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R.F."

* Your letter reads like the original henpecked husband's. Isn't it about time you put your foot down? — Not so dramatically as you describe, but let your wife understand that your help about the house will not be so available unless she appreciates it.

Nothing keeps a helpful husband so helpful as a steady diet of if-you-please's and thank-you's, distributed with an unexpected kiss or caress. Same goes for wives, too—though I admit your spouse seems not to invite them. Why not initiate the idea? It might prove mutually habit-forming.

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Homemaking should never be all one-sided; a fair division is expected, and not too often given. It can prove a game of chores which need not be made drudgery. A heart-to-heart (and firm) talk with your wife should improve her appreciation and lessen her complaints, and give her food for thought.

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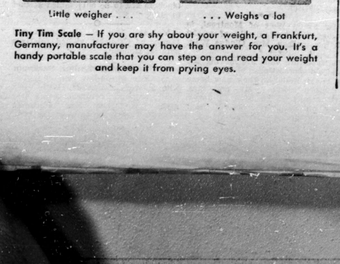

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Tiny Tim Scale — If you are shy about your weight, a Frankfurt, Germany, manufacturer may have the answer for you. It's a handy portable scale that you can step on and read your weight and keep it from prying eyes.

The Wait — An old man, tired from his trip, holds his sleeping grandson on his lap in an emergency Red Cross station in West Berlin. The old man, the boy and his parents travelled from Soviet-controlled Saxony to West Berlin for food. Meanwhile the crush of East Germans who defied Communist threats and terror to obtain food parcels is appoarching the one-million mark.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM
by Gwendoline D Clarke

Well, right now I am wondering if evening events really cast their shadows before. Remembers last week I was referring to the ease with which accidents can happen on a farm? It must have been a premonition, or something of that sort that prompted my remarks, as last Thursday, just as the last load of baled hay was leaving the field Partner lost his balance, turned a somersault over the bales behind him and landed on his right shoulder on the hard, bare ground. Result — a compound fracture of the collar-bone. That is certainly bad enough but it might have been worse — it could have been his back or his neck that was broken. As it is he is practically helpless. The strapping across both shoulders makes the right arm completely useless, and the left arm nearly as bad. Under those conditions we were faced with nine cows to milk — and I am about as useless with cows as an office clerk, mainly through nervousness, so the two of us had a great time getting the milkers on the cows. Partner would explain exactly what I should do and do it quickly. But I was too slow. I would get one or two inflations on the cow and then fumble around, thus letting the air out of the tubes and the whole thing would drop off again. We tried it again in morning and then realized that to keep it up was more than we could manage, and that struggling along by ourselves might even result in a more serious injury to one or the other of us. If we had needed help only for a day or two we knew one of our neighbours would have come to the rescue, but this business will be a matter of weeks, not days. So we put in an SOS to Bob to come home until we could get ourselves organized. We certainly cannot expect Bob to do the chores indefinitely as he is already working twelve hours a day, one way and another — besides that he has other plans ahead of him for the coming month. However we have been very fortunate in getting promised help after the holiday week-end from a young fellow whom we both know and like very much indeed.

This seems to be a season for casualties around here. First Betty with her shoulder in a cast; then Mitchie-White having her leg almost severed by the power mower; and now Partner with a fractured collar-bone. I think I shall have to get a foodcutting machine for the injured folk who cannot cut up the food on their own plates. Betty was here again this week-end, just about as good as new. When she was here before Partner teased her quite a bit about the things she couldn't do and how nicely she was getting out of washing dishes and other little chores. Now it is Betty's turn to tease her uncle — and she isn't missing the opportunity.

