



**SPIKE SWITCHED** off the lights and braked the black convertible to a smooth stop in the dense shadows at the curb. Taking the automatic from the glove compartment he slipped it into the side pocket of his coat, then, with the motor still running, he stepped out.

Excepting for two small boys pulling a coaster wagon along the walk, there was no one in sight. The youngsters wore the usual makeshift Halloween costumes, topped with grotesque masks, and as they slowly passed he noticed the end of a massive chain dangling from their wagon, making a rasping clink-clank on the concrete pavement.

For a brief moment Spike and the boys eyed each other silently, then he turned and walked swiftly up the driveway toward the rear of the house.

Yes, he had timed it well. The big Demarest Halloween party was in full swing, music, voices and laughter all stridently gay. But on this side of the house, at the service entrance, all was quiet. Gently he slid a key into the slot of the night-lock, then swiftly, unseen, made his way up the stair.

Third door on the left, she had said, so this would be it. Turning the knob he entered and closed the door softly behind him. The room was in darkness, but his flashlight found the copy of Gainsborough's *Blue Boy* instantly, and here, behind the picture was the wall-safe.

All right this far. Now if she was right about the combination. . . . He took the paper from his pocket and studied the numerals again, then, placing the flashlight under his arm-pit, its beam directed at the dial, he began . . . 21 right . . . 6 left . . . 5 right . . . 32 left . . . This should do it, if that dumb blonde . . . ?

For a moment he hesitated. This was almost too easy—thanks to the dumb blonde. Maybe he sometimes under-estimated her.

Gently now he grasped the handle. The door swung open easily, boundlessly. But now, at the same instant, a shrill, ear-piercing clangor tore through the house! The thing was wired—and she had forgotten to tell him!

He snatched up the two jewel-cases and slammed shut the safe. As he did so the alarm stopped. Slipping the cases inside his shirt he drew the gun and moved toward

**A. R. C. Official Interviews Mrs. Fender**

Following is an interview with Mrs. Oscar Fender, who recently underwent a serious operation in the Winston-Salem Baptist Hospital where she received transfusions with blood furnished by the American Red Cross Blood Bank in Asheville. Rev. David Swartz, Red Cross official in this county, asked the questions:

S. "Now, I want to ask you for some help on our blood program for this year. We are trying to get around to various homes and get information from those who have been helped by the Blood Bank in Asheville. I understand you were at Winston-Salem?"

F. Yes, I was.

S. When was it, September?

F. December.

S. This December? At Christmas time?

F. Yes.

S. Was this an emergency operation?

F. Yes, it was.

S. Did you receive any blood at the hospital?

F. Yes, I did. I had three pints.

S. Three pints, I see. How were you able to get this blood?

F. Well, they brought it to town from Asheville, I imagine.

S. Did they say anything about bringing donors?

F. Yes, they first mentioned that we should bring donors. Then they found that Yancey County was a member of the Blood Bank in Asheville, and they decided they could get the blood that way.

S. Would it have been difficult to have gotten the donors from Burnsville or Asheville to Winston-Salem?

F. Yes, it would have because of my husband's work, and it was during a bad spell, too.

S. So the people in Winston-Salem then telephoned, I imagine, Asheville and they sent the blood, or said that they would?

F. Yes.

S. How many pints did you receive?

F. Three, and I have a difficult type, too.

S. What is your type?

**DALE CARNEGIE**  
AUTHOR OF "HOW TO STOP WORRYING AND START LIVING"

**Most Fears Ungrounded**

JAMES DRISCOLL, Bronx, N.Y., while in the navy, had something to worry about: he believed he was going blind.

Naturally, he visited a navy doctor, who listened to his symptoms sympathetically and examined his eyes with all the complicated instruments the navy had to offer. At the end of the examination, the doctor told him quite firmly that there was absolutely nothing wrong with his eyes. But he did not believe the doctor.

After all, he knew his own eyes.

Shortly after, he was transferred to Chicago, where fear and worry followed him. While there, he went to see a navy doctor. As fate would have it, it was the very same doctor who examined him in Norfolk. After seeing his records, the doctor said, "Young man, I told you in Norfolk that there was nothing wrong with your eyes, and I do not want you chasing me all over the country with your assinine ideas."

Now his fears were doubled. He knew his sight was failing and on top of this, he could get no reliable medical aid.

Around this time, he happened to run across an article in a magazine which told of a man who was almost totally blind. He devised several eye exercises whereby his vision was restored to normal. He immediately tried these exercises and soon forgot about his eye troubles.

He realizes now the doctor was right, that there was nothing wrong with his eyes.

(Aldous Huxley gives excellent advice on eye exercises in his work "The Art of Seeing".)

F. An rh factor.

S. An rh factor? Hard to find too. Was there any delay in getting the blood?

F. No, there was not. They let me use their blood and it was replaced.

S. How much did you pay for the blood?

F. I paid nothing for the blood, I did pay \$15.00 for the transfusion.

S. You paid nothing for the blood?

F. No, nothing for the blood itself.

S. And you had three separate transfusions?

F. Yes.

S. Now, could you give us your impression or idea of the Blood Bank, and what it meant to you?

F. Well, I think it is a wonderful program and I don't know what I would have done without it.

S. Mrs. Fender, one last question, supposing you were not able to get blood donors to the hospital, and let's say Yancey County was not in the blood program, how would you have gotten the blood?

F. I would have had to purchase it from a commercial source at \$25.00 per pint.

S. So with the help of the Yancey County Chapter of the American Red Cross you were saved \$75.00 worth?

F. That's right, and it sure meant a lot to us.

S. Thank you, Mrs. Oscar Fender for this interview on behalf of our Blood Bank which will be in Burnsville again March 13."

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CREAM always gives a simple dessert that's received enthusiastic approval. A coffee or vanilla ice cream with this sauce is delightful. Mix together 1/4 cup each of cream and butter or substitute, 1 table spoon cocoa and 1/2 cup sugar. Heat to boiling and serve hot over ice cream with slivered roasted almonds.

A delicate dessert that's easily prepared is custard baked in individual cups. Unmold, surround with canned, cling peach slices and top with 1 tablespoon of raspberry preserves or some thin jam.

Make vanilla cream pie with prepared pudding, top with cooked dried, sweetened apricots. Spread with a glaze made by cooking together 1/2 cup apricot cooking liquid, 1/4 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon cornstarch.

Use canned or fresh fruits for a quick crisp: lay peeled or canned fruit in a buttered casserole and sprinkle this topping over them before baking for an hour in a moderate oven. For topping use 1 cup sugar, 1/4 cup flour, 1/2 cup butter substitute and 1/4 cup broken walnuts.

Here's an unusual sauce for ice cream or vanilla pudding: use 1 cup chopped, pitted, cooked prune and a cup of the cooking liquid with 1/2 cup each of brown sugar and crushed pineapple and 1 teaspoon cornstarch. Cook slowly 5-10 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

When you have only simple sponge cake and want a quick dessert, spoon butterscotch sauce over it and top with whipped cream in which you have folded so finely drained, crushed pineapple.

**RECIPE OF THE WEEK**  
**Coconut Fruit Fluff**  
(Serves 4)

1 cup drained, canned apricots  
1 cup diced, canned pineapple  
3 tablespoons sugar  
1/2 cup cream, whipped  
1/4 cup shredded coconut

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