ucer named Galt Bell was staying with his grandmother in Berkeley California, when the old lady asked him to bring down a trunk store the attic and promised to show Hidden amid the flounces and lace was the yellowed script of a play first produced by showman P. T. Barnum, "The Drunkard," or "The Fallen Saved."

Grannie read it and roared with up. Vowing to produce it, he took seven years to raise the money. Yet today "The Drunkard" has broken the world record for the longest run ever known. -

studio into a makeshift theatre and produced the play in 1933. Here we are in 1951 and it has achieved 7,000 performances. That's three times longer than the London run of "Chu Chin Chow" or double the Broadway record of "Tobacco.

In seventeen years over 2,500,000 people have seen the show and paid more than \$3,000,000 into the boxoffice. Pre-war actors left the cast, fought in France, and returned to their old parts when the war was over. Twenty marriages have taker place between cast and house staff and the show has reared a healthy crop of infants. One of the first, now a sixteen-year-old boy, will

soon have a part!
Boris Karloff has seen the show forty times. Billy Burke, Edward Arnold and Irene Dunne are dozenvisit devotees, Charlie Chaplin, Marlene Dietrich, Dick Powell and Ginger Rogers are all regulars.

he revived the old melodrama. Galt Bell decided to pad out the evening with old-time music hall atmosphere. Free beer and ham sandwiches are included in the price of admission. Altogether, sixty tons of sandwiches have been munched and 4,000,000 bottles of beer consumed. In addition, thousands of candle-lit birthday cakes have been awarded to people celebrating birthdays or wedding anniversaries.

At first, the waitresses and stagehands gave the music-hall turns. Since then nearly every star and famous visitor in Hollywood has obliged, from Lily Pons to Mae West. In the world's most actorpopulated town, "The Drunkard" can boast the world's greatest starcast of the play have gone into the

staged seriously and every temptation to gag is resisted. One patron always stood up during Act Two to deliver a lecture on the perils of strong drink. After being escorted out seven times, he complained he did no: know how the plot turns villain's bribe, the cheers from the audience crack the ceiling. In actual fact, it has been replastered five times. Continual embellishments

have made the theatre one of the





Well Known To The Sporting Fraternity Of Ontario, Joe Crysdale, one of the masters of ceremonies at the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show in the Coliseum, from March 9 to 17, interviews Sharkey, the trained seal. Sharkey is the star performer of the stage and water revue which will be held in the Arena of the Coliseum twice daily during this big spring-time exhibition.

Scented Soap Can Serve as a Sachet

Perfumed Cotton Pads Are Practical and Also Economical

IN THESE days of rising costs, it's a wise woman who uses a few tricks for extracting double duty from the small luxuries that add to the graciousness of living.

If your pet extravagance is soap perfumed with your favorite scent, try this tip for prolonging your enjoyment of the fragrance. Instead of stowing it away on your household supplies shelf, put it in with your lingerie or linens-just as you would a fine sachet. You'll find the effect is similar-a delightful whiff when you open your drawer or closet door.

A similar plan may be carried out with cotton pads, which many women tuck, after perfuming them, into pockets or cuffs in preference to scenting their skin. Instead of simply tossing these pads out after use, try tucking them in with your undies. Or else tie a cluster of them on ribbons and hang them on the hanger with your

This idea may be extended to your kitchen, too. Instead of allowing your fruits to lie until used in brown paper bags in your kitchen cabinet, try arranging them in your most attractive bowl and using them as a centerpiece for your table.

particularly such vividly-hued ones as eggplants.



Vegetables, too, can be used for colorful decorative effects—
her lingerie in order to enjoy its fragrance each time she opens
the drawer.

Bing Crosby-Twenty Years On Top Runs Life Like A Big Business.

