



Rippling Rhymes
By Walt Mason

THE GLASS PRISON
Said the owl to the spider, "I hear you had a magnificent spider ball last night, with fire-fly lanterns and cobweb gowns and all sorts of wonderful spider things."
Jack Spider nodded. "Um-hum!" said he. And a fine old fright we had, too!" My cousin from South America came—a dreadful fellow. He covers a foot of ground when his legs are spread out, and he eats birds."
"Oh, my, my, my!" said the owl. "What a dreadful spider!"
"I thought," said Jack spider, looking rather pale, "that he was going to eat up the whole ball. I declare, I did! I don't know why or how he managed to travel so far, but there he was, staring over the cobweb fence and grumbling because he hadn't been invited."
"What did you do?" asked the owl.
"A fairy put him to sleep," said Jack Spider, "and after a great deal of trouble we managed to get him on board the back of a bat, who's flying home with him now."
"Not so!" cried the owl, blowing by at this minute. "He was much too big for the bat's back and he fell off and broke the cobweb ropes. He's on his way here now!"
Well, that was news and no mistake! Jack Spider turned as pale as a spider can. The owl blinked.
"He's a ferocious, blood-thirsty wretch!" cried Jack Spider in terror. "He'll eat me up! He'll eat me up!"
Now the owl was very wise. He always had been. He always will be. "Put some obstacle in his path!" he cried. "Then he'll never get here."
"He can climb anything!" cried Jack Spider in despair.
"Nay!" said the owl. "Get the magician who lives on the border of the fairy forest to fling up a mountain of glass in his path. Then he'll slide back. He can't climb glass. Nobody can!"
Ah, me, they didn't know! Jack

Spider and the magician threw up a hollow mountain of glass on the edge of the forest. Barely in time! For he'd no more than finished that the dreadful bird-eating spider who'd traveled all night, appeared and stopped at the foot of the mountain.
Then the spider smiled. And what do you think happened? He walked right up that mountain of glass as if it were nothing more than a rocky path. And the reason was that he had furry feet, and the owl and the magician and even Jack Spider hadn't known it.
Now, while they stood staring in horror at the giant climbing up the path of glass, there flew into sight the little fairy who had put the giant spider to sleep the night before at the spider ball. She waved her wand and with a snore like a rumble of thunder the bird-eating spider fell asleep and tumbled off the mountain.
"Now," said the little fairy, "make a door in yonder hollow mountain of glass, oh, wise magician, and let the forest elves carry in this quarrelsome spider who eats birds. He shall be his prison, and teach him better manners!" And they did!

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Calgary, Jan. 9.—Rev. Dr. John McDougall, a pioneer missionary in the province of Alberta is seriously ill.

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It is not surprising that the separate blouse has such vogue this winter, for its beauty and usefulness have been well demonstrated in the past. As is true of other garments, the salient feature of the waist receiving the strongest endorsement is the simplicity of design.



GOOD SKATING
When I was young I viewed the snow with dancing eyes and heart aglow. It meant that I could slide and coast, with all the happy school-boy host, and mould the snow into a sphere and soak some old gent in the ear. The falling of the sparkling snow meant joy and laughter long ago. I, being young, was not aware of sorrow in the world, or care, and all I wished beneath the sun, was just to have all kinds of fun. But now I'm old I view the snow, and think of suffering and woe. I sit in comfort by the fire,

LANGFORD.
The junior pastor had charge of the service on Sunday morning.

