

THE DOCTOR'S CAR

By FRANCES GOODRICH.

Through the stillness of the night came a deep mellow roar, and many of the occupants of the little fishing shacks turned uneasily on their beds and wondered: "There goes the doctor on his first wagon." They had never in their lives seen anything like the mysterious vehicle which they had just seen in the distance.

The doctor drove the doctor's car down the road with a steady and determined expression of countenance. The doctor's eyes were fixed on the road ahead of him, and he did not look back to see if he was being followed. The doctor's car was a small, open-top affair, and it was driven by a man in a white coat and a black cap.

Now, the doctor's car was supposed to be a motor car, and the doctor was supposed to be a doctor. The doctor's car was a small, open-top affair, and it was driven by a man in a white coat and a black cap.

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GET SIGNS FROM BARNYARD

Many English Farmers Consider Poultry as Prophets — Superstitions Concerning Other Birds.

Farmers who get a crowling hen among the brood in the yard often look upon it as an evil omen, says a writer in London Tit-Bits.

A superstitious farmer considers his poultry as prophets; thus, if his own hen is near, he will tell you that they will go to bed at noon, instead of at their usual roosting time.

Numerous birds are mixed up with signs of death. Let a pigeon enter a house or a robin come through the door, and some people expect calamity. Owls, again, are ominous birds to the superstitious, especially if they hoot from the house-top.

For a single magpie to cross the path of the superstitious is enough to send them into a cold perspiration, and they hasten to lay two straws across each other to avert the evil influence.

When swallows and martins build about a farmhouse the superstitious farmer is troubled if they do not appear in the year by year, for should they appear the good news he expects is certain.

The cock of the chicken has always been looked upon with awe and had luck. He is the first to wake and provided it is the first time you have heard it that year, it is said to indicate a happy new year for you.

When the farmer's wife sets eggs she will sometimes place an odd number in the nest if she wants her chicks to prosper. The superstitious farmer will not bring eggs into the house after sunset.

Peacock's feathers in a house are said to bring misfortune, but for one single to hover over a person or house is thought to indicate an approaching disaster.

SEA GUARDS PIRATE'S GOLD

Though Location is Known, It is Not Probable the Treasure Will Ever Be Recovered.

On Oak Island, Nova Scotia, there is buried a great treasure. It is believed to be the blood-stained loot of pirates, and although its exact location is known, human hands have failed to raise it from its pit.

The discovery was first made in 1795, when three young men found an iron ring in a rock as if a vessel had been moored there. Near it was indication of a hole drilled. They dug, and at 10 feet discovered a wooden plank and at 20 feet and again at 30 feet.

They had no money to continue operations, but six years later a company was formed and with machines and tools got down to 90 feet where they found a rock bearing the words "Under me is two million pounds." Before they could go deeper the sea rushed in and filled the shaft. A second shaft was sunk and that, too, was filled by the sea. The company went broke.

In 1840 a third attempt was made, and this time borings showed that at 100 feet there was gold and silver to a depth of 22 inches. The sea drove the workmen out in failure to open the shaft. In 1896 and in 1911 other attempts were made the last very elaborate with a coffer dam built by engineers. But the sea laughed at their efforts and filled the shafts with water and quicksand and seemingly the treasure will never be uncovered.

Mr. Gratebar's Trouble Test. Could there be any better proof of the insubstantial nature of most of our troubles than is found in the fact that old troubles are completely brushed away by new? We may fret and bother and worry over something for days, and even be awake nights over it if we must; but let some new trouble real or imaginary, come along and straightway we forget the old one entirely, showing conclusively that the old one was never worth worrying over. We've all had that experience, haven't we? Surely! And the chances are a hundred to one that this new trouble that has popped up isn't worth any more serious consideration than the old one which it has displaced. — New York Herald.

Pontius Pilate's Tomb.