This is August 3 and lovely weather for the bank holiday. We used to call it "August Bank-Holiday" over in England and in Sudbury where we lived it was always a big day — a day we looked forward to for weeks. For as long as I can remember we always had a regatta on that day, on the River Stour. There were all kinds of sculling races — singles, doubles and fours. Also ladies' boat races and a game of water polo. There were also competitive sculling races and it was a great day if our boys won a championship against the Ipswich team. It was all good, clean sport but I suppose the most hilarious fun was right at the end of the afternoon when the greasy pole was set up. Actually there were two poles, one in a horizontal position across the river, and the other at right angles immediately above it. At the extreme end of the angle pole hung a square tin box with a trap door that could be opened by the hanging cord that hung from it, and which would release the ducks that were enclosed inside the box. The trick was to reach that cord. Men and boys, in swimming trunks and with bare feet, tried to walk the greasy pole, trying to keep their balance so they might reach the cord. Over and over again they made the attempt, sometimes getting only a little way, other times almost reaching their goal, but invariably they slipped and were the same — a vain attempt to regain their balance on the slippery pole and then over they went! They would go into the water — backwards, head-first, any way at all — it all added to the fun. Eventually the grease would, wear off a bit, someone would be successful in pulling the string and the ducks would drop into the water. Then there was a mad scramble to dive in after the ducks as every duck was a prize for the one who caught it. When I think of it now the only thing that worries me is wondering whether it was hard on the ducks.

Left-handed People Have More Twins

Left-handed people and people who stutter are more likely to be the parents of twins than right-handed people and people who do not stutter.

This has been discovered by Dr. Glen Holland, of the Los Angeles branch of the University of California. For years he has been studying the biology of twins. He has found that racial stock and the age of mothers are factors in the production of twins.

Older mothers are much more likely to have twins. Negroes, and people of the Scandinavian countries, he points out, invariably have a larger number of twins than do Japanese and Mediterranean peoples.

Dr. Holland is now engaged on research concerning identical twins, the origin of which has intrigued scientists all over the world. He is investigating, too, the question of why twins vary. For instance, often one is right-handed and the other left-handed. And he may find out why twins almost invariably run in families.

Other scientists have revealed that in Germany, France and Italy twins are most common in areas where the majority of people have blue or grey eyes. But the scientists cannot say why. Perhaps Dr. Holland will solve this mystery during his present researches.

Note: Statistics published just before the war showed that more twins are born in Ireland than anywhere else in the world.

What Parisian Designers Have To Say About Fall Fashions For Women

Two leading designers, Christian Dior and Jacques Fath, holding their autumn and winter fashion openings at the very start of the Paris "collections week," have enabled buyers to form a quick idea of the silhouette-to-come. This is generally accepted as a line bringing all interest to the upper figure, above a well-molded waist and slender columnlike skirt.

Born of the "tulip" silhouette launched by Christian Dior last season, this idea of broadened, sloping shoulders; curving crescentlike sleeves; and curving lines of drapery, often lending an Empire effect to dresses with high corseleted waists, has been generally adopted.

Christian Dior himself is still ahead with a new "Domes of Paris silhouette" which aroused enthusiastic applause at his showing. His skirts are distinctly short, just covering the knees and the "tulip" or cupola skirt-line is full, padded into curves over the hips as the width springs from a tightly clipped waist. Spherical lines characterize the bodices also, offering the effect of a small sphere atop the larger dome-shaped silhouette of the skirt.

The slender skirt line is the alternative offered by this masterly designer who does not expect all women to adoped "cupola" styles immediately. In these frocks the general trend toward shoulder and bustline interest follows the silhouette all Paris has accepted.

All Descriptions

Madleine de Rauch describes the new silhouette as the "Street Lamp" line, thus aptly describing the interest of bulky bodices atop stemlike skirts. Pierre Balmain prefers to describe her line as that of a long-stemmed fluted glass. And here again the long, slim "stem" of the skirt is topped by a bodice widening out towards the shoulders. For evening wear the fluted effect appears in reverse, a tightly molded bodice and skirt slenderly fitted over the hips to flare out in fluted ruffles at the hem.

A slim "stem" or "flower-stalk" silhouette is favored by Paquin with brief boxy boleros bringing the necessary width to the upper figure.

In the Jacques Fatou collection curved colars, draped shoulder scarves, and rather fuller sleeves provide width above the waistline. Comparatively few waistlines are belted this season, although those of Jacques Fath are the exception, as he has been with broad belts of leather for day and satin, or corded silk, for evening. Elsewhere there are many skirts built up in high molded corselet lines, as well as dresses with tightly - nipped waists suggesting a revival of the wasp-waist silhouette.

