How 66 Loveable Waif' Won the Leopard's Spot —and Many Millions

Then He Was Christened in Those of the They're changing guard at Duck-Christopher Robin went down with Alice.

Affice is marrying one of the guard.

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"A soldiers life is servible hard,"

Rays Alice.

ODAY little Christopher Gilbert Tyson is one of the luckiest children in the world, A few months ago he was merely a plaintivelooking, lovable mite in a big, hospital-like room of white beds and bluefrocked nurses-a room through which, from time to time, handsome men and lovely, sweet-smelling women passed. Sometimes the women paused at Christopher's bed and picked him up.

One day a woman, younger and more charming than the rest, walked toward Christopher's cot. He wasn't, of course, Christopher then — he hadn't been named at all-but maybe in some dim, infant way he sensed that in the person of this youthful, fashionably cowned matron lurked his destiny.

Anyway, he smiled his winsomest, toold his brightest. When Mrs. John L. Tyson—for that was the visitor's name-entered the ward her eyes were bired, discouraged. It had been a long mearch, through scores of orphan asylums and institutions for infants of all kinds. She wanted to adopt a son, but she had rather definite ideas about the

Mr. and Mrs. John L. Tyson, Who Searched Far and Wide For an Ideal Son to Adopt. They Named Him Christopher, After "Christopher Robin" in A. A. Milne's Poem, "Buckingham Palace," an Excerpt From Which is Shown at Left. kind of a son she wanted to take the

imposing Tyson name and share the

imposing Tyson millions. Then she saw a curly tow-head, a high-hearted smile and a pair of violet eyes. "That's the one," she said quite firmly, and walked straight toward the swaddled youngster who was about to become Christopher Tyson.

Mrs. Tyson, twenty-one and married two years, was Miss Natalie Emlen two years, was Miss Natalie Emlen Hutchinson, granddaughter of E. T. Stotesbury, millionaire Philadelphia banker. Her whole family is notably "blue book," while she varies her brilliant social activities between New York, Philadelphia and Europe. Her wedding in 1927 was the outstanding affair of the season. affair of the season.

Of course, there was rejoicing in the Tyson household when baby Christo-pher—named after Christopher Robin in A. A. Milne's poem, "Buckingham Palace"—was made son and heir. Mrs. Tyson had always longed for a boy just like him. For baby's christening gown she had a garment fashioned by the nuns in a Belgian convent—a christening robe which was an exact replica of the one worn by a Spanish in-



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Shows the Spanish Infanta, Margaret.
Baby Christopher Tyson's Christening
Robe Was Copied After the Garment
Worn By this Daughter of

fanta once painted by Velasquez. Thus an unknown little boy, whose parentage and antecedents are known only to Mr. and Mrs. Tyson and the officials of the institution from which he came, was decked out in regal splendor to assume a name that connotes wealth and pride.

When Christopher entered the Ty son household he superseded a strange pet, taking the place in the affections of the master and mistress which had been held-by a leopard cub! Mrs. Ty son always has loved pets. Of course, a baby boy is the ideal object upon which to lavish affection, in her estimation, but before he came she used to sleep in the same room with a young leopard straight from the African jungles. The beast died and Mrs. Tyson was so grief-stricken that her husband promptly bought her an

Christopher's advent of course made it necessary to dispose of the savage-looking feline. The leopard was getting older every day and reverting

Here's Another Little Poor Boy Adon + By a Pinh Mother— Irs. Joseph Boyer, of Detroit. In Thia Proc. of December to Be Gazing Wonderingly At the Leopard Whose Place in the Affections of Mrs. Tyson Was Won by Infant Christopher.

nore and more from bouncing ball of kit-tenish fur to a haughty and ferocious jungle queen. It wouln't do to have a child in the house and the leopard too. So the leopard was presented to the zoo. So now Christopher

reigns supreme - with only a dog and eat remaining to keep him company. Both of the animals, says Mrs. Tyson, are extremely jealous. Especially does "Sugar Plum," the dog stranger. "He just hates Christopher e young society leader explains. "His barks of jealousy are heard whenever Christopher comes on the scene."

Mrs. Tyson, before her marriage was interested in art and in dancing Her grace and ability made her o favored performer in amateur the atricals and benefit performances. As a debutante she was the star of many Junior League affairs, and had she cared for a professional career, a num ber of producers would have been willing to give her a stellar role in musical comedy.

At the well-known Charity Ball at the Philadelphia Academy of Music a few years ago Mrs. Tyson—then Miss Hutchinson—"stopped the show" with her solo adagio turn. When rumors were going the rounds that she was thinking of using her talent in a serious way she announced her engage ment to Mr. Tyson. Their wedding was a dazzling spectacle.
Soon after she adopted little Crhisto

Informal Photo of Mrs. Tyson Fondling the Leopard Cub She Adored Before
Baby Christopher's Advent.

foster father when he heard what was suggested. "One is enough. We're going to lavish on Christopher every care, give him every advantage. But we aren't going to adopt any more. Never in the wide, wide world

it is sure to cause us to be deluged with requests to take other children. and we have absolutely no such inten-

Meanwhile the pet leopard, who surrenderd his place, albeit unwillingly, to Christopher, is pacing her eage in the Philadelphia Zoo. Perhaps she is consumed with jealous fury and has revenge in her heart. Or it may be that gle feline is only deeply hur?