By ERSKINE JOHNSON

HOLLYWOOD .- The man in he tan slouch hat, vivid green slacks and yellow sport shirt rampant with red hibiscus flowers stood squinting into the sun beside a small white ball on the fifth fairway of the Bel Air Country Club. It was an easy 140-yard shot to the green, unobstructed and dead ahead. But it was almost a full minute before Bing Crosby addressed the ball and sent it screaming to He carefully studied the lie the ball, tossed a leaf into the air

to determine the force of the afternoon breeze, squinted at the roll of the green, took two practice swings, squinted again, rejudged A championship match for silver-plated trophy? No, just a Sunday game with

But that minute of cool calcula tion and planning is one of the answers, perhaps the most important years, 47-year-old Bing Crosby is still the world's Grand Khan of Crooners. It is why he is always one of Hollywood's top ten money-

making stars, Mr. Music-live, transcribed or on shellac-and modern Mr. Midas. On the golf course or anywhere

He studies every move he makes like a golf shot. He has the iron nerves, steadiness and icy temperament of Ben Hogan and the shrewd business brain of

writers, tax experts-but even they admit, "Bing is the organization."

and by his singing of "I Surrender | as he calls himself, "a groaner." tra at the Los Angeles Cocoanut'

strel who is always relaxed, always

casual, nonchalant, the master of savoir-faire and boodle-dee-boos

and a Hollywood-to-New York, if

The Bing Crosby of the level

head and calculating mind isn't the

same Bing Crosby who fell uphill to national fame as one of Paul

Whiteman's 1828-29 Rhythm Boys

not an international bon vivant.

Twenty-seven-year-old - B i n g Crosby was a playboy having such good times that he missed shows because of long weekends at Agua Caliente and Palm Springs. He was often that he sold "pieces" of himself to a score of agents; it later cost him \$35,000 to untangle this octopus grip on his career. And he had to beg for a two-day leave of absence" to sing with the Rhythm Boys in Whiteman's ovie, "The King of Jazz," because of a 30-day Los Angeles jail

sentence following a "mellow mo-ment" automobile accident. Bing, in fact, was both broke and jobless when he married movie starlet Dixie Lee in 1930 against the advice of Dixie's boss, Producer Sol Wurtzel, who warned

"Dixie, if you marry this Crosby character you'll have to support him for the rest of your life."

It was Dixie, Bing says, who stopped him from being a playboy and shoved him into success. Three other women-his mother, Kate Crosby, singer Mildred Bailey and Elsie Janis-also were convinced ectured him about throwing his

ally showed me the light. Up until then I was a fat headed guy." The Bing Crosby keeping-at-thetop formula is more than just the

picture of a carefree minstrel with a shrewd brain.

There's the voice, which started

it all in the first place. Crosby's soothing baritone, vari-ously described as broken toned, a groan and a moan, has outlasted his hairline, half a hundred movie queens to whom he has warbled n 43 movies and five sets of Paramount studio executives since bobby soxers first swooned over "When The Blue of The Night Meets the Gold of The Day" in 1931.

As one of Whiteman's Rhythm Boys, Bing was a "hot" scat singer.



Performer - The "biggest hit radio could remember" shows how he got that way—and stayed there—during a broadcast in 1945 with Claudette Colbert and a crooner named Frank

Dear" with Gus Arnheim's orches-

The secret of his magnificent dicback to his only training in voice -as a choirboy in the Catholic Responses and as a perennial high school and college elocution contest Discount Crosby's choice o

songs as a success reason. He long

Now he sings everything from "Adeste Fideles" to "Chattanooga

Bing handles his film career, which won him a 1944 Academy Award Oscar for "Going My Way," He plays a happy-go-lucky, casua rounds himself with important costars, keeps everything in good an almost deapan, unhammy easi fall where they may,

His biggest thrill in 20 years of Singing to GIs near Metz during the war when U.S. artillery shells were whizzing over his head, getting his first job with Paul Whiteman, accepting an Academy Oscar. His favourite all time songs:

"Home on the Range," "White Christmas" and "Dinah." NEXT WEEK: Cracking the Big

Window Box With

Automatic Watering

been something of a problem. Often they either get too much moisture or too little. Now we have a selfwatering plant box, which can be constructed at home and prevents

these common errors of judgment. The box may be any size that is it is planned. In order to make it watertight, the inside must be coated with asphalt paint. A metal tube or pipe is se perbendicularly at one end, and water is added through it.