MURDER COMMON IN CHICAGO
Public Opinion There is Not Roused by Such Cases

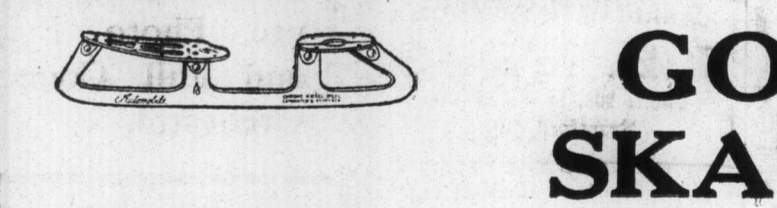
Chicago, Ill., Jan. 9.—Further arrests are promised to-day by State's Attorney Hoynes in his investigation into an alleged police ring, whose vice manipulations, he charged, have netted thousands of dollars annually. Mr. Hoynes charged that "a great majority of police captains and lieutenants of Chicago," are involved in a scandal which resulted in the arrest late last night of Charles C. Healey, chief of police; Martin White, a police lieutenant, and three others on warrants charging extortion, conspiracy and bribery.
Following Healey's arrest and subsequent release on bonds of \$100,000, Mr. Hoynes and several of his assistants worked until almost daylight interrogating police witnesses and examining documents said to contain evidence.
In the early hours of the morning several persons were taken into custody in connection with the investigation, among them four women, said to be keepers of resorts. Warrants were issued also for the arrest of three police officers—Lieut. Edward Grady, Lieut. J. Hartford and Sergt. J. Naughton, the latter being confidential secretary to Chief Healey.
Evidence in "Green Book"
Mr. Hoynes declined to make public any of the alleged evidence he had seized, but asserted that he attached much significance to the green-covered book said to have been found in the possession of Lieut. White. This book contained a carefully-kept index of several hundred vice resorts, gambling houses and saloons in the Lake street police precinct. Opposite some of the names were figures and opposite others notations. Among these notations were "can be raided," "chiefs," "three ways," "chief's."
"The Green Book" will play an important part in our investigation," Mr. Hoynes said. "We had known of its existence in some form or other for some time, but did not expect to get it. To me 'three ways' means the division made of moneys."
Chief Has Resigned
Chief Healey, whose resignation was presented to the Mayor last month, effective January 1, the date being extended until January 11, that he might be in office over New Year's Eve, when violations of the saloon-closing law were expected, said to-day he had placed the entire matter in the hands of his attorney. Hearing on the charges against Chief of Police Healey was continued for ten days in the municipal court at the request of the state attorney. The bonds were reduced from \$100,000 to \$25,000.
Confessions have been obtained from some of the men who in custody, State's Attorney Hoynes announced to-day. He declined to reveal names.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SIDE TALKS
By RUTH CAMERON

THE PRICE OF QUARRELS.

"Oh, Henry and I can't afford to quarrel now!" said a Recently Wed Lady, when I marvelled at the even-tempered way in which she smoothed over a situation that had approached the difficult.
"Has the price of quarrels gone up on account of the War?" inquired the Cynic. "Have they got a corner on all the quarreling over there?"
"Silly," said the Recently Wed Lady, "I think War jokes are in vogue. You see, it's this way," turning to the rest of us, "we haven't quarreled for four months." She paused to turn toward the mantel and give three mystic raps. "And we are crazy to make a record of at least six months. So we are being so careful not to let ourselves quarrel."
"Don't Quarrels Just Happen?"
"Can you be careful not to quarrel?" asked the Cynic. "I thought it was in the nature of quarrels that they just happened."
"Well, they do happen," said the Recently Wed Lady, "but so does bumping your elbow, or tipping things over, and if you are extra careful you can minimize accidents like that, can't you?"
"You mean you haven't had a single tiff for four months?" asked Mollie a bit incredulously.
"Oh, no, we are not as rambly



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To punish the violation of Belgium and free its land from the Huns has been one of the strongest rallying cries of British and Canadians throughout this war. For it our men have fought hard and long, and stronger and more determined now than ever, they are "Carrying on" to the finish.

When the soldiers first went out to fight the despoilers of Belgium, we who could not go undertook to help feed the starving women and children who were victims of German savagery. Are WE carrying on as the soldiers are doing? Or has our enthusiasm cooled—our sympathy died out—our help lessened or ceased?

Certainly the Belgians' need of help has not lessened, but rather increased! Three million women, children and old men are depending for food—for life itself—on the Belgian Relief Commission. The Commission in turn depends on us Canadians for a substantial share of the necessary food, or the money with which to buy it. If we fall short in our contributions, thousands of Belgian kiddies must go, painfully, if not fatally, short in their food supply. Already an alarming number of them, weakened by scanty rations, are falling victims to tuberculosis.

There would be little merit in restoring Belgium to a nation whose motherhood and youth we had allowed to be decimated and weakened by hunger and resulting disease. Let us at home carry on the relief work as unselfishly, as steadfastly and as successfully as our soldier boys are carrying on the fighting! If YOU have not been helping, now is the time to give a hand and do your bit.

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Young British Officer Wanted Insurance Against Wining the V. C.
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"I want," said the young British officer, "to be insured against winning the Victoria Cross."
The broker gasped. Here was a war-born something that was utterly new.
"It's just this way," declared the officer. "Recently I won the D. S. O. and I hope that before things are over I will win the Victoria Cross. But after winning the D. S. O. I found that it is really a costly thing to do. I am not rich. But what with dinners and luncheons and drinks in celebration of my getting the D. S. O. it cost me much more than I could possibly afford—about 50 pounds in all, I should say."
"Now, if I win the V. C., I will come to England again. Then there will have to be a celebration all over again, and I suppose it will cost me hundreds of pounds. Therefore, I wish to pay a certain premium, enough so that if I win the V. C. you will pay me 500 pounds. That sum ought to pay all celebrating expenses."
The insurance people finally decided that it couldn't be done, for the reason that they could reach no solid basis for estimating the risk of losing on the policy. The young British officer departed sorrowful, and with Lloyds' bubble of fame pricked so far as he was concerned.

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