

Handsome Cloth Is Quickly Crocheted



Pattern 5193

Here's Fun for you—and Beauty for your dinner or tea table—in a lacy pattern which you can crochet so easily of string. It won't take you any time at all to learn the "sample" square design, on which all the others are based, and to crochet a goodly number of squares. When you've enough, join them to make a beautiful table cloth, bedspread, dresser scarf or pillow cover. Then sit back and wait for compliments!

In pattern 5193 you will find complete instructions for making the square shown; an illustration of it, of the stitches needed; material requirements.

To obtain this pattern send 15 cents in stamps or coins (coins preferred) to The Sewing Circle Household Arts Dept., 259 W. Fourteenth St., New York, N. Y. Write plainly pattern number, your name and address.

Hard Game

Cracked skulls and broken arms are not unusual among players of Jai Alai, the Spanish game. Players have to handle a ball half the size of a baseball and almost as hard as a golf ball at terrific speed. A "softer" game was needed for less reckless athletes. So American "soft ball" is being introduced.

OUR COMIC SECTION

Events in the Lives of Little Men



THE TRAGEDY OF FINDING OUT THE FICKLENESS OF WOMEN

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Floyd Gibbons Adventurers' Club Hello Everybody!



"Room 21"

By FLOYD GIBBONS Famous Headline Hunter

FROM the hair-raising and blood-curdling to the weird and eerie, these adventure yarns strike all the keys in the scale of human emotions. Here's one that's bizarre and gruesome as well, and packed full of a sort of danger that would make any man shiver in his boots. Frank Ritno of New York tells it—the story of a true and terrifying experience that happened to him in 1931.

In June, 1931, Frank Ritno was a junior clerk in a small hotel in Manhattan's Roaring Forties. He came down to work at eight o'clock one morning, destined to walk into the most fateful moment of his life—the strange episode of Room 21. It may be that you have read some of the details of that story in the newspapers. But here is the yarn, told for the first time by its principal character.

"When I arrived in the lobby," says Frank, "I found that both the elevator operator and the bell-hop were ill. That left no one but myself and the switchboard operator on the main floor, so I settled down to a busy morning running the elevator, answering calls, and taking care of the desk.

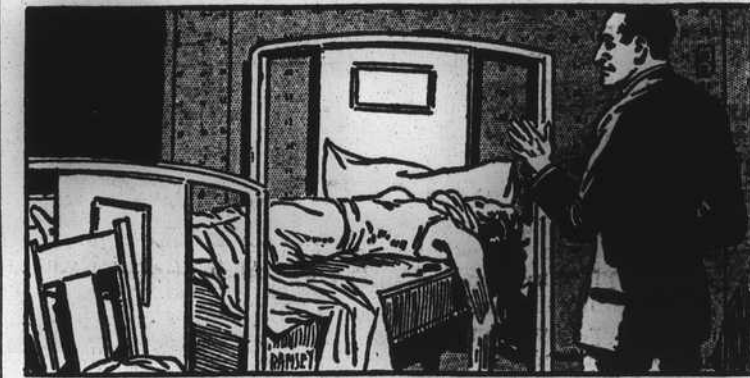
"It is customary for hotel guests who go to business to leave a steady call for a certain time every morning. At 9:05 a. m. the telephone operator told me that Room 21 did not answer. I knew that one of two young women who occupied that room had got a job just a few days before, so I went upstairs to knock at her door. There was no response to that knock—or to several others."

Decides to Open Door With Pass Key.

Frank figured that the girl was sound asleep. He knew she needed her job, and he didn't want to see her lose it for being late. He decided to open the door with a pass key and see to it that she was awakened. He got the key from downstairs and went in.

"The door," he says, "closed automatically behind me. It was an airshaft room with the curtain drawn—pitch dark inside. I couldn't see a thing, but I had an idea where the light-switch was. I groped until my hand found it. The lights flashed on. The glare made me blink. And when I opened them, I saw a sight that I will never forget.

