

Pirates Still Rove The Eastern Seas

"Chinese pirates attacked the British steamer 'Wing Sang' in the Eastern Seas," reported today when the ship reached Hong Kong.

How many years ago, do you guess, that item made news? Two hundred? Fifty? It was this year—in June, 1933.

Nor is the attack on the "Wing Sang" an isolated case. Owners of shipping lines sailing Far Eastern routes can echo the story week by week. The presence of United Nations ships and air fleets, operating in those waters, has not checked the pirates. Almost daily their daring brings fresh peril to the crews and passengers of peaceful vessels.

The "Wing Sang" was machine-gunned; other craft have run a blockade of cannon fire.

Piracy on the high seas in 1933 may sound impossible. But marine insurance policies still cover it as a real risk in a special clause. "Be it known that . . . we the Assureds are contented to bear the loss of our property in this voyage . . . Fire, Enemies, Pirates, Robbers, Thieves, Jettisons . . . Surprises, Takings at Sea."

Dusk was falling on a July evening two years ago as shots ripped across the motor vessel "Talei," on its voyage from the port of Tsingtau to Foochow. An officer and a rating fell wounded in the volley. Vainly the radio officer tapped at his gear. The radio was shot away.

With excited yells the pirates swarmed aboard their prize from their junk and took command at gun point.

Into the darkness the "Talei" was piloted to a secret hide-out. There part of the general cargo, all provisions, and all the crew's personal effects were looted.

Days later the ship was released.

Piracy of Captain Kidd days was echoed when a large motor junk let fly with machine-guns at the steamer "Nigolok" and then closed to fling grappling-irons aboard. British crew battled hand-to-hand with the invading Chinese who scrambled up the rigging. Even when the enemy were repulsed, the master of the "Nigolok" reported his ship was under fire for half an hour.

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What Makes Doggie Run? — That's what little Judy Boatman is learning as Harry Miller explains to her some of the features of "Vesta," the world's first transparent dog. Miller, director of the Gaines Dog Research Center, which developed the plastic model, is helped in his lecture by Vesta, who was equipped by electronic experts with an intricate sound system which enables her to "talk" about herself for several minutes, each of her organs lighting up as it is mentioned. Every detail of her body, including internal organs and muscular system, is faithfully reproduced in plastic. Modeled after a female Great Dane, Vesta is life-sized, being 3½ feet long and 3½ feet high.

Shove-On Device Simplifies Adjusting Necklace Length

BY EDNA MILES

GETTING a necklace adjusted to the wanted length without revealing how it's done is a problem. Because it's a woman's problem, it took a woman to solve it.

She is Judith McCann, who previously dreamed up the revolutionary earrings that fit without pinching or pressure. Her new invention is a device that simply shoves onto a necklace, fastening it firmly in place.

With the shove-on device, a woman can make a necklace into a choker, if she likes, or wear it at any length she prefers. She can change the length with the necklines of her various dresses and, further, find new ways to drape and fasten the necklace.

Each necklace may be detached from the shove-on device and the device itself worn as a clip or hair ornament. Each necklace may double as a bracelet. Ornaments have a custom-made look but actually are in the medium-price bracket.

Companion pieces to these necklaces are the earrings that even women with tiny lobes can wear with comfort. These are the only earrings that come in "lefts" and "rights" for perfect fit.

Twin necklaces are entwined as hair ornaments while single shove-on device, detached from its necklace, becomes a clip.

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TABLE TALKS

by Edna Andrews

One of these mornings you'll see the date on a newspaper—or hear some newscaster on the radio—and all of a sudden you'll realize that Christmas is upon us—"and not a single thing done!"

Well, thank goodness, those puddings really improve with age, so here are a couple of recipes—the first for the rich "old-fashioned" kind, the other for the lighter sort so many families seem to prefer nowadays.

PLUM PUDDING

1 lb. flour
1 lb. sugar
½ lb. brown sugar
1 lb. seeded raisins
2 ozs. sweet almonds (finely chopped)
4 cups soft bread crumbs
Juice of one lemon
A little salt
2 tablespoons baking powder
1 lb. currants
1 lb. sultana raisins
½ lb. mixed peel

Combine ingredients same as for dark pudding. Steam four hours. Serves four.

