

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"Elephant Hunt in West Virginia"

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HELLO EVERYBODY:

And all the courtesies of this Adventurers' club to "Bring 'em Back Alive" James Brogan of Tompkinsville, S. I., N. Y., for his knockout animal adventure today.

Jimmy Brogan didn't really do a Frank Buck in this story—at least he didn't mean to—but, by golly, he did bring himself back alive and, boys and girls, when you've read Jimmy's experience you'll agree that that's something.

How would you like to be out pheasant hunting with a little twenty-two-caliber rifle and all of a sudden run smack into a great big—but let's start this story at the beginning. Back in '29—the year before the Great Depression—Jimmy and a pal of his went hunting pheasants in a wood adjacent to a farm of Jimmy's uncle in West Virginia. The boys were having a swell time. They had their lunch with them and had bagged a couple of the birds, and as the sun started to set started back home in great spirits.

Jimmy says it was great fun walking through the dense woods and pretending to stalk big game. In their imaginations the hunters were trekking through the jungle of Africa—the shadow of every tree seemed to hide a tiger or a lion or even an elephant. Of course you wouldn't have much chance with a "twenty-two" against an elephant, but it was fun anyway, and besides who ever heard of an elephant in West Virginia?

Jimmy says he was creeping along Indian fashion when he heard a crashing behind him—then his hunting companion let out a scream of terror. Jimmy thought it was part of the game—a war cry—but when he looked around he let out a scream and nearly dropped his trusty rifle in the forest.

A MONSTER ELEPHANT WAS CHARGING STRAIGHT FOR THE BOYS!

Well, sir, Jimmy says he couldn't believe his eyes. He knew that the human mind can play strange tricks on a fellow, but he knew that this was no trick of the imagination.

The elephant was there in flesh and blood, and, as he came tearing through the underbrush—gigantic ears flapping and bellowing with rage—Jimmy decided that discretion was the better part of valor and ran for his life.

"Climb a big tree!" he yelled to his pal.

Jimmy says his pal did climb a tree—dropped his rifle and went up the trunk like a monkey, and this gave Jimmy a chance to think. He ran for the thickest part of the wood—thinking the elephant would



Jimmy Fired at the Elephant's Head.

have a hard time following him—and looked back. There was his pal safely out of reach of that long trunk, but the boys had not figured on the keen intelligence of the elephant—who is one of the smartest as well as the largest of beasts. Jimmy saw the huge monster stop under the tree and look up. Then the next thing the animal did made Jimmy raise his futile little rifle to his shoulder.

That elephant calmly took hold of the tree with his powerful trunk and shook it as a man would shake an apple tree!

The tree swayed and shuddered under tons of weight—Jimmy was sure no man could hold on under such a shaking—Jimmy's pal was all wrapped around the branches, but it looked as though he would come tumbling down any second and be stamped to death beneath those huge feet.

Jimmy did the only thing he could do to help his pal—he fired straight at the elephant's head. It was an easy shot, Jimmy says, the target was so big. And he thinks the shot went true because the elephant let go of the tree and with a challenging bellow came charging straight at Jimmy.

Jimmy says fear must have lent wings to his feet that minute, because he turned and ran like a deer. He dodged in and out of trees and kept as much as possible in the thickest part of the woods. He could hear the infuriated beast behind him as he snapped trees in two and crashed into larger ones. Undoubtedly Jimmy's strategy in keeping to the densest growth saved his life. But Jimmy says he was tiring fast and his heart was beating like a bassdrum.

Just as he thought he must fall from exhaustion he came on a farmhouse in a clearing. He screamed a warning and burst in the door of the house. The farmer thought Jimmy was crazy when he cried out "elephant," but a few seconds later the man changed his mind.

Wham! Mr. Elephant hit that door and shattered it as though it were paper. But the door was too small to admit his huge bulk. Insane with fury now because he had lost his prey, the beast started in to wreck the farm. Each time he charged the house, Jimmy says, it felt like an earthquake. But the house was strong, and although badly damaged, did not collapse.

Baffled—the beast smashed up the barn, stamped the life out of chickens and killed two dogs who bravely snapped at him. The farm had no telephone and Jimmy or the farmer did not dare leave the house for help.

But help came and plenty of it. A small army of circus employees—led by Jimmy's pal—and armed with heavy rifles, closed in and a volley of big caliber lead ended his man-killing days.

Then Jimmy learned why he had encountered a wild elephant in the woods of West Virginia. The circus animal had suddenly gone berserk—as elephants in captivity sometimes do—killed his trainer and escaped. The rest you know.