"On the bed lay one of the occupants of the room, scantily clad, her head and body frightfully bruised and discolored. Her tongue, livid and



Frank Saw a Sight He Would Never Forget.

blackened, protruded from between swollen lips, and her face was covered with a mass of clotted blood.

Tries to Restore Girl to Life.

"As I stared at her horror stricken, I thought I saw her move. I went over to the bed and noticed, for the first time, that a bath towel had been wrapped tightly around her throat. I snatched it away—started to give her first aid. That was my biggest mistake."

In vain Frank worked to restore the breath of the girl's lungs. Finally, he knew the truth—the girl was dead. He went back to the elevator and ran it down to the main floor. He told the switchboard operator, who immediately called an ambulance and ran outside to get a policeman. Inside of fifteen minutes the hotel swarmed with policemen in uniform, plainclothesmen and detectives, reporters, photographers, ambulance attendants.

"And last, but not least," says Frank, "the Medical Examiner."

Police Grill Frank About Murdered Girl.

The Medical Examiner went to work and announced that the girl had been murdered. He found a lot of things that didn't quite look right. The victim had been moved recently. Someone had been tampering with the body. The detectives went to work too. They found Frank's fingerprints all over the place.

The detectives asked Frank a few questions. Then they took him to headquarters where he was grilled by a police inspector and an assistant district attorney. Frank told them what he knew—but it didn't make a very convincing story. When he was through, he saw his questioners exchange a couple of significant glances. "And suddenly," he says, "I realized I was in a tough spot."

The shrewd questioning of the police had brought out a lot of facts that Frank had never thought of before. His wife was away, and he had slept at the hotel that night. His fingerprints were found, not only on the girl's body, but even on the towel with which she had been strangled. Frank could feel himself getting hot all over. His face was red, and he knew he must look the very picture of guilt. He had to think now as he had never thought before if he wanted to convince these cops of his innocence. And if he couldn't—a trial—and the electric chair.

Sees Electric Chair Looming Ahead.

Again the detective inspector was questioning him while the assistant district attorney looked on and took notes. Again Frank had to repeat his story, and as they went back over it, it seemed to him that he was not giving the same answers he had in the first place. He was getting more and more confused. With every word he was getting himself deeper into a tangle of suspiciously conflicting statements. Again Frank saw the grim outlines of the electric chair looming up before his eyes. Then—an interruption!

A detective walked into the office, a big grin on his face, and announced—that he had caught the murderer! The girl's own roommate had killed her in a fit of drunken fury. When the detective started to question her, she broke down and confessed. "Relieved?" asks Frank. "And how!"

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THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne

Alarming Situation



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin

The Mind Reader



Smiles

An Improvement "You are pretty dirty, Mary," said the master to his maid. She blushed. "Yes, sir, but I'm more pretty when I'm clean," she said.

Unanimous Said the young man: "Do you think your father would object to my marrying you?" "I don't know," she replied coldly. "If he's anything like me he would."

Pop Was "It" Teacher—Name the seven wonders of the world. Johnny — I only know one of them and that was papa when he was a little boy.

Why Bother? A backwoods woman of the Middle West, the soles of whose feet had been toughened by a lifetime of shoelessness, was standing in front of her cabin fireplace one day when her husband addressed her.

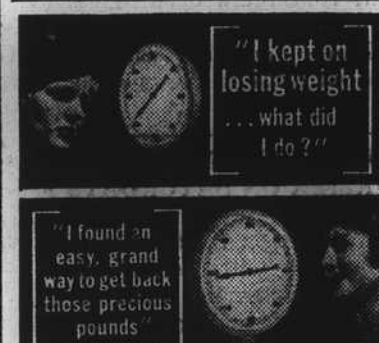
"You'd better move your foot, maw; you're standin' on a live coal."

Said the woman, nonchalantly: "Which foot, paw?"

Beware Coughs from common colds That Hang On

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