Here is a hot mustard sauce to serve with ham or frankfurters; if you like it with brisket or other reasonable cuts of beef, add a little salt to this recipe.

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½ cup cider vinegar
1 tablespoon butter or margarine
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1 teaspoon paprika
Combine all ingredients. Stir and cook over low heat until thickened.

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Crack-Brained Ways Of Committing Suicide

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It was Mrs. Core's birthday. So good-looking, genial George Core, always a thoughtful husband, a little eccentric, decided to buy her a nice new pair of red sandals. Home he went with them one evening a few weeks ago, to their fifth-floor flat in a Manhattan skyscraper.

But as soon as his smart and pretty young wife saw the sandals, there was trouble. "Take them back to the shop first thing in the morning," she exclaimed crossly. "I hate the color and won't wear them!"

Then George saw red. Angered by her attitude, he hurled the sandals through the window . . . and his horrified wife was too late to stop him as he leapt out after them.

Such crack-brained suicides don't occur every day. But the records of coroners all over the world reveal some startling and original ways of committing self-destruction.

A determined New Yorker, who had been jilted by a pretty girl he planned to marry, decided that life had nothing else to offer him. But he could not make up his mind how to kill himself.

So he first took poison, then cut his throat, and finally knotted a necktie round his neck—all while seated in an over-flowing bathtub, which was probably how he drowned him anyway. If the poison hadn't done its work first, he would have died of a heart attack.

Returning to her home in Paris, Mme. Moreau found her husband lying on the floor in agony. After his death, a doctor found that the man, who had been depressed for many months, had cut up a bath sponge into small pieces which he had fried in a pan and then eaten!

Take the curious case of James Bartle, a fifty-three-year-old man who was determined to save the world by committing suicide. He was recently convicted of murdering his body from a research center in London. He tied one end of a rope to his leg and the other to an iron fence before drowning himself. He also left a note stating that his body was to be found. The police and only haul on the rope to recover it.

At Innsbruck, a young theatrical manager committed suicide before a mirror. It was clear that he had placed a chair opposite his face in his bathroom into which he had looked, waiting for his death after taking a large amount of arsenic.

Then there was the farmer in Spain who lost his wife and was so grief-stricken that he decided he could no longer continue living. He took a chair and placed it beside his wife's grave, and he had filled with strychnine. He died an hour later in great agony.

Can a person commit suicide in sleep? It seems so, judging by the story told at the inquest on a Bangor solicitor. It was suggested in evidence that he cut his throat in his sleep.

The man lived eighty minutes after the wound. He cried out to his wife and son, "Forgive me!" then, motioning for paper and pencil, he wrote: "I dreamt that I had done it. I awoke to find it was indeed true." A verdict of suicide while temporarily insane was returned.

Another man, whose body was taken from the River Seine at Poken, near Versailles, had his left wrist bound to the handle of a bicycle to which he was further held fast by a cord fastened to his belt.

It was believed that after making up his mind to end his life he rode full tilt into the water. People who commit suicide may be mentally unbalanced, but

often they are normal folk driven to their desperate course by worry. In that case, self-destruction is a wasted life—for no problem is so great, or worry so acute, that it cannot eventually be overcome.

It is mistakenly believed by some that to commit suicide requires courage. That is utterly wrong. Suicide, after all, is the coward's way out. A selfish escape from troubles, usually temporary, with utter disregard for those left behind—wife, husband, children—and their terrible mental anguish.

There is only one known instance of a man committing suicide in battle. He was Major Todd, the son of a butler, and he was serving under the Duke of Wellington in one of the Peninsular campaigns.

Todd was famous for his skill as a bridge-maker, but one day a bridge he had erected chanced to break down under the weight of a gun it had never been constructed to carry.

The Duke abused Todd for his carelessness in the presence of some of his fellow officers, and then incensed the young man by saying: "Are you now going to take up your father's trade?"

Next day an officer in command of troops skirmishing with the French was amazed to see Todd obviously trying to be shot by the enemy. He tried to save him, saying: "They can't miss you if you stay here."

But the young man, fired by the insults hurled at him the night before, declared: "I don't want them to!"—and rode with head high still nearer the French. Immediately afterwards he dropped from his horse, riddled with bullets.

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Film-Stars Making With The Muscles

BY EDNA MILES

Film companies, prompted by the box-office appeal of a dourly bared male torso, demand from their leading men, not only acting ability, but bulging biceps and a swelling chest.

