THE BIG FOUR by agatha Christie

South America nvestigation for calthy soap king, noted detective, triend. Hastings, for the money ofamain in London investigation of Poiret believes ion to be a gang of criminals. Budden-Poiret's bedroom emaciated stranger the room, mumblwas name and adobviously suffers unable to talk. leure 4 on a piece mgs connects this Big Four" that Poirot sing. At the menthe stranger starts sudsays. "Li Chang Yen!"

ates what follows: CHAPTER III

He had the look of a man sudwakened from sleep. Poirot sign to me not to speak. san went on. He spoke in a voice, and something nunciation made me feel was quoting from some en report or lecture.

Li Chang Yen may be regarded centing the brains of the Four. He is the controlling motive force. I have designat-Number Two is seldom ed by name. He is repreby an 'S' with two lines the sign for a dollar; to stripes and a star. It confectured, therefore, an American subject, a represents the power There seems no doubt umber Three is a woman, er nationality French. It is that she may be one of grens of the demi-monde, othing a known definitely.

fallowed and broke. leant forward.

face. Some overmastering seen the light.' seemed to be gaining the in features were distorted ating to me.

was right then. I was right.

ald miss it with a clear con-

he charge of Mrs. Pearson, we n by the skin of our teeth. ious. He would sit staring

We had a long fit of silence ist after we passed Woking. The ain, of course, did not stop anyare until Southhampton; but

Elizabeth City transportation Schedules

NORFOLK SOUTHERN

Bus Line orthbound Lv. '8:35 A.M.: 1:00, 4:40, 10:20 P.M. AM: 5:40, 11:00 P.M. Manten connection. Rakigh contraction.

Railroad orthbound-Lv. 3:07 P.M. withbound-Lv. 11:17 A.M.

BOAT SUHEDULES

Eshcii Car-Carolina Line Foot Colonial Avenue fon-Ni its, i P.M. Tuesday, Taunday Saturday.

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Smalay and Monday. ad Lake, Buffalo City, Gum

Alligator River Line N.S Dock Poot Burgess Street the M. Lewis Ivs. 9 A.M. Mon-475 and Thursdays.

Gum Neck & Alligator Line of Surry lys. foot Colonial hence 2 A M. Mondays and

Columbia Boat Line Foot Colonial Avenue ancy Le, 1v 12 noon Thursdays.

Foot Burgess Street en and C. H. Mallinson lv. P. M. Tuesdays, Thursdays,

adanthe, Avon. Buxton: Poot of Fearing Street be Jones iv. 3 P M. Wednesdays.

therefore, as Number Poirot prompted eagerly: "Number Four"? His eyes were fastened on the stranger's face. The latter gasped:

But I have been an imbecile. I outer one and went through to see clearly at last. It is undoubtedly the blessed saints who stopped his voice strangely agitated. the train. Jump, Hastings, but

jump. I tell you.' In an instant he had unfastened the carriage door, and jumped left him, but he was dead, and

"Throw out the suit-cases and jump yourself."

I alighted beside him, the train lately, and brought him back moved on. "And now Poirot," I said, in

some exasperation, "pehaps you will tell me what all this is about." "It is my friend, that I have

"That," I said, "is very illumin-"It should be," said Poirot, "but

I fear-I very much fear that it Then with a final convul- is not. If you can carry two of movement, he fell back in a these valises, I think I can manage the rest. Fortunately the train had stop-

ped near a station. A short walk trought us to a garage where we were able to obtain a car, and Carry him on to the bed in my half an hour later we were spinm I have not a minute to lose | ning rapidly back to London. would catch my train. Not Then, and not til then, did Poirot I want to catch it. Oh., that | qesign to satisfy my curiosity.

"You do not see? No more did But I gave my word. I But I see now. Hastings, I was being got out of the way.' "What!"

"Yes. Very cleverly. Both the away, and duly caught the place and the method were chosen with great knowledge and acufot was alternately silent and men. They were afraid of me."

"Who were?" "Those four geniuses who ha a dream apparently not hear-banded themselves together to cred in. a word that I said to him. work outside of the law. A Chinaman, an American, a Frenchwo-

man, and—another. Pray the good ons and commands upon me. God we arrived back in time here. Escaped last night, he did." nd urgs the necessity of constant | Hastings.

