

EVENING TIMES-STAR MAGAZINE PAGE FOR THE HOME



After Midnight by M.L. George

BEGIN HERE TODAY.

A novelist, seeking nocturnal adventure, waits in Grosvenor Square, London. Perceiving a silent figure in white standing motionless against a railing, he investigates. He finds a girl in evening dress and beside her a man. The man declares he is a passerby who wanders what is wrong with the girl. To every advance made by the two men the girl replies, "Go away." Finally she says she has taken poison and wants to die. The novelist asks the strange man to call a taxi to take the girl to the hospital. On the way to the hospital the girl fights to jump from the cab. Calling at the hospital early the following morning the writer finds the girl conscious. She reproaches him for saving her life. The nurse in charge explains that the girl is recovering but says that she had a very narrow escape from death. The nurse asks the girl to give her name and home address.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY.

A smile crossed the girl's features as she said: "Lady Grace Tarsel. My address is 216 Grosvenor Square." "What?" said the sister, and moved her eyebrows as if to say: "She's wandering." "Yes," said Lady Grace, "what's the matter? My father's the Marquis of Goswyn. Perhaps someone would let him know, since you've all been kind enough to prevent me dying when I wanted to."

There was a silence, but her words carried conviction: "Very well, you ladyship," said the sister, but I stopped her. "Don't telephone yet," I said. "And by the way, don't tell anybody about this. Don't tell anybody of any kind. Otherwise there may be trouble. As soon as the sister left us, Lady Grace turned to me and said: 'Why did you tell her that? My father must be awfully anxious.'"

"I know, but do you think he'll want to get about? Don't you see I'll get into the papers?" "I don't care." "But he'll care. What I want to do, if you'll let me, is to go and see him in a few minutes. And no doubt he'll be able to get you removed in an ambulance, this morning, and nobody will know."

"She sighed: 'Just as you like. I know you mean to be kind. I suppose I ought to thank you for saving my life. I don't.' "Life isn't as bad as it looks today," I told her. "And even if it is, even if it is agony, don't be afraid of emotion. Don't be afraid of being hurt while you're capable of feeling pain, you are living, and all life is glorious!" She looked interested, then gave a cynical little laugh: "That's all very well. I know. Live life as fully as you can, but not when it's full of misery."

I gripped her hand closer. "Look here," I said. "I fear I'm very impertinent, but, after all, events have brought us into unusually close touch. Tell me why you tried to kill yourself. I'll be discreet, and if anything

gler, avoided getting myself mixed up. Moreover, the situation struck me as most unpleasant. I have no prejudice about class or nationality, but I have known pianists, including Italian pianists. The idea of remitting the adorable creature I had rescued into the arms of this organ-grinder was not attractive. I wasn't at all sure that it wouldn't have been better if she'd committed suicide, rather than marry him. Only she'd tried to commit suicide because she couldn't marry him. There was no doubting it. I must hand her over, if I could, to the rolling eye and the raven locks. Disgusting! Still, it was the man who'd broken the match off; he was no fortune hunter; perhaps Scarlati was a decent sort.

He was easily located, for two days before he had given a recital at the Albert Hall, where I obtained the name of his hotel. At this hotel, however, a great disappointment would have overwhelmed me if the habit of adventure had not made me cautious. Realizing that my mission was delicate, and that it might not be easy to see Scar-

"I told him not to make so much noise eating his soup," I said. "I don't know how many. I don't know anything. I just thought I was waiting for you." "What?" she asked. "I don't know. I just thought I was waiting for you." "What?" she asked. "I don't know. I just thought I was waiting for you."

My interview with the marquis was short; he obviously considered it infernal interference for me to save his daughter's life. He also suspected me of something or other, probably trying to murder her, or blackmail him. At the end I found out that the unfortunate peer was terrified. He didn't care so much whether his daughter was poisoned; what he feared was that the incident would get into the papers. He had to do everything, a telephone for an ambulance, to ring the bell for the palatial car to take her to the hospital. One thing I felt sure; if Lady Grace were still sleeping from the effects of laudanum, I had sent her somebody who would wake her up.

Now came the more delicate part of the business. I had to find Mr. Scarlati, which was easy, and to bring him back to the lady with whose karma I had interfered. Here was a difficult job, but by saving the girl's life I had made myself responsible for it. If I didn't want to trouble myself with her, then I ought to have been like the gop-

THE OLD HOME TOWN

By Stanley



MODERN MACHINERY CLAIMED ANOTHER VICTIM TODAY WHEN ARCHIE HENDERSON'S BOY THEODORE SPRAINED HIS WRIST WHILE CRANKING THE COFFEE GRINDER IN NOAH BAXTER'S STORE

CIVIL SERVICE MEN BECOMING ANXIOUS

Conference Friday to Discuss Economy—Will There be Drastic Cuts?

Further query as to what the intentions of the Government are in regard to the institution of a proper scheme of superannuation.

In the view of a number of civil servants, it is here that one way out of present difficulties may be found. A proper superannuation scheme and no further additions to existing staffs for a defined period, would, it is claimed in some quarters, form a remedy for much of the over-staffing which at present exists.

Last Year's Plan.

A special committee of the House of Commons which investigated the civil service last year recommended a superannuation plan, as removing "one of the greatest deterrents to efficiency and curtailment of staffs in many of the departments of the public service."

But the report came late in the session. Legislation based on its findings could not be introduced. But the Prime Minister announced that at the opening of the coming session the Government would have a superannuation bill along the lines of the committee's recommendations.

