# Strangers On A Bus

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Harold Harden awoke early this particular Sunday morning with a poignant realization that life was passing him. by unfulfilled, that, he was missing too much of the good things life was offering up for those ready and able to get aboard the fun

Madge was asleep when he crawled out of bed. Harold was sure his wife was sleeping; her breathing was deep and relaxed and noisy. He had never given this discovery away; he let Madge go on thinking she did not snore in her sleep. Yep, his little wifie was one of the finest; there was no doubt in his mind on that fact. Perhaps, she was too fine; Madge called it an evening of fun when they went to a church social and sat around eating a lot of food and laughing too much. A man of 45 should be contented, may be, going to church parties, club meetings, school plays with his family. And until quite recently he had performed like a bear. After being carefully reminded of what he was supposed to do, he went along with the program. There is an enjoyment of sorts to be derived from "church parties," however, he itched now for a change in the area of "getting fun out of

Where to begin was the bone of contention in his throbbing brain. Where did a 45 year old Casonova begin after about twenty years away from the sport of philandering? Why he had gone into mothballs was a slight puzzle to him. Being good for the sake of being able to say he was a faithful loving, "never cut out on the ole miss" had not dawned upon him. In all probability, the boys had taken the wind out of his sails. He had spent a great deal of time with Thomas Allan, Oliver and Ronaldhis three sons had been loads of fun; they had demanded much of his time and he had given unstintingly. Boys need their daddy and he made him-

self available. Between the boys, Madge and his business, there has been no time for outside interests.

Harden Enterprises had been a full time job during the early years of marriage -- and, their five year plan had failed woefully. Thomas Allan was born two years following Madge and his planning session. Madge was a wonderful wife, mother and homemaker; she laughed about their slip up, however, she would have been much happier if their 5 year plan had been a success. He had worked much harder to produce matrimonial bliss on all fronts -- security foremost. In a small measure, he had succeeded. Madge was happy in a restive manner. Seemingly, she kept busy to avoid thoughts of how indigent the Hardens really were. He had been grateful for her silence; he worked even harder to provide for his family.

Harden Enterprises advanced at a snail's pace. Small, Negro businesses just weren't geared to the usefulness of an advertising firm designed especially for the struggling new business. Friends who threw a little business toward Harden Enterprises expected a thousand dollars worth of service for as close to nothing as possible. And when, they were pressured into paying their indebtness, they yelled about somebody wanting something for nothing.

Harden's services were parexcellent and the price was right, so small white businesses flooded Harden Enterprises with orders. By the time Company books began showing interspersions of blue. Oliver was born - and, to add fury to the fire, Inez threatened to leave the organization. His sister was called the company's "easel man." Aside from doing most of drawings, she was executive vice president and nearly half of the organization's capital assets belonged to Inez Mildred Harden. From all indications Inez relished the idea of having

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EXAMINE MODEL—Miss Audrey Lindgren, center, a nursing consultant with the U. S. Public Health Service, examines an anatomical model of North Carolina Central University's Department of Nursing during her re-

the company over a barrel;

her to stay on with the com

Harold had never really

loved the tall, raw bony woman

nor her inconoclastic attitude.

She was a chain-smoker, spoke

in a booming voice and used

her fist to drive home a point.

Inez was blessed with a brilliant

mind and cursed with a wag-

ging tongue. She knew a lot

about too many things not per-

tainint to an advertising

agency. Racism was her numb-

er one speciality. No matter

how much nor how often he

expounded the fact that Har-

den Enterprises would be a

"lost ball in tall grass" if it

weren't for his white patrons,

she fumed; "then you must

educate, point the way -- bleed

a little." If she were seated at

a table laden with dishes and

platters of food, things were

nearly shattered by the impact

of the wham she gave the table

Samuel Kelly, Madge's brother,

enjoyed the "red bone's" pot-

pourri of platitudes and in-

sults; "talk that talk, that's

Inez was known as the

raising star in the Negro busi-

ness world, however, she

managed to produce not more

than a three percent increase

lady's time was spent scouring

teaching, pointing out the im-

portance of black advertising

bridge the gap made by her

cooking, washing,

my dind-ah-talk."

Ray Harden, a cousin, and

handling people.

cent visit to the department's curriculum project, Looking on are Mrs. Helen Miller, left, chairman of the department, and Mrs. Pat Conklin, director of the federally-sponsored curriculum project.

Prepare soil well and

watered. Earlier

Be on guard for lace-

bugs on azaleas, rhododen-

drons, pyracanthas and

Washington hawthornes.

Spray thoroughly with malathion being sure to

cover the undersides of

the leaves. These are

sucking insects and cause

the leaves to turn a dirty

gray. The spray must strike the body of the The spray must

Sani-Flush wipes

out germs.

Sani-Flush® Toilet Be Cleaner wipes out com mon household germs

### nevertheless, Madge persuaded | Ravenous Fall Webworm pany awhile longer. Madge was a genuine gem when it came to ed and should receive

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branches. They can be easily spotted and should defoliate large tree sections. Spray with Sevin or malathion. Mix the mate-

Some prefer to burn If you use this method,

Bearded iris may be lifted and divided anytime between mid-July and early September. If you have not lifted and divided the rhizomes in the last three years, the plants are probably becoming crowd-

Madge was a magician with money and time. She knew how to use both wisely. Many were the nights they toiled all night and far into the wee hours of morning to beat a dead line. There were times in black accounts. Most of the when he actually felt that Simon Legree could to have been a harder taskmaster than the black business section, Harold Harden. But Madge seemed to have thrived on to black businesses. In the doing the impossible. All the while they scuffled to make meantime, he was forced to ends meet. Miss Inez Harden absence. Besides, much of the was speech making. She found work was relegated to Madge her scare-crow frame in somebody's pulpit every Sunday. whose hands were busy with a She became known as the baby and a small child, plus ironing, "voice in the wilderness, the cleaning, dusting and stretchcrying need for the black busiing the few dollars and cents ness man's effeteness." And while she dashed around the countryside downgrading the white man, Up braiding Uncle Toms, and praising those who were being robbed by both segments, Madge and Harold put their heads together, made

> Miss Harden called this an act of sneaking, underhandiness; smirking of the white man's fallaciousness toward a black brother.

