

Floyd Gibbons' ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



"Breath of Doom"

HELLO EVERYBODY:

John A. Kollins of Decatur, Ill., is a refrigerator repairman, and he knows the ins and outs of mechanical refrigerating systems and can tell you just what makes them go.

John learned that business with an eye to making his bread and butter out of it. But there came a time when he had to use every doggone bit of the knowledge he had acquired—to save his life.

But, in the end, it was a penknife that saved the day. Without it, all of John's technical skill would have been of little use in the battle against the icy breath of doom which he and his helper found themselves fighting. John's knowledge told him what not to do, but knowing what not to do isn't enough when death is clamping down and slowly wringing the life out of you.

It all happened in Springfield, Ill. On March 31, 1936, John Kollins was called over there to make some repairs in the refrigerating plant of the Morris Fish Market. He got there early in the morning with his helper, and they worked hard all day on the job.

The market had several cooler rooms carrying below-freezing temperatures and one room, called a sharp fish freezer, that went down to 10 or 15 degrees below zero when the machinery was working.

Evening was coming on, and still their job wasn't finished. The market had closed and every one had gone home before John finally got the machinery working properly. He still had to test it, though, and he turned the controls on full and he and his helper climbed out of the basement and went up through the big, empty market to the sharp freezer room to see how rapidly the machine was bringing the temperature down.

Find Catch Broken on Freezer Door.

When they got to the freezer door, John noticed again that the catch was broken. There was an old pair of ice tongs hanging nearby, to open it in case it stuck. He had seen that before, and



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made a mental note of it. He had even told his helper to be careful in closing that door behind him. But now, as John walked in, his helper, following behind him, gave the door a thoughtless bang.

Locked in! And in a small, cramped room whose temperature was rapidly going down! Going to 15 below zero! Not even an Eskimo could live through a night in the open at such a temperature, and John and his helper, dressed in ordinary working clothes, knew that they'd be frozen to death long before morning.

"My heart almost failed me right then and there," says John, "but if it hadn't been for my knowledge of the structure of this freezer, we might have died before we even had half a chance to try to get out. My helper was all for taking a big block of ice and trying to ram the door down, but I knew better than to try it. The door was too strong, and, if we failed to get out on the first try, it would be the end."

"I had built this plant eight years before. I knew the ammonia coils would not stand much jarring without springing a leak. And once the ammonia got in, we'd have choked to death before we had a chance to freeze."

No—that was out. The only thing those two lads could do was cling to straws. They MIGHT just possibly be alive in the morning.

Only Tool Is Two-Bladed Penknife.

John asked his helper if he had any tools in his pocket. The only thing the helper had was a small penknife with two blades.

John told him they'd have to try digging their way out with that knife.

Anything to keep their minds off the death that was clutching at them—one degree at a time. They started hacking away at the plaster that coated the walls, cutting a hole about eight inches in diameter. It didn't take long to cut through the plaster. It was only half an inch thick. But back of that was eight inches of cork.

"We took turns digging," says John, "and made progress little by little. But, all this time, the machine was running in the basement and the temperature was going down. It went from five—to ten—to fifteen below, and our hands became numb as we worked. Then, suddenly, the big blade of the knife broke."

John Feels He Is Nearing End.

"I sat down and wrote a few words to my wife on the back of one of my cards. I was feeling mighty sleepy, and I knew I was nearing the end. And then out of a clear sky, my helper shook me and said he had a small hole through to the outside."

It was just a tiny hole. The one they originally started had narrowed down almost to a point. It did them mighty little good, but John's helper thought they might try shouting for help. To please his helper, John agreed to try—but he knew there was no one in the building, and knew that the chances of any one hearing them from the outside was mighty slim.

For an hour they kept up their intermittent shouting. John was yelling "Police," and his helper was just crying "Help!" It was almost 10 o'clock by that time, and John had lost all hope. And then, suddenly, they got an answer.

"Where are you?" A man, parking his car in the alley beside the market, had heard them.

The fellow broke in a window, found the freezer, and used the old ice tongs to pry open the door.

"He didn't know what to do about us," says John, "until I, in my delirium, began yelling 'Police!' again. He thought that was a good idea and called the cops."

The police arrived and gave the two men stimulants. Before it was over, the newspaper photographers had arrived and they had to go back into that freezer again to pose for pictures. But that time they made darned certain that the door wouldn't slam shut on them.

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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for July 30

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JEHOSHAPHAT: A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE

LESSON TEXT—II Chronicles 17:1-6, 9-12. GOLDEN TEXT—But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness.—Matthew 6:33.

