

**Cockney and His Friend
Were Agreed Upon 'Owl'**

A Cockney and his American friend were walking down the street of an American town one night. An owl set up his ancient "w-h-o, w-h-o, w-h-o."

The Cockney, startled, asked of his friend: "What is that?"

"Why, it's an owl," answered the American casually.

"Oh, it's an 'owl, then, is it?" said the Cockney, disdainfully.

"So, it's an 'owl," replied the American, "it's an owl."

"Well," growled the impatient Cockney, "I know it's an 'owl full well. But who the devil is it 'owling?"

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Star Dust
STAGE-SCREEN-RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE
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SINCE his return from his recent overseas trip Joe E. Brown has been the talk of New York — being modest, he's told the people fortunate enough to hear him, things that he should say to the entire United States. He has traveled more than 100,000 miles, entertained more than two million men, on all fronts. The man is terrific; it's no wonder that a psychiatrist who followed him through hospitals in the South Pacific reported a 71 per cent improvement in the patients' condition. He entertained men everywhere—in the front lines, on ships, in canteens.



JOE E. BROWN

His new radio show, on the Blue network, is a quiz show; too bad he's not doing an additional one, so that the public could hear what he told newspaper people.

The "vicious circle" that's supposed to be show business isn't so vicious for Xavier Cugat, who became a movie highlight after repeatedly starring on the bandstand of the New York Paramount theater. Now that he has a handsome contract with Metro, Cugat has been rewarded with a ten weeks' personal appearance contract, at \$12,500 per week—at the Paramount theater, where he started to fame!

Lauritz Melchior, Metropolitan tenor who scored such a hit clowning with Fred Allen on the air, has signed for his first motion picture—it's Metro's "Thrill of Romance," featuring Esther Williams, the swimmer. He'll play an opera singer.

"All the other fellows razed this chap," said the soldier who'd just come out of Halloran hospital. "He sat down on the side of my bed and played cards with me and talked, and was swell. I didn't know who he was then. Found out later he was Frank Sinatra."

We won't see Rosalind Russell in "Sister Kenny," after all that preparation, because it's been indefinitely postponed. But it's going to be too bad if she's assigned to "Roughly Speaking!" instead, because that's a perfect story for Bette Davis.

James Cagney has started his personal appearance tour of U. S. army and navy bases in the European war theater; expects to remain abroad for three months. He rehearsed six weeks with a dance coach before leaving Hollywood, on a cavalcade of American dancing from George Primrose to Fred Astaire.

Shopping for lingerie with his wife, Geoffrey Barnes, he of the ominous voice on "The Mystery Theater," yielded to the temptation to use his radio voice on the elevator operator. Barnes says he never had an easier time getting out.

Next time you hear Cary Grant in a radio play, picture him acting out all the dialogue as if he were before the camera. When he's out of a scene he walks into the wings, mingles with the supporting players, and contributes to the off-stage sound effects.

After finishing the hilarious "The Miracle of Morgan's Creek" Preston Sturges left Paramount; now he's gone into partnership with Howard Hughes, who'll be his financial backer. That combination should produce some startling pictures!

Dimitri Shostakovich's Eighth Symphony will be given its first performance in the Western hemisphere over the CBS network on Sunday, April 2, by the New York Philharmonic symphony. Bill Downs brought the symphony back from Moscow.

ODDS AND ENDS—That Flying Fortress named for "We, the People" is still blasting away at the Germans... While Bob Griffin was recovering from a plane crash on CBS's "Mary Martin" he was down with jungle fever in "Valiant Lady"... "The Silver Theater" may move from Hollywood to New York, to present well-known stage players in its Sunday dramas... One-third of the principal players in "The Robe" will be new to the screen; Producer Frank Ross believes the story demands fresh faces... Jack Benny has checked off the Warner Bros. lot, after completing his starring role in "The Horn Blows at Midnight."

Farm Topics

**If Land Needs Boron
It Shows in Alfalfa**
Yellowing Leaves Is Usual Danger Sign

It is just as important to have a sufficient supply of available boron in the soil as it is to have nitrogen, phosphorus, potassium and other nutrient elements, although only an extremely small amount of boron is required for normal plant development, according to C. H. Stinson and E. E. DeTurk of the University of Illinois.

Of the common farm crops, legumes require more boron than do grain or grass crops and thus are more sensitive to a deficiency in the soil than are the latter.