The army of muscle-seeking film males is increasing rapidly. Scores of screen stars—and stage and radio personalities, too—have been bitten by the "big biceps bug," and are taking regular work-outs with disc-loading barbells, striving to gain that important coating of solid muscle.

Bernard Braden is one star who "muscles-up" the bar-bell way. And according to a recent magazine announcement, weights were recommended to Braden by none other than Sir Laurence Olivier.

In Hollywood Ricardo Montalban is a firm believer in the muscle way to a good appearance and uses bar-bells regularly. Other top-flight stars who have taken physical treatment include Tyrone Power, Jackie Cooper, Mario Lanza, Montgomery Clift, and Robert Taylor.

In fact, it was Bob Taylor who started "beefcake" for stars when he put on almost 25 pounds in the right places in a few months' training for his role as boxer in "The Crowd Roars."

Call Me Mister: The gay times at the U.S. Legation in Luxembourg will soon be only pleasant memories. At Washington ceremonies swearing him in as Minister to the tiny Grand Duchy, Wiley T. Buchanan, an investment banker and real estate operator, said he expected to be "too busy to throw any parties." His predecessor was Perle Mesta, friend of the world's press as "The Hostess With the Mostest on the Ball."

There are several inexpensive methods of applying wood preservatives to fence posts. One way is using chromated-zinc chloride, the end diffusion or "barrel" method has been found to be a simple treatment for untreated fence posts. For best results posts should be treated as soon as possible after cutting. Treatment consists of setting the butt end of the post in an approximately 10 percent chromated-zinc chloride solution until 75 per cent of the solution has been absorbed. The post should then be reversed so the remainder of the solution can be consumed by the post.

Before the posts are placed in the ground they should stand for at least four weeks with the top ends down to allow the preservative to mix with the moisture of the wood. The bark is usually stripped from the posts where they are placed in the ground. Three-fourths of a pound of dry chemical is sufficient for one cubic foot of wood.

A more efficient method with same preservative—the heat-and-cold-bath process—

Now for a couple of cheery little items—the first predicting that we're all going to starve to death; and the second hinting that, even if we don't starve, Mother Nature will see to it that we don't lack for interesting "company."

The "O-bomb" (over-population) is a far greater hazard to humanity than the atom and hydrogen bombs put together.

This is the opinion of Dr. Robert Gesell, chairman of the department of physiology, University of Michigan, who points out that each year the "O-bomb explosion" increases the number of people by 25,000,000 new mouths.

For the subsistence of this added mass population at least 25,000,000 acres of arable land are required. The necessity of feeding these extra mouths could theoretically reduce the world to poverty and destroy mankind since most of the arable land is now under cultivation. Dr. Gesell thinks and suggests increased production on available land, but lands as one solution to this problem.

A new species of cockroach which bears its young alive, produces an offensive odor, and is a nuisance for its appetite, dog food and grapes, has invaded New York City. Known as the Madras roach, it is believed to have been introduced by migrating West Indians.

Smoke?—Where there's smoke there may be monkey business backstage at the Medrano Circus in Paris, France. The simon as the Medrano circus, stor of grape fruit is Morqvis, stor of the show, which features a troupe of trained monkeys.

In Moser day instruction was given that there was to be no day in giving the hired servant his pay. There was to be no oppression of the poor, and no strangers, fatherless and widows were to be allowed to glean in the fields and orchards when the harvest was reaped. The owner was not to try to get everything for himself.

The prophet, Amos, called from herding sheep and rearing Israel's grape fruit, rebuked Israel for afflicting the just, accepting bribes and turning aside the poor from their right. Do these conditions exist in Canada today? Generally speaking, we would say, "No." In some areas the rights of minority groups to worship as they please are occasionally threatened. But in the final verdict these rights are upheld by our laws. Our justice above the receiving of bribes. Occasionally individual policemen are found guilty of giving special consideration for a gift. Our courts defend the rights of the poor. The legal profession has set up a system for giving free assistance to poor but worthy individuals. This is a good country in which to live.

Some of the Theosophists were inclined to sit in idleness and wait for their Lord's return. Paul set these people's example of engaging in daily manual toil and said that if any would "see" with sensitive fingertips.

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