

Behind The Scenes In High Society

At a suite 57, Cecil Beaton is one of the world's best-known photographers. He is a young man at the university, he is a trembling snob who wanted to know the "best people at Cambridge, if there are any," and he has grown up to become photographer to the British Royal Family, the costume designer for "My Fair Lady," and altogether as fragrant a swell as ever walked among friendships with such people as Edith Sitwell, Greta Garbo, Pablo Picasso, Gertrude Stein, and the Duchess of Windsor.

Some Stars Move In Families

A glance at the sky, or better, at a photograph of a fragment of the sky, suggests that, in the main, the stars are scattered at random over the sky, except for the concentration of faint stars in the area towards the Milky Way. . . . Any small bit of sky does not look very different from what it would if bright and faint stars had been sprinkled haphazard out of a celestial pepper-pot.

Yet this is not quite the whole story. Here and there groups of conspicuous stars are to be seen, which can hardly have come together purely by accident. Orion's belt, the Pleiades, Berenice's hair, even the Great Bear itself, do not look like accidents, and in fact are not. It is the existence of these natural groups of stars that lies at the root of, and justifies, the division of the constellations. . . .

The members of any group, such as the Pleiades, not only show the same physical properties, but also have identical motions through space; they are journeying perpetually through the sky in one another's society. As the stars of such a group are both physically similar, and travel in company, they might appropriately be described as a family of stars. . . .

Let us first turn our attention to families consisting of only two members. Even if the stars had been sprinkled on to the sky at random out of a pepperpot, the laws of chance would require that in a certain number of cases pairs of stars should appear very close together. And a study of a photograph of any star field shows that a large number of such close pairs actually exist. Even at zero most of our houses are so equipped that we can be comfortable and warm. Our main worry in bad weather is not for ourselves, but for our friends and relations in England. Yesterday I had a letter from Cleely—a friend living near Swansea and it was much about the weather. On Christmas Day a taxi he had ordered couldn't get to the house so the driver left his cab on the main road and walked up the street to collect Cleely and her overnight case. Another time she wanted to visit a sister-in-law in a hospital at Lewes but she couldn't because the buses had stopped running—storm-bound. And since her letter was written I know there have been terrific gales sweeping across the country. So, in comparison, what have we to complain about?

The early part of the year always seems to bring an influx of mail. And how I do love getting letters! But then, doesn't everyone? Partner goes for the mail about eleven-thirty—rural delivery. When he comes in my first question is—"Any letters today?" If there are letters then I sit down and read them. Dinner has to wait until I have enjoyed and digested them. Such nice letters most of the time but sometimes they make me feel foolish. At a house where dog-traps were pushed out and the policemen immediately fired his water pistol through the crack in the door. . . .

When the door was smashed open, the offender was easily identified, among several people in the house, by the red ink which was splattered over him. . . .

The story was revealed in court when the man, with eight previous convictions, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. . . .

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SHAPE OF '62—Troy Hudson, who'll appear in Leonard Stilleman's 'New Faces of 1962,' wears one of the 100 costumes made for the show by Brooks Costumes.

CHRONICLES OF GINGER FARM

by Gwendoline P. Clarke

We have actually come out of the deep freeze and I, for one, am very glad. The cold winds were bad enough but stepping around on the ice was even worse. It was almost blinding, even if one wore sun glasses. However, weatherwise, we really have little to grumble about in this part of the world. Even at zero most of our houses are so equipped that we can be comfortable and warm. . . .

Leaving the hotel, a miserly guest stayed past the doorman without tipping him. Nevertheless, the doorman helped the man into the car and said: "In case you happen to lose your wallet on the way home, pit it out here."

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Modern Etiquette

By Anne Ablett

Q. When writing a letter to a brother and sister (both unmarried), may one address the envelope to "Miss Bethie Norris and Brother?"

A. Never. The envelope should be addressed either to the sister or the brother, but never to both.

Q. When a woman goes to a party and the man standing nearby waiting for her to make her exit, and she is engaged in conversation with the hostess, should they remain standing or may they sit down?

A. They should remain standing for so long as they are seated. It would, however, be all right for them to sit down if they move to another part of the room.

Q. Please advise me the best rule to follow regarding the order of use of one's utensils at a dinner.

A. Use the outside utensils first — the ones farthest from the plate on either side. That of utensils is then left on the plate and removed when the course is changed. Then pick up the outside utensils for the next course. If, by any chance, the outside fork is not the correct one, it's the table-cloth's fork, not yours. If in doubt about whether a fork or spoon is correct for a certain course, follow your hostess' lead.

Water Pistol Nabs Drug Peddler

Hong King police are waging an all-out war against drug peddlers. And recently a policeman hit on a bright idea to catch a slippery customer—by using a water pistol loaded with red ink. . . .

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Many Bowers Also Vice Versa

A thin line of blood dripped down his face, cutting across his eyes and down the side of his nose. Johnny Bower, a chunky man who plays goalie for the Toronto Maple Leafs, reached up and clutched his forehead. . . .

It was a desperate race then against the Antarctic winter. When it came, travel would be impossible. . . .

On the first few days of the disappointing party a 150-mile march back to the glacier, they had fine weather. Then blizzards swirled around them again, and soon injuries and frostbite added pain to their exhaustion. . . .

But then the real troubles began. Party Officer Evans, the biggest and strongest of the party, was hardest hit by frostbite. . . .

As the party was negotiating a crevasse, he stumbled, and fell into the abyss. His team mates kept him up, but he lay senseless for some time. . . .

Two hours later his companions resumed their march. They came off the glacier, and now had 424 miles to go. . . .

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Heroes Who Died In Southern Snows

As the British explorer struggled up the long icy slope towards his goal, he could not know that he had failed already. . . .

When Captain Scott, Dr. Wilson, Captain Oates and Lieutenant Bowers realized he had not caught them up again, they went back. . . .

They found him lying in the snow, his hands uncovered, a wild look in his eyes. . . .

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