

THE WORD ON FRANK SINATRA
PEEKABOO BRIGITTE BARDOT

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THE WORD ON SINATRA, the man and the voice, is an important part of the November PLAYBOY. Long popular with our readers (see Jazz Poll results, any year) as well as our editors. Sinatra is explored as an American phenomenon and love god in a three-dimensional study by Robert George Reisner, Curator of the Institute of Jazz Studies in New York and co-author of our probing essay on Bird (January 1957).

Bardot returns like the best and most beautiful of boomerangs in a series of photographs that reveal her, bit by bit, to the appreciative eyeballs of PLAYBOY readers. Those eyeballs will likewise linger, we trow, over Joan Staley, our TV Playmate for November.

Wilfred Funk, a learned limb of a lavishly lexiconed family tree, writes of worldly words in his delightful What's the Bad Word? Beat poet Lawrence Ferlinghetti is synthesized and satirized by John D. Keelauver in the poem-parody, Oh Well What the Hell.

The Marvelous Lover, a work of fiction alternately moving and amusing, leads off this month's PLAYBOY: it is written by a charming lady book-editor, Joyce Engelson. After his first bow as a PLAYBOY fictioneer last month, Ken Purdy follows up with the short (dare we say punchy?) story, A Soch in the

Jaw. Popular Henry Slesar, he of the grimly inventive mind, describes an unusually repellent – but fascinating – situation in *The Jam*.

The holidays are all but upon us. Hence, Tom Mario has provided hearty festival menus involving Fair Game, and grandiloquent gifts for male and female recipients are suggested here and there throughout the issue. Skiing is an appropriately festive sport, we think: that's why we go into the subject - fashionwise, gearwise and schusswise - by way of an engaging article by Fred Iselin (Co-Director of the Aspen Ski School in Colorado) and our own Associate Publisher A. C. Spectorsky, adventurous amateur par excellence. Iselin and Spectorsky are the authors of a book that has been the skier's bible for the past 12 years; they have recently updated it, and Simon & Schuster are bringing it out soon as The New Invitation to Skiing, This snowy subject quite naturally brings to mind Shel Silverstein's experiences in Switzerland: he delineates them for us this month.

Add to these attractions some sensuous greeting cards, a clutch of Party Jokes, a glittering gaggle of cartoons, and you will have conjured up a shimmering image of this memorable November number.



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DEAR PLAYBOY

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COVER GIRL

Who was that wonderful creature on the cover of your July issue? Please make her your next Playmate.

Walter E. Magnolia Rockaway Beach, New York

Putting that little honey on the cover and then not following through with a spread inside is, as far as I am concerned, nothing short of criminal. Take off her sunglasses and make her a Playmate!

> R. E. Stinson Mayfield, Michigan

Let's have more, more, more of the absolute doll on your July cover, so we can find out who she is.

> W. J. McClements Dubuque, Iowa

I have just finished reading, from cover to cover, your July issue, and nowhere did I find the slightest hint as to the name of the playful looking piece of pulchritude on the front cover. What is she called?

> Tony Sherman Milwaukee, Wisconsin

July's cover girl is called Joyce Nizzari; her home is Miami and she'll be the Playmate in December.

SILVERSTEIN AND FRIEND

The August 25th issue of *Time* included an item on Caitlin Thomas, widow of the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, and her boyfriend Giuseppe Fazio, who



were touring the United Kingdom together. This guy Fazio looks exactly like an unidentified fellow seated beside your cartoonist Shel Silverstein in a photo in his spread on Italy in the June PLAYBOY. Since *Time* reports that Fazio is a Sicilian aviator, I'm wondering if they are one and the same.

Charles Milton New York, New York

They are. Shel lived with Fazio while in Rome, reports, "Joe Fazio is one of the most fabulous guys I've ever met. You wouldn't believe some of the adventures we had together and if just half of the stories he tells are true, he's one of the great lovers of our time. This picture of Joe and me and a friend was taken at the Taverna Margutta, the restaurant where Joe and Caitlin met just a few days later."

PENTHOUSE JAZZ

Leonard Feather's article, Six Records in Search of a Penthouse, was about the Phoniest (with a capital P) I have read in a long while. Some guys will undoubtedly read, with relish, Frank Sinatra's personal choices, and believe that Sinatra made those selections himself. Incredible! The worst part of the whole mess is where Peggy Lee describes Bach. I gagged.

Alan Kushnir Chicago, Illinois

Frank's and Peggy's choices and comments were their own.

Johnny Mathis comes on too big to be put down with disdain by Sinatra, as quoted in your Six Records piece. Does Frankie think he had the same quality and phrasing at Johnny's age?

Irving Codron Los Angeles, California

Like, cheers for Leonard Feather and his Six in Search.

Gordon Heady San Diego, California

After reading Meet the Playboy Reader, I gave up being one, since I was nowhere to be found in your survey! However, there were empty spaces on my wall where my May and June Playmates would have been. When July rolled around, I decided to be big about it, so now I have Linné looking down at me while I am reading Six Records in Search of a Penthouse. I agree with most of the

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Don Elliott (Musician without a penthouse) New York, New York Don, meet a fan . . .

I have recently returned from the Newport Jazz Festival and was pleased with the general excellence of the jazz played there and the public acceptance of it. I was impressed by the improvement in performances over previous years and especially liked Billy Taylor, Urbie Green and Don Elliott, Elliott is, in my opinion, one of the greatest jazzmen of our time and I don't understand why he isn't given greater recognition in a magazine such as yours that devotes so much space to jazz.

> Jack Berman Brooklyn, New York

We dig Don too, Jack, and have nominated him for both trumpet and miscellaneous instrument (vibes and mellophone) in all three Jazz Polls.

POLAR PLAYBOY

It may interest you to know that the copy of PLAYBOY enclosed was in the wardroom of the USS Skate when she made her historic voyage in the Arctic Ocean. The entertainment provided herein was a valuable source of relaxation during this stressing and tensionfilled period.

Lt. R. I. Arnest, MC, USN USS Skate (SSN578)

BEAVERS

In the July issue of PLAYBOY (used professionally in this office to help in the selection of feminine office personnel), my attention was caught by a photograph on page 25 depicting members of the male sex, for a change. This pride of



beavers was a noble group indeed, but in my opinion, there was one grievous omission; the puss of the distinguished Mr. Oscar Ogg, Vice-President in charge of Art for many years at the Book-of-



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Bennett Cerf, President Random House New York, New York

MUD

I wish to point out that I'm not a pudgy pile of mud. Not that I would object to being one. There's nothing wrong with a pudgy pile of mud. But your misguided and befuddled and bepiffled scribbler seems to think there's something discreditable about a pudgy pile of mud and so he calls me a pudgy pile of mud. Only an illiterate, alcoholic garbage-can would stoop that low! And I say that more in sorrow than in anger. But I also say the perpetrator of that article is nothing but a pusillanimous liar, a peewee liar, an expert, automatic, hydrolic, revolving, roundthe-clock liar, and his statement that I'm a pudgy pile of mud is an obvious, willful, deliberate, malicious, meaningless, stale and distorted misrepresentation made out of whole cloth! Never in my entire history have I been a pudgy pile of mud, or even attempted to be one. My entire biography brands it a lie. Ask that psychotic mudslinger how come females all over town make passes at me! Ask him how come they call me ADORABLE TEDDY-BEAR and SAUCE PIQUANTE and SULTRY. DEVASTATING THEODORE (now BROTHER Theodore). Just ask him how come!

Brother Theodore New York, New York

JAZZ FOR A CHAMP

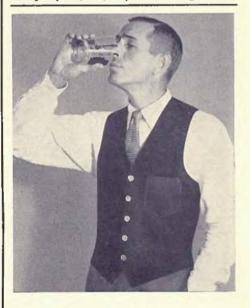
Did you know about this photo that was sent out by UP showing Lightweight



Champion Joe Brown selecting jazz music to help him relax the day before his successful title defense against Kenny



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FOR MEN

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Wes Wise, Sports Director WFAA-TV Dallas, Texas

SICK

Whatever you do, let's have more of Jules Feiffer. I haven't seen anything so funny since the hogs are my brother.

Sgt. Paul S. Murtha, USMC NTC Bainbridge, Maryland Cartoonist Jules Feisfer is a regular contributor to these pages.

THE SLINGS AND EROS

I've been a reader of PLAYBOY since your first issue, but nothing has impressed me quite as strongly as the article by John Keats, Eros and Unreason in Detroit. I congratulate you and Mr. Keats for bringing out the truth, which is so badly needed. My only wish is for everyone who owns or plans to own a car to read this article.

William Williams Memphis, Tennessee

My sincerest congratulations to John Keats for *Eros and Unreason in Detroit*. This is unequivocally the most incisive invective ever written about Detroit.

Richard A. Brass
M.I.T.
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Read with interest John Keats' "opinion," Eros and Unreason in Detroit. I must say it is (as are all of Mr. Keats' opinions) the product of a warped and secondary mind!

> J. Michael Conte Rochester, New York

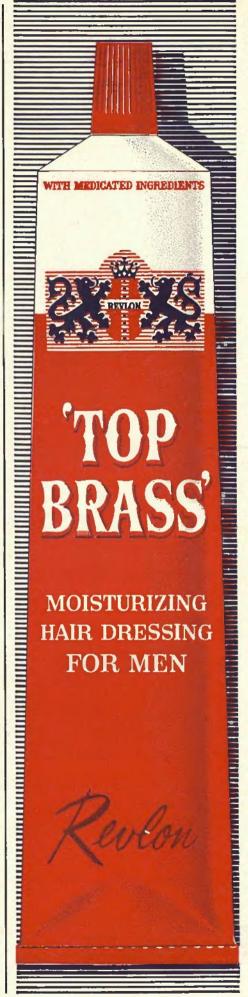
Mr. Keats' article is indeed an "opinion" article, and one with which we cannot agree. Cadillac has for many years built motor cars of a type preferred by our valued customers.

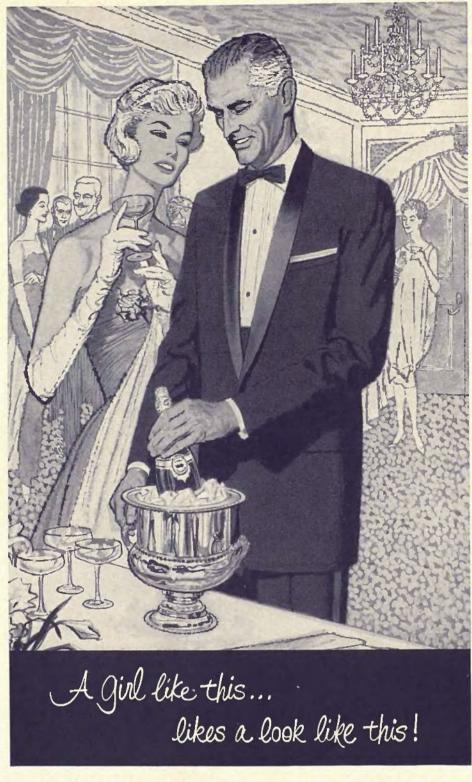
W. T. LaRue Merchandising Manager Cadillac Motor Car Division Detroit, Michigan

Keats sounds like a man on fire. May he destroy every phallus, fin and falsie from Detroit. Marvelous article!

Todd Beck Kalamazoo, Michigan

John Keats' colorful if occasionally overdrawn article is a justifiably violent reaction to the esthetic and functional deterioration of the American automobile. Let me interject a note of optimism in what he draws as the blackest possible picture of the industry and its future. True, styling directions have been endorsed which contributed to the





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degeneration of the automobile to its almost absurd present state. I know, however, that there is sufficient design and production talent in Detroit to produce the automobiles we will like in the future and which we will buy. The core of today's problem is Detroit's underestimation of the level and precise nature of public taste. The accretion of styling horrors committed in the name of "giving the public what it wants" is the result of lack of judgment and not of engineering and design talent. In no uncertain terms the public is now telling the automobile industry what it does not want by its resistance to buying the present cars. In my opinion the American people have always wanted, and still want, a safe, lean, graceful, comfortable, fun-to-drive, economical car. There are designerengineer combinations who are eager to see these built if some manufacturer will give them approval. The ideal automobile would be equipped with brakes that do not fade; with a steering gear that revives that forgotten driving luxury, the feel of the road; a suspension to improve the car's roadability; finally. quality production to match advertising claims.

Raymond Loewy New York, New York

Mr. Keats' opinions are sound, mere sound. He would do well to observe an old adage, "Put brain in gear before engaging mouth," or in this case, typewriter.

E. Thomas Daniel Montebello, California

Eros and Unreason in Detroit is an accurate expression of my own feelings relative to auto buying. That our economy is based on such ritualistic grovelings should frighten perceptive people.

Felix C. Gotschalk, Jr. New Orleans, Louisiana

Although I agree with some of the points in John Keats' article, I have never felt the slightest inclination to seduce a Cadillac.

Russell Bridges Tulsa, Oklahoma

Come, come, men. Sex in the fold-out and in the cartoons, but interwoven into an article on automobiles . . . that's too much.

> Tom Whitmore WWCA Gary, Indiana

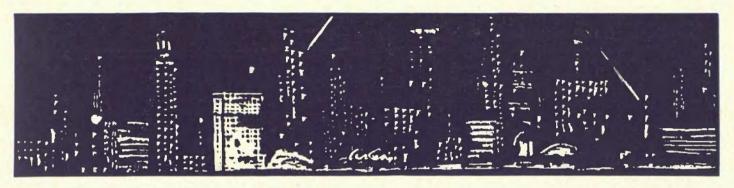
John Keats makes Voltaire sound like a writer of romantic sonnets. Intriguing

Andrew S. Tomb, M.D. Victoria, Texas

More on Detroit next month.



PLAYBOY AFTER HOURS



While scouting for the snazzy holiday gift items that appear elsewhere in this issue, we ran into a few grand giveables which, while not ideal for the urban young man or his playmate, would obviously gladden the heart of someone, somewhere. Like so: for the busy man who totes his lunch on busy days, a lunch kit and matching vacuum bottle with attractive Zorro drawings (full-color action scenes) on the side. From Toujours Manure, two pounds of vitaminpacked cow manure, loaded with CD (chlorophyll derivatives) and packed in attractive Christmas wrapping. A Rust Map of the United States (suitable for framing) showing the different rates at which rust eats through an uncoated steel test panel - in all cities over 10,000 population. For the handy man, a standard-and-Phillips reversible screwdriver that comes with matching tie clasp and cuff links set with miniature replicas. For the happy home owner, a Rain-Vert Downspout Diverter for-uh-diverting downspouts. And the ne plus ultra: a single-control, clutchless, hydraulic No. 904 Hog Dehairer that dehairs up to 125 hogs an hour. Should you be at a loss for hairy hogs, they're yours at \$195 per porker or \$155 in larger quantities, the perfect companion for the dehairing machine. Joyeux Noël.

Satirist Harry Purvis swears that, according to his research, today's so-called movie villain isn't really a villain at all. Fact is, says Harry, he's kind of a loveable guy, all abrim with virtue. As support for his oddball thesis, our friend offers the following chunks of dialog, more or less culled from memorable moments on the silver screen.

SENSITIVE: "Blackmail is an ugly word, Senator Goodliver. That last insult will cost you just ten thousand more." SYMPATHETIC: "You say the boy is dead? I am most sorry to hear this. In experimenting, I must have taken too much blood."

GENEROUS: "I am prepared to pay handsomely for your country's atomic secrets, Captain Mannering."

CONSIDERATE: "Turn up the radio, Monk. We wouldn't want the young lady's screams to disturb the neighbors."

FUN-LOVING: "What say we get some of the boys together and run the new preacher out of town?"

RELIGIOUS: "Take the foreign intruders to the Temple of Pappi! They will serve well as sacrifices to the Great God Moola!"

POPULAR: "To run away is quite uscless, my dear. I have friends everywhere." STRAIGHTFORWARD: "You realize, of course, that I cannot possibly permit you to live."

FASTIDIOUS: "Out of my way, pig of a peasant! I do not wish to stain my blade with the blood of one such as you."

FATHERLY: "These simple natives are like children. All they need is a little disciplining. Lassiter—bring the whips!" sporting: "That wall cannot be more than five kilometers, Mr. Nolan. You are a free man if you reach it before my mastiffs reach you."

THOUGHTFUL: "Do not kill the girl! She will provide a pleasant diversion for our officers."

A Hatful of Rain, which was parodied as A Canful of Trash in a revue, is called A Handful of Snow in France, we understand, and Ten North Frederick is known as A Fistful of Dust in Italy. We are further apprised that a play entitled A Handful of Fire may open on Broadway with Roddy MacDowell. Got all that? Existing now only in our imagination but someday to blossom into

reality, we feel, are projects named A Shoeful of Sand, A Snootful of Booze, A Bedful of Bugs, A Tireful of Nails, An Eyeful of Cinders, A Fishful of Bones, A Headful of Lint, and biographies of Demosthenes and Socrates called, respectively, A Mouthful of Pebbles and A Cupful of Hemlock.

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A buddy of ours with nothing much else to do was browsing through a copy of the Standard Advertising Register the other day and came up with the following fascinating data: the space buyer for Schaefer Beer is a chap named Austin Brew. The President of Bond Brook Whiskey is a guy called R. L. Buse. Assistant Treasurer of the General Shoe Corporation is T. Douglas Oxford. General Manager in charge of the livestock at Armour & Co. is named J. R. Herd. And the advertising for Dazor Lighting Fixtures is in the capable hands of (who else?) the Watts Agency.

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Will Swing. It features, of course, Buddy Cole on the Hammond.

Sick note: One of the mailboxes in the foyer of an apartment building at 23 E. Bellevue on Chicago's Near North Side carries the simple inscription:

LOEB - LEOPOLD

Turns out that Loeb and Leopold really do live there — Henry S. and Thomas M., respectively. They've another roommate living with them, too, but they won't let him put up his name and spoil the effect.

Nature lovers who have taken to skindiving to get away from the commercialism all about us should shun the waters off Spain's lovely Lloret de Mar beach. Ninety feet from shore and 15 feet straight down, sits a luminous advertising billboard in the sand.

We were reading a collection of science-fiction yarns - Away and Beyond, by A. E. van Vogt - the other day, and did a double-take at a couple of spots in his story Heir Unapparent. On page 142, we read: "It wasn't so much, Parker realized bleakly for the hundredth time, that Medgerow's ugliness by itself was so jarring. A thousand males picked up at random from the streets outside would have yielded a dozen whose physical characteristics were less prepossessing. Medgerow differed in that he exuded a curious, terrible aura of misshapen strength. His personality had the concreteness of the hump of a hunchback."

And then, nine pages later: "Medgerow stood before them. He looked abnormal. It wasn't so much, Arthur Clagg decided bleakly, that Medgerow's ugliness was jarring in itself. A thousand males picked at random would have yielded a dozen whose physical characteristics were less prepossessing. Perhaps it was the triumphant smile on his face, with its frank and unashamed arrogance. It was hard to tell. The man exuded a curious, terrible aura of misshapen strength. His personality protruded with the concreteness of the hump of a hunchback."

Two minds, we told ourself, with but a single bleak thought.

Friend of ours who wanted to entertain a guy and his girl visiting from out of town asked them to drop by his place for a cocktail around seven. Around eight the host poured "one for the road" — and then a mutual interest in hi-fi and cool jazz was discovered. Around midnight, the rig was turned down, at a neighbor's request, and slow blues were broken out. Around three A.M. (the visitor had an eight o'clock plane to catch) fond farewells were murmured. The next day our friend got the following missive:



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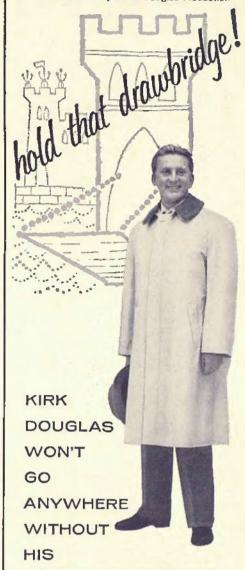
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We bow to no man in our respect for Duke Ellington, but we can only recommend his new version of Black, Brown and Beige (Columbia CL 1162) with reservations. Progress means change, but the converse is not necessarily true; in rewriting his most famous extended work. Duke has (a) eliminated several of the most attractive themes, (b) taken the sensuous Come Sunday motif away from Johnny Hodges, for whom it was ideally suited, and given it to three other guys, (c) equipped it with lyrics that are not merely un-Ellingtonian but actually sound as if they could have been written by Nick Kenny, (d) topped it all off with the 23rd Psalm sung by Mahalia Jackson, which would be great in suitable surroundings but is jarringly out of context here. If you've never heard the original (excerpts from which will be reissued soon by Victor), you will find many admirable moments here, but the work as a whole just doesn't come off.

Anita Sings the Winners (Verve 8283) - or does she? The Lady O'Day, who paces most of the album with scatting, is supposed to chirp standards associated with certain jazz greats like Kenton and his arrangement of Peanut Vendor, Miles Davis and Four, Oscar Peterson and Tenderly, and Artie Shaw and Frenesi. The album liner lists a famous jazzman next to each of the 12 numbers rendered by Anita. Any ordinary hipster - and he needn't be bright-would expect to hear the gal sing these winning instrumentals with shades of the original arrangements which made them famous. She does this with Kenton's Peanut Vendor, She doesn't with Shaw's Frenesi. Her rendition of Four is almost identical to Lennie Niehaus' rather than Miles'. And so it goes, but it's a knockedout tour-de-scat, thanks to Anita's swinging pipes.