Obedience is one of the old-fashioned virtues which has been pushed aside in our present mad rush of self-expression. It needs to be revived if we are to have a happy, contented, and useful people. The lesson for today affords an excellent opportunity to give class members a right perspective. Many regard obedience as something which is exacted by those who desire to have authority over us, but as a matter of fact it is a principle established by God for the right and orderly conduct of life, the observation of which results in blessing and prosperity, and the ignoring of which brings chaos, fighting, bitterness, and disappointment. Obedience to parents, to the law of man, and to the law of God should be taught and exemplified by us, even as it was by Jehoshaphat. Obedience in his life made him

I. A Good Son (vv. 1, 3, 4).

He followed his father Asa and his forefather David insofar as they had followed God. Apart from God and the influence of the Christian faith, the tendency is quite the other way. Frequently we see that a father who came up from poverty by his own diligence and ability will have a wastrel son who amounts to nothing, or even worse, one that ruins himself and others. Blessed is the son who has a godly father and who has sense enough to follow in his steps in obedience to God.

II. A Capable Administrator (vv. 2, 5, 12).

Jehoshaphat faced real problems. The nation was prospering, but there were many difficult questions of foreign relations and in domestic affairs. Especially was he concerned about their fellowship with the sister nation of Israel. Idolatry was still common in the land, new territory had to be consolidated and fortified.

The man who is obedient to God's law and whose heart is lifted up toward Him may expect that all his faculties will be stimulated, and that, furthermore, he will have the guidance of God in the discharge of his duties. This is true not only of kings and national leaders, but of each one of us. If we trust in God and are obedient to His guidance, He will bring about astonishing results in the lives of any one of us.

III. A True Worshiper (vv. 3, 6).

He walked in the ways of his forefathers in his obedience to God. A man does not need to be a blind worshiper of the good old days to realize that America could profit by walking in the ways of those of our forefathers who walked with God.

Note also that Jehoshaphat had a real personal spiritual experience of his own. "His heart was lifted up in the ways of the Lord" (v. 6). Spiritual exaltation makes a man better fitted to live in the daily round of life where he must keep his feet on the ground. There is a dearth of new personal spiritual experiences in our time.

IV. A Wise Educator (v. 9).

Here was a real program of religious education. A wise teacher knows that it is not enough to remove the bad, he must replace it with the good. Jehoshaphat tore down the places of heathen worship, but he substituted the teaching of the Word of God. That kind of a program of nation-wide Christian education would be tremendously worth-while in this year of our Lord 1939 and within the confines of our own beloved country.

Read verses 7 and 8 and you will note that most of the leaders in this teaching campaign were laymen. The priests were evidently for the most part not interested. This has all too often been so, but let not that deter the layman from going ahead in God's name.

V. A Respected Ruler (vv. 5, 10, 11).

His own people gave him the recognition of love and loyalty (v. 5). The jealous nations around him were afraid of him, for they knew that God was with him (v. 10). This was what would be in our day regarded as a rather unusual means of national defense, but note that it was tremendously effective. Would that America were a nation united in loving obedience to God's law. Then would our enemies be afraid because God's hand would be upon us for good.

ASK ME ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

The Questions

1. What does the nautical term "anchors aweigh" mean?
2. Are any tin mines operated in the United States?
3. What is meant by biogenesis?
4. What is the world's annual income?
5. How many states were represented when the Constitution was adopted?
6. Which releases more moisture into the air, an acre of a lake or an acre of forest?

The Answers

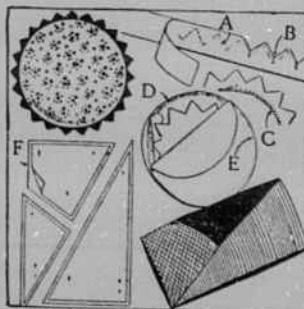
1. Lifting the anchor so the ship may proceed.
2. The only tin mine now operating in the United States is located at Lincolnton, N. C.
3. Natural generation of life from life.
4. Estimated at \$300,000,000,000.
5. Twelve. Rhode Island did not send a delegate.
6. Because of the heavy transpiration that takes place in trees, an acre of forest releases more moisture than an acre of lake.

Gay and Interesting Designs for Cushions

By RUTH WYETH SPEARS

DEAR MRS. SPEARS: I like to make interesting cushions—in summer bright cotton covered ones and silk covers in the winter. The cost is nothing as I find that after the waists of dresses are worn out, there are still parts of the skirts that are good enough to give long wear when made into these covers. J. B.

Thanks, Mrs. J. B., for that suggestion, and here are two covers that you might like to try. To make the contrasting edge for the



round one, stitch two-inch strips together in points as at A, trim as at B clipping between the points then turn right side out. Pull out smoothly and press, then gather as at C. Stitch to one section of the cover as at D, then stitch the two sections together leaving an opening for the cushion.

To make a pattern for a modernistic patchwork cover, cut a rectangle of paper, then divide it into sections as shown. Use these sections as patterns to cut the fabric adding a seam allowance as at F.

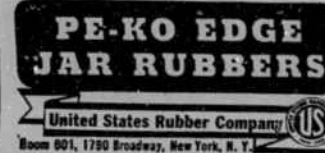
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Our Intellect

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