A false bottom, about an inch above the bottom of the box, makes a reservoir. Holes about a half inch in diameter are drilled in the bot-tom of the box, approximately eight to ten inches apart along the centre line. Wicks are inserted in these holes and moisture is drawn up

Home-Made Wicks The wicks may be made from strips of burlap, rolled up to about the size of a cigar, or from glasswick which is sold in garden supply stores. A layer of sand, about an inch deep, is placed on the false bottom, and soil is then added to about an inch from the top of the box. The result is an even distribution of moisture, which may be con-trolled as desired.

This system of automatic water ing is especially good for plants like African violets, which are harmed if moisture reaches their foliage. What is more, too much watering causes "waterlogging," which excludes necessary air from the plant roots. Because plants consume moisture at different rates, maller wicks may be used, or their leng hs increased so as to reduce



Most Useless Game In All The World

That's how they refer to patience,

There is no patience championship, no challenge cup for getting out "once in a lifetime" twice one day, no publicity attached to defeating the Double Demon, no money to be made out of it.

Yet despite its usclessness, or perhaps because of it, there are millions of patience players. They include the famous and the infamous clude the famous and the officially -patience is among the officially approved pastimes in the death cell. Once the patience bug has bitten a man, it is almost as difficult for him to get rid of it as it is to stop

Somerset Maughan says in "The Gentleman in the Parlour" that con-sidering the shortness of life and the infinite number of important things there are to do, playing pa-tience is proof of a flippant dis-But although he reproached him-

self, he got out the cards. He knew seventeen varities of patience, and was trapped by the tangled web of An ardent player once decided to "collect" all the known games of patience. He listed 7,400 different

games and then gave up. The only thing all patience games re in common is that they are played alone, hence the American and Canadian name of "Solitaire"

for the pastime. But, as every player knows, the only way to play alone is to lock yourself up in a room. The desire of onlookers to give advice to a patience player is so irresistible that soon the player finds he is becoming a mere dealer of cards for other

varies according to the game play-ed. I don't know any patience game of pure skill. I probably should not play it if I did, for the

The skilled player learns to allow the unpredictable rather than stick to a preconceived plan which One well-known politician does

jigsaw puzzles as a relaxation, no oubt because jig-saws appeal to those people with logical minds who believe everything can be planned Patience players prefer a pastime which takes account of luck, learning to make the best of good luck

widely played. As a method of nothing the nerves and taking the mind off work and worries, it has compete with radio and movies. playing patience.

pation for the hands while sooth-

rance had only been patience playsince they would have had to keep watching the guillotine!



Cold Wind Blows Some Good-The bitter, below-zero temperatures in Korca have played havoc with fighting men and their vehicles, but for these youngsters, King Winter has been a pal. His hoary breath turned this fond into an ice rink, a signal for children to improvise skate-and-sled combinations and take to the ice. Using home-made ski-poles, the youngsters push themselves across he ice, oblivious to the death struggle



has aroused so much interest among cannot resist passing it along.

First I might explain that Cedric and Tribune, is one of the most widely-read and frequently-quoted is his weight - shedding recipe,

Hey. Chubbies, I have just the thing for you-a two-day diet that will knock off eight pounds. But member, there's no variation, no salt, no pepper and not even the thought of a cocktail. You can stand it for two days, can't you? This is what you eat: Breakfast—two soft boiled eggs and a cup of black coffee; lunch-all the broiled steak you can put away and black coffee; dinner-a dish of half a dozen stewed prunes. Bear in mind that your eggs must have no salt, no pepper, and the same goes for your steak. The diet is based on a chemical reaction, so don't go addtwo days. Average weight loss is eight pounds. If you don't drop the maximum, your stomach will

to get thin properly belongs in a dinners our habits must change in Cookery Column; but this method a state of emergency. my friends since I spotted it a shrinking food dollar do the job of keeping the nation strong, then men and women, both, must give their families.