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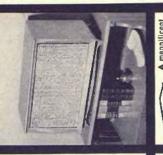




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(Columbia C2L 9), bedecked with 23 photos depicting his European tour. But the album was recorded in an uptown arrondissement of gay, sexy New York. Of the 18 tunes spread over these four sides, only six are standards; the other dozen are all Garner originals whose Parisian flavor is, in some cases, apparent only in the titles. The impish humor and the unbeatable beat are still predominant in all but four tracks; the latter are the original tunes with which Erroll makes his debut as a harpsichordist. Somehow his style becomes muddy and diffuse in his efforts to manipulate this recalcitrant instrument. Tactfully, the harpsichord tracks are buried away toward the end of each side. They bring the over-all level down a notch, but at that, they have collector's-item value for all Errollphiles.

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Anyone who cares to examine the contrasts (or the similarities) between East and West coast styles in biggishband jazz can find ample ammunition in Juzz New York (Dot 9004), with Manny Albam as composer-arranger-conductor, and Marty Paich (Cadence 3010), on which the title-roler functions as composer-conductor-pianist. The merits of the Albam album include sterling solos by Ernie Royal, Art Farmer, Bob Brookmeyer, Al Cohn et a whole slew of al. The Paich set's virtues are less apparent, since, for no apparent reason, some of the most effective soloists are not listed. Our secret agents at Sunset and Vine inform us that the superb unbilled alto work can be credited to Herb Geller, and the fine drumming to Mel Lewis.

Ella down the years (from 1938 to 1955) is the worthy subject of a twoplatter package yclept The Best of Ello (Decca DXB 156). It's loaded with a lot of hot roasted chestnuts you've heard Miss Fitzgerald do countless times in countless versions (A-Tisket, A-Tasket, Paper Moon, Lady Be Good. How High the Moon, etc.), but somehow you don't mind too much when the voice belongs to this incomparable chick. If you don't own too many of her earlier LPs, this provides a neat showcase for the faultless first lady of jazz . . . That woman is offered up again on Ella Fitzgerald at the Opera House (Verve 8264), cut in 1957 with the wild JATP group. High point is her stunning scat version of Stompin' at the Savoy . . . Like it says on the cover, Beverly Kenney Sings for Playboys (Decca DL 8743), and most gentlemen worthy of that tag will find it fine fare for latenight listening. Breathy Bev, backed by Ellis Larkins' tasteful 88ing and Joe Benjamin's bountiful bass, sweet-talks her way right into your heart . . . Choosing some dandy ditties from some clever

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deffers (Jerome Kern, Jimmy Van Heusen, the Gershwins, Cole Porter, etc.), Sammy Davis, Jr., has come up with a winner: All the Way (Decca DL 8779). Displaying his special brand of hip theatricality, Sammy delivers a gasser . . . Disc-debuting Judy Holliday moans mightily to the effect that Trouble Is a Man (Columbia CL 1153), throbs and husks her way through 12 blue-funk ballads. Our favorite: the cute Dietz-Schwartz Confession, on which Miss Holliday wails, "I always go to bed at 10-oh isn't that a bore? . . . then I go home at four" . . . Johnny Mathis rolls nicely with the beat on Swing Softly (Columbia CL 1165), exhibits an easy mastery of the up-tempo ballad department (Love Walked In, Like Someone in Love, etc.).

A Jozz Bond Boll (Mode 123) is the ill-fitting, Dixieland-derived title of an otherwise hunky-dory LP of modern sounds featuring a unique alliance of malletmen: Terry Gibbs on vibes and marimba, Larry Bunker and Britain's Victor Feldman on vibes and xylophone. A good time is had by all, including a muscular West Coast rhythm section (Lou Levy, piano; Max Bennett, bass; Mel Lewis, drums) on such staples as Just Friends, Broadway and Tangerine.

No gig place ever figured so strongly in a bandleader's career as the Rendezyous in Stan Kenton's. This spa on tiny Balboa Beach in Southern Cal first introduced itself to Stan in 1935, when he was just a 23-year-old lad blowing piano with Everett Hoagland's group. Today Kenton - exactly twice as many years old - is Buck to Bulbon (Capitol T 995) for the umpteenth time. But maybe this time to stay, because he now owns it. After serving as the home of his first training stint in a professional band in 35, his first Kenton-led band date in 1941, his first jazz concert in 1947 and a subsequent haven for the band when it wasn't on tour, the Rendezvous still swings for Stan. It's now a giant recording studio for that distinctive sound which pioneered the big-band modern jazz movement. This disc, the second of Rendezvous-recorded albums, shows Stan continuing the use of Afro-Cuban rhythms: Out of This World is just that, and My Old Flame is turned into a roaring furnace thanks to a nifty Marty Paich scoring. No longer the pioneer, Stan has settled back with satisfaction to let the youngsters show their stuff. This, too, is greatness.

Sad to relate, our worst fears about Sonny Rollins' Freedom Suite (Riverside 12-258) are all too completely realized. That is, while we can applaud his ambition and courage in attempting a major work in the jazz idiom, for us it



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It gives us honest joy to be able to tell you about Soul Brothers (Atlantic 1279), which teams Milt Jackson and Ray Charles with a combo of other cats schooled in the modern mode. What's so great here is that though the means are contemporary, the blues which constitute this disc come through with that essential beat and fluidity too frequently missing from current cuttings out of coolsville. The benevolent spirit of Bird hovers happily over the whole thing.

Speaking of blues, go get, then try on, Sonny Stitt's Only the Blues (Verve 8250) if you want to hear a very elegant and moving merging of styles - all the way from boogie to icy. In a sense this is transitional music: Sonny blows more like old times than has been his wont; Roy Eldridge sounds his fine old self, but a bit updated; Oscar Peterson, Herb Ellis, Ray Brown and Stan Levey do much to make this disc memorable.

Last year the Brandeis U Festival of the Arts commissioned original pieces from six Angry Young Men of modern music. The results of their atonal scoring are heard in Modern Juzz Concert (Columbia WL 127), on which the orchestra, 14 strong, is led toward Mars by Gunther Schuller and George Russell. The How-Far-Out-Can-You-Get school produces some provocative postgraduate work here, with Russell's All About Rosie and Jimmy Giuffre's Suspensions the most successful (and, perhaps not coincidentally, the least remote from jazz). As to the other four, as Schuller admits in his notes, "perhaps this is jazz or perhaps it is not," but the sounds, with men like Art Farmer and Teddy Charles among the communicants, do reflect the imminence of a merger between jazz and contemporary classical music.

We've studiously avoided use of that creaky apothegm "Musician's Musician" in these columns, but in the case of singer David Allen it seems to apply. Among the Playboy Jazz All-Stars serving on this year's nominating board, Dave was awarded more votes than any male vocalist with the single exception of Frank Sinatra. Dave's first LP, A Sure Thing A. SEIFERT, BOX 41, Sound View Station, N.Y. 72



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Flute fanciers who'll argue that it's a legit instrument for jazz will be happy with a pair of bucolically titled LPs: The Shepherd Swings Again (Jubilee 1074), with flautist Moe Koffman bleeting a real fine set of eight which manages nicely to combine folksong simplicity and cool complexity; and Buddy Collette's Swinging Shepherds (EmArcy 36133), in which he tweets and tootles to fine effect with sidemen who are also flautists or can double just dandy. Either or both discs are a better argument for the flute in jazz than any amount of talk.

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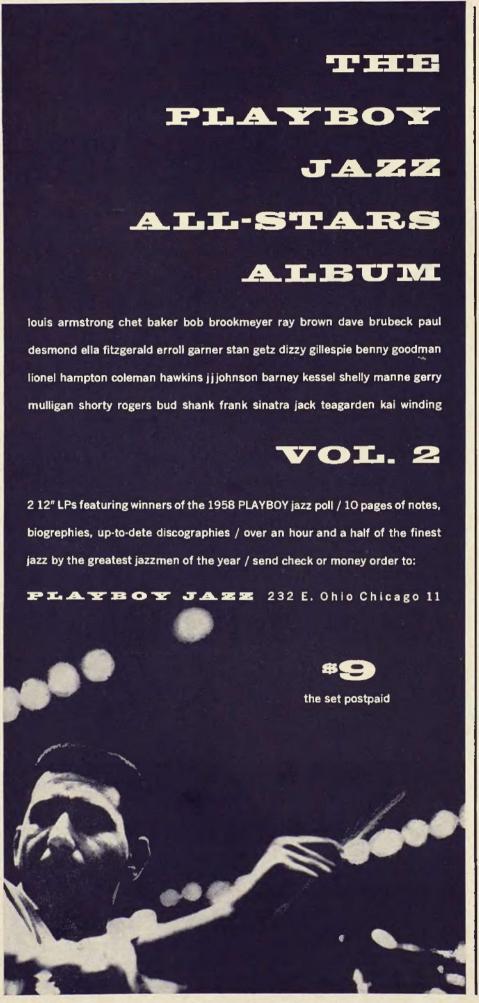
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woy (Omega OSL-2). There's no dialectic materialism here; Marx is the Chicago pianist of that name (Dick to his immediate entourage), and his group, recorded during a West Coast visit, includes the protean Buddy Collette on flute, Irving Ashby on guitar and a beatgenerating rhythm section. The Broadway part of the title indicates that the material includes such show-stoppers as All of You, Guys and Dolls, Sleepin' Bee and a string of other box-office baubles. The sound is startling.

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Tennessee Williams' shattering dissection of the hate, spite, greed and guilt that seethe through a lushly appointed Southern mansion has been translated to the screen with whiplash impact in Cot on a Hot Tin Roof, powerfully and inventively directed by Richard Brooks. Though adaptors Brooks and James Poe have gotten out into the sunlight a couple of times, they've confined most of the raw emotional outbursts of husbands, wives and sisters-in-law to various rooms in the manse, the roof of which threatens to blow off periodically from all the bitterly drawled and shouted recriminations bouncing off the walls. The basic plot's sort of similar to the play: On hand to celebrate the 65th birthday of Big Daddy (Burl Ives), who has just flunked a cancer test but doesn't know it, are his two sons and their wives, plus assorted neighbors. Son Brick (Paul Newman), a brooding former football star kept indoors by a busted ankle he got trying to do the high hurdles with too much alcohol ballast, is uninterested in his pretty wife, Maggie (Elizabeth Taylor), who wears her desperate love for Brick like a lavaliere. Their scraps, stemming mainly from her vain efforts to wean him from the bottle, are chortled at by Brick's oafish brother Gooper (Jack Carson) and Gooper's fruitful wife Mac (Madeleine Sherwood), both avid for the old man's wad. They think their herd of kids gives them the odds, but Big Daddy likes Brick best and he still gets rutty when he sees Maggie. Perplexed by Brick's behavior, Big Daddy hounds him for an explanation. Brick surlily refuses to account for his rebuffing of Maggie till Big Daddy denies him his redeye. The explanation Brick gives in the movie is not the same one he gave in the play, of course, since references to homosexuality, however cov-

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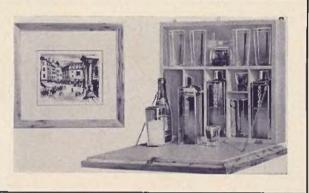




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If you can stomach one more package of sinking-ship vignettes, chances are you'll eat up the British A Night to Remember (from Walter Lord's same-name book about the doomed Titanic). It's well done, full of drama, visually big and bustling, with a tight screenplay by Eric Ambler and controlled, firm, understated direction by Roy Baker. Harrowing, heart-catching, handsome. Cast? Of thousands. We lost count.

Terence Rattigan is not a great playwright, but he is a clever concocter of effective theatrical gimmicks. One of his favorite tricks is to write an evening of two one-act plays in which a single star can portray two sharply contrasting characters: this sort of hokum, in the hands of an accomplished histrion, is entertaining to watch and to play. Maurice Evans had a field day on Broadway a few years back playing a Milquetoastish schoolteacher and a flamboyant Shakespearean actor in the same evening in Rattigan's The Browning Version and Harlequinade, respectively. More recently, Eric Portman played a howlingly phony army major and a brooding, introspective, leftist journalist to Margaret Leighton's plain jane/glamorous model in the same Mr. R's Separate Tables. This last tour de force is now a film, butwouldn't you know it? - the double-role device has been dumped, and with it, a large chunk of the original fun. The Portman parts have been divvied up between David Niven and Burt Lancaster, the Leighton roles assigned to Rita Hayworth and Deborah Kerr. These charming people earn their money, but deprived of its gimmick, Tables has to stand on its own legs, and oooh are they ever rickety.

As the personal pronoun half of Me and the Colonel, Danny Kaye draws an intelligently thought-out portrait of Samuel Jacobowsky, an itinerant Jew constantly kept on the move by the advances of the German army across the European continent during the dark third and fourth decades of the present century. That the solemnly clad, gentle-spoken Jacobowsky has eluded a fate such as Dachau comes as no great surprise as the character begins to grow and develop. Jacobowsky is a thinking man. Jacobowsky is a clever man. Jacobowsky is a resourceful man who, although he doesn't exactly fling himself into the teeth of adversity,





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nevertheless can face most perils and turn situations to his advantage - always gently and without force. A shrug of the shoulders, a sudden light sparkling in the eye . . . as the problems come and go, it's hard to finger the exact point where Danny Kaye and Jacobowsky merge into a common identity. As the flick opens, Panzer divisions are closing in on Paris, Jacobowsky's temporary home, and he has to get out. Means of transportation? Easily solved: Jacobowsky commandeers a vintage Rolls-Royce from the deserted Rothschild estate. Means of moving the heisted heap? The professional refugee doesn't drive, but an acquaintance, a militantly anti-Semitic Polish colonel (blusteringly played by Curt Jurgens) does. The colonel, too, must escape to fulfill a rendezvous with an English sub which will carry him and the secret papers he holds to the Polish government in exile. But the stiff-necked, aristocratic Pole has no desire to enter into a palsy-walsy journey with a Jew. Patriotism finally wins out over prejudice, however, and the two set out on their perilous tour accompanied by the colonel's lackey (a droll conception by Akim Tamiroff) and his mistress (Nicole Maurey). The journey encompasses a wide variety of situations - romantic. farcical, melodramatic - and each of these has been skillfully contrived (chiefly by S. N. Behrman from the play he adapted from the original work by Franz Werfel), directed (by Peter Glenville) and acted by a dandy cast led by this new improved Kaye, who gives the show its gleam with just the right doses of schmaltz, intelligence and heart wherever they're called for.

Houseboot wisely mixes the urbanity of Cary Grant and the warmth of Sophia Loren in a kind of Satevepost story about baby-sitting and such that, though treacly, is surprisingly gay. Perennially youthful, unflaggingly charming Grant can do little wrong when he's in his element, and he's in it up to his stylishly-gray sideburns in this one. What the hell, why fight it? Even Norman Rockwell can be fun once in a while.

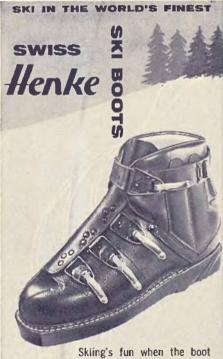
BOOKS

At two A.M. on Saturday, March 22, 1958, a Lockheed Lodestar carrying biographer Art Cohn and mogul's mogul Mike Todd crashed in a valley in New Mexico. Neither man lived to complete the last chapter of The Nine Lives of Michael Todd (Random House, \$4.95). That, in the form of an epilogue, is supplied by Art Cohn's widow. This burly bio is neither an apologia nor an indictment, but rather a rare and rowdy account of the roller coaster career of a showman who



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was a blend of P. T. Barnum and the Don Quixote Todd never finished filming. Yeah, there are bits of sentimentalcorn sprouting in the book, but in a field as large as Todd's, some of it was bound to grow. At eight, Avrom Hirsch Goldbogen (Todd's real handle) was a shill for a carny pitchman; at 18, he was prexy of a two-million-dollar-a-year construction company; at 20 he was stony broke, existing on his wife's dole of a dollar a day. At 37, he had four plays running at once, netting him 20 grand a week. The following year he went bust again, but still managed to cajole half a million dollars from believing backers to launch two more shows. He was the gent who took the G-string off the banjo and hung it on Gypsy Rose Lee, and he was also the wheel behind the longestrunning Hamlet ever to hit Broadway. While his enemies cynically grumbled that Todd had one more 'd' than God, he produced 16 plays during his life that grossed a hefty \$18 million; but the gross on Around the World in Eighty Days may run to a whopping \$100 million all by itself. Asked why he took a liking to Todd, author Cohn recounts a day during the shooting of World, when Todd stood on the deck of the paddlewheeler that was bringing Phileas Fogg back to England, and noticed hundreds of sea gulls following the ship. "They're following us for the garbage," the first mate explained. "Garbage!" shrieked Todd. "No sea gulls following my boat are going to eat garbage. Toss them some decent food. We go first class," He did, all the way.

After taking time out for two books devoted to his famous father, Nathaniel Benchley is back with another of his astringent novels about what goes on behind those brownstone fronts in Manhattan. The title: One to Grow On (Mc-Graw-Hill, \$3.95). For his theme he has slyly chosen one of the favorite formats of the women's mags - and relentlessly twisted its tail. It's the one about the Friendless Waif in the Big City who, when faced with a crisis, finds that her flint-faced neighbors are simply oozing with the Milk of Human Kindness. Just to get things off on the wrong foot, Mr. Benchley picks an illegitimate pregnancy as the crisis, and though the assorted Samaritans rally round, the results are a choice blend of the ironic and the sardonic. Sample: after the gal has had her baby and gone happily off with a reporter, the delinquent father shows up. hoping she's had her abortion and is ready for more fun-and-games - whereupon he's coldly informed that she died in childbirth. "Happy memories, you son of a bitch!" says the No. 1 Samaritan. If you like your Manhattan very dry with a twist of lemon, this is for you.

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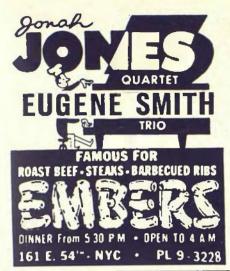
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Once upon a time, to judge by Rona Taffe's first novel, The Best of Everything (Simon & Schuster, \$4.50), there were not one, not two, but five Little Red Ridinghoods, who set out from the typing pool of a big publishing house to make their way through the stone forests of Manhattan to Grandmother's Matrimonial Bureau. Each had carefully oiled and baited her tender trap; but though they all chose different paths, hardly any of them escaped the slavering wolves which are known to lurk behind every glass-topped desk. Career-minded Caroline luckily met a harmless one (he was impotent) and then a tame one (his goodnight kiss was long but chaste) - yet it was she who, after a double jilting, let herself be carried off by the slinkiest breed of all, the saber-toothed gynivorous genus Hollywoodus, Unstable Gregg fell foul of a smooth, short-hair Broadway type and made the mistake of trying to domesticate him. She jumped or fell to her death. Sunny April encountered the close-cropped socialite species and went through the classic cycle: deception, conception, abortion, desertion. The other two actually made it to the altar, so their stories aren't very interesting. In fact, though Miss Taffe does her best to make it all very brittle and modern, it's like listening to five soap operas in a row.

Being a professional humorist, H. Allen Smith is a tricky man with a title, so when he comes up with something called The Pig in the Burber Shop (Little Brown, \$3.95), it's not too surprising to find that it's a Mexican travel book. Seems H. A. was getting a haircut in Taxco during a brief sub-border sojourn when a porker came barreling in and nearly wrecked the joint. This so endeared the place to him that he determined to return, with Mrs. S., for a longer stay. With a former Mexican soccer star as guide (something like touring the U.S. with Red Grange calling the signals), they blanketed the Federal Republic like a poncho, doing all the wrong things, like drinking tap-water, and meeting all the right people, from Cantinflas to Bill O'Dwyer. It was obviously a lot of fun, and Smith's account ranks high as a tongue-in-cheek travelog. So if you're in the mood for a little chairborne peregrination through the land of fiesta and siesta, with a yok at every stop, this is your cup of tequila. If not, Mr. Smith is casting his swine before churls.

In The Quiet American, Graham Greene got off his sex-and-sanctity kick to hurl some barbed lances at the politicos. Now, with Our Man in Havana (Viking, \$3.50), he's back in the cloak-and-dagger groove where he first started. But his penchant for the trenchant is still with him, and he's not content to offer just









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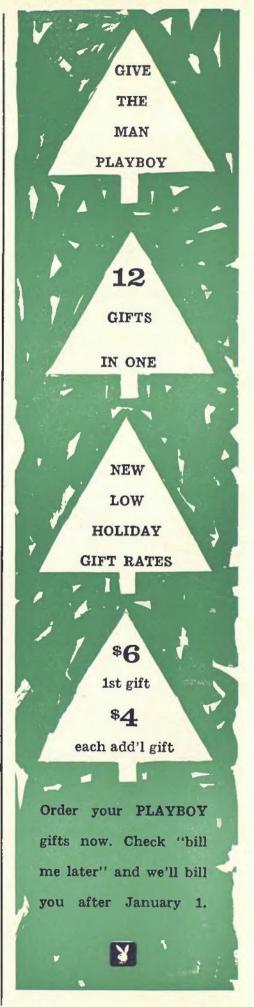




another crime, another chase. The suspense is edged with satire as he details the antic adventures of Jim Wormold, a British vacuum-cleaner salesman in Cuba whose chronic overdraft forces him to sign on as a Secret Service agent. There follows a sportive romp involving a toothsome assistant, counterspies, a German refugee, homicide, fake intelligence reports, a climactic gun duel larded with British drolleries and a final "well done" from the home office. It will be news to none that Greene is a master of huggermugger, but in this one he's so busy pulling comic rabbits out of the hat that he seems more interested in hareraising than hair-raising.

