

DANGEROUS PASTIME

TIRED OF HOME LIFE WEALTHY WOMAN BECOMES SMUGGLER.

Excitement of Trips Across Frontier Is Sole Motive of Her Erratic Acts—Calls It the Finest Sport in the Dull World.

The customs authorities on the Franco-Swiss frontier are in despair concerning Mlle. Marthe Rey, a pretty woman who has adopted wholesale smuggling as a pastime.

Mlle. Rey, who is only twenty-four years old, and wealthy, lives at Driye, a frontier village, in a charming villa left her by her late father, who was reputed to be a French millionaire.

Tiring of home life, Mlle. Rey decided that smuggling was the most exciting diversion she could find. Tobacco, sacharin and snuff were very dear in Haute Savoie, and very cheap in Geneva. It was easy to fill her forty horse-power motor car with contraband in Switzerland and then dash across the frontier, selling it at enhanced prices, and giving the proceeds to the poor.

At first the scheme was highly satisfactory. Mlle. Rey had several narrow escapes from capture by the customs inspectors, but this only added to the attraction of the enterprise. On one occasion she was closely pursued by indignant French officials, but her car outdistanced them, and the contraband exchanged hands before they recovered the trail.

Misfortune came with a new chauffeur, however. The former one, a middle-aged man, became crippled with rheumatism in consequence of his frequent night journeys across the frontier, and a substitute was engaged. He was not an expert in the art of smuggling, and on the second trip the car was overhauled by the French authorities and the occupant arrested.

Mlle. Rey, who wore a smart Parisian costume, treated the matter as a joke, paid the exorbitant fine imposed, surrendered her contraband sacharin to the inspector and motored merrily back into Switzerland to get another cargo.

Encouraged by this capture, however, the French guards increased their vigilance and the motor car was captured a second and then a third time. On each occasion Mlle. Rey nonchalantly signed checks for the amounts of the heavily increased fines, and ironically complimented the authorities on their vigilance.

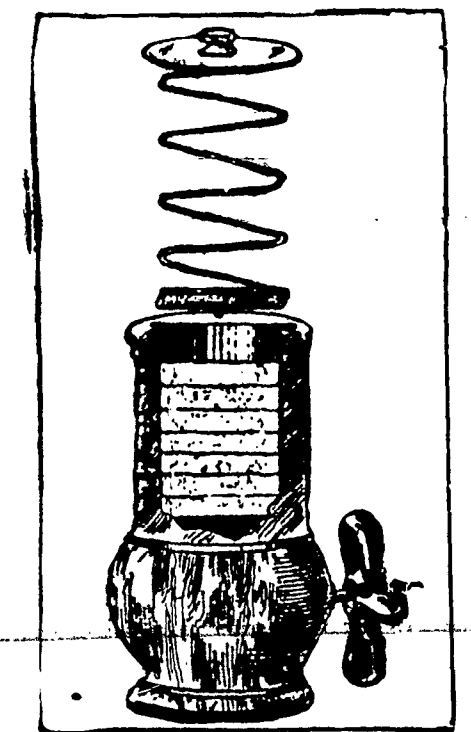
The third time she was warned that her car would be confiscated if she persisted in this form of amusement. Mlle. Rey retorted that they would have to catch her first. They did catch her again, and after the usual formalities of seizure and fines had been concluded at Selligny, in Haute Savoie, Mlle. Rey coolly hired a pair-horse landau, and with her chauffeur drove back home, leaving contraband behind valued at \$600.

"My car is not fast enough," Mlle. Rey told the chief inspector at Selligny. "Now I shall get a really big one. By-and-by my chauffeur will know the roads better, and then—we shall see."

"Smuggling is the finest sport in this dull world."

Pulverized Sugar to Order.

The little sugar mill shown above is a French device for use on the table filled with lump sugar held in



place by a spring. It provides a means of having the pulverized variety at a moment's notice by simply turning the crank.

Try This.

When you want the economical shoulder of lamb to take on new grace and dignity have the butcher remove the shoulder blade. Then insert a stuffing of half a peck of good oysters with rosemary, thyme, and parsley, the yolks of three or four eggs, a lemon, an onion, a seasoning of pepper and four spoonfuls of white vinegar. Baste the shoulder with butter and add four spoonfuls of vinegar to the gravy before serving.