> Husbands must be educated in cur-rent food costs. My father used to say, "What's good to eat, a man should have." He meant thick steaks

ping and they will get their eyes opened. Then they'll stop expecting women to serve the same kind of son. He's a big eater and had no

conception of the jump in

costs. But he learned the hard way -at the butcher's counter. Now he says, "Okay, Ma, you win. I'd rather have a big hamburger than a little steak at any time." ily conference every night on the

budgeteer's job of feeding a fam-



Beth Bailey McClean-She shops the butcher case "the same way I would window shop for my new spring outfit."

caught my eye and, that evening, I handed it to the man of the

after scanning the different items, or thirty years ago. When I showed him the date of the paper—January, 1941, or just a bit over ten t. And it does seem hard to believe such as the following.

per pound; fresh Lamb Chops, Rib, 29 cents per pound; pound; fresh Lamb Front, 17 cents per pound; Sugar-cured Smoked Ham, half or whole, 25 cents per pound; fresh Roasting Chickens, 25 cents per pound; fresh Capons, 28 cents per pound; fresh Boiling Fowl, 21 cents per pound; Rump Roast Beef, 25 cents per pound; 32 cents a pound; Beef Tenderloin,

desist before I have you all feeling and weep," indeed! However, to day's prices are today's prices and, by all accounts likely to go even higher; there doesn't seem to be much we can do about it excepkeep stretching that food budget till it groans; which might be a good time to pass along to you some advice on the subject from

years I have lived through. Yes, I'll admit more time in the kitchen

up a meal just before her husband gets home. At least, not unless she has an elastic budget. Any good "Read 'em and weep," he said, in a few minutes is bound to cost a lot more than one which takes planning and careful preparation.
As the food dollar buys less, more

possible to keep the nutritional and are butchered beforehand, wrapped in cellophane and displayed in an open refrigerator case, marked for weight and price. There were 66

der the pressure of a world crisis.

That means many of our fixed eat-

ing habits and inherited food pre-

kinds and cuts in that case. I spent a full half hour shopping of several steel firms. that case, the same way I would window shop for my new spring outfit. That's what we all must d kind and cut which will be the best for our budget, taste, need of variety If you see an unfamiliar cut that

looks good and is reasonable, learn. how to cook it before you get the stove hot. Don't gamble with your skittish food dollars. Ignorance of modern cooking methods that con-Our way of life is changing un-

sten, manganese, and copper, but the whole class is based on the the acetic acid in vinegar have no rust-resisting character of the ori-



Aircraft manufacturers have made

cent British product.

of the laboratory. A fortnight later one of his assistants noticed that this steel was

this fact to Brearley. mune to the action of acid. It was at once recognized that a

sensational new steel product had been discovered-a discovery that engines to prevent scaling at high was soon to make Brearley director many of the component parts. The stainless quality, that is the Its high polish is an added factor reedom from rusting, was found in the prevention of rusting. The nooth surface prevents the lodging of pieces of dirt which would attract and hold moisture.

Stainless steel behaves in of chromium in solution. strange way with certain acids Since Brearley's discovery a numcitric acid and acetic acid are in oped to resist certain conditions to their pure state they will both at-



Veterans Eye Girls' Gowns-It could have been a dream, so Cpl. Orva C. Craven reached out to touch the ruffle on the dress of the lovely vision before him. The model was real, as was the dress, both part of a special fashion show held for wounded veterans and servicemen at the Hotel Pierre.

eating is to survive.

Go find recipes for the more foods even though you have rarely used them. Learn how to prepare good dishes using the humble lamb shank, the oxtail or veal knuckle. using kidneys, heart, tripe and other meat specialities that cost less but carry their full quota of nutrition and potential fine flavour.