Writing wacky captions for classic works of art is an old pastime (we did it in Etchings Revisted back in December of 1956) but it's always good if done right. Done right is a little book called Coptions Courageous (Abelard-Schuman, \$2.50), in which Bob Reisner (author of this month's Sinatra) and Hal Kapplow hitch "You forgot to bring the marshmallows" onto Manet's Luncheon on the Grass, "Slip into this; it's a raid" onto Botticelli's Birth of Venus, "Who's minding the store?" onto Goya's King Charles IV and His Family, "It all started out as a poetry reading" onto Couture's Decadence of the Romans, etc. Fine fun for cheek-to-cheek page-flipping; a cute casual gift.

Strike Heaven on the Face by Charles Calitri (Crown, \$3.95) is a first novel by a N.Y. high school principal which seems likely to ruffle more tail feathers in PTAviaries than anything since Blackboard Jungle. Based on an actual incident, it details the stalwart effort of a New England high school dean to cope with something new in extracurricular activity - the Modnoc Club (spell it backwards) which meets for secret orgies which would do credit to the Marquis de Sade. It's obviously a juicy setup, but Mr. Calitri is not interested in milking its sensationalism. His Walter Davis is an earnest educator, new to his job, replacing his best friend, recently dead, whose shoes he feels unable to fill - but whose bed he finally does. This brief interlude gives him the courage to scotch the Modnocs in a way that will do least harm to the school, the town, and the kids themselves. It's by no means simple, for Mr. Calitri poses his problem against the social tensions and political pressures in one of those communities where first families and last arrivals are constantly clashing. But compassion is the keynote, and while his book may win no literary prizes, it shows a deep understanding of the teenage psyche. Give the teach an A for effort.





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Nobody could draw a gorgeous girl with the gusto and loving care of Cole: readers who perhaps never succeeded in deciphering his scrawling signature would instantly recognize as Cole's work those langorous, full-breasted, amplehipped sirens with the sooty eyes, pouting mouths and deep-dish navels. In a whodunit novel, Strip for Murder, author Richard S. Prather described a lushly built feminine character thus: "She looked like one of Cole's sensual women in PLAYBOY magazine - blonde, with big brown eyes and those other big things you hear about but don't often see." Jack's first full-page cartoon appeared in our fifth issue and he never missed a month after that. His first drawings were done in wash; and later, when PLAYBOY began using more color, he turned out the remarkable full-color pages that so brightened the magazine. Although his work seemed wonderfully free and alive, Cole was a painstaking craftsman and often did three or four finished versions of a cartoon before he was satisfied that it was good enough to show. His way with a brush was the way of an artist - he was a cartoonist who used water color as it should be used: naturally, directly, not trapped inside a line.

And yet Jack Cole was not simply a gag illustrator. He was a genuine humorist with an antic imagination and a fertile flair for far-out fun. Such multipage spreads as Man About the Beach (July 1955), Cole's Forecast (January 1956), The Football Blanket (October 1956) and The Subliminal Pitch (September 1958) were wildly inventive, wacky and all Cole. Of his single cartoons, perhaps some of the best remembered are: "I'll have you know I'm not that kind of a girl." (October 1954); "I have it: let's swap wives!" (June 1955); "Fake it." (October 1955); "Here's one ambassador, if they want to recall, they'll have to come and get!" (March 1956); "John! John! Your creepie-peepie is on!" (December 1956); "I'm not worried. She's run off on affairs before. She'll be back. He won't, but she will." (February 1958). But the most popular Cole cartoon of all appeared in May of 1955 and was captionless: it showed a superbly stacked, strapless-gowned young lady at a party, surrounded by admiring males, one of whom had removed a shoe, neatly captured the hem of her gown with his toes, and was surreptitiously pulling the garment down past the equator of the beauty's bosom.

In June of 1954 Cole introduced his expressionistic Females: 52 appeared altogether, from Spinster and Devil-May-Care to Persnichety, Prude and Naive. These perceptive line drawings of feminine sex types subsequently turned up on cocktail napkins and highball glasses, adding a sophisticated note to parties and apartment doings all across the land. Jack was soon working exclusively for PLAYBOY. Originally from New Castle, Pennsylvania (and forever the subject of "carrying Cole to New Castle" gags), he spent his first PLAYBOY year doing cartoons from the East, then moved to a small town just outside Chicago in order to be closer to the magazine. In recent months, he had also created a successful newspaper strip, Betsy and Me, syndicated in 46 daily and Sunday newspapers.

Jack Cole, almost certainly, was one of the half-dozen most talented American cartoonists of our time, and his style and technique were more admired by fellow cartoonists than anyone else's in the business. No other contributor to PLAYBOY could be more profoundly missed by this magazine's editors. To droll Jack Cole, finest of fellows and king of cartoonists, we bid a heartfelt hail and a final lond farewell.

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THE MARVELOUS LOVER

i'm chasing you, she said; and he said fine, where shall i plan to be caught?

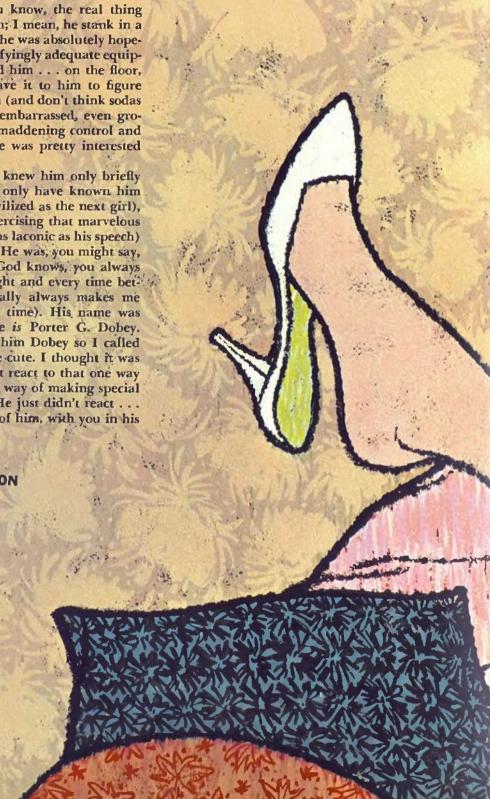
He was a marvelous lover. You know, the real thing in bed. No gentleman, though; I mean, he stank in a revolving door and in an elevator he was absolutely hopeless. But, Lord, he had all this terrifyingly adequate equipment and nothing, nothing, fazed him . . . on the floor, in a chair, on top of a desk, leave it to him to figure something out. At a soda fountain (and don't think sodas were beneath him), he was shy, embarrassed, even grotesque, but making love, he had maddening control and strength and tenderness. Well, he was pretty interested

in making love.

When I met him, and I really knew him only briefly (no matter what had ensued I'd only have known him briefly; believe me, I'm as over-civilized as the next girl), he was about 45 and he'd been exercising that marvelous body of his (which in its way was as laconic as his speech) for almost a quarter of a century. He was, you might say, pretty much practised. Though, God knows, you always felt like the first one, full of delight and every time better than the last (which personally always makes me wonder nervously about the last time). His name was Porter G. Dobey. Hell, his name is Porter G. Dobey. Everybody in the business called him Dobey so I called him Porter - you know, just to be cute. I thought it was cute calling him Porter. He didn't react to that one way or the other. I mean, there was no way of making special private romances with that guy. He just didn't react . . . except naked, all five foot eleven of him, with you in his

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arms, wrapped round him like a god-damned curling iron.

He was very lean and looked taller even than he was, very American looking, you know, really American looking: lousy posture, sloping shoulders, wonderful flat rich chest like a flank steak. I always remember him as sort of balding but really he was more grizzled than balding, with this grayish fringy stuff absolutely all around and on top of his great head, but you know, it was sort of thin fringy stuff. And then there was this goddamned beard. Yes, he had a goddamned beard. I don't know but what he thought it was a Samson thing with that beard and if he shaved it, there'd be no more fun measuring with the copper pennies . . . but anyway, there was the fact of that beard, Personally, I liked it. It gave a girl something to talk about in those deep, moonlit stretches of desert which were conversation with Porter G. Dobey.

The Lord knows he could've made love for a living. But he didn't. (Not to give the wrong impression; if he could've earned his bread that way, I don't believe he would have. There was no abuse of love anywhere in his very extensive, very loving vocabulary.) Matter of fact, he ran a bookstore. I never knew if he owned it, maybe he owned part of it. There was an ancient, little man around sometimes, with a dirty eyepatch, whom Porter called his partner. But you can be sure if Porter Dobey owned a part of anything, it was the part with the couch.

I'd been in the book business myself but that's not how I met him. I'd just wandered in there a couple of times, poking around at things, looking for magazines with my own stories in them, like Marcel Proust checking through Figuro to see if they'd printed his article yet. The shop was comfortable, not even shabby, just nice. I liked it. And we used to chat amiably. I did a lot of talking (I always did a lot of talking in those days, especially in bed, always a bad thing) and Porter did a lot of listening and maybe a little grunting now and then. I don't think he even knew my name. Listen, I don't think he ever knew my name. What the hell would a name matter to him?

After a while, whenever I was depressed about my beau whose name was Henry Shoemaker and who was consistently depressing, or maybe bored with my job (which was unimaginably sexless in spite of or maybe because of the innumerable passes thrown at me there) or just generally in the mood for an atmosphere of silent electricity. I used to stop in at Porter's shop and have a cigarette with him. My cigarettes mostly. Well, once he bought me a cup of coffee and once he bought me a soda but I believe that was the extent of his ex-

penditure on my behalf — if you wanted Porter Dobey's company, you came with your own food, drink, money, cigarettes and any other supplies you thought you might require for your pleasure or your security. Well, in the book business, any end of it, a girl takes care of herself. Or learns to.

The thing that was so terrific and so damned exciting about him, especially to a sexy girl with spectacles, was that Porter absolutely never made a pass or a pinch at you. He was just majestically charged, fused, unperturbed, unhurrying. ready to go off (though the way he made love, this is maybe a poor description of his prowess). Oh, once he bent down, casual as hell, and kissed me. It was a kind of kiss I can't even describe. Except that it was perfect in itself. It wasn't so damned casual that you'd take it for nothing or for paternalism or general friendliness. On the other hand, it didn't necessarily have to lead to anything else. It was just a complete, delightful, thoroughly physical embrace in itself. And that was it. No clutchings or pantings or pats . . . and no words. Just a kiss. And that's how I took it. Just a

And it could've gone on like that forever. He didn't bore easily, in bed or out, which is, I always think, a sign of character. I mean, we're all contemporary enough to know there's nothing sexy, at all, about those treacherous little men who go about taking what they can get (and not taking it with much finesse mostly) and getting tired of it once it's been taken. Porter Dobey liked women, really liked them. And when he liked them he liked them and if you'd signed on for a cruise with him or a whaling expedition or just a day sail you'd signed on and he'd be happy to have you aboard and a bit of you every day - if you could arrange it.

And there's one more strange thing. not about him - though maybe it was something about him - but really about your feelings about him. You just didn't feel jealous. You knew if you were sleeping with him, that he must be sleeping with other women; that if you were a kissing, hand-holding companion, he had others. But you didn't feel jealous of those other women and I can vouch for that. I'm ordinarily as jealous a neurotic bitch as any other jealous, neurotic bitch. But I suppose there are explanations for this; maybe very complex ones. Maybe it was the fact that there was never any question of "I love you" involved. If you took it as love, it was love; if you didn't, then it wasn't. I mean, it didn't matter. No verbiage, no messes to entangle or then detach. No tedious "I love you" or "do you love me?" or "maybe I do love you." You just knew it was good. Whatever it was. But really I think the reason you didn't

feel jealous was more the fact that you knew you were appreciated. Really appreciated. If Porter wanted you, you were worth wanting and valuable and delicious. He made you know it as well, much better, than all the men in the world who say "I love you" in Ninth Symphony chorales. The truth was that Porter did love you: he desired you, he wanted his pleasure with you, he wanted to give you pleasure (and made sure he did) and when you were quite, quite done and smoking your cigarettes you knew he wanted you to come back. Wasn't it love? Maybe not. But it was heaven just the same.

So, there we were - Porter and me friends, no beds yet and none in our future. Just grunts and a kiss or so and that voluptuous high crackling tension and me talking. For people in the book business we really didn't talk much about books. Porter did read. But he was not bookish. At all, And didn't like disquisitions on literature. He did teach me a lot of racing terms, though, and sometimes, in a very good, very languorous mood, he liked to talk about his favorite scene in his favorite book. Which was a predictable one, pretty much, if you knew him. It was one of the last things in Tortilla Flat where Danny, "the good guy" Porter called him (and, you know, that should've told me more about Porter than I allowed myself to see otherwise) is dying and asks for a priest. When he's done with his confession, though, the departing priest is shaken, visibly. He's never heard a confession like it. Danny had led quite a life. Oh my God, Porter, what a sentimentalist you were!

Sometimes, when I was in a low humor or tired or vulnerable or had gazed too much at that calm, long, sprawled-out body, I'd get wound up. maybe talk too fast or too much even for me. And then Porter would look at me, right at me, very leisurely, full of sweetness and he'd say, "Relax, honey." Meaning nothing very much. Or maybe meaning just "relax." And I usually did. And, perhaps, going along that way. some year or some day, like a sentimental, drunken Christmas, we would've got to bed anyway; but long before then. like all the unrelaxed of the universe, I'd precipitated myself into his arms. And here's how that happened:

I was, as I said, in love with a man named Henry Shoemaker. It was my first big love. I was absorbed, unhappy, ecstatic, nervous, and very badly treated. It had all the elements of a necessary first great love. Half the time I was depressed when I went to see Porter it was because of that damned "cruel Henry" as I always thought of him. For one thing, Henry's cruelty consisted in the fact that he was married. He was



"I've been ready for over an hour - you might at least try to be on time for our first date."

From the San Francisco poets - that beat breed of jazz-backdropped cellardwellers - the name of Lawrence Ferlinghetti stands out among such similarly standout names as Allen Ginsberg, Jack Kerouac, Kenneth Rexroth. Poets, pundits, hippies and chippies have hailed him; "He is quite possibly," said jazz critic Ralph Gleason, "the most important poet now writing in America." Satirist John Keefauver, a native of San Francisco's artiest exurb, Carmel, was fascinated by Ferlinghetti's recent highly praised volume of verse, "A Coney Island of the Mind," and has written for us an appreciative parody that not only echoes, joshes and synthesizes the original, but also comes comfortably close to being an insightful poem in its own right.

In San Franciscotown

there's a cooled-up cat

name of Lawrenched Forgetti

(or something like that)

who writes poetry street poetry

walking-along poetry

not the kind that sits around all day

looking at its navel

the oral message kind

jazz poetry

of the stepped-

on

soul

beat complete

telling you all about the icky square world

with its

drunk clotheslines

grappling with hot legs

in rollaway beds

and its beat-up landscape of

mindless supermarkets

with steamheated carrots

protesting

a honeyless world of square toiletseats

never sat on

(even by las vegas virgins

tampaxed and disowned)

a world waiting for someone

to push a mushroom button

and make bombed cadillacs rain thru trees

For cadillac ashes

are what that square-type man

was really wailing about

when he kept talking and talking

from that catless place

name of Galilee

only trouble was they cooled him

until he was hanging dead

WELL

satire by

a sort of coney island of the hind a shame and we're to blame

so our circus souls go marching on stuffed soldiers carrying a sawdust cross

Oh well

what the hell

Like when they were putting up that statue in front of a church

in San Franciscotown

and not a goddam bird was singing

I mean

oh well

what the hell

Like that man who painted

The Horse with Violin in Mouth

then jumped on the horse

and rode away

waving that violin

and then of all the goddam things to do

he gave it to a plugged-up virgin

and there were no strings attached

I mean

oh well

what the hell

What Forgetti of San Franciscotown is trying to

tell you

yell to you

is that this life ain't supposed to be a circus attended by

governed by

make-believe monks in silktights monkeys with teacuphandle tails

horny hiawathas

drinking out of horny-rimmed glasses lipsticked with yesterday's mud

or dirty suds

babooned ladies and gorillaed men

ain't

but it is

We just gotta stop chomping down

on these fake

Last Suppers

we gotta

take the locks off our pants

and start slaying old ladies

and

young lays

and make the old ones young again

John D. Keefauver

and make the young ones late again making them all

sweet and oh well what the hell

He says we gotta arise

even though we're not workers

of any world of any thing

we're not even of we're a not

without a negative to hang our not on

We're a can of sterno that won't burn an empty bottle of muscatel we'd recite from broken bibles

but we don't have a tongue

we're sisters in the streets

with our brassieres on backwards

we're dogs listening for our master's voice

we're Christmas trees with no balls

we're Wise Men praising Lord Calvert whiskey

we're Bing Crosby

groaning

we're hi-ya housewives

veneered in nylon snobberies

trying to lacquer-up all the scenes

we're in a whorehouse

with no whores

just bores sores

and unfound doors

we're sunk

junk

when we let fall a sock

it clanks

What we gotta do is goose George Washington

in the seat of his cherry tree

and then give Joan a pat

on her Arc

We have only dishonorable intentions

not to mention

disintentions

we're dis people plainly

In short we're constipations

But

as Forgetti says

Oh well

what the hell



What the gentleman prefers at yuletide, clockwise, fram six a'clock: Bell two-channel sterea amp-preamp, potent power-and-control source for all hi-fl needs; \$169.95. Zenith transistor, trans-oceanic portable radia, both standard and short wave, runs an flashlight batteries; \$275. Herman Miller elegant chair and ottoman, in rosewaod, with leather cavered foam rubber cushions and aluminum base; \$600. Subscription to PLAYBOY, \$6 a year, \$150 lifetime. Hawthorn's The College Years, edited by A. C. Spectorsky, a campendium of the best writings on college life; \$7.95. Layal's eight-day leather clack with brass markings; \$35. Riding boot cigarette lighter in polished cordavan; \$20. Cigarette box in gold-tooled leather with transistor radia; \$65. Walnut record cabinet holds 200 LPs in numbered sleeves; \$139. Portable Dictaphone recards 60 minutes per magazine, includes mike, tape, batteries, case; \$308. Bushnell's Bino-foto adds 7-power telescopic lens to any still or mavie camera, can also be used as regular binocular; \$84.50. Here it is fitted to a Rolleiflex, with 3.5 Xenotar lens; \$217.

FAIR GAME

food By THOMAS MARIO

hearty holiday menus from the forest primeval

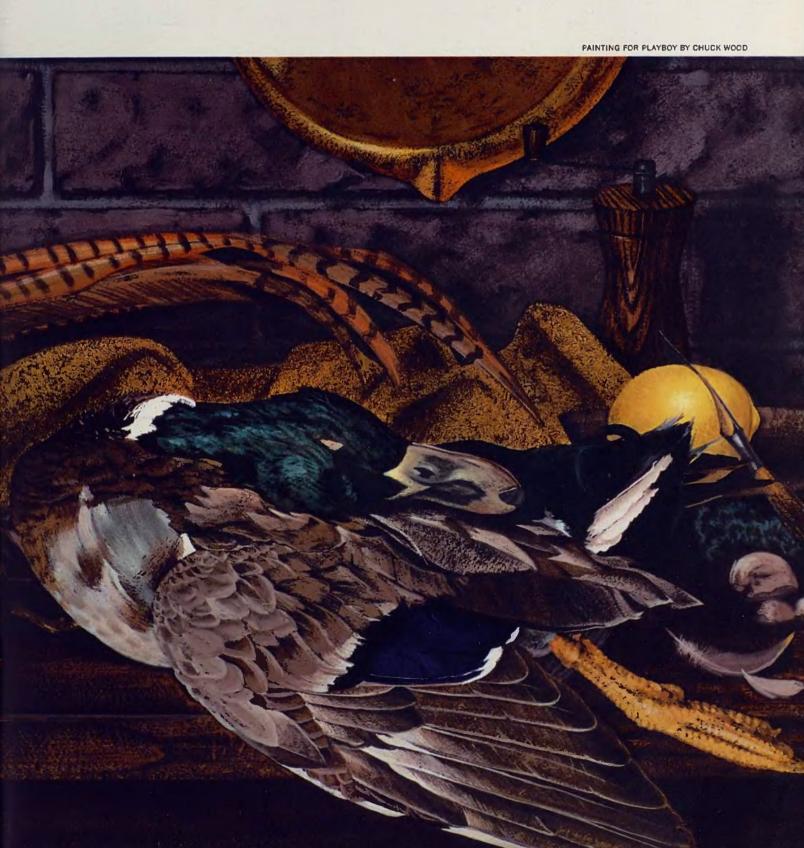


In A MATTER OF DAYS now, certain men in practically every state of the union will be tromping out of the woods with dogs and guns, their game bags filled to the legal limit with things furred and feathered. That they will have enjoyed the hunt there is no doubt — but whether their fallen quarry will put them in ecstasy as tasty table fare is something else again. Too often does the ring-necked pheasant turn out tough as timber, the mud hen muddy, the wild duck dry as Ibsen's play of the same name.

