictured presently for action at U. S. Steel's Federal Shipyard, Kearny, N. J. Note heavy armament, which includes batteries of 5-inch, 40 to 20-mm. anti-aircraft guns.



To expedite loading of big high-tailed cargo planes, Air Transport Command is now using the self-jacking truck seen in photo above. At Fairfield-Suisun Army Air Base, Calif., it loads a giant C-54 Skymaster with mail for units in the Pacific.

Coal's Scarce in France



and in the Good Old U. S. A.



Try photo, showing a Parisian carefully filling a suitcase with his month's supply of coal aroused sympathy for the poor, coalless people of Paris. But folk in Albany, N. Y., are not much better judging by lower photo which shows residents, caught short on coal due to freight tie-ups, filling paper sacks as they scrape coal under's pile to the ground.

CANADIAN PARATROOPERS IN BELGIUM



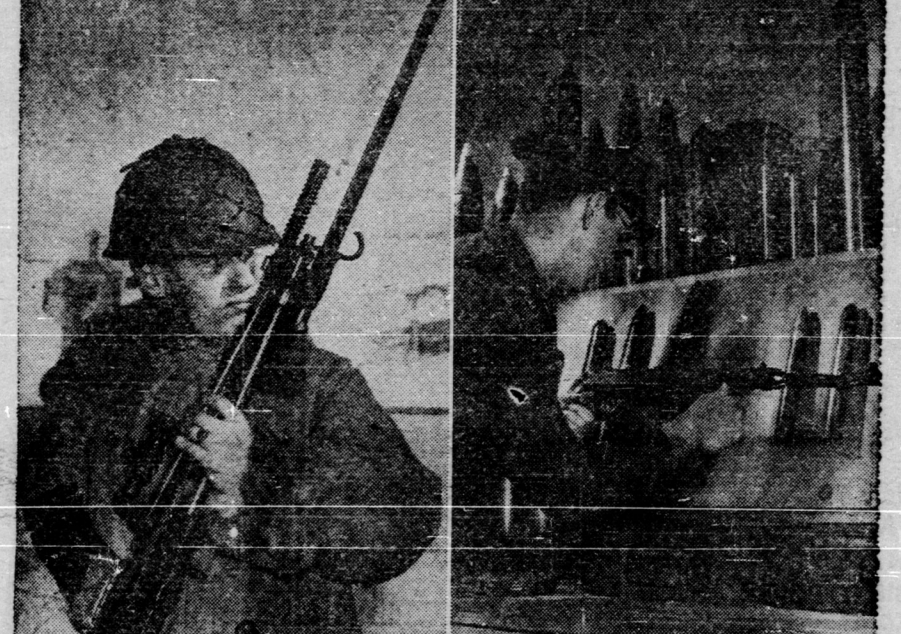
This picture shows a section of Canadian paratroopers in action in Belgium being led into a Belgian town by Sgt. T. H. Pasquel of Nepean, Man., Pte. L. L. Gagner, Valleyfield, Que., Pte. N. Calhoun, Toronto, Pte. R. C. Feralice, Hamilton, Ont., Pte. H. L. Anderson, St. Thomas, Ont. and Pte. J. Blais, Shawinigan Falls, Que.

AWAIT ORDERS TO MOVE ON COLMAR



Allied infantrymen take cover in shallow trenches on the outskirts of besieged Colmar, France, as they await orders to move up. French-manned tank in background is ready to support attack.

CAPTURED ENEMY EQUIPMENT



Captured enemy clothing, weapons and equipment are carefully studied by Intelligence Officers of the Canadian and Allied armies. Don't let the picture on the left fool you. The lad seen here is NOT a Jap, but a Canadian soldier dressed in a quilted Japanese winter coat, with fur collar and cuffs, steel helmet and a Jap "Bren" gun, with bayonet attached. This equipment was captured in the Pacific theatre of operations. At the right, a Canadian Army Officer looks over a German sub-machine gun captured in North Africa. German and Japanese shells and land mines are seen in the background.

BONDED BABY



James Doolittle III, grandson of the famous commander of the U. S. 8th Air Force, and son of Capt. James Doolittle and, poses with his mother in their San Antonio, Tex., home with the war bond little Jimmy III recently received from his grandmother. Photo above was sent to General Doolittle following his request for "some good pictures of the baby."

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