she right?

\* It is hard for one who does

\* not know your mother nor you \* to justify her unreasonable re-

strictions. One who enjoys people as you do continues to need their companionship;

without it she cannot but grow

\* dull and ir rospective, her \* nature is wa ped and her out-

look bitter. Your mother en-

joys her own triends, and your

presence allows her to see

She and you are at cross

how she felt about your mar-

riage, or your leaving your hus

band, which might explain a

great deal. You lived with

him, you say, but a short while,

found that all he wanted was

to do as he pleased, you con-

cluded ne ne er did love you.

Yet he comes to see you and

the boy frequently, so there

can be really no caustic feel-

I am at a loss to understand

why your father allows your

mother's thumb and only by

staying there can he find any

say who is a: fault. From your

flict of personalities is the ac-

that has existed for a long,

One solution (if your church

etter, I conclude that a con-

No one else can definitely

peace at home.

life to be so circumscribed-

them more often.

left my husband, my little boy and I have lived with my parents; my huseand supports us. I am 32, I pay board and do all the housework. My mother does not approve of



"She refuses to mind the baby, and will not let me get a sitter. More than once, she has asked me to leave; but I feel my son is better off here than in furnished rooms in care of someone else, because I'd have to go to work. She calls me awful names. I am not a bad girl, Anne Hirst, and never was; my reputation has always been good . . . My father never interferes He makes good money, and I know I'm not the ourden my mother claims. I've never asked them for a penny worked before the baby came and saved and paid for every thing myself.

WHO IS TO BLAME? "Before I married, I loved to parties and dances and have good times. I'd like to go now, to se f the world still goes around Two and three months at a time pass without my going anywhere.

Week's Sew-Thrifty

permits,) is a divorce, and an allowance that will permit you to care for your boy unaided. Can this be arranged? When you write Anne Hirst, be explicit in giving her back-ground upon which to base an opinion of your problem. She can be of greate: help . . . Write her at Box 1, 123 Eighteenth St.,

Legend of the Laurel

New Toronto, Ont.

That the longing for greenery which has become an instictive what part of the world he hapthe few plants whose foliage has ot yet been shed. Who is there that does not associate the dark days of winter with the glossy toliage of our evergreens? Traditions and legends have vy, and mistletoe. One of them and trees do not shed their

ves, but this is wrong. It is true that there is no regu ar season for the fall of the leaf. as in ordinary forest trees, though a holly-bush in May and pared with its Christmas appearcalled evergreen plants gradua new, and so are constantly changing their foliage.
Reason why evergreen plants

can maintain their foliage so long, when others so readily shed it, is that the thick skin of the 'breathing" which produces fall or the leaf generally. This thick skin also enables evergreens to

AND not change my mother's mind. But for myself, I'd like to know whether I am to blame. Or is

KIMONO spar for wife of the Japanese embassy's

has been held in veneration.

Its berried twigs, twisted into-

a wreath or crown, were used to

adorn the victors in Grecian games of strength and skill. The

ded as the distinctive reward of

Another false notion is that the

evergreen mistletoe is the arch

enemy of the apple-tree and is

very fond of growing upon it as a parasite. But botanists have

collected the names of over thir-

ty trees on which the mistletoe

has been found growing, and of these the thorn is the one most

way down at the bottom of the

valour or of scholarship.



the foliage as a whole is always full and green.

Queen of the evergreens is the and the apple-tree become so the ancient Druids were much more observant nature - lovers shrub, even though there is only than we are. It was on account This is the poet's laurel, and of the mistletoe on the apple-tree since the time of the ancient Greeks this shrub or small tree that they gathered it with such ceremony and reverence.

City With A Roof

If Prof. Ambrose M. Richardson, an architect on the faculty of the University of Illinois, has will be roofed by domes formed of plastic "pillows." Nobody will have to carry an umbrella, wear overshoes or shovel snow. When some adventurer returns from hiking in the open country he will boast of the brooks through which he splashed or the wind and slanting rain that fuffeted to support his domes on pillars.

lled with helium and joined to make domes that float a mile up reason why the conception After the one-acre demonstration, Richardson would cover a football field or a baseball park.

Then would come a whole community, which would be roofed by thousands of transparent pillows each only a few feet square. Domes would be trans-Richardson provides an open-

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ing, owning a motor-car and

theatre - going for twenty - five

years, and thus amassed savings

of \$40,000. They kept this sum in bills in a paper container and one day recently the husband

burned it up with the rubbish.