This culinary anticlimax, which occurs year in, year out, is completely unnecessary, since just a little care and savvy is all that is required to do justice to the fine flesh found in fields and forests. By drawing and skinning your game carefully, by ripening for the proper amount of time before cooking, and by styling your cookery to the game's age, you can be sure of avoiding most of the pitfalls that may make your victory Pyrrhic as all get-out.

Let's face it: much of the game con-

sumed nowadays is bought in gourmet butcher shops or is ordered from mailorder game farms. The quality and tenderness of such game is uniformly excellent because it's raised under controlled conditions. Everything from wild boar to pheasant is now sold in cans or jars. For men who love their Hasenpfeffer, for example, frozen rabbit all ready for the stewing pan is now widely sold at frozen food counters. The fact that game connoisseurs are quite willing (continued on page 46)





"There's another one of those abominable mountain climbers."

WHAT'S THE BAD WORD?

leave it to the girls: they've made nice words naughty and sometimes vice versa

You're at this cocktail party, and you and four other guys are off in one corner yacking it up. It seems that all of you have some pretty terrific jokes to unload – some proper, some not so proper – and you are quite a spectacular island of jollity.

Needless to say, some girl sidles up

and joins the circle.

"Let me in on the fun," she says brightly. "What was that about the blind man and the Siamese twins?"

And right away everything is different—not so much because she busted in on the middle of something, but because she is a woman. The jokes get cleaner or dirtier, depending on the girl. One thing is inescapable: she is a catalyst: she changes things.

Now, it happens that one of the men is a philologist, a student of language, and he resents this power of women to prance in and change things. Matter of fact, she had interrupted his prize joke. Consequently, he is very bitter.

"You females have a talent for lousing things up," he says ungallantly. "Including the very language we speak. For instance, do you know what a harlot is?"

Somewhat taken aback, the young lady bravely replies that she does.

"But do you know what a harlot used to be?" the language buff inquires. "No, you do not." And he then proceeds to expatiate on a strange fact about the English language: again and again, when a word describes a woman, it starts out with an innocent, or even a lofty, connotation; then, as the centuries go by, it becomes debased.

In the 14th Century the word harlot was applied often to men; it had no very bad sense and meant simply a fellow. "He was a gentil harlot and a kind," Chaucer writes. Then the women took it over, and look what happened to it.

The word wench has much the same history. At first it meant an infant of either sex. Because it also implied weak-

ness, it became attached to the female alone; and from that time on it went downhill. A present-day wench is generally full-grown, but not the sort of girl you'd bring home for Sunday dinner.

Or take the word madam. It stems from the Latin mea domina, "my lady," and was at one time a title of great respect. Nowadays a madam can be the boss of a disreputable business establishment.

A courtesan was originally a respectable female member of court circles. After a while she was not so respectable. Likewise, mistress was once an honorable title. Again, in less-exalted social circles, Middle English huswife, meaning a perfectly ordinary housewife, has become the modern hussy, an insolent woman. Or the word tart. It used to be a term of endearment — something sugary and tasty, like an apple tart.

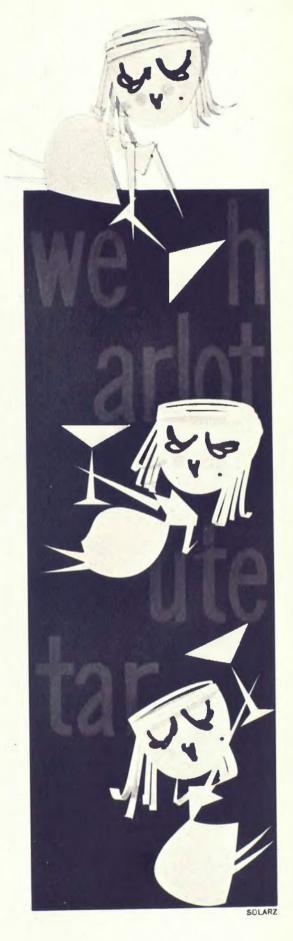
"If you think that's what it means today," the philologist concludes triumphantly, "you move in strange circles. And there you have it — you women are pulling the language right into the gutter."

The young lady bursts into tears. "Gee, you make me feel terrible," she sobs. "How can I ever live this down? How can I ever find out what happened to the blind man and the Siamese twins?"

Actually, she is much more distressed than need be. The angry philologist did not dwell on the fact, but, curiously enough, the opposite linguistic process has also been at work: words that used to have most unflattering connotations about women have now become altogether harmless.

For instance, let us suppose, you lucky stiff, that a bevy of cute, pretty girls, all in lace, allure and enchant you with their charms and inveigle you to their quarters. Now, there's nothing in that sentence that could alarm you; in fact, it all sounds very pleasant. But a few centuries ago such a statement would

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PEEKABOO BRIGITTE

the collected bardot, unexpurgated



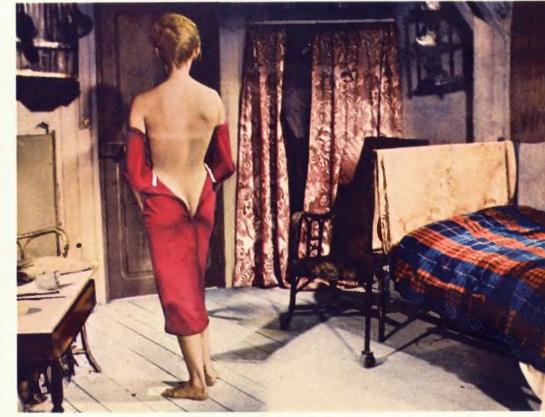


All done with mirrors: au naturel under that shawl, Brigitte reveals nifty nude nates in an erotic dance for The Woman and the Puppet.



One Bardot breast sees the light of day in a sweater-switching sequence the producers of The Light Across the Street were thoughtful enough to write into the script. BB, below, does a Vikki Dougan by displaying a bit of reverse cleavage in this barefoot-girl-with-cheeks-of-tan shot from And God Created Woman. Mademoiselle Bardot is conveniently un-underweared, a regular custom with her.

THE BB USED TO BE a small pellet of lead used by sub-adolescent boys in their Daisy air rifles, but a young French lady with those initials has effected a complete semantic switch and made the letters her very own. She's accomplished this by dint of her prettiness, her pertness and her penchant for appearing in motion pictures in a state of undaunted undress. Not that she has ever gone completely jaybirdsville in any of her movies, more's the pity, but parts of her have. She has let slip a towel from a bit of behind in one film, blithely bared a breast or two in another, undraped an umbilicus in yet another, and flashed finely-fashioned thoroughbred limbs in all. The sum total of all these parts, if one has a retentive mind (we do, when it really counts), is The Compleat Brigitte in top-to-toe, fore-and-aft, clockwise-andcounterclockwise nudity. Since every U.S. cinema-lover may not have been fortunate enough to see Brigitte's films in all their original uncut glory, we have assembled on these pages a kind of anthology of her most handsome hunks, selected from her more prominent pictures. This is a public service feature.



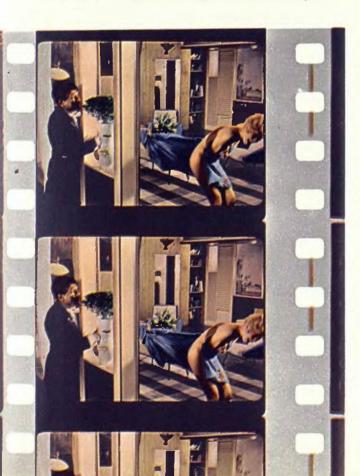


No scene is too solemn for sexy BB. The film is In Case of Emergency, the grim gent is Jean Gabin, and the catsup flows like wine as Bardot bares a "bloody" bosom while portraying the coolest of "cadavers."





Playful as a pair of pups, Brigitte and Henri Vidal romp and rollick in these fun-filled frames snipped from La Parisienne. Having taken a shower, BB wraps her chassis in a towel après le déluge. Her admirer, virile Vidal, frowning on such maidenly modesty, boldly exposes a high percentage of the Bardot body.





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obviously, apparently, and tiresomely. bored with his wife. But they had three children. And more than the responsibility of this was the responsibility of Henry's pompous morality by which he had, when he'd fallen in love with his wife and married her, insisted that this was the great romance of the ages. It was it. Everything. Alpha and Omega. The end, the beginning. A to Z. Oh hell. I could go on about Henry Shoemaker and make you hate him the way I wanted everyone to. But this isn't his story, not really. It's really Porter's story. So, Henry, to be brief, had got himself caught inextricably in the Great Romance and he couldn't get out. Not for me anyway. In the beginning I'd been thrilled at the absolute glamor of being in love with a married man. I was young and I really wasn't crazy to get married myself and it all seemed, the deceit even, very exciting and the real aqua lung vision of adult life.

But after a while, it got to be exhausting. And then after it got exhausting, it got depressing and boring. And then, when I discovered Henry Shoemaker's morality didn't prevent him from carrying on with several other women, it got to be very saddening. And when I found out that he'd really fallen in love with someone else and was buying her presents and jewelry and all sorts of whorey goings-on like that, I was suicidal. And, suicidal, I thought of Porter.

Now there was someone to comfort and solace me. There was someone to complain to who wouldn't give a damn, who would just listen and sympathize. But in the back of my mind, and not terribly submerged either, was the thought that the only known way to get over one man was to fall in love with another. And who better than Porter? It never occurred to me that he might say no. And it would be wonderful and exciting and a bit scary too. I had been rather little girl and withdrawing and really virginal with Henry but that had been serious. This would be different. It would be a real adventure. I'd try it.

And I had a terrific sneaking desire to know how I'd come out. Would I be any good? Could I, with no experience, and not much imagination, take on such a venture? Or would I be laughed at? Rejected after brief trial? In the heart-pounding, stomach lightening (in sorrow one's stomach positively leadens) excitement of my plan, I almost forgot Henry altogether. I called Porter on the phone. Which was unusual. He must've realized this but he didn't point it out. He took it the way I believed he took everything . . . nice and easy. That's the way to live, I told myself.

"I'm inviting you to lunch, Porter."
"Good. Where are you taking me?"

"Wherever you say. Porter . . ."

"Uh-huh."

"I'm chasing you, Porter."

"Fine. Where shall I plan to be caught?"

So we met and we had lunch and I prepared myself with three martinis. A dose way over my head. But I didn't get sick. Though I think I could have without putting a crick in my plans. Porter was good about things like that. And I took off my glasses. Which was really arch. But he was sweet. He didn't even smile. And, hell, baby though I was, and drunk, and so on, I have my charms. I flirted with him, very nice. I talked about sex. Negatively. I don't know why this struck me as the way to begin. It just did. I pointed out all the reasons why I didn't think it would be a good plan for me to fall for him. He looked surprised. And then I told him why I'd be absolutely fatal for him to fall for, lousy and neurotic and a demanding, impossible lover. He still looked surprised. But less so. And after a while, we were both talking like this. And finally Porter said: "How about today, honey?"

I didn't even point out how we'd been saying why we weren't going to. I just nodded. It seemed the logical end to this conversation.

Porter ran his finger down my nose, a gentle, humorous gesture; otherwise, he hardly touched me as he said: "I think we should. And I think we should soon. And I think I'll love you good."

Well, now I'd got where I wanted to but I was pretty much scared. I looked at him. Attractive, attracting, as hell, but much more than that: terrifically virile and adult. And I was even more scared of welching. I had a vague idea of being whelped for it. So I didn't welch. And he didn't. And we did. And, anyway, it was marvelous. Like I said. He was a marvelous lover.

And after that, it wasn't so different, except when I came to see him, we made love first and afterward we talked about Steinbeck and "out West" and his arrowhead collection. And he made it all very easy. I mean he made it easy for a girl to be wonderful and self-respectful. You didn't make scenes or get difficult. Not because he disciplined you. Just because you didn't need to or want to. He was rarely rude. Or abrupt. Always winningly welcoming. He'd see me and take my hand in his, very big and warm and holding. He never talked sex. He just lived it. Very big and big boned and flat stomached. The closest he ever came to saying anything to me at all about us was one morning. I was sitting on the floor at the back of the store which was curtained off from the front where the customers browsed and bought. He had some real old, silly old, books back there and I was sitting on the floor and sort of leafing through an absurd novel of 40 years ago. He came out from behind his desk and crouched down, real low and almost on top of me. But he didn't touch me. He just looked at me. And then he took one hand, so big it covered my whole face and he touched my face and my hair. And then he said, with only the very slightest touch of self-consciousness:

"I do want you very much. But I don't know why. You're not even so

very pretty."

I'd guessed it was a compliment, and it was, rather an intimate one, almost unintentional, so I decided not to be insulted or rather to think about the insulting part later. And always, afterward, and even now, it's seemed to me that what he'd really said was: you're very pretty. And maybe he had.

The length of time we were lovers doesn't matter much. It could have been short or long or neither. Comes to the same thing really because Porter, vital himself, vitalized his relationships renewingly. You know, one's love with him just didn't suck its nourishment out of that absurd, cliché-ridden, botanical simulacrum which wilting wooers think all love should bear: a tender beginning, a lush middle, and a withering death. No, if a relationship with Porter ended, it had to do with an event, a matter, quite outside the tongue-burning ecstatic circle of passion with him. And, come to think of it, that was love with Porter: a circle. Not a lone line, stretching from A to Z like my poor Henry Shoemaker thought or from A to B if you weren't luckyl No, with Porter, it was a hoop, a continuum, a perfect form (what, irreverently, comes to mind is one of those pornographic finger rings where a man and a woman or a daisy chain wickedly romp in engraved idleness, forever linked, around the wearer's finger). Oh, Porter, loving you was a ring of good feeling, a circle of touch-me, a ball of flames, a sphincter of delight. And then, to be vulgar, as in moments of displeasure, the human spirit is so often vulgar: Porter G. Dobey squared the circle. But not in any way or for any reason that I could ever have predicted. Actually, in loving him, I had, unknowingly, always been one small corner of a square; but, as I say, that was unknowingly. No, Porter would not have tired easily nor broken off our relationship, with words or without, for any ordinary or conjurable combinations of guilt, reason, practicality, boredom or distaste.

Which is why his manner on that strange, last, everlasting day, though only subtly different, as though the temperature of a natural body had fallen

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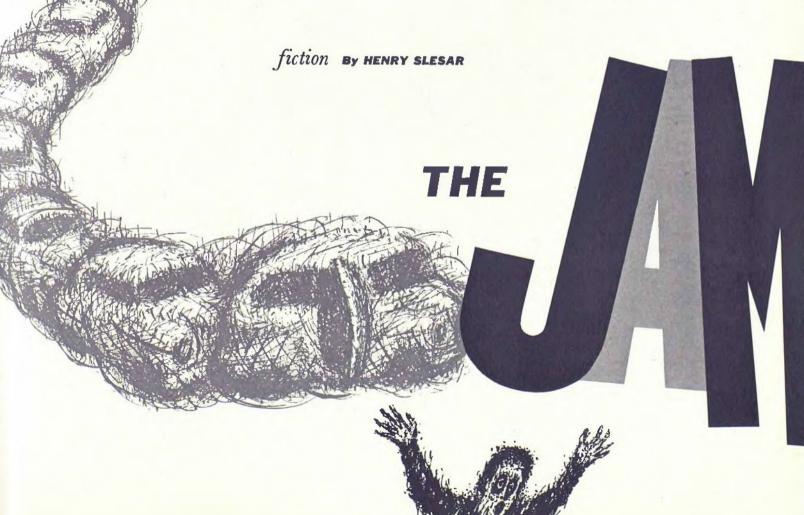
THEY LEFT STUKEY'S PAD around eight in the morning; that was the kind of weekend it had been. Early to bed, early to rise. Stukey laughed, squinting through the dirt-stained windshield of the battered Ford, pushing the pedal until the needle swung 20, 30 miles over the speed limit. It was all Mitch's fault, but Mitch, curled up on the seat beside him like an embryo in a black leather womb, didn't seem to care. He was hurting too much, needing the quick jab of the sharp sweet point and the hot flow of the stuff in his veins. Man, what a weekend, Stukey thought, and it wasn't over yet. The fix was out there, someplace in the wilds of New Jersey, and Stukey, who never touched the filthy stuff himself, was playing good Samaritan. He hunched over the wheel like Indianapolis, pounding the horn with the heel of his right hand, shouting at the passing cars to move over, move over you son of a bitch, watch where you're going, stupid, pull over, pull over, you lousy . . .

"You tell 'em, man," Mitch said softly, "you tell 'em what to do."

Stukey didn't tell them, he showed

them. He skinned the paint off a Buick as he snaked in and out of the line, and crowded so close to the tail of an MG that he could have run right over the little red wagon. Mitch began to giggle, urging him on, forgetting for the moment his destination and his need, delighting in the way Stukey used the car like a buzz saw, slicing a path through the squares in their Sunday driving stupor. "Look out, man," Mitch cackled, "here comes old Stukey, here comes nothin'."

The traffic artery was starting to clot at the entrance to the tunnel, and Stukey poured it on, jockeying the car first left and then right, grinning at the competitive game. Nobody had a chance to win with Stukey at the controls; Stukey could just shut his eyes and gun her; nobody else could do that. They made the tunnel entrance after sideswiping a big yellow Caddy, an episode that made Mitch laugh aloud with glee. They both felt better after that, and the tunnel was cool after the hot morning sun. Stukey relaxed a little, and Mitch stopped his low-pitched giggling, content to stare hypnotically at the blur



of white tiles.

"I hope we find that fix, man," Mitch said dreamily. "My cousin, he says that's the place to go. How long you think, Stukey? How long?"

Whish! A Chevy blasted by him on the other lane, and Stukey swore. Whish! went an Oldsmobile, and Stukey bore down on the accelerator, wanting his revenge on the open road outside the tunnel. But the tunnel wound on, endlessly, longer than it ever had before. It was getting hot and hard to breathe; little pimples of sweat covered his face and trickled down into his leather collar; under the brass-studded coat, the sport shirt clung damply to his back and underarms. Mitch started to whine, and got that wide-eyed fishmouth look of his, and he gasped: "Man, I'm suffocating, I'm passing out . . ."

"What do you want me to do?" Stukey yelled. Still the tunnel wound on. Whish! went the cars in the parallel lane, and Stukey cursed his bad choice, cursed the heat, cursed Mitch, cursed all the Sundays that ever were. He shot a look at the balcony where the cops patrolled the traffic, and decided to take a chance. He slowed the car down to 35, and yanked the wheel sharply to the right to slip the car into a faster lane, right in front of a big, children-filled station wagon. Even in the tunnel roar they could hear its driver's angry shout, and Stukey told him what he could do with his station wagon and his children. Still the tunnel wound on.

They saw the hot glare of daylight at the exit. Mitch moaned in relief, but nothing could soften Stukey's ire. They came out of the tunnel and turned onto the highway, only to jerk to a halt behind a station wagon with a smelly exhaust. "Come on, come on!" Stukey muttered, and blew his horn. But the horn didn't start the cars moving, and

Stukey, swearing, opened the door and had himself a look.

'Oh, man, man, they're stacked up for miles!" he groaned. "You wouldn't believe it, you wouldn't think it's possible . . .

"What is it?" Mitch said, stirring in his seat. "What is it, accident?"

"I dunno, I can't see a thing. But they just ain't movin', not a foot --"

"I'm sick," Mitch groaned. "I'm sick,

Stukey."

"Shut up! Shut up!" Stukey said, hopping out of the car to stare at the sight again, at the ribbon of automobiles vanishing into a horizon 10, 15 miles away. Like one enormous reptile it curled over the highway, a snake with multicolored skin, lying asleep under the hot sun. He climbed back in again, and the station wagon moved an inch, a foot, and greedily, he stomped the gas pedal to gobble up the gap. A trooper on a motorcycle bounced between the lanes, and Stukey leaned out of the window to shout at him, inquiring; he rumbled on implacably. The heat got worse, furnacelike and scorching, making him yelp when his hands touched metal. Savagely, Stukey hit the horn again, and heard a dim chorus ahead. Every few minutes, the station wagon jumped, and every few minutes, Stukey closed the gap. But an hour accumulated, and more, and they could still see the tunnel exit behind them. Mitch was whimpering now, and Stukey climbed in and out of the car like a madman, his clothes sopping with sweat, his eyes wild, cursing whenever he hit the gas pedal and crawled another inch, another foot forward . . .

"A cop! A cop!" he heard Mitch scream as a trooper, on foot, marched past the window. Stukey opened the car door and caught the uniformed arm. "Help us, will ya?" he pleaded. "What the hell's going on here? How do we get

outa this?"

