

BRIDGE OUT!

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IT WAS bad enough, Natalie thought, to be without meeting Chris Rhodes. Yet sight of his lean, straight figure as he rounded the trail was reassuring. All the fear that had gradually crept into Natalie's soul as night shut down and the terrible hopelessness of being alone overcame her, vanished as Chris rode slowly to meet her. His dark face was unsmiling and grave, but it is back to the hotel. I rode farther than I intended.

"It's a good way," Chris reined in and removed his hat. He was a handsome youth, and rather mysterious. "I guess you're out of luck," he went on. "The bridge is out at Mile creek."

Natalie paled. "The bridge is out?" But I came that way this morning!

"There's been a cloudburst in the mountains. The creek swelled to abnormal height and carried the bridge away."

"Does that mean we're—marooned here?"

"I'm afraid it does."

"How long will it be before the bridge is repaired?"

Chris shrugged. "A day, possibly two."

The full significance of the situation struck Natalie with startling suddenness. Fifteen minutes ago she had experienced some of the horrors of being lost alone in the great north woods. Now a new problem confronted her. She was no longer alone. She was with a man who, she had every reason to

your worshippers. Out here it's different."

"Different?" A sudden terror gripped her. "What could that mean? They were alone. Was he—The screech of a bobcat, surprisingly close, pierced the quiet softness of the night. Instinctively, Natalie clutched at the man's arm. The cat screamed again. Chris drew her toward him. She felt the comforting protection of his manly arms as she sat up, arranging her hair.

"What was it?"

"Merely a bobcat. Probably more frightening to you."

"Oh." She paused. "You were saying this was different."

"Isn't it?"

"Why?"

He shrugged. "I could have kissed you, yet I didn't. Besides, there is plenty of time to talk."

"About what?"

"You, mostly. You're different from most girls. These men back at the hotel don't interest you. You try to make yourself think they do, but you can't. You rode off today to get away from them. That's true, isn't it?"

"Yes."

"And you weren't disappointed at seeing me. Afraid, perhaps, but not disappointed."

"How—," she paused. Chris leaned closer. "Natalie, I love you; have loved you for weeks. I had to have a setting like this to tell you—to make you understand my love is different and genuine. I couldn't go about it like those others—you wouldn't have thought me sincere."

It was late when Natalie finally crawled into her lean-to; still later when at last she slept. She awakened the next morning to the smell of boiling coffee and frying bacon.

Chris greeted her cheerfully. He kept up a merry chatter during breakfast, not once mentioning their conversation of the night previous.

An hour later they were packed and ready to depart. Natalie supposed Chris had to find workmen at Mile Creek bridge and somehow to get word to them of their predicament. For the first time she thought of her parents and folks at the hotel. Would their explanation of the bridge be enough?

"Trusting implicitly in Chris' sense of direction, Natalie followed him along a dim trail, that led eventually to the river bank. A hundred yards below she saw a suspension bridge and stared at it in amazement.

"It's the old one," Chris was saying. "They left it there when they built the new bridge last year."

"And you knew all the time?"

"He nodded. "I wanted to tell you, Natalie. I wanted the proper setting. Will you ever forgive me?"

Natalie didn't answer. She didn't hold her anger in her arms, and kissed her upturned lips. He didn't know that Natalie had been as aware of the second bridge's existence as he.

Churches Printed Own Monies Centuries Ago.

In these days when the government's budget runs into the billions and streams of pennies, nickels and other small coins flow through the land, it seems inconceivable that churches once had to issue their own money to get anything in the weekly collection plate.

Back in 1790 after the Revolutionary war there was a great scarcity of small change. Many businesses were bankrupt and the churches, too, for there was not a convenient store or cigar store where one might change their money.

But Dyrck Romeyn, pastor of the old Dutch Reformed church in Schenectady, N. Y., and founder of Union College, was not to be outwitted when collections began to fall off in his church. If there were not enough small coins in circulation, if that was the reason people were not contributing to the weekly collection, then why not have the church issue its own money? If a person had nothing smaller than a dollar bill, then the church would make change. And that is exactly what it did.

Small paper bills, about two by three inches in size, which many may have heard referred to as shin plasters, were issued. These small bills, in one, two, three and six penny denominations, were printed on both sides. The face somewhat resembled a promissory note; that is, it read like this: The consistory of the Reformed Dutch church at Schenectady promises to pay the bearer, on demand, Four Pence. By order of D. Romeyn. On the reverse side were merely three lines of type reading, "Four Pence. Schenectady, Church Money," contained within a decorative border.

These bills were somewhat irregular in size, indicating they were printed on large sheets and cut apart perhaps by officers of the church who used ordinary shears. They were printed by C. R. and G. Webster of Albany. That firm's name is on all bills.

The deacons of the church were the custodians of the money. They made change for people and redeemed the shin plasters whenever anyone wanted some legal money. However, the credit of the church was so good that the little bills were in common circulation in Schenectady and were accepted at many stores.

Swollen Eyes Occasionally Due to Allergy

By DR. JAMES W. BARTON

ONE of my brothers, when quite small, would at times appear at breakfast with his lips swollen, sometimes his eyes and sometimes both lips and eyes. The swelling was thought due to the bite of a spider, but we could never figure out why the spider picked out only the lips and skin around the eyes. Years later I learned that these swellings were not due to spider bites, but to certain foods eaten the night before.

Today it is known that while the majority of these cases of swollen eyes are due to foods to which the individual is sensitive, there are other substances that are frequently the cause.