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ing at the top of his roof so that cool air can flow down and force out hot air under the doracedges, which would be ten or twelve feet from the ground. Power plants and other smoke-generators would have to be built and maintained outside of the domed community. Rain would be caught and used for drinking and for watering vegetable and flower gardens. There will be no need of roots on houses. Walls will be very light mere partitions for privacy. Richardson holds that a city roofed with his plastic pillows will survive bombing. The dome will be blasted or puctured, walls will collapse, but repairs

will be easy. The warden of the Virginia State Penitentiary offered the inmates an opportunity to enroll for courses in practical subjects, and some of the boys applied for lessons in key-making!



Upsidedown to Prevent Peeking



We all come home for Christmas

we all come home for Christmas.

... and this is the magic of Christmas - that even though miles and continents may separate us from our dear ones, in our hearts

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how hard-boiled and impervious to sentiment you may think you are, or as folks may be lieve you are, and indeed as perhaps you are, as a general thing. Christmas does something to you. It did something to Old Scrooge, so probably the rest of us, who live in a rugged, realistic world, where no one expects, or gets, any the better of it, are not immune, either

Then the Christmas cards start to some 15. You hear from folks that, in many cases, you'd almost forgotten, from others who form a bond of attachment in your life that, you strangely find, is a great deal stronger than all the anti-Christmas resolutions you'd mentally made. You see the light in a child's eyes as the peers hungrily through a haif-frosted window at the glittering array of tempting toys grouped about a giant Santa Slaus who shakes with rumbling laughter. Or you hear sle'gh-beils across the frozen snow. Or the boys who sing the Christmas carols touch some half-forgotten chord of other days that was 'urking deep in your memory.

And all of a sudden, you realize what you knew all along, that there's a real Santa Claus, a real Christmas for all of us, in the spirit of the season. It's something you can't escape. And when you come down to it, who wants to? You'll go through with that one resolution, though, to cerl up in front of the open fire with a good book. And the book will be Dickens Christmas Carol, and you'll rejoice in the reformation of Scrooge, in the joys of Tiny Tim, and all the rest of those folks in the greatest fictitional Christmas story ever written, so poignant that it still can bring a lump to the throat of one who has read it from boyhood, which is more years back than he cares to think. And a day when you can make the old wish that never seems to become trite:

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Swarm of Locusts Stops Express Train

warm of locusts six miles ong has held up a Pakistan exmiles from Karachi. The swarm was so thick that it reduced the driver's visibility to a few feet and he had to halt the train. ofter the locusts had passed the butterflies have been known to settle on railway lines and stop

This happened abroad, but in Britain a single earwig has been known to stop a train. It happened on the old District Railway at Hounslow years ago. The earwig crawled into the signaling aparatus and caused a short circuit which kept signals at "Danger."

phant charged a train. Although the committed suicide in doing to, it succeeded in knocking the tray on the track in Canada

can be a great nuisance; they have sometimes caused fatal ac-cidents to passenger trains.

Mombasa line running from the coast up to Uganda. Again and again they besieged lonely wayside stations, imprisoning signal-men and consequently delaying In Italy dense swarms of white

In French Guiana thousands of little green frogs blocked a railway line. Between Rensjons and Rautas, Lapland, a passenger train ran into a herd of 500 reindeer. Sixty of the animals were killed outright or shot by after sustaining injuries.

conceited." He shrugged gracefully. "Oh, I don't know; I'm not'



ice thic is swell!" exclaimed delighted 7-year-old Danny Welsh, on seeing Santa's Workshop, theme of this year's displays in Canadian National Railways Central Station, al. An added thrill for Danny was a warm and hearty g from Santa Claus and other members of the official inspecting the exhibits when Danny came to town. Six I floats and a tableau, featuring gnomes, toyland trains, rocking horse, doll's house, jack-in-the-box, with motion. tive been set up in the gaily decorated station. Shown Tim" are, left to right, Santa, Donald Gordon, CNR president, Gordon McL. Pitts, representing the Mayor of Montreal, and L. A. Lapointe, director of departments for the City.



You don't have to be so very ancient to recall when Ontario's own Jack Purcell was acknowledged to be the finest Badminton player in the world, and when Canadians, Yanks, and players from the British Isles pretty well monopolized the top ranking positions in that sprightly pasttime. But if you happen to be travelling around under the delusion that what we erroneously call the "white races" are still bosses in Badminton — Oh, brother, take a look at the darned thing now.

For here are the top ten as ranked by Herbert Scheele, honorary secretary of the Interna-tional Badminton Federation, secretary of the English Badmin-ton Association and editor of the official magazine "BADMIN-TON." Mr. Scheele should certainly know his shuttlecock haris how he rates them.

. Weng Pong Soon, Malaya 3. Ool Teik Hock, Malaya. 4. I. Abdullah Piruz, India.

He accounted for the Ameri

cans, including champion Mar-ten Mendez in a convincing

manner, and this feat plus the fact that a few weeks earlier he

had flown to London and won the English open title in which the pick of the European stars competed, indisputably placed

him as the world's number one

That London victory gave to Soon his third successive English

his championship of Malaya three

finals was his fourth in a row

and seventh since 1940.