MEETING POSTPONED.

The W. C. T. U. postponed its regular meeting this week so that its members could attend the afternoon session of the Social Service Congress in St. John's Stone church.

A piece of concrete road is reported to have "exploded" recently, due to expansion caused by heat of the sun.

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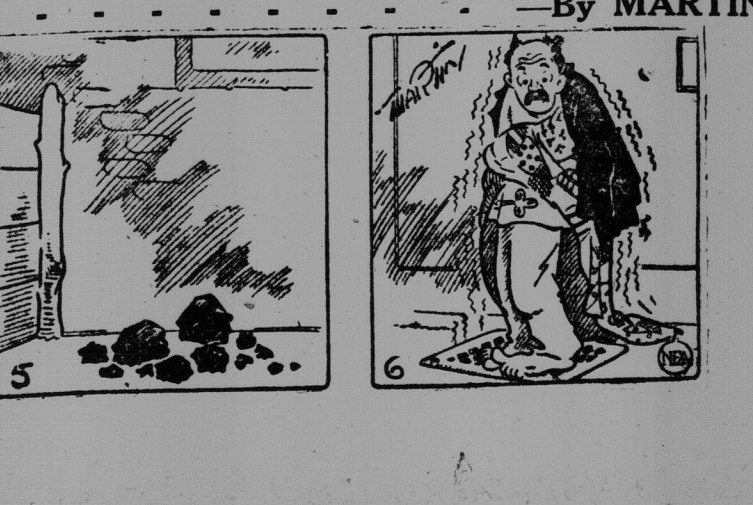
By BLOSSER



By CAP HIGGINS



By MARTIN



Your Health

BY DR. CLIFFORD C. ROBINSON

CHANGE IN DIET.
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ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS

By Olive Roberts Barton

A VERY WISE RIDDLE.

The Wise-Man-From-Our-Town remarked—
"What's the next riddle? What's the next riddle?" called the Twins when the Riddle Lady came next day. "I won't keep you waiting," smiled the Riddle Lady, looking around and nodding at everybody. "This one is so easy I'm almost ashamed to ask it. Anybody could guess it with his danc-cap on!"

"I'm not a flower, I'm not a tree, but I'm full of leaves as a pound of tea. I'm not a house, I'm not a store, but, pictures! Why, I've a hundred or more."

"I'm not a king, I'm not a queen, but more pages have I than they've ever seen. No voice have I to greet your ears, yet stories I've told for a hundred years."

"I'm not the postman, but all agree, that a thousand letters I carry with me."

"I'm not a country, I'm not a state, but my capitals come at a furious rate."

"I'm not a camel, but yet a snail. But I've two backs, tho' not a tail. However, dears, as friend to friend, I must confess that I've an end."

"Now what is it?" asked the Riddle Lady.

"Why, you have said that it wasn't so many things, there's nothing left," said Simple Simon.

"I only said it wasn't a tree or a flower, or a king, or queen, or the postman, or a country, or a camel, or a snail," declared the Riddle Lady. "There are lots of things left to guess. Shoes and ships and sealingwax and cabbages and kings." No not kings, but everything else."

"Maybe it's cabbages," said Simple Simon. "It's got to leave."

"No, it isn't a cabbage!" said the Riddle Lady. "Nancy, can't you guess what it is? Or you, Nick?"

But before the Twins could say a word, the Wise-Man-From-Our-Town remarked, "I've been thinking and thinking and thinking. 'Is it a quadruped of any sort? Or a di-rigible? Or an e-pluribus-um? Or an ad valorem? Or a post-medican? Or an anno-domini?'"

The Riddle Lady and Mother Goose people looked suddenly as though the sky had fallen on them. "Is it as hard as that?" gasped the Fat Man. "Dunce cap nothing! I fear

to the body but are very important in regulating other food processes. Vegetable fats and those of nuts and oils will be found more favorable when the change in diet must not be entered into haphazardly. It should be made only upon the advice of your physician, if serious impairment of your health is to be avoided.

One may not be in the right physical condition to stand a change in diet, without careful preparation. But he may not be aware of this condition. If anything should go wrong the changed diet is to blame and not the careless action of the individual concerned.

One is simply courting trouble to institute a complete change in diet without knowing the actual body condition, through a careful health examination. Often people regard a change in diet with no more concern than a change in clothes.

In the changing of any diet, special care must be given to the fats. These are not only a source of heat

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Too much salt retains uric acid and therefore too much salt will cause catarrh and other similar troubles. It must also be practically avoided in all rheumatic troubles. Too little salt is the cause of malnutrition, owing to deficient assimilation of food.

The salts contained in vegetables, cereals, etc., are not the same as common salt. The vegetable salts are chiefly phosphates and carbonates combined with potassium, calcium and magnesium.

Be careful to remember in any diet change that the salts contain no protein, as many people consider them nourishing.

ENGINEERS MEET TODAY

The annual meeting of the Professional Engineers of the Province of New Brunswick will be held in the Board of Trade rooms this afternoon.

B. M. Hill, Provincial Road Engineer, is retiring as president, and officers for the coming year will be elected.

Several delegates will attend from points throughout the province. In the evening the St. John Branch of the Engineering Institute of Canada is giving a dinner for the visiting delegates at the Union Club.

A new radio station in Holland has direct communication with their East Indian colonies.

Veterans' Associations' Bovril Poster Competition closes definitely

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