"You think there is danger to our visitor?"

"I am sure of it." Mrs. Pearson greeted us on arrival. Brushing aside her ecstasies st here it happened to be held of astonishment on beholding Poirot, we asked for information. It was reassuring. No one had called, and our guest had not

made any sign. With a sigh of relief we went up

cried Poirot suddenly. to the rooms. Poirot crossed the the inner one. Then he called me,

"Hastings, he's dead." I came running to join him. The man was lying as we had had been dead some time. I rushed out for a doctor. Ridgeway, I knew, would not have returned I obeyed him. Just in time. As yet. I found one almost immedwith me.

"He's dead right enough, poor chap. Tramp you've been be-triending, eh?"

"Something of the kind," said Poirot evasively. "What was the cause of death, doctor?" "Hard to say. Might have been

some kind of fit. There are signs of asphyxiation. No gas jet open,

"No electric light-nothing." "And both windows wide open, too. Been dead about two hours, I should say. You'll notify the proper people, won't you?"

He took his departure. Poirot did some necessary telephoning. Finally, somewhat to my surprise, he rang up our old friend Inspector Japp, and asked him if he could possibly come around.

No sooner were these proceedings completed than Mrs. Pearson appeared, her eyes as round as

"There's a man here from 'An--from the 'Sylum. Did you ever? Shall I show him up?" We signified assent and a big

burly man in uniform was usn-'Morning, gentlemen," he said cheerfully. "I've got reason to beheve you've got one of my birds

"He was here," said Poirot quietly. asked the keeper, with some con-

"Not got away again, has he?"

"He is dead." The man looked more relieved than otherwise. "You don't say so. Well, I dare

say it's best for all parties."

STAR SIGNALS

OCTAVINE

For persons who believe that human destiny is guided by the planet, the daily horoscope is outlined by a noted astrologer. In addition to information of personal interest, it outlines information of special interest to persons born on the designated dat 4.

NOVEMBER 3

Those born between June 21 and July 20 are most likely to be influenced by the vibrations out-

lined below for today. General Indications Morning-Harmonious. Afternoon-Practical.

Evening-Pleasurable. This is a good day. It should be good time to work and plan in the home and with food.

Birthdate Those whose birthdates fall on Nov. 3 should always be near someone they love, for they have

strong affections. Many changes are likely to take place from May through June. Avoid accident through travel of traffic by using care in all your actions. Strive to broaden your views and learn the attitude of those close to you.

Indications are good for January, 1937. Make plans and listen to the advice of relatives and neighbors. Travel should be ben-

Danger-Jan. 22 through 31.

Prose Rhapsody On Chowan November

Edenton, Nov. 2-Election may be here tomorrow and the fate of nations may be in the balance. but what's that got to do with yesterday? Never was there such a day in Chowan, a day to bring forth all the poetry in a man's soul, a day preceded by an equalgorgeous night with a full Halloween moon, mellowed in brilliant gold, with a rim of silver, its shadows carved out with clear distinctness, to make it all the more beautiful.

And about the countryside, tall trees stood forth like cathedral apires pointing sharp toward the skies. The breath of frost became apparent as the darkness waned and the guardian angels of the sky tripped softly about their task of putting the candles of the stars away. A sudden riot of color in the east and it was sunrise.

Squirrels scamperel after nuts in the oaked woods of Cowpen Neck. Fog hung softly over Bennett's Mill Pond as Frank Cale. dominic, punted off shore in a young and active mid-county daily quest for bass. Out Paradise way Father White and Henry Barber, superlative husbandmen of many acres heard the crows calling, and around Bear Swamp Nehemiah Bunch listened to the voice of crickets presaging a significent roar of soon-to-be silence. Around Rocky Hock, Bill Privott and Craig Haste got their dogs out on trial, and their keen baying echoed through the woods and lespedeza fields. And not even an absent shirt tail prevented Mayor Spires from remarking:

November, "Good morning, you're a great month."

Fisherman Gets Deer

Mt. Shasta City, Cal. (U.P.)-Ira Daulton combined a fishing and deer hunting trip. He first cast his line, then fixed the pole in a firm position with a stone and finally started off for deer. He found no deer while deer hunting but when he returned to the fishing pool found one swimming around his pole and bait.