Pontius Pilate, it was declared, returning from Gallilee, fled to Mount Pilatus, near Luzerne in Switzerland, in the bitterness of remorse, and drowned himself in a tiny lake on the summit. All the storms and calamities on Lake Luzerne were ascribed to the workings of his restless spirit, wrought to wrath by the disturbance of his watery domain. Several punishment awaited those who dared approach his supposed tomb. That tomb was fearfully and wonderfully described, but in reality it is only a pond, melted snow collected in a hollow. It frequently dries up in summer, with never a vestige of a Pilate to show.

Make Toys to Suit All.

From the ball and string of the baby to the practical juvenile wireless apparatus or electrical train or toy or the scroll saw or the sewing machine, the range and variety for the boy or girl of sixteen is so great as to make full description prohibitive because of space. It is sufficient to say that American toy manufacturers have so thoroughly learned the real needs of American children through a careful study of the subject that they now provide the proper toy or plaything or doll for the needs, entertainment and educational advantage of children of all ages and both sexes.

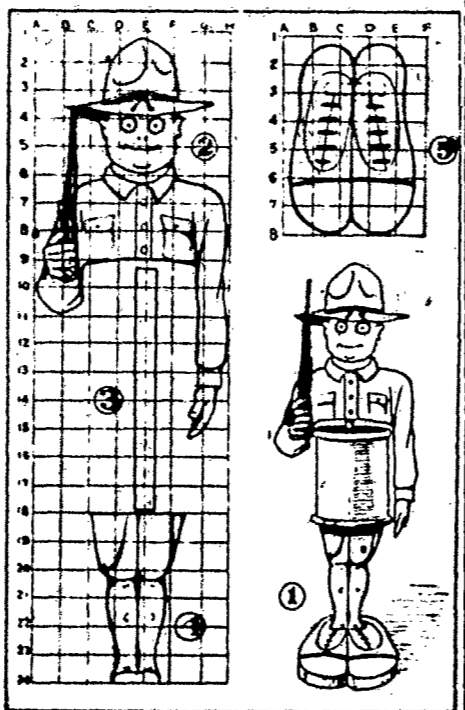
Christmas Gifts for Mother and Sister

By A. NEELY HALL

The Sammy spoon holder in Fig. 1 will be a delight to mother or sister, not only because of its uniqueness as an ornament, but also because of its usefulness in the sewing room. Cutting out the figure of Sammy is simple bracket-work. Brasswood 1/4 inch thick is best.

The patterns shown in Figs. 2, 3, 4 and 5 are about one-half the right size to simplify the work of enlarging these patterns. I have marked them of the left board fashion.

When you cut, saw a trifle outside of the outlines to allow for trimming the edges with chisel and sandpaper. The upper portion of the body is connected to the lower portion by means of the round strips shown in Fig. 3. Glue the upper end of the stick; make the lower end fit loosely so it can be removed.



DOUBLE NEGATIVES.

ALTHOUGH the double negative—that is, the use of two words to express the negative when one is needed—is found in early English and in other languages, its use in English nowadays is incorrect. The use of such phrases as "She don't want none," "I can't do no more," "We don't know nothing," etc., marks the careless speaker. They are found seldom in writing, since the very act of writing, save in letters by the uneducated, induces a more careful selection of words than does speaking.

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THE ROMANCE OF WORDS

"KANGAROO."

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Upon their return they reported that the nearest they could come to it was "Kangaroo." "At least," as one of the men declared, "that's what all the natives said when I pointed to the animal." So, when Captain Cook returned home, he brought with him the body of an animal which was introduced to natural history under the name "kangaroo."

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LOIS WILSON



Charming Lois Wilson, the "movie" star, comes from Birmingham, Ala. She was a schoolteacher before she heard the call of the screen. Her popularity was further demonstrated recently when her picture was chosen by a convention of veterans of the World War as the cover decoration of its souvenir booklet.

HOW DO YOU SAY IT?

By C. N. Lurie

Common Errors in English and How to Avoid Them

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