Well, boys and girls, it was all over then but the paying for damages, and the circus soon did this, and they gave Jimmy and his pal \$50 for their part in the capture.

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The Vatican

The Vatican is the official residence of the pope in Rome. As long ago as 500 A. D. a residence for the pope was built on the site of the present Vatican. The popes moved to Avignon, in France, returning to Rome in 1377. The present buildings of the Vatican were begun about 1450. They consist of an irregular group of palaces, courts, chapels, and offices covering 13½ acres, including a private garden. The buildings of the Vatican are said to contain 7,000 rooms, states a writer in London Answers Magazine. The library contains 250,000 printed books and 34,000 manuscripts, many of priceless value. The art treasures, both paintings and sculpture, are beyond price, and there are two large museums. The whole of the Vatican City is under the sovereignty of the pope.

Down Trees Headfirst

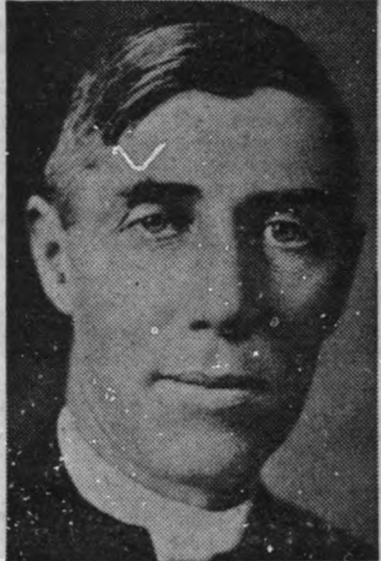
According to Stimpson's "Uncommon Knowledge," squirrels, chipmunks and similar light-bodied arboreal rodents are the only animals that habitually and naturally come down trees headfirst. This, of course, excludes cats, which come down tail first. Apes, raccoons, porcupines, opossums, kinkajous, coatimundis and other heavier-bodied tree-climbers come down tail first by preference, using the claws to help support the weight of the body; some of these, however, reverse the method when in a hurry or when the tree is inclined. Foxes and the smaller members of the cat family are not classed as true tree-climbers and they come down in a rather unnatural and awkward manner. The coatimundis may come down a tree either way, or they may simply drop from the branches of the tree.

Scenes and Persons in the Current News



1—Shoes come off and trousers are rolled up as Jap soldiers wade across this stream in North China. 2—Orval Adams of Salt Lake City, Utah, left, newly elected president of the American Bankers association, is shown with Tom K. Smith of St. Louis, retiring head of the association. 3—Dorothy McNulty, screen-player niece of Postmaster General James A. Farley and Cardinal Farley, who recently became the bride of Dr. Lawrence Scross Singleton of Los Angeles.

HEADS EPISCOPALIANS



The Right Reverend Henry St. George Tucker, bishop of Virginia since 1927, who was recently elected presiding bishop of the Protestant Episcopal church in the U. S. at its triennial convention at Cincinnati.

Three Beauties on a Bannister



Flo Ward (front) and Eleanor Norris (center) of New York city and Lovey Warren of Emporia, Kan., attractive visitors in Miami, Fla., this fall. All indications point to a record autumn and winter for this winter resort city, experts say.