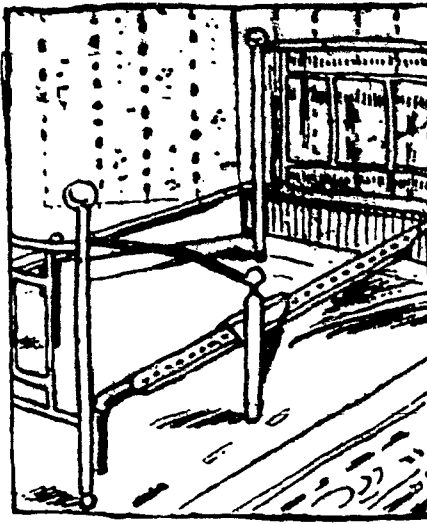
Home-Made Candles.

Peanut Creams.—Break into a bowl the white of one egg, add one tablespoonful of orange juice and into this gradually stir sufficient sugar to make a thick paste. Mix with it one teaspoonful of finely chopped peanuts. Form into balls, roll in pulverized sugar and lay on buttered dishes to dry. When dry each can be dipped into melted chocolate if preferred.

BED FOR A LIFETIME WEAR.

Size Increased or Decreased, as the Emergency Requires.

Children are known to grow sometimes with alarming rapidity, adding inch after inch to their height. Whether this necessitates the purchase of a new bed every year to accommodate their increased length or not is hard to say. To provide for such emergencies, however, a wide awake woman of Massachusetts has designed a bed that can be increased or decreased in length to fit the occasion. The change is very easily accomplished. The side rails of the bed



Size of Bed Increased.

are made in two sections, one fitting into the other and held together by pins inserted in corresponding apertures in each. A bed such as this should last a lifetime if properly cared for, and to make the bed doubly useful she also provides for the attachment of a gymnastic apparatus in the form of a horizontal bar. The latter is held in position in the center of the bed by upright pins. By such attachments modern furniture is made serviceable to its owners in more ways than one.

Simple Home-Made Candles.

When cost as well as quality is to be considered, the mother who values the health of her family will follow a few simple rules in the making of home candles.

Use only the best grade of granulated or loaf sugar.

Never stir syrup unless the recipe expressly so states, or the mixture will grain.

For brittle candles boil the syrup until a portion dropped in cold water will harden.

Add all flavoring as soon as the syrup is taken from the fire.

Butter the upper edge of your kettle for an inch or two downward to prevent the syrup boiling over.

Stick Candy.—Boil together one pound sugar, one cup water, a half teaspoon cream tartar and a scant tablespoon of glycerine until the syrup when tried in cold water is brittle, then pour lightly into buttered dishes. Stir in two teaspoons of any desired flavoring just before pouring out the syrup. Pull until white when cool enough to handle, roll and cut in sticks. Vegetable colorings may be used to give variety.

Lemon Drops. Moisten one cup sugar with lemon juice. Boil until the syrup cracks when tested in cold water. Drop upon buttered paper.

Fig Candy. Boil together until the syrup threads one cup sugar and one-third cup water. Stir in one-fourth teaspoon cream of tartar and pour at once over split figs that have been spread on buttered tins.

Honey Candy.—Add to one pint of sugar just enough water to dissolve it, then stir in four tablespoons strained honey. Boil until brittle, pour into buttered tins and mark in squares when partly cooled.

Horshound Candy.—Boil one ounce horshound in three-fourths pint of water until the flavor is extracted. Boil until it threads, pour into buttered tins or drop on buttered paper.

HOME COOKING.

Mince Meat.

One pound of raisins, one pound of currants, one pound of moist sugar, one pound of pared apples, half a pound of chopped suet, two ounces of candied orange peel, two of citron, one of lemon, half an ounce of bitter almonds, blanched, one nutmeg, grated, one tablespoonful of ground cinnamon, the same of ginger, half a teaspoonful of cloves, the same of all-spice, a large teaspoonful of orange marmalade, the juice and grated rind of two lemons, and a little cider to moisten. Put all the ingredients into a large earthenware jar and, thoroughly mix them with the hands, then allow to stand a day or so before using.

Roast Wild Goose.