"You don't," the trooper said curtly. "You can't get off anyplace. Just stick it out, mac.'

"We'll even leave the goddam car. We'll walk, for God's sake. I don't care about the goddam car

"Sorry, mister. Nobody's allowed off the highway, even on foot. You can't leave this heap here, don't you know that?" He studied Stukey's sweaty face, and grinned suddenly. "Oh, I get it. You're new here, ain't you?"

"What do you mean, new?"

"I thought I never saw you in the Jam before, pal. Well, take it easy, fella."

"How long?" Stukey said hoarsely. "How long you think?"

"That's a stupid question," the trooper sneered. "Forever, of course. Eternity. Where the hell do you think you are?" He jabbed a finger into Stukey's chest. "But don't give me a hard time, buster. That was your own wreck back there."

"Wreck?" Mitch rasped from inside the car. "What wreck? What's he talkin' about, man?"

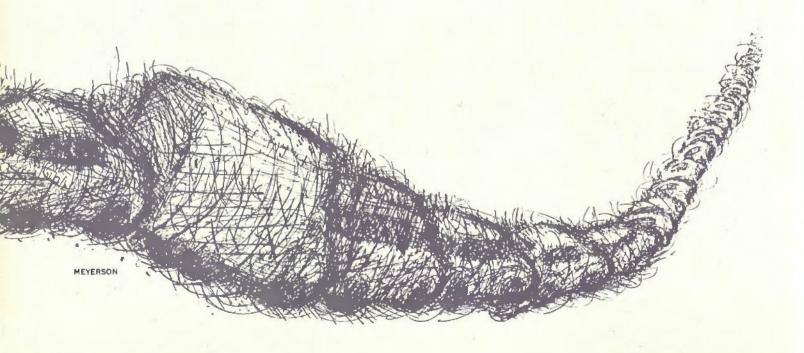
"The wreck you had in the tunnel." He waved his gloved hand toward the horizon. "That's where all these jokers come from, the tunnel wrecks. If you think this is bad, you ought to see the Jam on the turnpike."

"Wreck? Wreck?" Mitch screamed, as Stukey climbed behind the wheel. "What's he talking about wrecks for,

Stukey?"

"Shut up, shut up!" Stukey sobbed, pounding his foot on the gas pedal to gain yet another inch of road. "We gotta get outa here, we gotta get out!" But even when the station wagon jerked forward once more, he knew he was asking for too much, too late.







"It's really lovely, but I wonder about the 'Easy Terms.'"

FAIR GAME (continued from page 35)

to pay \$16 for a brace of pheasants from a game preserve shows something of the value they put on the uniquely luscious taste of game. But there are those purists — and some Brillo-breasted buckos — who get an added clout from bagging their own dinners, many of them guys who, except during hunting season, are unbloodthirsty, indoor types. For these, the following facts of wild life are noted.

First of all, the knowing Nimrod must never forget the simple fact that his game is shot. When lead pierces the innards of beast or bird, it can cause undigested food to spoil the adjacent flesh. Food left in the crop alongside the neck may taint the wild meat. It's important then for the gunner-gourmet to draw his quarry as soon as possible. To draw game merely means to remove the innards. If you can't do it yourself, you'll often find butchers, suppliers, hausfraus or guides in well-known game areas who will perform this scullery work for you.

If you decide to draw the birds right in the field, it isn't necessary to pluck them immediately. Merely remove enough feathers from the neck and tail end to allow a reasonable working area. With your hunting knife make a slit alongside the neck, and remove the crop and windpipe. Cut another slit from the end of the breastbone to the tail, and remove the internal organs. Don't wash the bird, merely wipe it dry.

If it's a hefty buck you've knocked down, the easiest solution, of course, is to take your kill to the butcher nearest your camp, and ask him to skin, gut and cut the venison into pieces that will fit into your range or food freezer. However, if you are bound and determined to Do It Yourself, here's how you Do It: make your incision at the top of the chest and draw it down vertically to and around the tail. Pull the flesh to the side, and remove the lungs, heart, stomach and intestines. Wipe the adjacent flesh clean with a slightly moistened rag, and keep the torso spread open for airing with small branches until the body heat has dissipated. It is best not to skin the animal at once, but to leave it in the hide until it is aged and ready for butchering, or at least until it can be aged under semi-refrigeration. If this is the case, and you do postpone skinning. you must remove the musk glands behind the leg and upper thigh of the animal, or they will spoil the meat along the entire shank. This is easily accomplished, as they are located between the skin and flesh on the hind legs of the animal, and can be pulled out with little difficulty from a vertical incision. Once the animal is ready for skinning - which certainly shouldn't be until you've returned from your trip - complete the cut you've made to remove the innards, extending it to the bottom of the chin, and remove the hide by pulling up and out. To remove the hide from the legs, cut along the inside of them, starting from just above the hoof and running to the center cut you have made in the torso. The head and hooves, of course, should be severed.

If your hunting trail isn't too far from your home, you can defer the job of drawing the game until you've returned. Often the butcher or chef in your own club kitchen, or any competent restaurant chef, will be able to take care of all cleaning operations. But in any event, as soon as the game is brought down, it should be kept as cool and well ventilated as possible. Don't throw the birds or small animals while they're still warm in an airless heap inside your game bag. Keep the birds hanging separately as long as possible. Don't toss your deer over the front fender right alongside the engine heat, particularly on a warm day, and then begin driving several hundred miles to your destination. If you do, you may find that you've crossed the line between ripe and rotten when you sit down to your roast saddle of venison.

Unlike fish, which should be transferred right from the hook to the frying pan, game must be aged before it's eaten. If it isn't hung, it will be flat-tasting, coarse and tough. In Scotland, pheasants are hung until they almost drop from the hook. In America our tolerance for the mature fragrance of aged game is more limited. Sportsmen, in years gone by, were in the habit of aging their game outdoors, hanging it for days from the branch of a tree, a tent pole, a cornice or any other presumably cool place where its individual flavor could develop. The hazards of this old practice, still followed in some sections of the country, are countless. An occasional spell of hot weather can quickly ruin a man's entire bag. Varmints and insects can attack the hanging meat. Against their depredations hunters still douse birds with ground pepper, tie mosquito netting around small game animals or hang them from extra-tall trees. Game boxes, small contraptions with screens of fine mesh wire, are helpful if you're too many miles from civilization. The best practice, however, is to age your game in the refrigerator. It takes a little longer than outdoor aging, but it's infinitely safer. If the refrigerator temperature is set from 38° to 42°, the game will mature more satisfactorily than at a 32° to 36° temperature. Naturally, a butcher's walk-in refrigerator where the game may hang in cool air circulated by a blower does a better job than a small, crowded bachelor's refrigerator. Usually upland game birds like pheasant, quail or grouse should be aged from three to six days depending on individual taste. Wild ducks should be aged two to three days. Venison should be aged from one to two weeks.

In choosing a particular recipe, it's extremely important to know the age of the game you're about to prepare. Unless you can recognize the signs of maturity, you'll be in the position of the man who invites his chums to a dinner of broiled squab and then discovers that what he's serving tastes like old soup fowl. One of the distinctive signs of age in a bird is the end of the breastbone. In a young bird, it's soft and may be twisted easily. In older birds the tip of the breastbone is quite rigid. The feet and shanks are another sign. They're pliable and smooth in a young bird but coarse and rough in older fowl. The claws of a young bird are quite sharp; as the bird grows old, the claws become blunted. The end wing feathers are pointed in a young specimen and somewhat rounded in an older bird. When judging waterfowl, note that the windpipe of the young is soft; as they mature. it becomes less pliable. In estimating the age of a rabbit, the ears and lips are your clues; the ears of the young are very soft, and the cleft in the upper lip is more definitely outlined than in an older hare. The age of deer, of course, is indicated by the antlers; one spike for a year-old deer, two for a two-year-old,

Once you've determined that your game is young, you can choose the dry forms of cookery which are normally used in preparing tender meat, such as broiling or roasting. If game is old, it must always be cooked by moist heat as in braising, stewing or boiling (although the latter is rarely used in game cookery). Certain young game animals like rabbit or woodchuck may be cooked by either method. The tender cuts of venison like the rack or loin may be broiled or roasted, while the tough cuts like the chuck should be stewed.

Game birds tend to be dry and lean in their natural state. To compensate for this dryness, most birds which are roasted are usually covered with a thin layer of salt pork, larding pork or bacon. Aluminum foil or a double thickness of cheesecloth dipped in salad oil may be used to prevent excessive drying when a fierce oven heat is used. During cooking, the birds may be brushed with butter or oil. Basting with stock or chicken broth is an aid in retaining natural juices. The electric rotisserie in which the bird is self-basted as it revolves before the heat is an excellent piece of equipment for the modern game cook.

Your first taste of game may be quite (continued on page 77)

The Shapely Miss Staley

a channel charmer in compatible color





Television tidbit Joan Staley pauses for a windblown moment outside CBS, at left; digs directorial data, above.

YOU'VE PROBABLY SEEN Joan Staley on that bluishly-blinking box in your fun room, because she has appeared on Studio One, Perry Mason, Shower of Stars and other TV slots. 21-year-old five-foot-fiver Joan is an American girl with an international upbringing: as the daughter of a Navy chaplain, her traveling couldn't have begun much earlier, for she was born in an airplane high in the clouds between France and Germany. She spent her first year of high school in Chicago; her second year in Washington, D.C.; her third in Munich; her fourth in Paris. Starting out in the lively arts as a concert violinist, she switched focus to acting and singing and plans to stick with these until fame and fortune accrue in large glittering heaps. Sweet, smart, talented, with eyes of blue and hair of blonde, Joan Staley is a pert Playmate who can drop around and be our own private Late Late Show any night.

MISS NOVEMBER PLAYBOY'S PLAYMATE OF THE MONTH













Joan steals a last cigarette and a restful moment before an important Studio One appearance. Below, she soaks up sapient savvy from another Joan, seasoned showbiz veteran Blondell. Our Miss November played a problem-vexed teenager in a drama which also featured Miss Blondell, Jack Carson, Maxie Rosenbloom.



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PLAYBOY'S PARTY JOKES

Two young starlets were discussing the remarriage of a well-known Hollywood couple: "I guess," said the one to the other, "it was just another one of those divorces that didn't pan out."



A popular bachelor attached to the American Embassy in London had just returned from a weekend in the midlands at a stately country home. When asked by a friend what sort of a time he had had, he replied, "If the soup had been as warm as the wine, and the wine as old as the chicken, and the chicken as tender as the upstairs maid, and the upstairs maid as willing as the duchess, it would have been perfect."

We spotted this ad in the personal column of a large metropolitan daily: "Gentleman who smokes, drinks and carouses wishes to meet lady who smokes, drinks and carouses. Object: smoking, drinking and carousing."



Our Unabashed Dictionary defines perambulator as last year's fun on wheels.

The newlyweds were obviously suffering from exhaustion and after a routine examination, their doctor advised, "It's not unusual for a young couple to overdo things during the first weeks of marriage. What you both need is more rest. For the next month I want you to limit your sexual activity to those days of the week

with an 'r' in them. That is, Thursday, Friday and Saturday."

Since the end of the week was approaching, the newlyweds had no immediate difficulty following the doctor's orders. But on the first evening of scheduled rest the young bride found herself unusually passionate. Hubby fell asleep quickly, but she tossed and turned interminably and finally nudged her spouse into partial wakefulness.

Expecting daylight and confused because it was still dark, he asked, "What

"Mondray," said his bride, cuddling against him.

What are you nagging me about?" complained the husband. "I was in last night by a quarter of 12."

"You were not, you liar!" cried the irate wife. "I heard you come in and the

clock was striking three."
"Well, stupid," said hubby, "isn't
three a quarter of 12?"



Did you follow my advice about kissing your girl when she least expects it?" asked the sophisticated college senior of his younger fraternity brother.

"Oh, hell," said the fellow with the swollen eye, "I thought you said where."

The Madison Avenue exec was dallying with both his secretary and the French maid, and on this particular evening he called home to make his excuses for a night out with the secretary. Babette, the French maid, answered the phone and the executive said in a very business-like manner, "Tell Madam she'd better go to bed and I'll be along as soon as I can."

"Oui, Monsieur," purred Babette, "and who shall I say is calling?"

Heard any good ones lately? Send your favorites to Party Johes Editor, PLAYBOY, 232 E. Ohio St., Chicago 11, Ill., and earn an easy \$25.00 for each joke used. In case of duplicates, payment goes to first received. Johes cannot be returned.



"I hate to intrude, but could one of you hand me that gray tweed topcoat?"















HIS WAS the first time Johnny Knight had been on the carpet, and he knew it might well be the last - at least as far as Inter-Ocean Airways was concerned. Of course they kept him waiting. He sat quietly, his big hands folded in his lap, until finally the door marked CHIEF PILOT - PRIVATE opened and a girl came out.

"Captain Judson will see you now, Mr. Knight," she said.

Judson was a youngish bald man, big in the shoulders, and tall. His eyes had the squint of 10,000 hours in the air and he was slightly deaf in one ear. He motioned Johnny to a chair.

"You've been flying with us for six months or so, haven't you, Knight?" he asked.

"Yes, sir, that's right," Johnny answered.

"You had a good record, too - until this thing happened. You look like a sensible fellow, how could you do anything so crazy?"

"I guess I just lost my head for a minute, Captain," Johnny said. "I blew my top, that's all."

"There isn't much room in this business for people who blow their tops, Mr. Knight," Judson said. "You'd better tell me about it. How did it hap-

pen, anyway?"

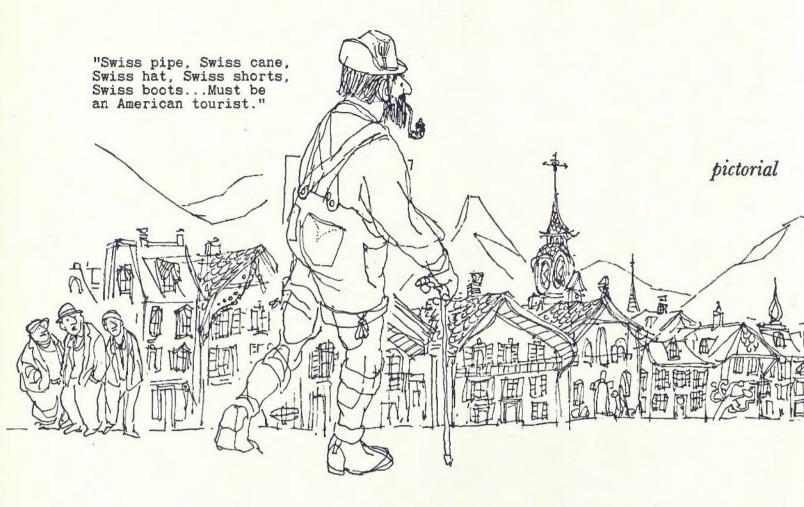
Johnny Knight drew a deep breath. "Well, I've been flying with Captain Harbull for 60 days or so," he said. "The night it all happened, there last week, he was checking me out on a new airplane, the Cavalier 109, you know, completely test flight, no passengers at all. We had a little carburetor icing on the No. 2 engine and we went into Pittsburgh to have it straightened out. Everything was socked in there. You couldn't see your hand

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it was just a little friendly clobbering between captain and co-pilot

A SOCK IN THE JAW

fiction by KEN PURDY



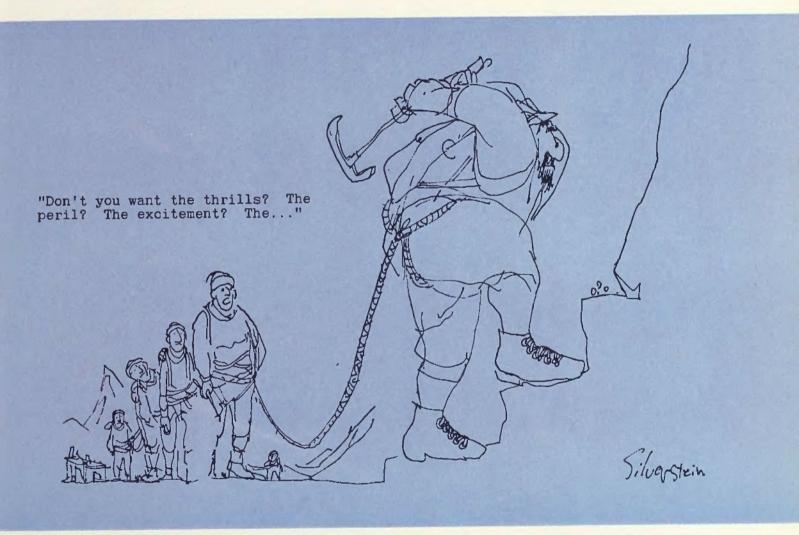
SILVERSTEIN IN SWITZERLAND

our roistering roamer digs the land of ventilated cheese

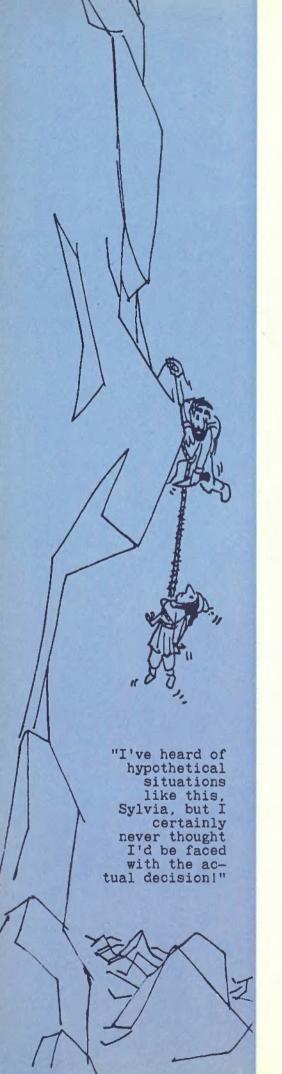
H ANNIBAL needed a whole menagerie of elephants, horses, donkeys and leopards-with-spears-attached to get him over the Alps, but Shel Silverstein needed only his sketchbook, his pencil, his beard and his lively curiosity. Entering Switzerland, Shel got right into the spirit of things (as he always does)—donning the required sweater, Lederhosen and pointy, shaving-brushed hat; investigating the cuckoo clock situation; checking out the native quail; venturing a scratchy yodel and blowing hot bells with a combo of Swiss bell-ringers. He also found time to sketch his own highly personal impressions of Switzerland for PLAYBOY.









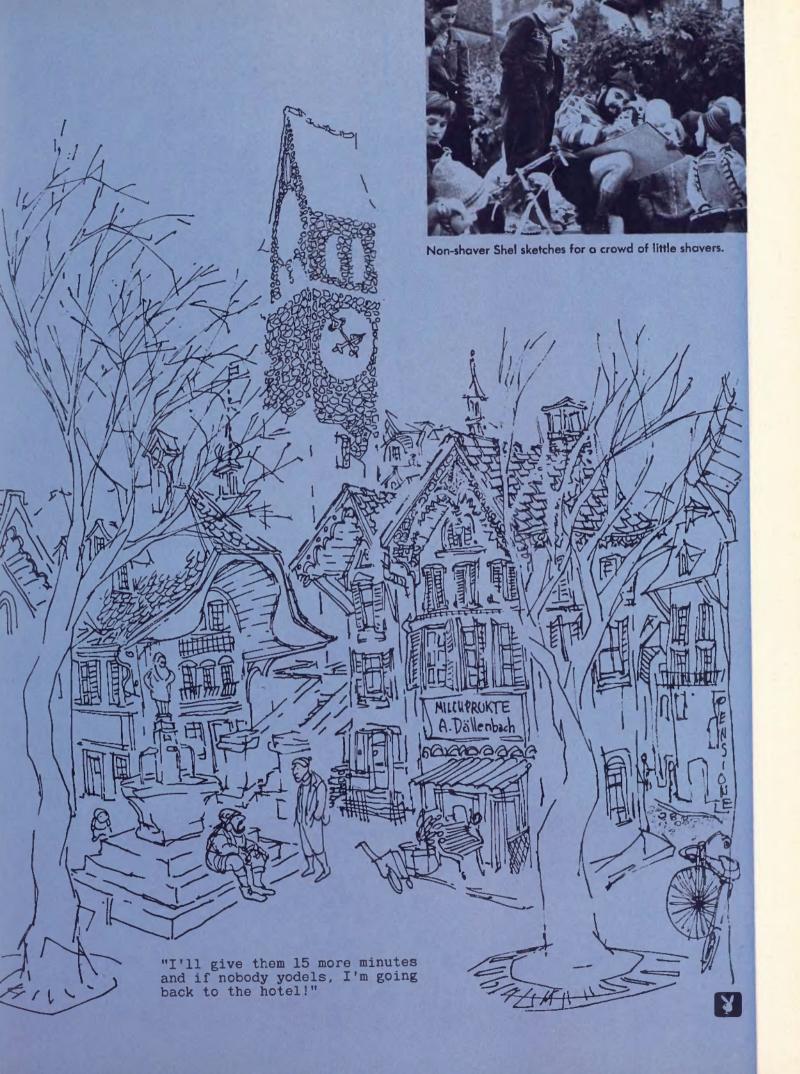




"You realize of course, Miss Gruber, that the slightest noise on your part could send thousands of tons of snow and ice avalanching down...crushing us to an agonizing, suffocating end...and bringing death and destruction to the innocent people of that picturesque village below..."



