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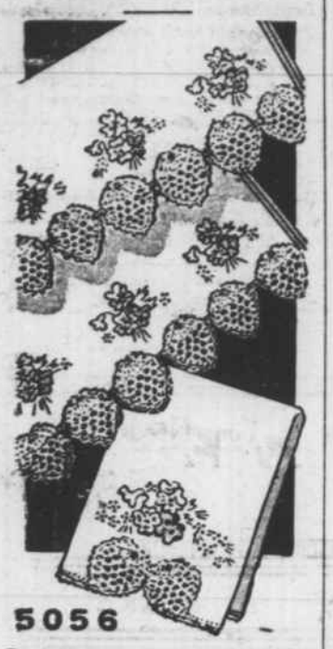

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IF YOU want to give an exquisite gift to a special friend at Christmastime, then make up these pretty guest pillowcases. You'll need a couple of skeins of lavender, purple, pink and green floss to embroider the pansy clusters—a ball or so of crochet thread to work up the pineapples, the symbol of hospitality.

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## Sportlight by Grantland Rice

IT IS my belief that after 1946, Army and Navy will fade out of the football picture, as far as winners are concerned.

Sure, they had all the best of it in 1944 and 1945. But 1946 will be different, as Navy already has found out and Army is finding out.


Grantland Rice

It must be admitted that Army and Navy had the breaks in the two war years of 1944 and 1945. But when the war ended, it was a new story. After 1946 every one knows Army and Navy won't have a chance against the inducements offered all over the map. Army and Navy can't match these lures.

By inducements I mean something more than scholarships. I mean direct pay, which may range from $5,000 to $10,000 a season, more or less. This is important to the poorer kids who seem to make the better football players.

**Star football players no longer are going to schools where there is strict discipline and no financial help. They are an integral part of the United States—the cash comes first.**

This applies to both coaches and players. Unfortunately, the world-wrecking war also tore a heavy gash into sportsmanship, the old idea of a "fair field and no favor, may the best man win."

Sportsmanship is now a word you find in the dictionary.

### *Football's Top Target*

When you've piled up a long string of consecutive victories over a period of two and a half seasons, you know what you are in football.

You are the top target of the year, the one they all want to knock over, especially the one who will get there first with the blackjack or the club.

**Week after week, they were all after Army. First it was Villanova, then Oklahoma, Cornell and Michigan. Then came Columbia, Duke, West Virginia and the crucial test with Notre Dame. Pennsylvania and the Navy clash will end the fray.**

**Most of the others run two, three and four deep. Army runs less than two deep. Notre Dame runs deeper than all the others, three and four deep.**

But they still can play only 11 men at a time. This is something of a fallacy in this modern game, where they wear out quicker than they ever did in the old days. Maybe the pace is faster. Maybe they are not as rugged as they used to be. Who knows?

Army's Red Blaik, a fine coach and an old friend from many years, never thought he could go through this 1946 schedule unbeaten.

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### *The Way of the Mob*

*(To Ted Williams, Joe DiMaggio and Eddie Arcaro)*

All you who get the cheering
And the plaudits from the mob,
Who shrink because they bawl you
Out upon some off-day job,
Who scowl because they call you names
That no one likes to hear,
Who keep the welkin ringing from
The hoarse hoot to the cheer,
Who build you up and knock you down,
From here to kingdom come,
Remember as the game goes on—
They never boo a bum.

I've heard them hiss Hans Wagner
And I've heard them snarl at Cobb,
I've heard them holler "Take him out,"
With Matty on the job.
I've heard them curse when Ruth struck out—
Or Speaker missed a play.
For 40 years I've heard them ride
The heroes of their day.
I've heard their roaring welcome
Switch to something worse than hum,
But Eddie, Ted and Joe, get this—
They never boo a bum.

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Ted Williams could never hit his earlier stride after Labor Day.

A good point was made in suggesting that Ted was letting too many near strikes—balls an inch or so away from the plate—slide by through his unerring judgment of balls and strikes.

This could be true since it is difficult to get your swing moving in the split fraction of a second needed in following a pitch that far.

**Ted is a great swinger, but even the greatest need a little more time to get the bat under way with full power back of the motion.**

**A pitch two inches off the plate is just as easy to hit as one over the corner.**

But any way you look at it, Williams dropped a bundle of prestige since the slump overtook him back in early September. It carried right on to the end of the season, and the world series. The boos sounded particularly bitter in his ears, it is reported. Well, that's the way in sports—and in life.

## AROUND THE HOUSE

**If you must** set a dish directly on the ice in the ice box, place a jar rubber underneath it. This will prevent its sliding.

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**To retain a design** or lettering which appears on furniture, canisters, breadboxes which you wish to repaint, spread a thin coating of melted wax with a fine brush over the design or lettering. This preserves the design.

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**In lubricating locks:** Take a discarded throat or nasal atomizer. Fill it with very light machine oil and spray the working parts lightly. Applied in this manner there is small likelihood of the oil gumming. While you have the side plate removed notice how the parts have been worn by use and weather.

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**Keep a record** on paper of what happens when your child is sick. Such a record will be of great help to the doctor. On it write the child's temperature and the time it was taken, the number of times he vomited, and when body elimination took place.

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**Creaky stairs** can be corrected simply by inserting a piece of rubber under the treads. If no rubber scrap is available make a wedge of soft wood and insert firmly with the hand.

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**To prevent** the rusting of needles, keep them in a small bottle.

## ASK ME ANOTHER?
A General Quiz

### *The Questions*

1. What is the maximum fine for failure to vote in Cuba?
2. Who invented life insurance?
3. Was "Calamity Jane" a real person?
4. What was the first country in the world to have a national flag?
5. Is Alaska bigger than Texas?
6. At what rate does the Niagara Falls flow?
7. How many countries in South America have no seacoast?
8. What is the navy's "Project Squid"?

### *The Answers*

1. The maximum fine is $500.
2. The ancient Romans.
3. Yes. Her real name was Mrs. Martha Burke. She dressed as a man and acted as a scout in Indian raids around 1870.
4. Denmark, in 1219 A. D.
5. Yes, more than twice as big.
6. About 500,000 tons a minute.
7. Two—Bolivia and Paraguay.
8. The navy's program whereby five colleges will do research in liquid rockets and intermittent jet-propelled weapons.