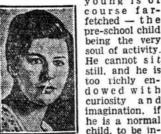
By Paul F. Berdanier BEGAN GIVING AN ANIMAL YOUR TOOTHACHE PRIMITIVE MAN BELIEVED THAT ILL-PRIMITIVE MAN BELIEVED TO NESS COULD BE TRANSFERRED TO ANIMALS - THE ROMANS WOULD WHISPER IN THE EAR OF A DON-KEY: "YOU TAKE MY TOOTHACHE!" A SURVIVAL IS THE CUSTOM OF RUB-BING A PIECE OF MEAT ON THE AIL-ING JAW AND GIVING IT TO A DOG OR CAT TO EAT. DRESS COAT BEAU BRUMMELL, ENGLISH DANDY OF THE EARLY 18TH CENTURY, WAS RECOGNIZED AS AN ARBITER OF GOOD TASTE, FROM ONE OF HIS CLOTHING DESIGNS WE GOT OUR MODERN DRESS COAT.

You and Your Child

Praise Child for His Efforts to Succeed

By JANE HERBERT GOWARD

COUR-YEAR-OLD PAUL is undergoing a change which his mother cannot quite fathom. She thinks he may be getting lazy. But the idea of laziness in a child so young is of



around him. then? Why suddenly does he turn to his mother to put on his shoes and socks and button his clothes? Why does he say, "I can't," when reproved for his helplessness? Yesterday he dropped something and asked mother to pick it up for him; he couldn't bend. time he could not open the door.

Paul's loss of interest in doing things for himself indicates a stubborn streak suggestive of the negative stage through which many children of his age pass. During this stage the child says "no" to everything, even when cake is passed and he wants a

This odd streak in Paul, like negativeness, often crops out when a child is subjected to too much supervision. Perhaps when Faul was pulling on his socks or buttoning his clothes his way, mother was in the habit of saying, "No. Paul, give it a twist the other way." Or. "How do you expect to do it right sitting down? Stand up." At the age of four a child's individuality definitely begins to assert itself. If he says, "I can't," when you know he can, it is a sign of rebellion.

Children like to do things by themselves and for themselves But no child can stand always being wrong. His "best" is an honest effort, regardless of what you may think of the result. It is the parent's place, therefore, to say something encouraging even when she cannot honestly give full praise.

NOVEL SWEATERS



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Above-The "tux twin' is anther version of the twin sweater.

n this a tuxedo coat sweater in brown is combined with a rust colored slipover in fancy stitch. Below-A brushed wool twin set consists of henna colored cardigan with action back and metal slide closing up the front posed over a brushed wool sweater shirt.

Driver Hits Dynamite, Lives

Bakersfield, Cal. (U.P.)Virgil Andrews, 35 thanked his lucky stars when he wound up safely in jail on charge of driving while intoxicated. He had collided with a geophysical research truckoaded with dynamite.

Euphonium Player Wanted Boston, (U.P.) - Boston University's band is without an euphon- and Mrs. Scott Benton, Mrs. Harium player. For two years the ry Moore Grimm, Miss Clara band has sought one, but to no Hearne, Mrs. Thelma Daughtery, avail. "We can't even find stu- Miss Mary McFarlin and Garland dents who can spell it, let alone Midgett. play it," bemoaned Bandmaster MacMullan.

Summer Visitor for 53 Years

claims the title "New England's come here for the past 53 con- tapers in silver holders. secutive summers. Three of his Dainty ices, cakes, salted nuts five children were born here.

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Autumn Breakfast Never Blouses of Muffed By Crisp Muffins Chiffon Are Back Again By JUDITH WILSON

WITH breakfast appetites perkings why not surprise your family the frosty nip in the air?

If you are worried about left-overs all you need do is to take a tip from English bakers and add a few drops of glycerine that will Finnan Hadd keep them moist and fresh for Poached Eggs days. You can reheat them later or toast them and no one will suspect they are not freshly made.