"Yes, sir, give me a mountain any time. You conquer a mountain and it stays conquered! Does a mountain ever keep you waiting for hours? No! Does a mountain ever lie to you or try to squeeze money out of you? No! Does a mountain ever leave a lot of dirty lingerie cluttering up the bathroom? No! Does a mountain ever go off cheating on you the minute your back is turned? Does a mountain ever run off with some shoe salesman from Detroit, Michigan? Hell, no!!



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in front of your face and we barely got into the field."

"Who made the landing?"

"I did."

"Did you have any discussion with Harbull about who was going to make it?"

Johnny Knight raised his eyebrows. "When you're flying with Captain Harbull," he said, "you don't have any discussions about anything. You do what you're told. He runs a taut ship."

"You always got along well with him though, didn't you?" Judson asked.

"Sure. I can take it," Johnny said. "Harbull is all right, I guess. He just wants to make sure you can take it. I remember one time he made me pump the gear up and down by hand for three landings. My arm was sore for a week. He cut the No. I engine on me one day taking off out of Dayville, to see if I'd blow up. Another time he underset the altimeter a couple hundred feet when I was landing blind."

Judson looked up. "What did you do about that?" he asked.

"I reached over and tapped the glass, just to be sure he saw where the needle was," Johnny said, "Then I figured he must think it was OK, since he doesn't want to get killed any more than anybody else, so I went ahead and landed the thing."

"I see. That was good clear thinking," Judson said. "To get back to Pittsburgh, what happened after you'd landed?"

"We got the carburetor trouble cleaned up and then we went in to check the weather. The dispatcher told us we were grounded. Captain Harbull laughed at him and told him to go back to his knitting. He told him there were still a few men left on the airline. The dispatcher got sore, of course, and they had a big argument. But the dispatcher wouldn't give in. He said we were grounded and that was all there was to it."

Judson interrupted. "Was that when Harbull made the phone call?" he asked.

Johnny nodded. "Yeah. First he told the dispatcher to do it. 'Call up The Man,' he said. 'Get Mac on the phone and we'll settle this in a hurry.' Of course the dispatcher wouldn't do it. I guess he didn't know that Harbull was the second or third pilot the airline ever hired and he and Mr. MacIntyre are buddies. The idea of calling the president of the line in the middle of the night was too much for him. So finally Captain Harbull grabbed the phone and made the call himself."

"And Mr. MacIntyre told him to go ahead if he thought he should, right?"

Johnny nodded. "Yes. Harbull made the dispatcher listen while Mr. MacIntyre said it again, and then we went

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back out to the airplane. It was so foggy we almost walked into the ship before we saw it. Nobody else was going. There were two regular TBA flights there and one Federal. That was when Harbull gave me the big speech. 'Knight,' he said, 'it's at times like this when we separate the men from the boys. Those jokers over there are going to sit around drinking coffee all night. Their passengers are getting sore. They're losing money for their companies, and making ill will. And for what? Because they're chicken, and they won't go. They're afraid of a little low-lying mist.' And so on. He gave me a real pitch."

"I see," Judson said. "Harbull is quite an articulate fellow, I know that."

"He sure is," Johnny said. "Of course, it occurred to me to remind him that after all those other flights had full passenger loads, and we were empty, just the two of us, but I decided against it. Anyway, we got into the airplane and Harbull took a 10-cell flashlight out of his bag and gave it to me. 'Now I'll tell you what we're going to do, Knight, my boy,' he said. 'You take the flashlight and stick it out the window on your side. We'll put the ship about 10 feet from the edge of the runway, and you shine the light on the markers. And you steer, understand? You steer, watching the runway, and I'll take it off blind. Got it?'

"I said I guessed so, and that's how we took it off, so help me."

"Then you came up to New York without any further incident."

"That's right," Johnny said. "Nothing more happened, and I don't mind telling you that was OK with me. It will also be OK with me if I never have to make another one of those piano-duet take-offs."

"I can understand that," Judson said.
"But when did your trouble with Harbull start?"

"When we checked in. We sent in to dump our gear. Harbull slung his stuff down and lit a cigarette. 'Well, I hope I never have to do that again,' he said. 'That take-off gave me the jumps.'

"I was really jolted when he said that. 'I thought you wanted to make it,' I said. 'What about all the stuff about loyalty to the airline, and the mail must go through, and all that?'

"Harbull laughed. 'Oh, that!' he said. 'That was just to be sure you kept your nerve up, sonny. I didn't think I'd better tell you the real reason I wanted to get home.'

"'And what was the real reason?' I

"'A dame, of course,' Harbull told me. 'What else? I've got a late date tonight, and I stood her up last time. If I did it again, she'd break my arm.'" Judson laid down his pencil. "Was that when you slugged him?" he asked.

Johnny Knight shook his head. "No, a couple of minutes later Harbull said he suddenly remembered something. He said his date wasn't for that night at all, it was for the next night, Wednesday night."

"Oh," Judson said. "Then you hit him?"

"No, I didn't," Johnny said. "I had the temptation, but I controlled it. I got a grip on myself. I counted to 10. I lit a cigarette."

"Very commendable," Judson said.

"What happened next?"

"Well, sir, we just sat there, Captain Harbull and me," Johnny said, "and he kept looking at me, and he began to grin and suddenly it dawned on me. Captain Harbull has been flying since the pilots rode outdoors. He wouldn't risk a passenger or an airplane for a date with Sophia Loren. Second, he can remember what the dewpoint was on Thanksgiving Day of 1928, he never forgot anything in his life, and he sure wouldn't forget what night he was meeting a girl. The whole thing had been a gag. He was just seeing how much I could take. He was just giving me a real Harbull stretch-out.

"That was when you lost your head?" Judson asked.

"Yes, sir. I blew my top. I hit him and I dumped him right on the deck."

"What happened after that?" Judson asked.

"Captain Harbull looked at me and said, 'Help me up.' So I did, and as soon as he was on his feet he slugged me. He was holding me with one hand and he hit me with the other."

"I didn't know about that," Judson said

"He hit me a pretty good lick," Knight said. "When I came to, he showed me something: a roll of dimes he'd had in his hand when he hit me. 'Knight, my boy,' he said. 'The reason seniority counts for so much on the airlines is that seniority means brains. I'm senior to you, and you have a lot of muscle, and I'm not going to belabor the point, but I strongly advise you never even to entertain the idea of hitting a captain again.'"

"You parted friends?" Judson asked.
"Oh, sure," Knight said.

That was about all there was to it. Harbull had made no formal complaint, and Knight left the office with nothing worse than a slap on the wrist. He thanked Judson and hustled to the branch bank in the air terminal building.

ing.
"Tell me," he said to the clerk,
"about how many quarters does it take
to make a roll four inches long?"





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By ROBERT GEORGE REISNER



IN THE WEE SMALL HOURS of the morning, when the whole wide world is either fast asleep or wide awake, depending on what social circle you prefer, the voice of Frank Sinatra—bittersweet, magical, lean, insinuating, nudging, shrugging (yes, this man can shrug his voice)—weaves itself into the day-and-nightdreams of America's womankind. Hat set cockily on the back of his head, raincoat draped carelessly over a bony shoulder, this hip brand of love god, so different from the lush and limpid-eyed love gods of yore, casually ambles into the phantasies of females young and old, dances on the ceilings near their beds, bids them come fly with him down to Acapulco Bay. And if the real Sinatra were to make the offer, a goodly number would hop at the opportunity.

For the scrawny kid from Hoboken, precariously perched atop what he inwardly fears may be the tallest and most trembly house of cards in the history of showbiz, is a love god and no mistake—a bona fide sex idol, with the stamp of his epoch upon him. It may not be extravagant to surmise that more women would rather park their pumps under Frank Sinatra's pad than that of any other male in the world, including Gregory Peck, Rock Hudson, Porfirio Rubirosa, Senator Kennedy and Commander Whitehead. And to Frankie's credit, he has

displayed a sporting willingness to give a fair number the chance.

It is doubtful that anyone, anywhere, makes out any better than Sinatra. And that is partly because "the broads," as he calls them, are an obsession with him. He is as intense in his pursuit of a better broad as he is of a better song or better part in a picture. When he first arrived on the West Coast, he put up in his MGM dressing room a list of the most desirable movie actresses and he didn't take it down until he had worked his way through the lot. Sinatra has been, in the euphemistic lingo of the newspapers, "romantically linked" with Lana Turner (whose taste for tough Italians has produced some unhappy headlines since). Marilyn Maxwell, Anita Ekberg, Gloria Vanderbilt (who chose Frankie for her first date after separating from Leopold Stokowski), Marlene Dietrich, Kim Novak, Joan Blackman (an attractive 18-year-old actress whom he once introduced to inquisitive reporters as "Ezzard Charles") and Lauren Bacall. He is followed, like the Pied Piper, wherever he goes, whether in Hollywood or on location in the tiniest hamlet. Budding young starlets wait for his call; society matrons in Bar Harbor and Chestnut Hill dream of subtle assignations with him; leggy airline stewardesses pack his picture in their travel-kits and yearn for the day when he will ask them to come fly away.

What does Frank Sinatra have that prompted one critic to describe him as "the most complete, the most fantastic symbol of American maleness yet discovered, for both good and bad reasons"? Sinatra, himself, understands the least. He still thinks his success was all an accident, He has little faith in either his voice or his ability as an actor. Nor does his mirror give him any cause for confidence. He has none of the Latin mystery of a Valentino or the distingué hauteur of a Barrymore. He is, in fact, short and slight (140 pounds, including hair pieces). His face and neck still show the scars from the forceps used in a difficult birth. His face is so undistinguished that his double, Johnny Delgado, is always pestered for autographs when the two are on location. He tends to overdress, with suits cut a bit too sharp and Windsor-wide

knots in his ties. What manner of love god is this?

Sinatra is the most potent performer in show business today, the most spectacularly popular singer of popular songs, the most sought-after movie star, the most successful wooer of women. In searching for explanations for his phenomenal appeal, the London Times felt that the secret was not the voice but the smile, "the shy, depreciating smile, with the quiver at the corner of

the man with the golden charm has become the love god of our time

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the mouth, that makes the young ladies in the gallery swoon in ecstasy and the maturer matrons in the dress circle gurgle with protective delight . . ." The sculptor, Jo Davidson, thought the secret might lie in Frankie's bone structure. "He's like a boyish Lincoln," said Davidson, after probing at Sinatra's face. Frankie, himself, in a rare excess of becoming modesty, credited "ham" for his rise: "Ham," said Sinatra, "can make a scrawny kid, who has to leave the hanger in his coat to have any shoulders, into a movie star." But what he dismisses as "ham" is actually a remarkable personality that Sinatra has been able to project in his performances and with which the public has been able to strongly identify. It is his personality that is the key to Sinatra's success.

The personality found its first expression in his singing, in the way he took an otherwise no more than pleasant voice and charged it through and through with sex, pathos and fierce sincerity. "Why, the little punk," said an incredulous sideman. "He really believes those words!" And when Sinatra the singer became Sinatra the actor, it was not unusual acting ability that won fans and an Oscar. It was again the projection of a vital, intense human being - if not handsome, then surely the hippest of the hip, and yet naively childlike, too; and despite his many affairs, an incurable romantic about life and love - if not suave and sophisticated, then most certainly a fascinating mixture of both man and boy, at once tough and tender, brooding, searching, and always very much alive.

As any ex-usher who worked at New York's Paramount Theatre back in the mid-Forties can tell you, Frankie's appeal with the girls could have been predicted early. What could not have been foreseen was the universality of his appeal, which crosses all lines of sex, age and station as they have never been crossed before. There was a time when the girls swooned over Francis Albert Sinatra and the guys dug him not at all. During World War II, the showing of a Sinatra movie to a company of U.S. marines elicited groans and gripes and a derisive cacophony of shouts like "Kiss me, Frankiel Ooooooooh, Frankiel" and an army sergeant remarked, when Sinatra sang in the Hollywood Bowl: "After this performance in the bowl, I hope they don't forget to flush it." Actually, this male attitude was an overreaction to the young females who were bandaging their arms where Sinatra touched them and ripping at his clothes whenever he left a theatre. Without really understanding why, these squealing teenagers were the first to fall under the Sinatra spell. There he stood, holding onto the microphone for dear life, a

curl hanging limply over his forehead, a sweet-sad smile on his face, crying out for love and togetherness. "My sister saw him twice," said one admirer, "and she's afraid to go again because she's engaged."

Today, Sinatra's appeal is so universal that when he arrived at the Chicago Stadium to watch the recent Sugar Ray Robinson-Carmen Basilio championship fight, it caused as much excitement at ringside as the entrance of the two boxers the audience had paid heavy sugar to see. A fight crowd is about as far from Frankie's original underage female following as it is possible to imagine, yet the entire stadium rose, almost to a man, to get a look at Sinatra as he came down the aisle to his seat.

Sinatra has been behaving in a highly individual manner most of his life, including the occasion of his birth on December 12, 1915, at which he weighed 131/2 pounds and had to be pried into life with the aforementioned forceps. Upon hearing of his birthweight, a jokester later remarked, "Too bad he's lost so much weight since then." The story of how Sinatra grew up as the son of a pork-and-beans prizefighter who later became a fireman and a mother who neglected her family to pursue a political career in Hoboken and throughout New Jersey is by now as familiar as the weary old saga of how jazz came up the river. Frank was not much good in school. Because his mother dressed him in too-fancy clothes, he was often the object of derision; but his father taught him to fight and he began using his fists to defend his honor early. He had always enjoyed singing and he talked his mother into buying him a \$75 microphone and rhinestone-studded amplifier, quit school, and began singing wherever he could around New Jersey at lodge meetings, Communion breakfasts, weddings and neighboring roadhouses. At one such, named the Rustic Cabin, he was heard by Harry James; and when this Benny Goodman sideman cut out to form his own band, he hired Frank to handle the vocals. Nothing very important happened to Sinatra while he was with James, although they recorded a tune called All or Nothing at All that was reissued and became quite popular after Frank had made it big as a single. Sinatra earned \$85 a week with James and after about six months he caught the ear of Tommy Dorsey who hired him away for \$110, which seemed like a remarkable amount of money to Frank at the time.

Sinatra's highly personal singing style was developed early and all the fundamental features were there by the time he left the Tommy Dorsey band in October of 1942. Two of Sinatra's records made with TD, I'll Never Smile Again

and There Are Such Things, sold over a million copies each. The Dorsey tronsbone influenced his singing. "I sort of bend my notes," Sinatra has explained, "gliding from one to another without abrupt breaks. The trombone is the greatest example of this." His "up" style was influenced by the fröhlich trumpet of Dorsey sideman Ziggy Elman. But mostly his style was influenced by himself. He was a complete identity, unlike any other singer before him. He was a total loner, going his own way in music as in life. He sang emotionally he really did believe those lyrics - and audiences reacted. His phrasing became the archtype for a whole new school of singing; singlehandedly, he changed the emphasis in American popular music from the big band with the incidental singer to the big singer with the incidental band.

And as Sinatra "The Voice" became known, Sinatra the man became a subject of national interest. The public discovered a strangely driven, searching and forever dissatisfied soul. Sinatra the man became a living representation of the songs he sang. He grew as a symbol of romance as he loved, and lost, and loved again. He had married an attractive, dark-haired girl named Nancy Barbato, whom he met when he was 19 years of age and she was 16. They had three children, Nancy, Frank and Tina. By 1945 Sinatra was making a million dollars a year, but there were mounting tensions at home. Nancy had overlooked the teenage girls who threw themselves at Frankie in the East, tore at his clothing and hid themselves in his hotel room, but in Hollywood it was different. There were continuous column items linking her husband with various film fatales. His open affair with Ava Gardner was what finally wrote finis to his first marriage; on October 30, 1951, Nancy got a divorce charging cruelty, and was awarded custody of the children and one-third of Sinatra's earnings. Eight days later, Sinatra and Ava Gardner were married in Philadelphia. The lanky North Carolina beauty was a mixed-up girl with a history of marriage to mixed-up men Mickey Rooney and Artie Shaw. Like Sinatra, Ava had a reputation for wanting most what she didn't have, and Frank found her fiercely desirable. It was a much publicized, stormy romance and marriage. Sinatra sent her expensive gifts, flew thousands of miles to woo and win her, but once together, they fought continuously.

At about this point, Sinatra's career took a nosedive, setting the stage for one of the most remarkable comebacks in show business history. Sinatra now indicates he feels the fluctuations in his career were more imagined than real,

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(continued from page 64) but they were very real in 1951 and 1952. Sinatra and MGM had come to a parting of the ways: the studio was unhappy with the bad press he had been receiving and Frank was upset because of being continually cast as a singing sailor. His box office appeal had dropped away to almost nothing. But worse than that, so had his record sales. He secretly feared that his voice was gone. He was under tremendous emotional and physical strain. He was singing at the Copacabana when his throat began hemorrhaging. He refused to stay in bed and returned to finish the engagement only because he heard that a columnist he hated had bet the club owner \$100 he could never do it.

While Sinatra's career was going down, Ava's was climbing. In 1952 she was sent to Africa to make Mogambo with Clark Gable and Grace Kelly. Sinatra, out of work, went along to be with his wife. They fought on location and they fought in their tent at night. Sinatra was flat broke and he owed the government more money in back taxes than most men earn in a lifetime. He was down, but he wasn't out, and he had a plan. Before going to Africa he had read James Jones' novel From Here to Eternity. He thought that the part of Maggio, the tough little Italian kid. was made to order for him, and he went to see Buddy Adler, who was producing the picture for Columbia.

Adler never tires of telling the story. "It's an acting part, Frankie," he said, trying to keep a straight face.

"It's me," said Sinatra.

Adler was still dubious. He was testing five other actors for the part. He said. "I'll have to think about it."

Sinatra went to his agent and said, "I'll play that part for 50 bucks a week. For nothing. You've got to get it for me."

In Africa, Sinatra received a cable from Adler saying he would be given a chance to test for the film and that he should fly back to Hollywood at once. Sinatra flew.

"The first take, we knew we had it cold," he says. "I thought to myself, if he's like that in the movie, it's a sure Academy Award performance."

But Sinatra didn't wait for the results of the test. He borrowed money from a friend and returned to Africa loaded down with Christmas gifts. He built Ava a shower bath in the midst of the jungle and staged a Christmas party in which he led a group of Belgian Congo natives in singing carols. Then it began to look like he might not get the role in From Here to Eternity, and he reverted to his state of depression, and the bickering with Ava began again.

A cable arrived informing him that he had been given the part. He would receive only \$8000 compared to his usual \$150,000, but he had meant it when he said he was willing to play the part for nothing. Pacing up and down in front of Ava's tent, the cable clutched in his hand, he said, "Now I'll show the bastards."

Sinatra returned to Hollywood a week later. While still on location in Africa. Ava was flown to London with what was reported to be "a severe case of anemia." Later she admitted, "It actually was a miscarriage, and we lost the baby we both wanted so much." After completing his work in Eternity, Sinatra joined her in England, but they began fighting again almost immediately. He returned to New York. They were reconciled about a year later, largely through the efforts of Sinatra's mother, but they were together only about a week. In October 1953, it was announced that they had separated. For a while, in 1956. it looked as though they might go back together again. Sinatra went to Spain. where Ava prepared a honeymoon house to receive him, but Frank arrived with a nightclub singer. Peggy Connelly, on his arm.

Of course, the psychiatrists have their explanations. Says one: "Sinatra's behavior is clear and basic. His mother turned him over to substitute mothers when she went off on her busy political life in Hoboken. First it was his grandmother, then his aunt, then an elderly Jewish woman, Mrs. Golden. Frank never worked out the crucial early relationship with his mother because his mother gave him a sense of rejection. A childhood like that will produce a restless, insatiable man. Now he repeats the childhood pattern of searching for love, finding and rejecting it. The other side of the coin is the female response to such a man. It is no accident that the first reaction of early Sinatra fans was to want to mother him, to protect and watch over him. That is exactly the need that he projected and on a very basic, emotional level, girls responded to it. Nothing has happened down through his succession of unhappy love affairs to change the picture he projects."

And the picture he projected was also the songs he sang. For once in the history of show business, there was no need for a myth. "Everything happens to me." "I couldn't sleep a wink last night." "The night we called it a day." "There's no you." Myth and man blended into one. When Frankie sang of life and love, he knew the meaning of the lyrics all too well.

Nor did his movie career change the pattern. It was no accident that his spectacular comeback was triggered by his role in From Here to Eternity. At

heart, Maggio was a loner who asked for help from no man. When Frankie won an Oscar for his portrayal of the part, friends insisted, "Frank wasn't acting. He said it himself. He is Maggio." Maggio died in the arms of a buddy, still loveless and searching, bravely making the best of a sad life. Again, fact and fiction were in mesh. Sinatra has had his bouts with the sleeping pills and the cut wrist. Death is on his mind, but he goes indomitably on. Indeed, he goes cockily on. He may love and lose, but he will never yield. Like his close friend Humphrey Bogart (about whom Sinatra still talks constantly), he is his own guy. He takes no man's lip and no man's advice. Bogart himself once warned a would-be interviewer of Sinatra: "I love the guy, but there's one thing you've got to remember. When you talk to him, don't try to tell him anything. Don't tell. Suggest! You tell him anything and he's gonna boot you right out of the joint. He's the same with me."