There are cases where the individual is taking injections of drugs, vaccines, pollen, and other substances; as there are no other skin or intestinal symptoms present these injections are not suspected.

Tests Applied.

How can one find out whether the swollen eyes are due to any particular substance?

One method is the patch test, where the suspected substance is applied to the skin and left there for a certain time by means of adhesive tape. Another is the scratch test, where the skin is scratched and the substance applied.

A third method is injecting some of the substance under the skin.

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Selecting Correct Shoes for Children

THE feet of man were meant not only to support the weight of his body but to act as a sort of spring cushion to prevent shocks to the brain and spinal cord, and to help send him forward with each step.

City children have a hard time of it. The "springs" turf or sandy beach of Indians and must walk on hard sidewalks and pavements which put a strain on the growing foot. Shoes are thus an absolute necessity for city children.

In speaking of the correct shoe for children, Dr. Frank D. Dickson and Rex L. Dively in their book "Functional Diseases of the Foot" state that the shoes worn by the growing child should do three things: First, they should protect the foot against injury from contact with hard unyielding surfaces; second, they should provide support to make up for any insufficiency in the foot caused by the shoe interfering with natural development; third, they should hold the feet in a position of balance so they may be relieved of any stresses that place feet in a wrong position for bearing weight.

Pointers on Good Shoes.

A "correct" shoe is corrective, shoe is described, some of the points of which are: (a) Inner side of sole should be in a straight line right down to end of big toe with (b) a full round toe to allow proper spread of toes, (c) shoe should be full across the ball of the foot at the short and plump, (d) heel narrow to grasp heel bone and hold it in position, (e) heel should be slightly higher on inner than on outer side, (f) shank should not be broader than width of foot and molded to form a definite arch in the shoe, (g) the inner side of sole should also be slightly higher than outer side, (h) the shank itself should be rigid, not flexible, to hold the correct balance.

QUESTION BOX

Q.—Has electricity been used successfully in curing catarrhal disease?

A.—X-ray treatment for catarrh and deafness helps some cases. Ask your physician or the superintendent of your nearest hospital to refer you to a specialist on this treatment.

Q.—What causes excessive perspiration in under-arm region?

A.—Excess perspiration in arm pits is due to the little hairs there. It is a natural condition in some individuals.

NEW IDEAS for Home-makers

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS



FEMININE headgear usually holds its shape best if it rests right side up on a stand that fits inside the crown, but this is not true of a man's hat. Its dashing lines may be preserved by placing it upside down in a holder. All of which is worth remembering when you are fixing up "his" closet or even when you are generously preparing to rare a small corner of your own.

The man's hat box, shown here, is covered on the outside with maroon and blue cotton print and lined with blue chambray. The lid and the front of the box are hinged with adhesive tape before the covering is pasted on with stiff paste. The stand is made of cardboard, as shown in the sketch, and is covered to match the box. The maroon bias tape edging of the stand is cemented in place in a way that you may find useful in making many other things. The secret is in spreading the cement evenly on both surfaces, letting it dry, and then vulcanizing the two together with the heat of the pressing iron.

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TIPS to Gardeners

TRIM FLOWER GARDEN

THERE is much value in keeping the flower garden trimmed. Wise gardeners pick bouquets of favorite annuals like Marigold, Zinnia, Petunia, Sweet Peas and Snapdragon with systematic regularity, for the picking promotes continued blooming.

Periodic trimming is not best for such small, low-growing edging flowers as Alyssum. A complete cutting, however, will benefit this type of plant. This treatment may be applied to Ageratum, Linaria, Lobelia, and Nemesis as well as Alyssum.

Pinks, Cynoglossum, and Dwarf Bedding Rust Resistant Snapdragon are grown both for cutting and for garden beauty, but they too will profit by a thoroughgoing "haircut" such as that prescribed for the smaller, edging favorites. It is advisable to pick the flowers of certain popular perennials when they are in their prime, to prevent their running to seed, and to promote the production of a second crop of blossoms in a single season. Delphinium, Sweet William, Coreopsis, Perennial Dianthus, and Pyrethrum should be handled in this manner.

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Lost or Won
The most dreadful thing to a battle lost is a battle won.—Wellington.

ASK ME ANOTHER

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. Which science has been called the dismal science?
2. Whose inventions made the motion picture an accomplished fact?
3. What makes a fish so slippery?
4. What is the explanation of sun dogs?
5. In what naval battle did Cleopatra figure?
6. How far is a pitcher's box from home plate?
7. Who discovered radio waves?
8. In Oliver Wendell Holmes' famous poem, how long did the wonderful one horse shay run before it collapsed?
9. In ancient mythology Cerberus was what?

The Answers

1. Economics.
2. Thomas A. Edison.
3. Its body is covered with a mucus, constantly secreted by special glands, which minimizes the friction between its body and the water.
4. According to the U. S. weather bureau, this term, applied to a form of halo around the sun, is caused by the refraction of sunlight by myriads of tiny six-sided ice crystals floating in the upper atmosphere.
5. Actium.
6. Sixty feet five inches.
7. Heinrich Hertz.
8. One hundred years.
9. A dog, which guarded the gates of Hades.

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Proving That Doctors Don't Know Everything

A doctor's telephone rang when he was trying to go to sleep. The caller was in a wild state of alarm.

"My wife, doctor!" he shouted. "It's her appendix. You'd better come round quick."

"Keep her quiet in bed," said the doctor, "and I'll come around tomorrow. She hasn't got appendicitis."

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