He's Giving Her an Earful



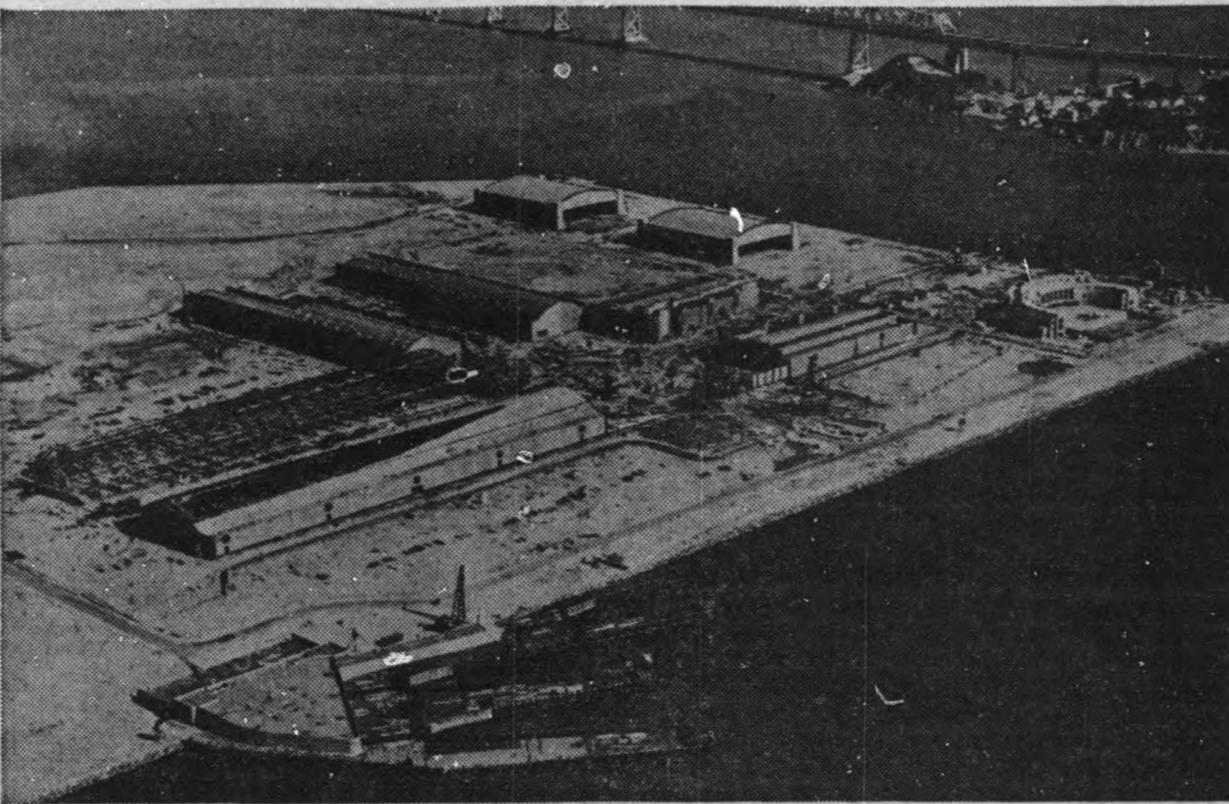
Scene in pet's corner of the London zoo the last day of the season. "Jackie," the chimpanzee who has won the hearts of hundreds of London children, is shown taking leave of a young admirer before he goes into seclusion until the 1938 season rolls around.

FRENCH MOVIE STAR



Lovely Annabella, famous French movie actress, shown after her arrival in the United States from Paris. The personable screen star has been signed for a series of pictures in Hollywood.

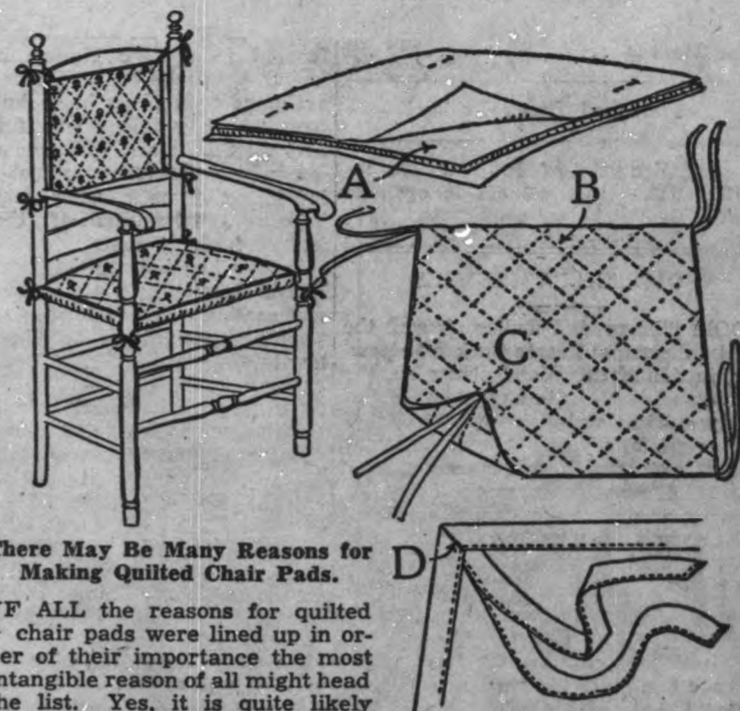
1939 San Francisco Fair Speeds Construction



Ten million dollars' worth of buildings for the 1939 Golden Gate International exposition are already under construction on Treasure island, San Francisco bay site of the fair. Photograph shows the latest air view of the exposition grounds.

HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



There May Be Many Reasons for Making Quilted Chair Pads.

IF ALL the reasons for quilted chair pads were lined up in order of their importance the most intangible reason of all might head the list. Yes, it is quite likely that any decorator, amateur or professional would place atmosphere at the top. But then it is also possible that first rating might be given to the reason that the backs of chairs is softened by quilted pads. Then, though it might not be mentioned, it is a known fact that worn out cane seats are sometimes replaced with inexpensive composition seats which may be disguised by gay quilted pads.

