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THE SPLENDID SPUR OR THE ADVENTURES OF JACK MARVEL.

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CHAPTER XII.

Joan Does Me Her Last Service. We came a little before midnight to Sir Bevil's famous great house of...

five or six dragons detach themselves from the main body and gallop in a direction at an acute angle to ours. On they came, yelling to us to halt...

back toward me, and at the shoulder, where the coat had been cut away from my wound, I saw the rents all darned and patched with pack thread. In her hand was the mirror I had given her...



Lace Coats. Now that winter's end has come, women's thoughts are already beginning to turn to lighter wraps, and no linings be passed than the lace coat...

Care of the Hands. You can't have pretty hands without the most careful manuring of the nails and taking care of the skin in cold weather or where any housework is necessary.

Hints For the Girls. Some one has suggested fifteen things that every girl can learn before she is fifteen. Not every one can learn to play or sing or paint well enough to give pleasure to her friends...

Princess a Needlewoman. Needlework always was popular among old-fashioned women in England and Canada, but it has fallen sadly into desuetude here. There is a chance, however, that all Americans who set their watches by the clock of St. James' will find renewed interest in the little bit of steel when they learn the Princess of Wales is one of the most accomplished needlewomen in either hemisphere.

Make Him Comfortable. A man must feel that he can thoroughly enjoy himself in his own quiet way before he will stay at home on every possible night, says the Philadelphia North American. If your husband feels like having a smoke or game of cards with his friends, let him have it at home, and do not drive him to seek such pleasure elsewhere by complaining about the extra work and trouble.

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WORDS OF WISDOM: Peace on earth waits for the peace from heaven. There will be good will in all when God's will is over all.

What the Siamese Eat. Siamese food principally consists of dried, frequently rotted, fish and rice, done into curries which comprise a little of about every kind of condiment, and especially a very popular sauce called namphrik, a chutney-like and thoroughly mixed thing made of red pepper, shrimp, garlic, onions, ginger and tamarind seeds.

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Advice For Niggers. There is the woman who nags, and many do without being conscious of it. She is often perfectly well bred in all other respects, but she loves her husband so that she can't help but ply him with questions. The whys and wheres and whens and 'I told you so' become a daily routine which exhausts the patience of the best of men.

A Valuable Suggestion. Many neighborhoods may have good road building material right at home and not know it. A sample sent to the Bureau of Chemistry, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. will be examined and reported upon. It may be that you can get good roads at a very slight cost.



GOOD ROADS. A paper read before the Engineers' Club, of Philadelphia, General Roy Stone, director of the Office of Road Inquiry in the United States Department of Agriculture, discussed 'Various Phases of the Road Question,' says Municipal Engineering. From data obtained from over 10,000 letters of inquiry sent out from his office, General Stone deduced certain figures, referring to the average length of haul from the farms to market or shipping points, the average weight of load hauled and the average cost per ton for the whole length of the haul. The figures, tabulated, are as follows:

Table with 4 columns: Group of States, Average Length of Haul, Average Weight of Load Hauled, Average Cost per Ton. Includes 'Eastern' and 'Middle Southern States'.

Assuming the correctness of the data, and using the census return of farm products and forest and mineral outputs, and estimating incidental traffic, General Stone arrives at a total of 313,349,227 tons as representing the total annual movement over country roads. At the average cost, \$3.02 per ton, the grand annual cost of haulage on public roads amounts to \$946,414,065. Not including the loss of perishable products for want of access to market when prices are good, and the uselessness of cultivating certain products which depend upon the markets being always accessible, statistics of the cost of operating foreign highways, and the data obtained from the use of the few good roads existing in this country, would indicate that nearly two-thirds of the above cost is directly chargeable to bad roads.

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Lace is seldom used with the cloth skirt. The combination of fur with contrasting fur is a fad of the season. The collarless coat has seen its day. The new coats have collars. Some have deep ones that will turn up and keep the ears warm. Except on elderly ladies, bonnets are rarely seen now that turbans are fashionable and universally becoming. They are small, medium and large, and are simply covered with folds of crepe or mourning silk. Embroidered leathers are fashionable with furs. They appear in self or contrasting tones. Embroideries, shaded in the shades of the color of the garment, are used. The leather collars and cuffs are not used entire, but bound with fur. Face veils may or may not be worn, according to personal taste. Usually a thin mesh in a weave becoming to the wearer's complexion is brought just under the nose or to the tip of the chin. This face veil may have a trim border of crepe, too, if desired. A novelty mourning costume was one made of all crepe, trimmed with folds of soft silk. The skirt of this was cut with a deep circular flounce, headed top and bottom with flat trimmings of peau de soie, veiled with black mousseline. The bodice was simply relieved with narrow bands of silk. This makes a very handsome and elegant gown, and for a change is rather good, but the general effect is heavy, and would be ponderous for any but a large woman who could carry off the real and imaginary weight.