Loose, often voluminous, but straight-falling lines dominate in winter coats, some collarless others with small, high-fitting round collars of astrakan and mink.

The shorter lines in topcoats are emphasized by Jacques Fath's seven-eights length tunic-coats and many cozy box jackets, or toppers here are somtimes fur lined and matched to tweed dresses or tailor-mades. Tweeds—speckled, pebbled or crow's-foot patterned—dominate the fabric scene once again. Christian Dior shows tweed dresses, with low-cut necklines, sometimes without sleeves, which are worn under matching jackets, either loose or fitted.

Fabric Patterns

The rare redingotes which are suggested for autumn include some unusual fabrics, patterned with zebra stripes, tortoise-shell scales, and designs inspired by watermarking, usually in gray or white or black and white. There are many novelty silks for winter, brocades and prints inspired by similar signs. These are marked or mottled and on important prints features effects of marquetry, inlaid-woodwork, or simulated wood-graining.

No more shaggy or rough-faced wool materials are favored. The trend is toward broadcloths, velours, and the sleekest zibelines.

Ultra stiff silks in the form of brocades and faconé, many of them hinting at the effect furnishing fabrics, appear for evening. Satins and velvets are also much in evidence, while novelty fabrics of the season are mixtures of silk and wool fabrics which ally the elegant appearance of silks to the comfort ing warmth of wool.

Dark grays still lead in the majority of houses. Black is the basic color everywhere, followed by a number of soft tones. There is tobacco, tawny snuff and the new "Havana brown," which contrasts so with black.

Other important colors are blues ranging from rich navy sphire, indigo, and heights of fisher tones, to the softer pastel and slate-blues, with a strong forget-me-not or sky blue.

Black and white, used separately or together, are popular for the evening. The pastel pinks and blues, as well as pale tortoise-shell brown,

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Short Swim — Florence Chadwick, distance swimmer of San Diego, Cal., prepares for her attempt to swim the English Channel non-stop, round-trip from Dover, England to France. A few minutes later she waves good-bye. Nine hours afterward she was pulled out by men in boats. The water was too cold and rough.

Like To Take A Trip To Timbuktu?

Modern transportation is shortening the time-distance between here to Timbuktu, for generations the epitome of faraway places.

There is now a commercial flight across French West Africa every week from Bamako to Gao, stopping at Goundam, 70 miles from Timbuktu. From Goundam, according to the National Geographic, it is only two days by camel to the sun-baked village on the Sahara's southern edge — an overnight hop by motor.

But while it may have have lost its mythical title as the "farthest corner of the earth," Timbuktu's new accessibility has brought little change into its old way of life. It is still 800 miles from the nearest coast, though a vital trade crossroads point for the vast West African hump—a meeting place of Sahara camels and canoes plying the Niger River.

Timbuktu still has no paved streets, autos, electricity, sewage or water system, movies, restaurants, or hotels. The temperature hovers between 100 and 110 degrees in the shade some eight months of the year. Brief but torrential rains bring some relief in late summer—but disappointment, as well, for two-storied mud-brick houses are likely to melt away. Timbuktu was a center of Moslem culture during the 15th and 16th centuries.

Moslem writers left accounts of its great wealth in gold and ostrich plumes, of the giant camel caravans, some 10,000 strong, that gathered to trade in gold, ivory, and slaves. In 1828, a French man was the first westerner to reach the city and win the Paris Geographic Society prize of 10-000 francs for penetrating its mysteries.

How Can You Miss?—Bill Wiehr demonstrates a highly versatile gun which is sure to bag game in one way or another. The muzzle-loader can shoot around a tree to get an elusive bird, and if one barrel misses, the other barrel is ready to fire. It has a built-in watch, thermometer, weather vane, mirror, spectacles for better sighting, and a knife for skinning the catch. A compass keeps the hunter on the trail, and if he's still unsuccessful in bagging any game, there's a can opener so he won't starve.