Sinatra remains monumentally unimpressed by the opinions and ideas of experts. Nelson Riddle, his conductorarranger, says: "He thinks nothing of turning around and conducting the orchestra himself to get the exact tempo he wants." He also thinks nothing of changing the lyrics of a poet the likes of Rudyard Kipling. In singing The Road to Mandalay, he switched "Burma girl" to "Burma broad," to the considerable discomfort of Kipling's daughter who protested publicly. Even his language is unique: if he is amused or strongly moved by any emotion, he is "gassed"; any person, or anything, that affects him is a "gasser." He has used the word "clyde," the origin of which remains a mystery, the way soldiers use a four-letter synonym for sexual intercourse as a noun, adjective, verb and even as a pronoun. "Get off your clyde and let's go get ourselves some clydes," Sinatra will say, meaning, "Get off your ass and let's go get ourselves some pizza." His current favorite is "mother," a euphemism for an expression definitely not intended for polite company. Frankie insisted on introducing "mother" to television audiences on more than one occasion (thus helping to make the climate right for the gag: "What are we going to call that dear old lady now that mother's a dirty word?"). Some were offended. Says Mitch Miller, with whom Sinatra had a large falling-out when he split with Columbia Records to join Capitol: "The ability to sing 32 bars of music doesn't entitle anyone to flout the rules of society." But songwriter Sammy Cahn, one of Sinatra's really close friends, makes no apologies for Frank's maverick behavior. Says Cahn: "If he

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Atop Aspen Mountain a merry group of skiers demonstrate, omong other things, that wine is a fine accompaniment to the winey air, that reloxing can be as much fun as schussing, that skiing isn't a lonely sport, and that nothing tops ski gorb for colorful variety and originality.

FUN AND FASHION ON SKIS

it's a gambol—friendly and informal at aspen or most anywhere there's snow of all amateur sports, it is likely that skiing has had the most compressed and varied history. In a couple of decades, give or take a year or three, it has evolved from an arcane, perilous and arduous activity for the rugged few, to a hugely sprawling, wonderfully enjoyable, international winter pastime. Its devotees are legion and each one is a zealous propagandist for the sport and is apt to find himself mouthing the cliché, "Skiing isn't a sport — it's a way of life." And so it is: from those first brisk days when the ski buff starts



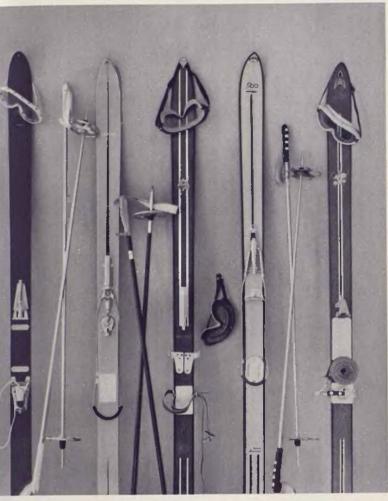
scanning the skies and poring over weather reports, to the day when the first snowflake falls, the excitement mounts, the plans are made, the gear and tackle and garb are taken out and lovingly gone over, and thousands upon thousands of people happily turn their backs on the tropical resorts which used to be winter's only saving grace, to turn their eyes toward high country and the world of slopes, trails, log fires, hot grog, mountain-top sun decks and the joyous, informal camaraderie of the ski resorts.

All that has happened in a scant 20 years. The famous old names are still clothed in glamor - Zermatt, St. Moritz, St. Anton, Bad Gastein, Kitzbühel, Garmisch. Klosters, etc. But American skiers have good reason to believe that our own ski areas can compete with the best that Europe has to offer. From the quaint French Canadian inns and ski trails of the Laurentians; down through northern New York State and New England's tradition-hallowed villages (Lake Placid, Hanover, Stowe, North Conway, Whiteface, Pinkham Notch, Pico Peak); from the mushrooming ski areas of the Midwest - Ishpeining, Boyne Mountain, Telemark, Caberfae, Northernaire, Wilmot; on out to the high mountains and open slopes of the West, from Banff, Spokane. Mt. Hood and Mt. Rainier through Sun Valley, Alta, Squaw Valley (scene of the '60 Winter Olympics) - to name just a few American ski areas there is a winter world of wonderful fun awaiting the American skier (and the visiting European skier, too) which is fast coming to equal the best that Europe has to offer.

All these places have their special and unique qualities; winter after winter one can ski a region at a time and find constant variety in slopes, lifts, living accommodations and social life; but wherever one goes and however long one stays—and whether one is beginner, intermediate or expert—the healthy and informal atmosphere of high good fun,

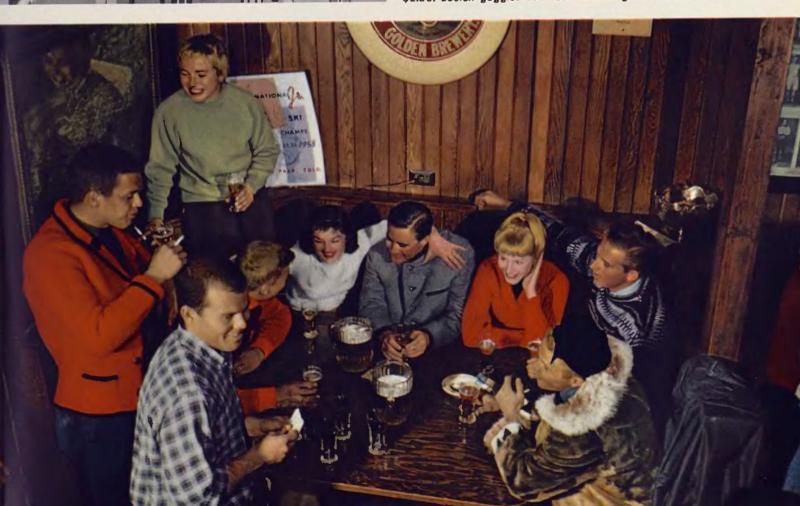
Left: the guy's good-looking big bulk sweater is hand knit by the Cowichon Indians in unbleached raw wool, comes in a voriety of patterns; \$49.95. A fresh wrinkle at populor ski areas like Aspen, the face mask in the back does double duty against wind ond sun, adds a jolly touch ta the skier's garb. Right: the fun af après ski gets under way at the Red Onion—pretty girls, lots of suds and the right duds. Guzzler on the left sparts a red Tyrolean woal jacket from Austria, with antique silver buttons; \$34.95. Fellow in the middle likes his gray Thalhammer jacket, alsa from Austria; \$34.95. Lad at lower right wears the ultimate in a sealskin arctic-type parka, warm, rugged and distinctive; \$175.

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Above: wide-wale corduroy Edelweiss knickers for the canny slopesman; \$14.95. Left: recommended geor. The skis, I to r: Head's Standard; \$85. Cortina; \$85. Blizzard; \$89.50 (standard edge), \$99.50 (hidden edge). Northland's Competition Dawnhill; \$75. Kästle Downhill; \$82.50 (regular edge), \$99.50 (hidden edge). The bindings, fram the left: Cubca; \$14.95. Ski-Free with Atenhofer Flex cable; \$5 and \$7.50. U.S. 2 Star; \$13.75 (without long-thang). Dovre #100; \$7.95. Marker Automatic Simplex with turn-table langthang; \$22.50. The poles, I ta r: Eckel's tapered steel; \$13.95; Cartina's shatterproof fiberglass; \$14.95. Komperdell's steel; \$14.95. Goggles, same order: Meiss' lightweight with four interchangeable lenses; \$3.95; Olympia Vallsichtbrille racing style, slotted sides accammodate glasses; \$2.50; same goggle unslattted; \$2.50. Bouton goggles with four interchangeable lenses; \$3.50.





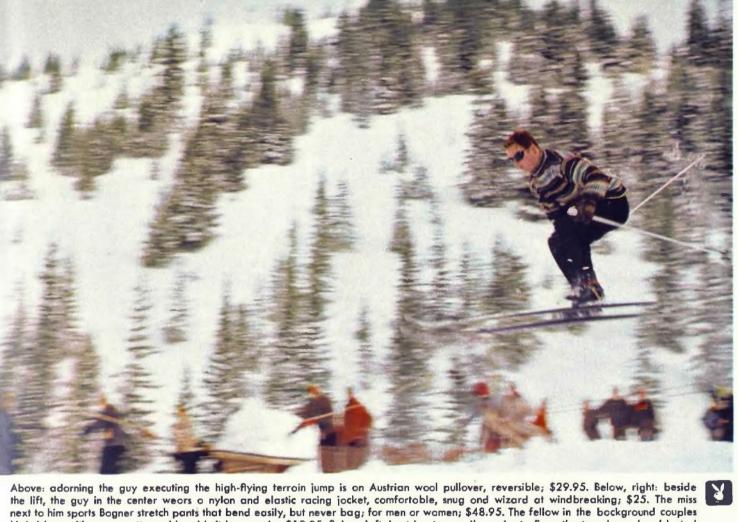
Above: when you've had enough of the slopes (if that's possible), a good place to get away from it all is the heated pool at The Smuggler, one of Aspen's newer lodges, where a late-afternoon coterie of guys and girls take to the waters to frolic and guzzle drinks flooting on Styrofoom. Though the oir outside may be in the brisk 30s, the pool is always over 70. Other winter sports avoilable in the Aspen areo include dog-sled trips, ice skating, sleigh rides and tennis. Right: this chop, cruising the streets of Aspen while others are on the slopes, has found a candid means of illustroting his disinclination to risk his neck, os the bright yellow stripe he's offixed to the bock of his parko clearly demonstrates.

which is the mark of the skier's world, is ready and waiting to be enjoyed.

Aspen, Colorado, is perhaps the most shining example of an American ski resort. This charming village nestled in the Roaring Fork Valley at 7900 feet, ringed by 14,000-foot mountains, now has just about everything for which the ardent or occasional skier can ask. Its average humidity is about 25%, its average annual snowfall is some eight feet, and it's never very cold or very hot. Aspen was a great big deal during the days of Bimetalism because it was the center of a thriving silver mining region. From the time of the silver panic until some 10 years ago, the little Victorian town slumbered in the crisp, clean air of the Rockies. Then, in 1947, the world's longest chair lift (14.000 feet) started operation to the top of Aspen Mountain, and modern Aspen was launched. Happily, the founding fathers of the new Aspen had the good sense to preserve and to perpetuate its quaint Victorian charm, and so today we see a fantastic mixture of the ultramodern and the charming Victorian, which live so happily together. New lifts have been added, new facilities opened up, such as the Highland Peak Area; and by the time you read this, there will be in operation a brand-new novice's paradise on Buttermilk Mountain, about a mile out of the town, complete with T-Bar lift and mile-long runs gentle enough for the beginner. Aspen offers a bewildering variety of slopes and trails - some 24 in number - and has what we like to believe is the best ski school in the world under the direction of Friedl Pfeifer and co-author of this piece, Fred Iselin.

But it also offers every conceivable kind of accommodation, from (continued on page 74)





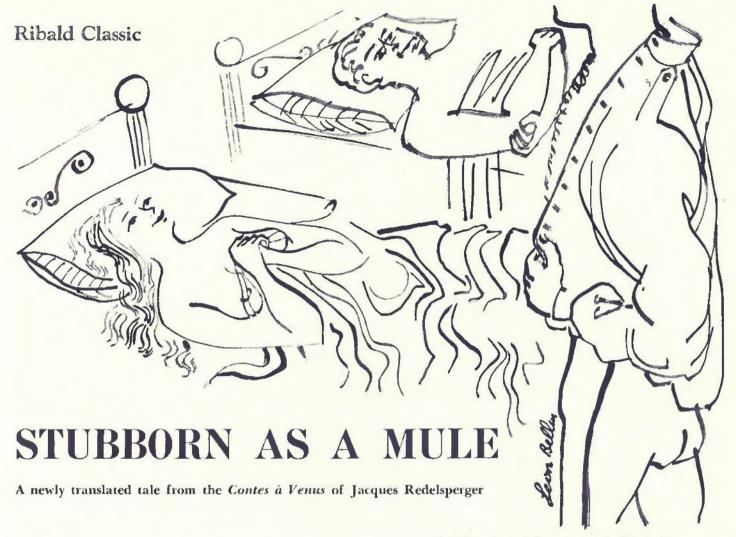
Above: adorning the guy executing the high-flying terroin jump is on Austrian wool pullover, reversible; \$29.95. Below, right: beside the lift, the guy in the center weors o nylon and elastic racing jocket, comfortable, snug and wizard at windbreaking; \$25. The miss next to him sports Bogner stretch pants that bend easily, but never bag; for men or women; \$48.95. The fellow in the background couples his knickers with crazy-potterned hand-knit knee socks; \$10.95. Below, left: best boots, goodly gadgets. From the top down: hand-losted Nordica Sestriere boot; \$39.50, held in adjustable aluminum Tyrol Mirromotic press-carrier; \$3.95. Jon-E Warmer provides cozy packets for cold hands; \$3.95. Hoderer Slalom boot; \$78. Northland waxes; $50 \neq$ each. Henke Speedfit with self-closing inner boot; \$60. Gossner cable lock locks skis to car carrier; \$3.95. Garmisch handmode "60" double boot; \$58.50. Moody screwdriver kit for on-snow edge repair; \$2.50. Rubber tie straps; $50 \neq$ a pair. Strolz Cortina racing boot; \$64. Swiss skier's knife has a regular blade and 10 specialized tools; \$9.50.







"Vikki Dougan it does something for. You it doesn't."



Boldly, the soldier removed his clothes.

In Marriage, if either party seeks to maintain self-importance and does not yield a little to the other, there is bound to be anguish.

With the Bisson couple, when the wife thought one way the husband was sure to take the opposite stand. If Madame said a thing was black, Monsieur would swear it was white. Everything in their marriage brought conflict. They couldn't even sleep together because of frequent spats about covers and space, and so early in their marriage they took to separate beds.

They lived in a charming little bungalow in the suburbs of Paris, and one evening after a walk in the moonlight they came back somewhat weary and so retired early. Suddenly Madame Bisson felt a strong breeze from the front of the house.

"You left the front door open. Go close it."

"No, certainly not," answered the husband, warm under his blanket, "I am not to blame."

"But I came in first. Since you came after me, it was your job."

"Your reasoning is false. Who usually locks up?"

"I do, because you nearly always come into the house ahead of me."

"Well, since it is your habit, it was not my affair."

"I will not close it."

"So be it," snapped the husband. "Since you are stubborn as a mule, here is what I propose. We are going to remain silent, and the first one to speak a word will go without hesitation to close the door."

"I accept," she answered, certain she would not give in.

And so with the door wide open, they said nothing, each waiting for the other to speak.

For a long time there was complete silence, then to their surprise they heard someone enter the house. It was a soldier returning from his café, who, seeing the door open, entered as if it were his own house. He wandered around in the dim light for a few minutes and then came to the bedroom where he could see the two people lying in their beds. He paused, expecting to hear them

order him out of the house, but since nothing happened he looked around more closely. He could see the voluptuous form of Madame Bisson under the covers, and he came boldly into the room, undressed, put his clothes in a neat pile on the chair, and got into bed.

The woman resisted, expecting her husband to protest, but since the stubborn fellow said nothing, she relaxed and enjoyed herself with the young man who stayed with her half an hour and gave her ample evidence of his youthful enthusiasm. Then, fatigued and sleepy, he got up, dressed, and went out whistling a gay tune, leaving the door still wide open.

When he was gone, the wife couldn't stand it any longer. "You brute!" she cried. "You let that young man get into bed with me and make you a cuckold without saying a word!"

"Aha!" roared the husband triumphantly. "You spoke first! You'll have to close the door!"

- Translated by Hobart Ryland



dormitory to chalet, to say nothing of swimming pools, restaurants, nightclubs, bistros, bars, pubs, lodges, coffee houses, cafés and shops. In fact, since the F.I.S. (Fédération Internationale de Ski) races were held in Aspen in 1950, it has developed into one of the most colorfully exciting places in the world. About the only thing you can't do there, in the wintertime, is get sand in your shoes. That's why playboy selected it as an ideal spot to take the pictures you see in this issue.

But, as we've said, it has only recently been thus at Aspen, and it has only recently been that American skiing has added to the excitement and adventure of the sport itself, the glamor and gaiety of its accompanying pleasures. And, just as the skier's world has expanded from rugged outdoorsmanship to high good fun on and off skis around the clock, so ski fashions and ski equipment have evolved.

Time was - again, not so long ago when skiing was strictly for the rugged. Lifts were unknown and a day's arduous climb might precede a half-hour downhill run. Skis were incredibly long and heavy - up to 14 feet in length; bindings were primitive and clothing had to verge on the Eskimoid since there were no lodges or rest houses to speak of. With the introduction of rope tows, a few lifts and a few ski resorts - and skis of maneuverable length with steel edges the picture began to change. The mountaineering garb gave way to baggy wool pantaloons. Then came the "professional look," The experts and the more sophisticated skiers affected extreme conservatism, patterned on the clothing of the European pros who came to this country to teach skiing. Ski caps gave way to headbands. The tight and tapered ski trousers (at that time called "instructor" pants) and trim, lightweight jackets, were the thing. The hipster was an everything-functional boy. Those were the days, too, of the development of allmetal ski bindings which, though they held the foot and boot firmly to the ski and thus improved technique, also proved as unyielding as a steel trapwith a resultant sound of snapping bones rising above the cheerful shouts of "Track!" and "Ski Heil!"

Today this is all changed. The safety binding, the laminated ski, the perfected steel edge, the double boot, the lightweight and virtually unbreakable pole. have made skiing safer, better and happier. And the fashion picture has changed entirely.

There's virtually no sport activity in which a wider range of individuality can be shown within the bounds of good taste. Especially for good skiers, the bizarre and the original are perfectly all right. The famous skiers lead the way in this matter. Top coach Ernie McCulloch wears an old farmer-style straw hat with high crown and floppy wide brim; Willie Schaffler, coach of the University of Denver team, wears a stocking cap with a long tassle; Stein Eriksen, at Heavenly Valley, California, wears an Alpine beret, tam-o'-shanter style. Tyrolean hats are common. And sweaters have made a tremendous comeback. This is new; only a couple of years ago, they were rarely seen, except when ski jackets were removed. Today, the tightly knit, hefty sweater is one of the most colorful items of the skier's wardrobe. And the styles are as varied as the patterns and colors - rollovers, double-breasted fronts, shawl collars, zippered backs and sides - all have their loyal adherents.

Knickers are back, too - which gives the colorful skier an opportunity to wear some of those wonderful heavy Austrian and Scandinavian socks with ingenious designs and patterns.

New materials and new ideas have influenced ski clothing to such an extent that it is now possible to be original and even striking-looking, and still be dressed functionally for the sport. Underwear developed by the armed forces for coldweather service, in which the fabric has a sort of waffle-weave which traps the warmth of the body, makes it unnecessary to have your outer clothing warm all it needs to be is reasonably windproof. Stretch pants, of course, are a boon to today's skier and - since they are also worn by the girls - the guy can readily verify some figure facts about a lass whose face he likes.

But perhaps the biggest news in ski garb - from the style standpoint - is the development of original and interesting after-ski clothing. Lederhosen, Austrian top hats, fur jackets of seal, reindeer or raccoon, paisley parkas, even loden cloth capes, flourish from the cocktail hour on.

Any non-skier who has read this far may be somewhat bewildered by all this talk about the skier's world. If so, it is likely that he has some misconceptions about this way of life - there we go, using that tired cliché. He may think that skiing is a sport of difficult acquisition, requiring the physique of a football player. The fact is that the very first run down a gentle beginner's slope is just as thrilling to the beginner as a schuss down a mountain is to an expert. And with modern equipment and modern teaching methods, the transition from beginner to fairly good skier is a quick and easy one which may be made even during a twoto-three-week vacation. The fact is, too, that good dancers, people who have a feeling for rhythm, and high spirits rather than dogged determination - do better in learning to ski, and as skiers,

than the heavy-muscle boys. The good skiers - and the top instructors - know this, and they know that elan and esprit mean more to the skier than brute force, That's why you will find them, after the day's skiing's done, not only sharing in the singfests, beerbusts, wine parties and gablests around the roaring fires but, most often, leading the way in the jollification.

Anybody still in doubt? Then let's go back to Aspen and see how a man, perhaps like you, might spend his day there.

A bright, crisp morning finds you at the foot of the single or double lift which in less than a half hour whisks you to the top of the mountain. Although the temperature is above freezing, say around 40, the high altitude and low humidity make the powder snow completely dry. At the Sundeck, over a cup of coffee by the crackling fire, you look over the distaff situation and consider which run will be yours. Perhaps the former will influence your choice of the latter. Or perhaps you see nothing that excites you so early in the morning, so you swoop down through the powder on Bell Mountain, or take it easy down Silver Bell or Buckhorn, and wend your way to Spar Gulch where you'll meander over to one of the most sociable double lifts in the world: a ride to the top of Number 3 lift may find you a fair companion for the day; if not, you'll find Number 4 lift on Little Nell or Number 5 on Bell Mountain excellent places to make friends.