Dress carefully, then soak several hours in salt water; then plunge into boiling water and wipe dry. Lay in the roasting pan, put a small onion, a slice of salt pork, a spoonful of red wine, a tablespoonful of black pepper and a dusting of salt inside the fowl; surround it with enough water or stock to make gravy; dredge with flour, cook quickly, basting frequently. Serve with the gravy. Garnish with small, roasted onions.

Telephones at the Theater.

To enable young married women, if they become anxious, to telephone home and inquire as to the condition of their children, telephones are fitted in every private box at the Coliseum.

It is a common thing at the opera and many West End theaters to see ladies waiting their turn at the telephone between the acts, says London Opinion, just "to have a word with nurse."

FLOWERS FROM SHAVINGS.

New Material Used in Making Artificial Blossoms.

It is said that the artificial flower trade, in which thousands of persons of both sexes are engaged, is on the point of being revolutionized.

Hitherto the petals have been made of muslin, silk, satin, and even of velvet, colored after Nature and most successfully manipulated into most delicately manufactured flowers.

A substance has been discovered for flower-making, that puts the most delicate textile materials ever manufactured completely in the shade and will probably take their place and reign supreme for its particular purpose.

This substance consists of the thinnest of thin shavings from the inner pith of an Oriental palm that grows in Formosa, and can be compared to nothing so well as the almost transparent petals of a white poppy or a delicate tea rose. A lily petal is robust in comparison with this marvelous substance, which has all the sheen and translucence and even the slightly-frosted appearance seen in some white flowers.

It can be tinted far better than silk or muslin and is practically indestructible. In wet weather it gives and falls a little limp, just as real flowers do, but when the sun comes out it crisps, reasserts itself and takes on a new lease of life and beauty.

So admirably adapted are roses and carnations made of this substance for the purpose of interior decoration that when fairly on the market they will very likely make a considerable difference to the florists, as the fadeless flowers never really droop, and will do duty over and over again.

English Salad Dressing.

Every cook has her own particular way of making salad dressing. Here is one that is easy to make, good to the taste and applicable to almost any salad. It has the additional merit that it may be kept weeks in summer and months in winter.

Blend one level dessertspoonful of cornstarch in one-half cup of sweet milk. Cook slowly until it thickens, and if you always stir the one way it will not lump. While still on the fire, add butter, the size of an egg, stirring until perfectly smooth—this is the secret of success. If the dressing is allowed to cool before the butter is added, it will be lumpy and melting the butter beforehand does not give so perfect a blend.

Remove from the fire, add prepared mustard, one or two teaspoonfuls according to the family taste. Next add the yolk of an egg, stirring until thoroughly mixed; then very slowly one-quarter cup of vinegar and a dessertspoonful of sugar. After these ingredients are incorporated, add the beaten white of an egg. Set on the fire and bring to the boiling point, then bottle and seal. It will be of the proper consistency for meats, but for vegetables it may require some thinning with milk or cream.

FASHION'S MANDATE.

Skirts of indoor gowns sweep the floor and walking dresses are short. The new skirts must fit well and hang gracefully.

The skirts of the new cloth dresses are enormously wide and generally becoming.

For evening plain colors are made up over figured foundations.

Fancy braids appear on most of the new models.

One color scheme for hats, gloves, gowns and purses pursues the even tenor of its way.

Black and white combinations continue to appear in wide variety.

Silk drops are fitted like the gown, gaining fullness through circular flounces at the knee.

More fullness is shown on the back of the skirts, but the hips must still be plain.

Fish and Nutrition.

When you are selecting a fish that will be easily digested and nutritious as well, remember they rank as follows:

Salmon is the most valuable in nutritive qualities. The next in value are fat halibut, and whitefish, mackerel (fresh), bluefish, bass, flounder, trout, cod, haddock and cusk. The white varieties are more readily digested. The red-blooded fish are nutritious for those who can digest them, but are too rich and oily for invalids.

Some Averages.

The average man is bald at forty. The average minister marries 1,000 couples.

Glasses for old age are adopted on the average at forty-three.

The average cat mother blesses the world with 100 kittens.

The yearly sale of newspapers throughout the world averages 750,000 tons.

The world's gold mines yield on an average \$500,000, or 28,000 ounces of gold a year.

A Good Washing Fluid.