SPORTS & c
by A SIXBIT CRITIC

Ask any American fight fan to name the greatest scrapper ever sent from British shores to battle here and he will invariably plump from that all-action, two-fisted pugilist, Ted "Kid" Lewis, idol of London's East End. A relentless fighting machine, Lewis skated over seven opponents into oblivion in the course of 250 recorded contests.

British champion in three divisions, it was in the States that he notched some of his greatest victories, mainly against American idol Britton. These two boxers monopolized the world welterweight title for seven years, meeting altogether twenty times, with each round a bitter, slashing brawl that served only to intensify their fierce antagonism.

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Even their managers engaged in heated slanging matches during fights. And of all their epic clashes, it was the scrap at Canton, Ohio, on March 17th, 1919, that reads most like a sensational ring novel. Queer things have happened in U.S. fight arenas—but nothing like that in the entire history of the sport.

Lewis was champion at the time, and so confident of victory that he took the ring only half fit. He was suffering from fever. But when his manager suggested a postponement, the Kid waved him aside.

"I'm not going to let down either the promoters or the fans!" he declared.

His face a sickly hue, he slammed into the fray with his usual tempestuous attack, knowing his hopes depended on an early win. The pace was hot, and as the slugging contest developed, so did the bitter "needle" element. While their managers fought their usual word-battle from the corners, the fighters exchanged snarling remarks as they swapped furious blows.

And all the time the game Kid was growing weaker. He had to be lifted on his stool for the sixth round . . . and a vicious left hook sent him crashing to the canvas. As he staggered to his feet the crowd screamed for the "kill," and once again he was floored.

Then came drama. Britton considered the referee's counting was too slow—and said so. At "six" Lewis was up, to be once more smashed to the canvas. Again Britton criticized the speed of the count, but the referee ignored him and the round ended with the Kid holding on for dear life in a mauling clinch.

For two further rounds he steered clear of serious trouble. Then the end came, inevitably. A right to the heart followed by two smashing lefts to the chin crumpled him in a heap. And once again his aggressive rival showed dissatisfaction with the referee's counting.

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Lewis stirred. Would he beat the count? Britton was taking no chances. Stepping swiftly forward over his prostrate opponent, he rattled off the last five seconds . . . "six-seven-eight-nine-out!" . . . then turned in triumph, clasping his gloves above his head.

While the crowd stared stupefied, the referee hesitated. Then pointing his finger at his fellow countryman. For the first and only time in boxing history a fighter had been counted out by his rival—and had lost a world title fight into the bargain!

"But was the referee right in allowing Britton to speed up the counting?" asks Gilbert E. Odd, in "Debatable Decisions" a vivid fully illustrated collection of fight stories with controversial endings.

Perhaps, comments the author, the fact that he acted upon the boxer's counting in giving his decision implies that he must have doubted his own.

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Another sensational ring moment that Gilbert Odd-recalls so dramatically is admitted by the great Jack Dempsey as being the most vital of his colourful career. It concerns his winning of the heavyweight crown from the giant cowboy, Jess Willard, a tremendous hitter, who had toppled the formidable Jack Johnson from his throne.

Big Jess was a 5-4 favourite before the fight, staged in swelterin heat at Toledo, Ohio, on Independence Day, 1919. But so confident were the youthful Dempsey and his astute manager, Jack Kearns, that they staked every cent they could lay their hands on—10,000 dollars at 10-1 —that the challenger would win by a knock-out in the first round.

There was drama from the start. Seeing how blood-stained the canvas was after preliminary bouts, a disgusted Willard demanded a fresh one. It was provided! But the lacings so muffled the bell that—rather than waste time fitting it again—the timekeeper was provided with a police whistle instead. He used it throughout the contest . . . and it very nearly brought the downfall of Dempsey.

Wearing his habitual scowl and looking all wire and springs, the Manassa Mauler leapt at his opponent like a wildcat and soon had him groggy at the knees. A jaw - cracking right smashed home; and Big Jess slumped down as if shot.

He scrambled to his feet but, hurling leather from all angles, Dempsey felled him six more times in the first round. And on the last occasion, while the crowd roared its frenzy, the referee counted the sprawling Goliath out and indicated that the challenger had won.