Date Muffins Sift 1% cups flour with 2 teaspoons baking powder and ½ tea-spoon salt. Cream 4 tablespoons and blend thoroughly. Add 1 well beaten egg, then the flour mixture fectioner's sugar and 1 tablespoon used for this type. Frequently, the until smooth. Cut pitted dates to broiler until the sugary coating make ½ cup and rub the pieces bubbles and browns lightly. Cut in well with 2 teaspoons glycerine. half and serve warm or let them had to the muffin mixture and cool slightly, if you want them hade in greased muffin tins in a extra nice.

satin.

An important angle in these well with 2 teaspoons glycerine. Half and serve warm or let them made frequently by blouse makers bake in greased muffin tins in a extra nice. bake in greased muffin tins in a extra nice. hot oven for 20 minutes.

The glycerine keeps the dates fresh and moist and prevents the muffins from molding, if you forget and leave them in the bread hox a day longer than you ex-

Jelly Muffins Make the muffin batter, following the above recipe with the exception of the dates. Fill greased nuffin tins 2/3 full of the plain batter. In the center of each place 1 teaspoon currant or grape jelly, pressing it slightly into the batter with the spoon. Bake in a hot oven 20 minutes. A teaspoon of peanut butter pressed into the center of each muffin also makes an interesting variation.

BREAKFASTS Fruit Plate with something extra special in Puffed or Flaked Cereal New York — It's a long, long the way of hot muffins, to offset Baked Eggs with Cheese Topping time since beaded chiffon blouses Bacon Popovers Coffee

Pineapple Juice Finnan Haddie Baked in Milk

Date Muffins

Coffee or Cocoa See if these muffins will not get to 45 minutes. Turn off the heat your morning off to a brighter and let the popovers stand in the

> Butter Crunch Muffins salt. Cream 4 tablespoons muffins as needed. Spread with add 4 tablespoons sugar the following mixture: Cream together 1/2 cup butter, 1 cup con-

alternately with 1 cup milk. Beat rum flavoring. Place under the fabric is brocaded upholstery

Breakfast Eggs

Grease muffin pans thoroughly and into each place 1 tablespoon milk. Break an egg into each break the yolk. Season with salt and pepper, and sprinkle over each egg 1 tablespoon fine buttered bread crumbs and 1 tablespoon grated cheese. Bake in a hot oven about 15 minutes. Serve with strips of bacon or for a luncheon dish with creamed peas or creamed sauted mushrooms. compartment, being careful not to or creamed sauted mushrooms and triangles of toast.

Potato Dumplings

Here is another use for left- it provides a change of front.

ver mashed potatoes, Cream 1 Have you noticed how hard it is Popovers

Beat 2 eggs slightly. Sift 2 cups flour, remeasure and sift again with ½ teaspoon salt, add to the reaten eggs alternately with 2 cups mashed potatoes and 1 cup cracker cups milk. Add 2 tablespoons melted butter. Beat with an electric beater if you have one. If not, beat and beat until the batter is smooth and full of bubbles. Have iron popover pans greased and sizzling hot. Fill 2/3 full of the batter 10 minutes or until the batter and bake in a hot oven 35 salt and ¼ teaspoon nutmeg and the peaten yolks of 4 eggs. Gradually combine with 2½ cups mashed potatoes and 1 cup cracker than the usual quota of crumbs. Sift in ½ cup flour and black or colored leathers with fold in the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Shape into balls with well - floured hands and insert 3 smooth and full of bubbles. Have ing stew, cover tightly and let boil sizzling hot. Fill 2/3 full of the about 10 minutes or until the batter and bake in a hot oven 35 dumplings are done.

H. Rountree, Mrs. F. H. Rountree,

Miss Sue Payne and Miss Irene

During the evening a number

of lovely vocal selections were

rendered by Gene Archer of Bal-

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corbitt spent

Miss Irene Corbitt was the week

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Walden and

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corbitt, Mrs.

C. H. Pierce, Mrs. J. E. Corbitt

and Miss Irene Corbitt attended

the Eastern Virginia Chirstian

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McCoy and

Woodrow McCoy spent Sunday in

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boards estimated to net \$540,000

a year in Fort Worth is advocated

by City Manager George D. Fair-

That was Fairtrace's reply to

city council query on what to do

Mrs. J. L. Pierce were recent guests of Mrs. W. W. Royall in

end guest of her sister, Mrs. Mills

Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Harry

Corbitt of Newport News.

Riddick, in Suffolk, Va.

Newport News, Va.