No one therefore can seriously

disagree with Mr. Scheele's first

placing. There are, however, a number of people who have sug-gested to him that he was not

sufficiently appreciative of the Malayans overshadowed by Soon

and that more than six should have been placed in the top 10.

Ool Teik Hock, it is implied should have been rated above

5. Ong Poh Lim, Malaya.6. Trilok Nath Seth, India. 7. Jorn Skaarup, Denmark.
8. Eddy Choong, Malaya.
9. Cheong Hock Leng, Malaya.
10. Devinder Mohan Lal, India. \* \* \*
The preponderance of Malay-





Porker "Model II" Takes the Prize-The Poland China hog, above, was selected as Grand Champion Barrow of the 1952 Interna-



Big Problem—Using oversize in-struments, Arlington High School nan, at right, outlines details of a problem in geometry to William Gregory, at left, and Ro-bert Bloeker, centre. The supersize method of teaching geo-metry is being used here for the

Thomas Cup final because of his more imposing record especially among top-ranking Malayans. Mendez on the other hand had in the period under review tasted defeat against the new Canadian champion Donald Smythe. That ans in that list is eloquent testiis a moot point but what is cermony to the supremacy of Malaya in international play. The ranking lists published this year this one by Mr. Scheele will be faulted least. south-east Asian country won the Davis Cup of the Badminton realm, the Sir George Thomas

Badmintoners are very badly in need of a good Press Agent, be-cause the one they have certain-It is mainly upon play in this year's Thomas Cup competition that Mr. Scheele has based his the Sports Pages that they dereckonings. Twelve countries en-tered and U.S.A., Denmark and India traveled to Malaya to contest the zone ties for the right to enter the challenge round. U.S.A. won this elimination but in the the article from which the above sport of Malaya was, we would challenge round went down to ing the dawn come up like thun-Malaya by seven matches to two. Emerging as outstanding indider, and spearing flying fishes and the like-although, now we vidual star in that galaxy of shuttlecock chasers was a 34come to think of it, that was Mandalay not Malaya. year-old Singapore sports goods salesman, Weng Pong Soon. Anyway, that will be enough

about Badminton for now — and quite enough of this column too, although there was something else we intended to say, but it has slipped our memory.
Oh—yes—now we femember—
MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND ALL! MISTAKEN IDENTITY The news that Harry had los

his job spread around quickly and an inquisitive friend asked "Why did the foreman fire you?"
"You know what a foreman is," Harry shrugged. "He's the one who stands around and watches the other men work."
"What's that got to do with
it?" his friend wanted to know. "Well, he just got jealous of me," Harry explained. "People

ing a rustic fishing in a shallow stream, noticed that for half an hour the hook was never drawn from the water. "Are there any fish in that stream?" the visitor asked at last.
"No, sir, I don't think so," the

"Yes, sir."
"Then what is your object?"
"My object, sir, is to show the wife that I've no time to peel the

Lost His Trousers In The High Road

Have you ever wakened up dripping with perspiration, after having dreamed that you were walking down the street in broad daylight without your

such nightmares have come true. Early this October, Mr. Dairo Sichi was in Castle Street, Glasgow, when a car drove past and ripped off his trousers. Trying to hide his bare knees with a parcel, he made for the nearest po-lice station and was taken home

in a Black Maria.

A man who probably sympathized with him was the Irishman whose trousers were caught in the Dome of Discovery escalator. He was removed from the trousers and wrapped in a blanket while repairs were carried

but a new one was met by a Scottish doctor on the West Kilbride course, in Ayrshire. A flash Not quite so bad was the plight of taxi-driver James Deeds. He iost merely the seat of his pants

when he was helping a passenge to unload luggage and backed in to a passing car.
It asked to describe his most embarrassing moment, a certain Danish amateur boxer would tell you of his recent experience in Copenhagen. He entered the ring, took off his dressing-gown, and the audience shrieked with mitth. He had forgetten to put

mirth. He had forgotten to put on his trunks. Red-faced, too, was the Canadian who woke up on a Toronto bus to find that he was wearing only his shirt. It was thought

that he must have been sleep-

A much more rational explanation was given during the war by Squadron - leader Philip Schneidau, who, in his underpants, had to report to the C.O. of an R.A.F. station. Returning from a mission, he was advised by the pilot to take off his clothes as they were coming down in the sea. The pilot miscalculated, however, and they made a dry landing.

strip-tease acts have a happy ending. In Southern Germany a young motorist was amazed to see a girl, clad only in her under-clothes, chasing after his car. Heavy traffic slowed him up and she caught him.

She told him that the door ha he could do was to give her a mutually attracted, and last year they drove together again—to their wedding.



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