For one gallon of soft soap take four ounces of sal soda, and one-half gallon of rain or softened water, and one and a half gill spirits of turpentine. Place them all in a pot over the fire and allow the mixture to boil a few minutes. It is then ready for use. It can be kept in an earthen stoneware vessel.

Buy what thou hast no need of and ere long thou shalt sell thy necessities.

PROMPT RECOGNITION GAVE JOHN BURNS A HOBBY WALKER.

John Burns, London's famous labor member of Parliament, visited Belgium recently and did not carry with him even a walking stick—something which he does not possess.

In Brussels he went to the labor colonies, prisons and other institutions unexpectedly and unannounced. He asked for the Director and when shown into the bureau of that important functionary introduced himself as follows: "Je suis John Burns, Ministre de..." (I am John Burns, Minister of...), but he rarely got further, as he was promptly recognized. All doors were thrown open at the words "Je suis John Burns," every courtesy was shown him, and all information readily granted him.

Vesuvius Sand in Paris.

Paris was overcast with a dry, yellowish fog the morning of April 11, 1906. A scientist, believing that the fog had been caused by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius, placed upon the roof of his dwelling a series of plates covered with glycerin to catch the dust in the fog. It was found that part of the deposit on the plates was a very fine sand, completely identical with the ash sent up by Vesuvius in 1831. In addition to this sand the fog contained some perfectly spherical globules of oxidized iron.

Sea Snakes in Pacific Ocean.

Sea snakes are very plentiful in the South Pacific. They are widely distributed, stray individuals having been secured on the coast of New Zealand. When swimming close to the surface they exactly resemble an ordinary snake, except that the head is always below the water. At night they come ashore and lie among the rocks. They feed on fish, and although their small double fangs appear harmless, they are reported to be very venomous.

Process for Whitening Flour.

A form of apparatus for whitening flour by means of products of the electrical discharge is described in Electro-chemical and Metallurgical Industry. A current of air is passed through a chamber containing a long, high voltage continuous current arc, and this air is then used for treating flour in an agitator. The result of this treatment is that the flour emerges from the agitator with a considerably whiter color.

Decline in Beer Consumption.

Although the population of the United Kingdom increased by 2,000,000 during the last six years, there has been a decline of nearly 2,500,000 barrels in the consumption of beer. There is also a steady decline in the use of spirits. On the other hand, the 166,767,710 pounds of tea imported for home consumption during the first seven months of 1906 mark an increase of 10,000,000 over the same period in 1905.

Fireflies in Jamaica.

Fireflies of Jamaica emit so brilliant a light that a dozen of them, enclosed within an inverted tumbler, will enable a person to read or write at night without the least difficulty. These flies are in size as large as a common hive bee, and perfectly harmless. Their appearance in unusual numbers acts as a barometer to the natives, and is an indication of approaching rain.

Nebraska's Prairie Chickens.

One consignment of game from Nebraska received in Chicago a few years since contained 18 barrels of prairie chickens—from a locality where they were and are now comparatively scarce. A rough estimate of the number of these birds killed in Nebraska that year was placed at 5,000,000, of which all but 1,000,000 were for shipment out of the State.

Cost of Equitable Building.

The total cost of the present Equitable building in New York was \$18,000,000. Its present value, as the Equitable's own estimate, is not more than \$15,000,000. Only the phenomenal growth in Broadway land values has saved the policy holders from a much greater loss.

Found Long Buried Lease.

During the demolition of some old premises at Backing, Essex, England, a glass bottle, curiously shaped, was taken from the chimney stack, where it had been carefully bricked in, and when opened was found to contain a copy of the lease of the property, dated 1798.

Distinguishing Various Odors.

Distinguishing the odors of common oils puzzled most of the competitors in a recent smelling contest held in London. Camphor, peppermint, cloves and vanilla were the easiest to identify, while hemlock and lavender were the hardest to recognize.

Climbing Eiffel Tower.

The winner of a stair climbing contest in Eiffel Tower recently performed the feat of ascending the 729 steps in three minutes and nineteen seconds. There were 300 competitors, all of whom wore racing costumes and rubber shoes.

Manufacturing Perfumery.

In the manufacture of perfumery, it is estimated that 1,800 tons of orange blossoms are used every year, together with 300 tons of roses, 150 tons each of jasmine and violets, 75 tons of tuberose, 30 tons of camellia and 15 tons of jonquils.

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