Thursday.

Norfolk.

Nixon at the piano.

Corbitt.

cluded jackets and vests. A fashion of this season which is making a style point of a special oven a few minutes to dry out type of fabric is the fashion for slightly before serving. material which contrasts with the Split and toast as many English gown. Brocades in rich subtle colors and a wide variety of colored thread patternings are being

By MLEANOR GUNN

were seen on smart women. That's

why they look so new and so very.

very different, whether in tunio

lengths or tuck-ins, or in some of

the in-between styles which in-

items to be worn with any gown. They are good to wear with streetlength dinner and cocktail frocks since they supply the dressy "top" so often wanted for this type of

however, that women seem to play safe by ordering a belt even with frocks intended to be minus one. It is not a bad idea, really, since

over mashed potatoes. Cream 1 Have you noticed how hard it is tablespoon butter, add 1 teaspoon to get anywhere near a belt counsalt and 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg and ter and how much gold one glimps or them? Gold helts are among

Sunbury Social

Mr and Mrs. Roy Parker and little daughter spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lewis in E.izabeth City.

Book Club Meets

Mrs. J. W. Nixon was hostess to the members of the Book club on Wednesday after noon at her home, which was attractively

decorated with fall flowers. During the business session books were exchanged and there was some discussion of new books to be put in the club at the next meeting. It was decided to buy only one book each for the next year, instead of two as in the past. After several progressions of rook a salad course was served by

the hostess, assisted by Mrs. S. E. Those present were: Mrs. Hate Hathaway, Mrs. G .H. Rountree. Miss Margaret Jordan, Mrs. L. Woolford, Mrs. Aubrey Corten, Mrs. H. G. Brown, Mrs. J. E. Grimm, Miss Bertha Hill, Mrs. J. E. Corbitt, Mrs. H. C. Benton, Mrs. Norfleet Cross, Mrs. F. N. Cross, Mrs. F. L. Pierce and Mrs.

S. E. Nixon. Miss Minnie Perry has returned home after spending some time with relatives in Hertford.

Halloween Party

The Sunbury High School students and teachers enjoyed a Halloween party Thursday evening at the school. The carnival, beauty contest and sale of refreshments netted a profit of \$48.42. Miss Eula Leary won the beauty contest and Marvin White was declared the best looking young man. Each of the contestants received a cake from the Home Economics department.

Other prize winners were: Ellen Edwards for the best costume, Frank Rice for the tackiest costume, Richard Jones in the hog calling contest, James Winslow in the cracker eating contest, Margaret Felton in the cake walk contest, Mrs. W. G. Byrum in the bean guessing contest, C. P. Hathaway and Burton Hathaway at the Bingo stand.

Lovely Reception

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Benton entertained a number of friends at a beautifully appointed reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Benton of Roanoke Rapids, whose marriage took place in Scotland Neck on October 15.

The home was lovely with masses of roses, dahlias and Mrs. William Nixon received at

the door and introduced the guests to the receiving line, in which were Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Benton, Mr.

Receiving in the hall were Mrs. L. Woolford, Mrs. F. L. Pierce and Mrs. S. E. Nixon.

In the dining room a color scheme of green and white was Rye Beach, N. H., (U.P.)-J. Leeds carried out. The table was covered Barroll of Gwyneed Valley, Pa., with a lovely lace cloth, with a center piece of white snapdragons oldest summer visitor." He has and ferns, flanked by tall white

and mints were served by Mrs. G.

with marble boards. The 2,000 privately owned machines now in Fort Worth bring an annual profit of more than half a million dollars to operators. The city manager said that sum would put the city welfare service in excel-

timore, acompanied by Miss Lidie lent condition. For years, officials in Fort Worth and other Texas cities have pondered the legality of slot machines and marble devices. Most arge Texas towns permit their operation in modified fashion pending the outcome of much-delayed litigation in the courts.

Fort Worth itself is marking time until the Texas court of criminal appeals defines the antigambling statue. Marble boards are operated throughout the city. Slot machines of the nickel-to-a quarter variety also are displayed prominently on the Frontier Centennial grounds and in some

night clubs. Police recently told city officials atly that they could do nothing Conference in South Norfolk as long as city licenses were issued for the skill-or-chance de-

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