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The Lighter Side...

"Here comes that wolf. I'll tell him I have a date even though I don't."
"Won't your conscience bother you?"
"Yes, but not as much as he will."

"Is that a genuine bloodhound, corporal?"
"Yes sir, come over here Oscar, and bleed for the Colonel."

A gal wears shorts when she can't play tennis, a bathing suit when she can't swim, but when she puts on a wedding gown, she means business.

WAVE: "My date last night asked me to marry him and make him happy."
Ditto: "Which did you decide to do?"

Voice from rear of taxi: Why are you stopping, driver?
Driver: I heard someone tell me to stop.
Voice: Drive on, she wasn't talking to you.

Then there was the lady who was so dumb she thought a goblet was a sailor's child.

First Sailor: "That new WAVE who just checked in is a nicely reared girl, isn't she?"

Second Sailor: "I should say so. Not bad from the front, either."

It is much better to have loved and lost—much better.

Doctor (self-satisfied): "You cough, more easily this morning."

Patient: "I should. I've been practicing all night."

"How's your new girl?"
"Not very good."
"Boy, you always were lucky."



A fleet of new air giants—the biggest yet proposed for postwar travel—has been ordered by Pan American World Airways from Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. Fifteen of the huge super-clippers, known as Consolidated Model 37, are designed for use on Pan American's long distance, high traffic density routes over the North Atlantic, to Latin America, and between California and Honolulu.

The new airliner has a swing span of 230 feet, overall length of 182 feet, and two decks throughout the length of the fuselage. Gross weight is 320,000 pounds, and over a 4,200-mile range the clipper will carry a 50,000-pound payload including 204 passengers, and 15,300 pounds of baggage, mail and express. The entire cabin will be pressurized for operation at an altitude of 30,000 feet. Cruising speed of the six-engine craft will vary between 310 and 342 mph., depending on altitude and power output.

The gigantic nature of Model 37 may be realized when it is considered that:

There will be nearly 25 miles of wire in each plane.

The electrical system could supply an average town of 500 persons.

It would take the average motorist 20 years to use the gasoline needed to fill the tanks.

The blueprints that will be used to build the plane would cover a 16-acre field.

Heating facilities will be sufficient for a 40-room house.

Three average houses could have been built with the lumber used in the mock-up.

The main landing gear tire is one foot higher than the ceiling in an average home.

Total power output will be equivalent to 353 average auto engines.

A family auto can be driven under the fuselage with ample clearance.

Although production cannot be started until wartime restrictions are lifted, a full scale mock-up of the plane has been completed at Fort Worth.

30 Years Difference

It was just 30 years ago that British airmen carried out their first bombing raid against German submarine construction. Five pilots of the Royal Naval Air Service were selected to raid the dockyards at Antwerp. Only two pilots reached the objec-

The Wolf

by Sansone



tive but some damage was done. They flew over the yards at a mere 1000 feet, with bombs weighing only 20 pounds each. During the present war British bombers have dropped as much as 10,300 tons on enemy targets in 24 hours.

Airline Planes Total 355

New transport plane allocations by the Surplus Property Board recently have raised the total of the U. S. domestic airline fleet to 355, just four short of the peak of 359 in use during 1941, before a good number were turned over for military operation.

Male Call

by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



She Looks Different Without Bangs