Chintz, calico or gingham chair pads are in fact one of the simplest and most inexpensive ways of adding color and charm as well as comfort to a room. Such pads are often used on the backs of chairs and not on the seats, and especially for side chairs, the seat pads used without any back covering. In making such small things as these it is quite easy to do the quilting on the machine.

Or, if you wish to take the other point of view about it, the work of quilting them by hand would not consume an unreasonable amount of time. There is no doubt that handwork has a certain quaintness that machine work lacks.

The pads shown here are made with one layer of sheet wadding between the two layers of the chintz. The edge bindings and ties are made of bias tape. Cut the three layers of the pad material exactly the size and shape you want them to be when finished. Place the sheet wadding between the two layers of covering material as shown here at A. Either pin or baste in this position, and then quilt as shown here at B. Make the ties by stitching the lengthwise edges of the bias tape together, and then tack them to the corners of the pad as at C before it is bound. Now, bind the edges, sewing the ties right in with the binding as shown here at D.

Every Homemaker should have a copy of Mrs. Spears' new book, SEWING. Forty-eight pages of step-by-step directions for making slipcovers and dressing tables; restoring and upholstering chairs, couches; making curtains for every type of room and purpose. Making lampshades, rugs, ottomans and other useful articles for the home. Readers wishing a copy should send name and address, enclosing 25 cents, to Mrs. Spears, 210 South Desplaines St., Chicago, Illinois.



When to Add Salt.—Salt will curdle new milk. In preparing porridge, gravies, etc., salt should not be added until the dish is prepared.

For Tight-Fitting Lid.—To remove a tight-fitting lid from a coffee can, wrap a light wire around the can below the lid, insert a stick and twist it up tight.

Save Stale Bread Crumbs.—Bread that has become hard and stale can be ground into crumbs, browned in the oven, and used for improving the flavor and appearance of many dishes. Store in an airtight tin.

Filling for Tea Biscuits.—Sardines mixed with salad dressing and a few drops of lemon juice make excellent filling for tiny tea biscuits.

Keeping Boards From Warping.—Warping of long boards can be prevented to a considerable extent by standing them on end or on one edge so both sides are equally exposed to the weather.

Cooking Doughnuts.—Doughnuts will crack and brown before they are thoroughly cooked inside if they contain too much flour or if the fat in which they are fried is not hot enough.

Towel Holders.—Either a spring-type clothespin, or the paper clamp from a loose-leaf notebook, properly nailed to the wall makes a satisfactory towel hanger for the basement.

Tomato Marmalade.—Half cup vinegar, one cup sugar, one quart chopped tomatoes, one teaspoon mixed spices, one teaspoon salt, spices. Cook together until thoroughly dissolved. Pour into shallow pan and cook in slow oven for one and a quarter hours. Turn into sterilized jars and cover with paraffin while hot.

Friendly Talk

BUT after all, the very best thing in good talk and the thing that helps it most is friendship. How it dissolves the barriers that divide us, and loosens all constraint—this feeling that we understand and trust each other, and wish each other heartily well! Everything into which it really comes is good. It transforms letter-writing from a task into a pleasure. It makes music a thousand times more sweet. The people who play and sing not at us, but to us—how delightful it is to listen to them. Yes, there is a talkability that can express itself even without words.—Van Dyke.

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A Coleman will bring you plenty of quick, penetrating, healthful, clean warmth like summer sunshine, for only 2¢ an hour! It is portable... carry and use it anywhere on chilly mornings and evenings. Make and burn its own gas from regular untreated gasoline. It's just the heater for homes, offices, shops, etc. See this heater at your dealer's. FREE FOLDERS—Send a postcard now! THE COLEMAN LAMP AND STOVE CO. Dept. WU407, Wichita, Kans.; Chicago, Ill.; Philadelphia, Pa.; Los Angeles, Calif. (1937)

CHEW LONG BILL NAVY TOBACCO 5¢ PLUG

"FIVE Minus TWO Leaves FOUR"

WRONG? Well, yes—and no. The arithmetic of your school days taught that "If Mary had five dollars and spent two..." three dollars remained. But that is mathematics—not shopping! In managing a home... guarding a limited family income... we've simply got to do better than Mary did. We must sharpen our buying wits... ascertain where the dollars of extra value lurk... take five dollars to town and get much more for the money spent.

Fortunately, there are ever-willing guides right at hand—the advertisements in this newspaper. Advertised merchandise is often exceptional value merchandise. It makes dollars S-T-R-E-T-C-H.