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tended services only at irregular inter-

Mr. Gray stated recently, when inter-

age man and that he did not mind being known as "average." The big-

years since he was first named the

Mr. "Gray, however, is quick to admit that he has changed in several ways.

"My experience has given me a broader view of everything," Mr. Gray said. "I am more careful of what I

do, because I realize that a great deal of attention has centered on me since

the publicity was given me as the aver-

Two years ago Mr. Gray stated that in his opinion Lindbergh was the greatest living American, Walter Johnson the greatest baseball player of all

time and that he believed in a man "scratching his ticket" at election

time. He states that he has not changed

his mind about any of these things.

When asked how he planned to raise himself above the "average" place he now holds, he said that he hoped sometime to have several stores instead

of the one he now owns.

When asked what he considered the chief element of success, he paused for

fault, efforts or accomplishments of

"How would I advise young men and women to attain success? Whatever you do—do hard. That means plenty

"And what part do I think money plays in one's success?" Once more

regardless of the salary or fame."
The average man was next asked

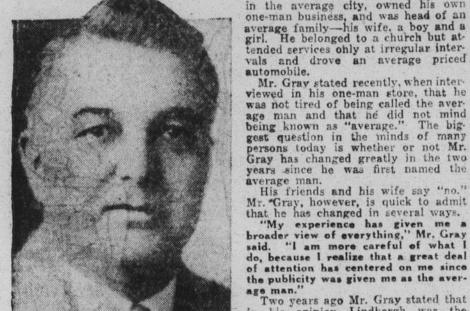
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His friends and his wife say "no."

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ROY L. GRAY Chosen Two Years Ago As the "Average

PITHY PARAGRAPHS "My experience as the 'average American' has given me a broader

view of life. "About success - whatever you do, do hard.

"Make people like you. "Money is the least important part of the successful life.

"A person's greatest chance at happiness is in doing the thing he likes to do, regardless of the salary or fame.

-"Roy Gray."

TT was just two years ago in November that Roy L. Gray, of Fort Madison, lowa, was named the Average American and after two years of world wide publicity, he appears unchanged.

Mr. Gray was chosen as the Average American citizen after months of search by magazines and newspapers in this country. The selection of an average man came shortly after Fort Madison's selection as the Average

American city. He was chosen as the average man because he lived on the average street

## -Says the - "Average American Citizen

whether or not he considered it an vals and drove an average priced honor to have been selected as the average man.

"Some writers have suggested that I viewed in his one-man store, that he was not tired of being called the avershould resent the fact that I was named 'average' I do not. I was proud of the distinction and would not take a good deal for the experience it has gest question in the minds of many persons today is whether or not Mr. Gray has changed greatly in the two brought me.

Mr. Gray's wife stated two years ago that her husband was above the average as a husband and father, and today she stated that she still believes this. pher, thereby gratifying a yearning she had had since girlhood, people whispered that the Tysons were considering the adoption of several other

children.
But—"Heavens, no"! exclaimed the

Editor Las E. Well

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## By CLARE MURRAY-Girl Poet-Artist Phantom (On the Riverbank)



"And I stalked a spectre all that night."

TER voice was so cool when she answered me Over the telephone. One would never have known From a word or a tans That she lied. But I saw her, I saw .... Bitter rain and wind cutting I fought the phantom. raw) ... That evening she wasn't alone.

She stepped from a cab before me And he bowed as he helped her alight.

sight Under a blue-lit dome. The word that she murmured, "Home,"

I T was beaten into my brain. My eyesight blurred. And my heart drained while, And I stalked a spectre all that night Like a madman in the rain.

At dawn it fled. What if the full-blown rose is dead? The dove has flown. My heart is shed. The music of life is a monotone.

And, laughing, they passed from my But many a night, awake, I've lain And heard the bitter and blinding It seems to me that its teardrops lave The dark wild highlands that hold Love's grave.

The ABC's of General Knowledge

**Our Ten Best Motion Picture Customers** 

Based on the Total Number of Linear Feet of Film Purchased by These Foreign Countries During 1928. Motion Picture Division, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, and the Film Daily. Chart By FRELING FOSTER Australia Is the Largest Foreign User of American Argentina Movies-and Has Been for 20,000,000 Several Years! fully a minute.

"Well, in the first place, I want to say that no one knows better than I that the publicity given me as the Average American was through no Linear Feet Australia ..... 25,400,562 Argentina ...... 20,161,142 15,000,000 16,464,410 "I can hardly be called an expert on giving 'success' talks, but I believe a man's best chance at success is in making people around him like him and in order to do that he must do 11,219,271 Canada ...... 8,814,462 8,662,988 France ..... 2...... 8.240,266 7.932.747 Spain ..... 6.227,686 10,000,000 plays in one's success?" Once more the famous average citizen paused before answering. "It may sound funny, but it's always been my own idea that money was the least important part of a successful life. I've always liked to think that I'd do what I wanted to do in life regardless of the money concerned. After 25 years in business," Mr. Gray is 43, "I still think that a person's greatest chance at happiness is in doing the thing he likes to do, regardless of the salary or fame." 5,000,000 @1929