Symptoms of boron shortage are more frequently observed in alfalfa than in other legume crops. They include a shortening of the upper internodes and the appearance at the uppermost nodes (joints) of lateral shoots that frequently extend beyond the tip of the central shoot, producing a rosette effect. In advanced stages, the terminal bud may be dead. Yellowing or reddening of the leaves is generally, but not always, present.

Boron is usually applied as borax, which is one of the common water softeners used in the household. It contains 11 per cent boron. Alfalfa growers who have observed symptoms suspected of resulting from boron deficiency may first try fertilizing a small plot in the field with borax for one or more years at the rate of 25 pounds to the acre. A 20-ounce box of borax that can be bought in a grocery store will provide enough boron for an area two rods wide and four rods long. It can be spread conveniently with a hand-horn seeder. If used at rates greater than 25 to 35 pounds an acre borax may injure or even kill the alfalfa.



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Eleven-Acre 'Hothouse'
Yields 6 Crops a Year

Mr. David Lowe, who lives near Edinburgh, has a gardening project said to be unique in the United Kingdom. To sum it up, Mr. Lowe has 11 acres overlaid with steam pipes and covered a foot or so above the surface, with glass panes set in frames. By shooting steam into the ground once a year, he "boils" the soil, killing all weeds. Each acre gets 100 tons of fertilizer and decomposed straw a year. He gets from six to eight crops a year—a fantastic yield of lettuce, turnips, carrots, cauliflower, leek, onions, beans, and a lot of other things. In the short summer the glass is removed and the plants watered with warm water from overhead sprinklers. It is said his crops grow together in "wild joy." It sounds like it. Mr. Lowe appears to have raised the old hothouse and forcing bed to its highest efficiency. It must cost money, but the Lowes of the Edinburgh country have never been in business strictly for fun. His scheme seems likely to stir up almost as much excitement as our own Mr. Ed Faulkner provoked by his recent campaign against the moldboard plow. Maybe Mr. Lowe and Mr. Faulkner could get together on a project to feed tomorrow's world.

Rural Briefs

Before milking, wash udders with warm water containing 200 to 400 parts of chlorine per million.

If a cow develops mastitis, have the infected quarter treated and dried off completely.

One acre of the 1943 wheat crop produced enough flour for 1,064 loaves of white bread.

**New Hats Are Pretty, Flattering,
And Artfully Tuned to Hairdos**

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



important postilion crowns. Some have diminutive brims, others take on width ad infinitum.

As to after-five headwear fashions, they are apt to make up in color excitement what they lack in dimensions. Flowers are definitely a part of present day millinery. One thing clear in millinery forecasts is that you won't look right after five without a hat—it's a fashion must.

The hat fashions herewith illustrated carry the message of very lovely and flattering headwear for this spring and summer. Centered above in the group is a stunning suit hat that features the new high crown. This chic Helene Garnell model in black felt emphasizes its tall crown with contrasting "wampus" beading. The crown is shot through with a long quill in "shocking pink."

The large black straw tricorne is bordered in tulle and ties under the chin with a wide shocking pink satin bow. Above to the left is a dinner hat by Mme. Pauline. Blooming with pale pink primroses, it breathes the very breath of spring. Primroses scatter over the widow's peak and over the lacy mesh snood.

To the right above a nousegay cocktail hat by Helene Garnell is in French blue felt garnished with colorful roses, lilacs and hyacinths.

For the hat below to the right Anita Andra fashions a coquettish crescent of emerald green moire. To flatter a pretty face, two roses are placed one high, one low in effective pose.

The smart pink shantung straw hat below to the left is styled with an open back. Shining black passementerie medallions are applied on top of the brim and to each side.

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Companion Topper



For a really truly wise investment—a suit-and-topper ensemble as illustrated, is without question a "best buy." This model is beautifully tailored of gray flannel. Gray, by the way, is not only a highly favored color for spring, but some of the smartest new prints to be worn now under coats and on through the summer sans wrap have gray grounds. The jacket to this suit features a collarless neckline with three plastic buttons down the front. The companion topper in the same fabric completes the ensemble. The topper may be worn separately over dresses, which means saving the expense of buying a spring topcoat. Huge buttons as here shown will be very much in evidence this spring.

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Spring Beauty.

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