Don't worry too much about the enfolk. After a few educational trips to the market with you they vill lose some of their attitude about what they will and will not eat hese foods at their restaurants at lunch time and seem to like them. Better ask the restaurant how to

sound uninspired when civilization is being threatened? Well, I can't help getting more and more practical as the news gets worse. You see, I don't excite easily.

Metal He Discarded Was "Stainless Steel"

Thirty-five years ago a Walton (near Chesterfield) man named Harry Brearley discovered stain-less steel, a product for which British industry is world-famous. We see it everywhere, use it for every kind of domestic cutlery, for modern furniture. Modern precision engineering would not be possible

Stainless steel contains twelve pe cent of chromium. Harry Brearley stumbled on it while he was experi menting in the production of steel He made one batch containing fourteen per cent of chromium, larger quantity than had ever been tried before. The result was no

steel was thrown away in a corne

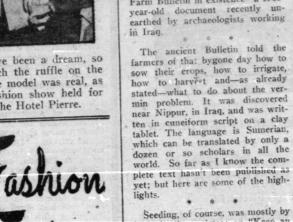
I just returned from visiting a modern market where all meats periments with it and found that

to be due to the chromium being dissolved throughout the steel, and to produce freedom from rusting there must be at least nine per cent

which machinery is exposed in in-These new alloys contain tung-

ducts the citric acid in lemons and corroding effects on our stainless steel cutlery.





hand in those times; so "Keep at eye on the man who puts in the deep," advises the Bulletin.

They seem to have had four different types of furrows, but there

feet of ground. Naturally, in that sort of climate, irrigation, was highly important; and the Bulletin says that "it is time to irrigate when the grain has grown so that it fills the narrow bottom of the furrows." The farmer was also advised to take great care,

ably the Iraq grain raiser had to figure that out for himself-even as



his year? All right, here it is. "On the day when the seed breaks through the ground, say a prayer to the Goddess of Field Mice and other Vermin that might harm your grain."

this advice does NOT come from Hill or Queen's Park. It is from what is supposed to be the oldest Farm Bulletin in existence—a 3700vear-old document recently un-

farmers of that bygone day how to sow their crops, how to irrigate, how to harvest and—as already stated-what to do about the vermin problem. It was discovered near Nippur, in Iraq, and was writtablet. The language is Sumerian, which can be translated by only a dozen or so scholars in all the world. So far as I know the com-

Seeding, of course, was mostly by seed, and have him put the seed in the ground uniformly two fingers

Still, it can't have been all handthe Bulletin tells of a seeder, which seems to have been a plough with an attachment which carried the seed from a container, through a narrow funnel, down into the fur-

is no information, so far, as to the exact nature of each. But the farmer was told to plough eight furrows to each strip of nineteen-and-a-half

when the grain was ready for har-vesting, that it didn't bend under it's own weight. The Bulletin concludes with a piece of advice which is just as alive and useful today as it was almost four thousand years ago, "Cut your grain at the right moment" the Sumerian farmer was told. Just how to tell when the precisely right mo-

square miles of our Canadian bush-land prove. But according to the Agricultural News our forests have an enemy even more deadly than ire, and infinitely more difficult to fight against. This enemy is the gigantic army of forest insects which destroy millions of cords of

Here are just a few examples of

The spruce budworm has a tacked 300,000 square miles of forest land in Canada in what is considing caterpillar cost the country 12,000,000,000 cords of wood.

In the same 10-year period the spruce saw fly destroyed 1,000,000,-000 cubic feet of timber over an area of 150,000 square miles. The birch dieback infected some 300,000 New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, berta and Prince Edward Island combined. Recently, a warning was issued by the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests that the forest tent caterpillar will be more wide-spread in the province this year.

The federal government, provin able work fighting this menace. Forest insect laboratories have been built. Infested areas have been sprayed with insecticides from the air. Proper forest management is being taught.

But the battle is just beginning and every Canadian should be prepared to pitch in and share in the protection of one of the richest natural resources he possesses. One way is to report to the nearest orestry official any new infestation. Another is to support such legislawhich will permit closer co-opera



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