Inez's share in the business

Madge was still sleeping peacefully as a child when Harold finished dressing. He was reluctant to awaken her but it would be mean for him to run off without telling her good-bye. So, he shook the bed gently and she opened her eyes, looked wildly for a moment, then she saw him and smiled? "what's wrong?" She asked sleepily. "

am going on a short trip." "You aren't taking the car hope. I promised -."

"Nope. I am taking the bus." Bending over the side of the bed, he kissed her; "be good, dear."

"And you be careful -- don't

out casonova Casonova -- "She half teased. And once more he kissed

guilty as he left the room.

To be continued

Brazil proposes campaign

Summer jobs scarcer than in years.

# Control Suggested For

The fall webworm can add about one measuring cause extensive damage to cup of an 0-14-14 fertilizer many kinds of trees. The to 10 square feet of bed worms (caterpillars) live space. Mix well into the in colonies protected by a first 6 inches of soil. When planting, cover the rhiweb attached to the tree zomes with about one inch of soil. Keep free of weeds be eradicated before they plantings become well established in the soil and bloom better the following rials with water as directed spring. on the container.

them out using a wad of cloth on the end of a pole saturated with kerosene oil. employ quick thrusts with the flame in order not to damage the foliage more than necessary.

his exiguous take home pay. small loans and bought out

"Nothing is wrong, sweets.

her. Some how he felt less

nymphs and adults to be SATURDAY, SEPT. 25, 1971

diseases by spraying every two weeks with a combination insecticide and

fungicide. Malathion and Captan are good if you mix your own, or, you can use

one of the prepared combi-

nations available from your

plished this chore, get with

it. Remove all of the old

fruiting canes from your

red and black raspberries

and burn them. This pro-

cedure will reduce disease

infection. It is a good plan

to protect the new growth

with a combination insecti-

or Fermate for the dis-

eases; and malathion for

the insects. Apply spray

every two weeks.

If you have not accom-

garden supply store.

Keep your roses pro-Apollo 14 rocks reported tected from insects and

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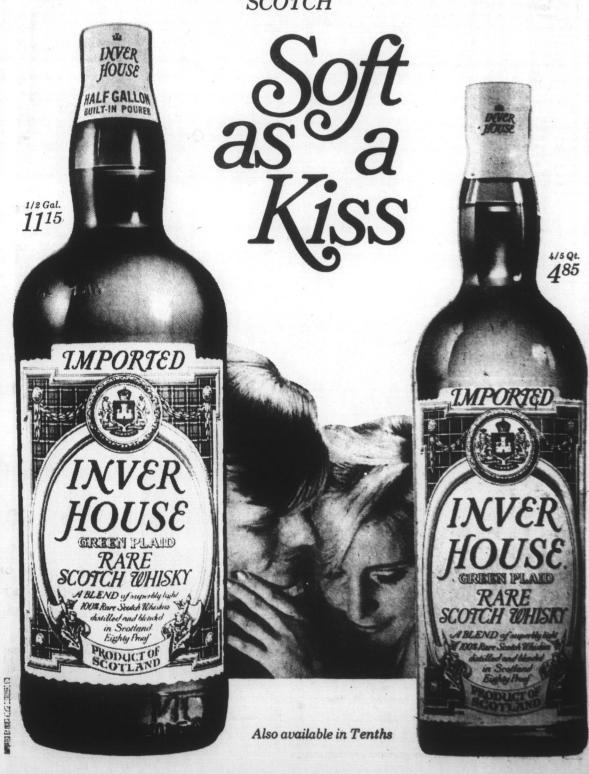
Wallace drive grows,



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# INVERHOUSE



## he was able to salvage out of Two Pretty Sheet Patterns Custom-Decorate Bed, Bath

Transform a tiny bathroom by wrapping it in the same sheet patterns as those used in a bedroom. A gay floral pattern. "Meadow Flower" accented with "Boutique Stripe", Fortrel and cotton durable press sheets by Bibb, works wonders without costly structural changes. Sheets are cut to fit wall and ceiling then attached with two-way tape. The shower curtain is made from a single size sheet hung on plastic rings. Grommet kits to make the eyelets in the curtain are available in hardware stores. The matching window shade is a do-ityourself Lam-Eze kit requiring only handpressing to laminate fabric to the shade. For added luxury, wall-to-wall Fortrel and nylon carpet, a machine washable-dryable bath kit by McAuley can be cut with regular, but sharp, household scissors. For a whimsical touch, a Victorian double skirted washbasin neatly conceals cleaning equipment. Skirts are attached with self-adhering

In the bedroom, "Boutique Stripe" is the dominant pattern. Instead of regulation pillow cases, shams made with the stripe on the bias adds design interest. Solid color borders are the cut-off sheet hems. Left-over scraps may be used to back bedside' bookshelves and to cover the chair pad. The sheer washable Fortrel ready-made curtains, trimmed with braid on the shade, are as practical as they



Beguiling, colorful floral bouquet pattern on



Fortrel shag carpet is a strong color accent.