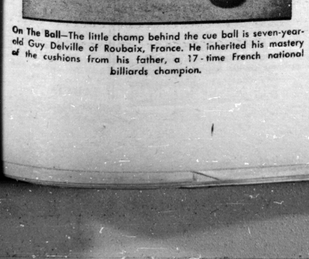
He had scarcely ducked under the ropes, however, had not gone twelve yards towards his dressing-room, when Dempsey was hastily recalled to the ring . . . to learn that in the pandemonium the referee had failed to hear the timekeeper's whistle, ending the round before the count of "ten"!

He had not only lost 10,000 dollars. He had still to win the title!

The second and third rounds were wonderful exhibitions—of what punishment the human body can stand. A shambling hulk, his features pulped, Big Jess was smashed round the ring until even the frenzied crowd were crying for a halt. Mercifully, his seconds threw in the towel before the carnage could continue in the fourth. For the second time Dempsey was declared the new world champion . . . but was the referee right?

Technically, he should have disqualified Dempsey for leaving the ring before the contest was over—a definite breach of the rules. And yet, having declared him the winner, he was also wrong in allowing the fight to continue.

Refreshing Pause—Dr. Karl Herkofer takes time off to relax and have a swig of Bavarian cheer upon his return to Munich, Germany. He is the leader of the German Himalaya expedition which conquered Nanga Parbat (Naked Goddess) Mountain.



On The Ball—The little champ behind the cue ball is seven-year-old Guy Delville of Roubaix, France. He inherited his mastery of the cushions from his father, a 17-time French national billiards champion.

What Is Drouth?

Drouth means that when you drive across a meadow, the grass crackles like dry paper under your wheels; and that next day it is dead where the tires of car or tractor have passed. It means that the corn, planted on your richest ground and with all the care and expense for manure and fertilizer to insure the highest yield, gets up to tasseling stage. Then the dark green leaves start to twist as each day's relentless sun beats down and the forming ears are dwarfed to nubbins with little feeding value. It means that expensive seedings of a new pasture which you are counting on for next year, after the drouth may have passed, shrivel and die in the dusty fields. Drouth means that the springs dry up and the creeks gradually disappear and the ponds grow thick with green scum as the last water soaks into the thirsty soil, so that you start hauling water or driving the animals to some distant source to drink. It means that the ribs start to show on once-fat cows and that their milk dries up so that the calves, on which you count for your year's income, look scrubby and unthrifty. Sometimes it means that they must be sold out of the drouth country or shipped off to the market at perhaps a third of what it cost to produce them. And drouth means farmers lying awake long into the night after a 10 or 12-hour day in the fields, with their minds working like a terrier at the problem of how to keep going until a better season.—H. Lordmand Hall in **The St. Louis Post-Dispatch.**

How Can I?

Q. How can I reclaim stewed fruit that is beginning to turn sour?

A. Add a pinch of baking soda and boil the fruit over again for a few minutes.

Q. What is an easy way to get the pin feathers out of a chicken?

A. Tweezers are very good for this. Another good way is the use of paraffin. Pour melted paraffin over the bird, let it harden, then peel off. The pin feathers should come with it.

Q. How can I remove mildew from leather shoes?

A. Scrub them with a hand brush dipped in lukewarm water and mild soapsuds — preferably castile soap. Wipe them with a damp cloth and give the shoes a day or two in the sun before polishing them.

Q. How can I get rid of the fish odor in a frying pan?

A. Sprinkle salt in the pan, add hot water, and let it stand for awhile before washing it.

Q. How can I stimulate the growth of my hous. plants?

A. Try rubbing a little castor oil or mineral oil lightly over the leaves of the plants This will keep them looking green and will stimulate their growth by cleaning the pores through which the plant breathes.

Q. What makes my wood-burning fireplace smoke?

A. It may be improper building of the fire. For one thing, three logs are best for starting a fire—paper and kindling on the bottom, then two logs across this and one log on top of them. Bunch up some newspaper, put it on the very top log, light it to get the draft going. When that paper is almost consumed, light the paper underneath.

Q. How can I best clean imitation leather?

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