You may decide to lunch at the Skier's Café at the bottom of Number 1 lift. Or you may want to go to the Little Nell Café next to the swimming pool, or the Glory Hole coffee shop, right at the loot of the slope.

Possibly you've enrolled in ski school - a darn good idea unless you're way up among the elite. It is a rare thing for a ski class not to contain some delightfully helpless damsel who will turn to you to assure her that she hasn't got her skis on backwards.

A few hours of skiing and of wonderful scenery may find you ready to doff your skis for the day, go back to your diggings and change for the after-ski life which Aspen has to offer. At the Jerome bar you'll find the sophisticated crowd; at the Limelite you can sit around the fireplace, talking over the day's runs, while you watch the sun set over the ski slopes. Or you may prefer the Red Onion, always full of the younger college crowd, much given to the hoisting of tankards of beer. Maybe, before you settle down for some joyful preprandial swilling, you'll want to stroll the streets of Aspen - always thronged with skiers - to scan the offerings of the Aspen shops (Aspen Sports, the Mountain Shop, Terese David of Aspen, Sabbatini Sport,

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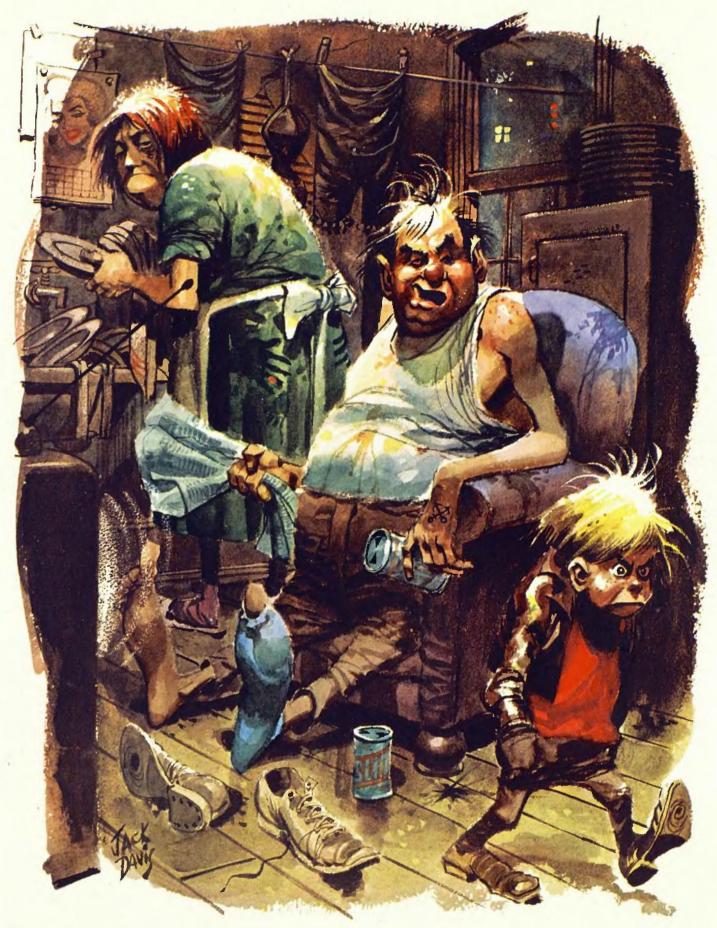




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FAIR GAME

(continued from page 46) startling. The texture is unique, for one thing. Most game doesn't break under a fork unless it's cooked to death. And the flavor of game is pungent and racy rather than mild. It nips the taste buds, and is generally more tart than mellow. That's what is meant by "gamy," and once you've grown accustomed to its special blandishments, you may very well join the ranks of those who declare game the most exciting fare there is.

Here now from PLAYBOY'S own plushlined pup tent are easy directions for the open season ahead.

ROAST PHEASANT WITH BREAD SAUCE (Six portions)

2 pheasants, 21/2 to 3 lbs. each

4 thin slices salt pork

Salt, pepper

1/2 cup chicken broth

1 cup milk

1 medium-size onion

2 whole cloves

11/2 cups bread crumbs

2 tablespoons dry sherry

1/4 cup butter

2 tablespoons minced parsley

2 tablespoons minced chives

1/4 lemon

Preheat oven at 450°. Wipe pheasants with damp cloth. Sprinkle lightly with salt and pepper. Tie slices of salt pork over breasts of pheasants. Place pheasants, breast side up, in a shallow roasting pan. Roast 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°. Add chicken broth to pan. Continue roasting pheasants, basting about every 10 minutes with chicken broth. Roast until pheasants are tender - about one to 11/4 hours total cooking time. While pheasants are roasting, pour milk into a thick saucepan. Stick the cloves into the onion. Add the onion to the saucepan. Bring slowly up to the boiling point but do not boil. Add 1/2 cup bread crumbs to the milk, Stir well. Simmer about 10 minutes longer, stirring frequently to prevent burning. Remove onion and cloves from saucepan. Add sherry to sauce. When pheasants are done pour off fat from the roasting pan, or remove fat with a basting syringe, but save drippings. Add drippings to bread sauce. Add salt and pepper to taste. In another saucepan melt the butter. Add the remaining cup bread crumbs. Sauté slowly, stirring constantly, until bread crumbs are light brown. Add parsley and chives to pan. Squeeze the juice of 1/4 lemon into the bread crumbs. Mix well. Serve the bread crumbs and the bread sauce in separate sauceboats at the table. Cut pheasant into portions with poultry shears. Serve pheasant with any tart jelly, such as red or black currant, cranberry or crabapple.

ROAST DRESSED PHEASANT

This way of presenting pheasants on the platter is strictly for display purposes, but if you have the time and the patience, it's a lot of fun for a buffet or holiday table. Before the pheasant is plucked, cut off in whole sections the plumage of the wings and tail. Cut the wings close to the body. Cut off the tail with enough of the appendage to keep the feathers intact. Also cut off the head and neck in one piece. For each section take a length of rather stiff wire and force it through the solid part of each appendage to which the feathers are attached. Allow about two inches of wire to extend from the end for fastening each section later on. Roast the pheasants as described in the previous recipe. For dressing two pheasants, take two small loaves of unsliced white bread or one large loaf cut in half crosswise. Hollow out the center of each loaf so that it resembles a trough, into which the cooked pheasant may be placed. Fry the bread in a large pan with deep fat heated to 370° or in a shallow pan containing one inch of hot fat, turning the bread as needed to brown evenly. Place the roasted pheasants on the bread on a large silver platter. Arrange the head, wings and tailpiece of each pheasant, fastening each section into the bread, so that the birds look as though they were reconstituted to their natural state. If you buy pheasants for this purpose, be sure to ask for male pheasants in the plume, since the male wears the more colorful feathers.

ROAST QUAIL WITH GRAPES (Four portions)

4 quail

2 thin slices salt pork

1 sliced onion

I sliced piece celery

2 sprigs parsley

Salt, pepper

1 cup chicken broth

1/4 cup tomato juice

Brown gravy coloring 2 crushed juniper berries

1 tablespoon arrowroot or 2 table-

spoons flour

1 oz. cognac

8-oz. can seedless grapes

Preheat oven at 500°. Sprinkle quail lightly with salt and pepper. Cut slices of salt pork in half crosswise. Tie a piece of salt pork over the breast of each quail. Place the quail breast side up in a shallow roasting pan. Add the onion, celery and parsley to the pan. Roast quail 10 minutes. Reduce heat to 350°. Add ½ cup chicken broth to the pan. Roast about 15 to 20 minutes longer or until quail is tender, basting about every five minutes. Remove quail from pan. Remove salt pork from quail. Skim fat from drippings in pan. Place the roasting pan (continued on page 81)



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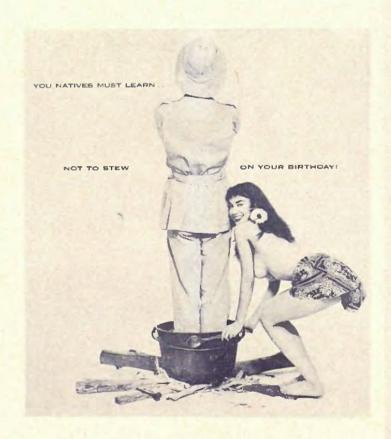
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FAIR GAME

(continued from page 77) over a top flame. Add balance of chicken broth, tomato juice, juniper berries and enough gravy coloring to make liquid a rich brown. Bring to a boil. Dissolve arrowroot or flour in 1/4 cup cold water, mixing until no lumps remain. Slowly add arrowroot solution to the gravy while stirring constantly. Simmer 10 minutes over a low flame. Strain gravy into a saucepan. Drain grapes. Add grapes to gravy. Bring to a boil. Add cognac. Add salt and pepper to taste. Place each quail on a piece of toast. Pour sauce with grapes over quail on serving plates or platter.

BREAST OF MALLARD DUCK (Four portions)

Many ducks on the Eastern flyway live on a diet of seafood which creates a particularly strong fishy smell when the ducks are roasted or broiled. The odor which comes from the carcass isn't much of a problem in the recipe below, because the breast meat is cut off of the carcass. The remainder of the duck, consisting of the leg and second joint, are seldom eaten, since they're generally quite tough. Sometimes the discarded meat is put into a duck press where the juices are extracted for the gravy. In roasting or broiling wild ducks, the meat should always be cooked rare for best flavor and tenderness.

2 mallard ducks

1/4 cup olive oil

2 tablespoons red wine vinegar

1/4 teaspoon rosemary

4 sprigs parsley

1 onion sliced

2 pieces celery sliced

1 crushed clove garlic

Salt, pepper, paprika

Pluck the feathers from the duck, removing only those which cover the breast. With a very sharp knife, cut into the skin — not the flesh — starting at the neck and cutting straight back along the top of the breastbone to the tail. Remove the skin from the breast. To remove the meat, cut along each side of the breastbone. Run the knife under the flesh and as close as possible to the carcass. Remove each side of the breast in one piece. Place the breasts in a bowl with all other ingredients except salt, pepper and paprika. Marinate overnight. Preheat the broiler at 550°. Remove the breasts from the marinade. Sprinkle each breast lightly with salt, pepper and paprika. Broil under the broiler flame about five minutes on each side. Serve with wild rice, creamed silver onions, fresh green peas and guava jelly.

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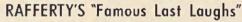
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Salt, pepper
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1/2 teaspoon beef extract
Half lemon

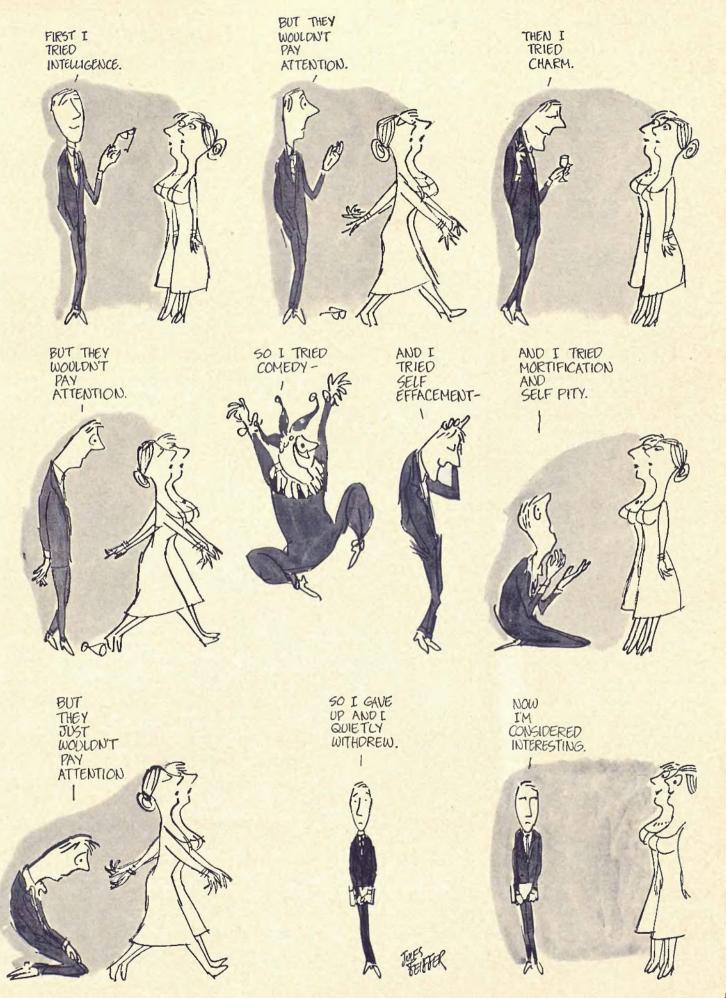
I oz. cognac

Be sure oil sac is removed from each duck near the tail end. Preheat oven at 550°. Place the ducks in a shallow roasting pan. Brush ducks generously with salad oil. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Roast 15 to 20 minutes, no longer, Slice breast meat from ducks and keep it in a deep, warmed platter. Save all juices when carving. In a chafing dish over a direct flame melt the butter. Add the shallot. Sauté about one minute. Add the burgundy, currant jelly, beef extract and juice of half lemon. Simmer three to five minutes. Place the carcasses of the ducks in the well of the duck press. Squeeze the juice several times and pour it into the chafing dish. Add juice from platter. Add cognac and dash of cayenne pepper. Season to taste. Pour hot sauce over sliced breast of duck. Serve with fried hominy, grilled tomatoes and a tossed garlic-flavored green salad.

VENISON CHOPS, CHESTNUTS ESPACAOLE
(Four portions)

4 venison chops, 3/4 in. thick
1/2 cup French dressing
Prepared mustard
Salt, pepper
12-oz. can imported whole chestnuts
2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup celery, small dice
1/4 cup onion, small dice
1/4 cup green pepper, small dice
8-oz. can tomatoes
1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/8 teaspoon garlic powder

Marinate the venison chops in the French dressing for two hours. In a large saucepan melt the butter. Add the celery, onion and green pepper. Sauté only until onion turns yellow. The celery and green pepper may be crisp. Chop the tomatoes coarsely, saving the juice. Add tomatoes and their juice to the saucepan. Simmer slowly five minutes. Drain the chestnuts and add to the pan. Add the sugar and garlic powder. Season generously with salt and pepper. Simmer 10 minutes. Remove venison chops from French dressing. Brush each chop lightly with mustard. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Broil under a preheated broiler flame about five to six minutes on each side. Serve chestnuts alongside chops on serving plates. Garnish each plate with a large sprig of watercress and prepare for an evening of fun and game.







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SINATRA

(continued from page 66) functions as an artist, I can forgive him anything."

Apparently the public can forgive him anything, too, accepting him on his own terms, overlooking his mistakes and seeming immaturity, respecting him for his talent, his sincerity and his tempestuous struggling and striving. He has slugged a columnist for invading his privacy and a radio engineer for making an anti-Semitic remark; he can be rude and inconsiderate to those around him and is notorious for not being on time for rehearsals and public appearances or missing them altogether, but he will expend considerable time and energy helping a friend or even a casual acquaintance, or a cause he considers worth while: he once flew to Gary, Indiana, in an attempt to talk high school students into ending a strike against Negroes; at a time when he was turning down personal appearances and nightclub offers all over the country, he played two weeks at the Mocambo in Hollywood as a tribute to a pal who owned the club, the late Charlie Morrison, and for the benefit of Morrison's widow (two solid weeks of SRO crowds that broke every house record within memory and had the biggest celebrities in town waiting in line with the rest for a chance at a table to watch Frankie perform).

Unfortunately, many of Sinatra's friendships are not lasting ones. At one time, Sinatra and Jackie Gleason were inseparable companions. Gleason was then playing bit parts in gangster films ("I got \$500 a week but I had to buy my own bullets," he says) and Sinatra was a star. A few years later their situations were reversed. Sinatra was in his pre-Eternity slump and Gleason was on his way to becoming the hottest property in television. Gleason gave Sinatra a number of guest spots on his show. Later, after Sinatra had climbed back to stardom, Gleason met him one night and jokingly made some remark about how he had helped Sinatra when he was down and out. Sinatra became angry. They have stopped speaking; when they meet, they merely nod. Not long ago a friend asked Gleason why the two old pals aren't speaking.

"I speak to him," Gleason said. "I tell him where he can go."

Hank Sanicola is a friend who has stuck from the earliest days. He was a song plugger who used to bring Sinatra free sheet music from the music-publishing firm for which he worked; when Frank joined Harry James' band and later Tommy Dorsey's, Sanicola went along. He wrote This Love of Mine with Frank and Sol Parker and Sinatra recorded it with Dorsey; Sanicola is now

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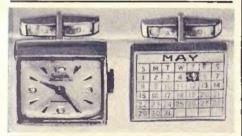
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Humphrey Bogart was one of Sinatra's closest friends, and Frank was around the Bogart household almost constantly. Sinatra and Bogart organized a group of Bogey's neighbors into an informal hell-raising club, dedicated to drinking heavily and staying up all night singing and waking non-participating neighbors. They called themselves The Holmby Hills Rat Pack and other charter members included the David Nivens, Katharine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy, Mrs. and Mr. Judy Garland, Nunnally Johnson, the Leland Haywards, Prince Mike Romanoff and his Princess Gloria, Irving Paul Lazar and John Huston. "Bogey was the only man to whom Sinatra would listen," observed a good friend of both, "Bogev and Betty were like a set of parents to him," Bogart said of Sinatra, "Frank's idea of Paradise is a place where there are unlimited supplies of women and no newspapermen. He'd be a lot better off if it were the other way around."

Betty Bacall has made no secret of her affection for Sinatra. Soon after Bogart's death, the two of them began appearing together frequently at prizefights, in nightclubs, at Villa d'Amore, on weekends with friends in Las Vegas and Palm Springs. Rumors circulated that a marriage might be in the offing (although Sinatra is still legally tied to Ava Gardner), but when Joe Hyams, who was the only newspaperman Bogart allowed the run of his house, called Betty and asked if it were true, she replied, "Marry that bum? I ought to clobber you for suggesting it."

A bit later, she went to visit Sinatra on the set of Kings Go Forth. Sinatra said, "Excuse me, I've got to go do this scene with Tony Curtis where I tell him he's got to marry the girl."

"This," said Bacall, "I got to hear." Nevertheless, friends noticed that whenever Sinatra's name was mentioned, Bacall's eyes would shine, and that when he was away from Hollywood, she would not leave her Bellagio Road house until after six P.M. each night, the time he called her every day, even when he was in Europe.

Finally, one night at a party, Irving Paul Lazar, the literary agent and close friend of both Bacall and Sinatra, told Louella Parsons that they were going to be married, and Miss Parsons dutifully broke the news to her readers. The trouble was, it wasn't true. Joe Hyams called Betty immediately and asked if it was, and she said, "Well . . ." Sinatra, as usual, was unavailable to the press.



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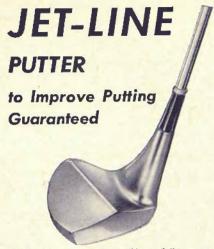
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Frank's heart leads his mind. He functions on an extremely emotional level, although he is an intelligent, self-educated man (he reads voraciously, mostly non-fiction, is interested in astronomy, painting and serious music). And when his various peccadillos get him in hot water, he is apt as not to thumb his nose at sympathizers, asking help from no one, telling the press to go to hell and his friends to omit the flowers. His constancies are few, but they are indelible: a fierce devotion to his children and his friends; a fierce devotion to the twin muses of singing and acting; a fierce devotion to his privacy. Everything else is Bridgeport. A therapist who attempted to strip away Sinatra's layer on layer of frustrations and angers would have to get down to these three constancies which sustain and protect him from what fellow actor Arthur Kennedy has called "the furies that possess him."

Frankie would say obscenity the obscenity furies; they are nobody's business but his own. His acting and his singing are in the public domain, but the rest of his life is his own business and if you cross over that boundary, in the words of a pug friend, "You're dead wit Frenk." He is always in the company of a curious collection of friends who look like extras from On the Waterfront. Their chief functions are to run errands and answer the telephone (Sinatra's telephone is never still, even though he gets a new unlisted number on the average of once a month; he gets new ones so often that he sometimes forgets them himself, which angers him). This entourage forms a near impenetrable wall between Sinatra and people who are trying to get to see him. Even his business managers, Lefkowitz and Berke, have difficulty in getting him on the telephone. "Frenk ain't heah," a low, ominous voice says to all callers,

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even though Sinatra's voice may be heard plainly in the background. "Frenk's sick. Frenk's wit de doc-tuh."

When Look did a three-part story on what makes Frankie run, the gist of which seemed to be that he required the services of a first-rate headshrinker, he hit them with a \$2 million suit for slander. The lawsuit for slander later was withdrawn and a test case for invasion of privacy substituted. It will be some time before it comes into court. He feels that no one has the right to pry into his personal life, and the concept of Sinatra as a skinny dragon, breathing fire and noxious fumes, has been perpetuated largely by reporters who resent this attitude.

Frankie goes his own route. It is the route of the large appetite, the unchecked desires, the chase. His behavior recently in Madison, Indiana, was typical. MGM was on location for Some Came Running, James Jones latest marathon, and Frankie was playing Dave Hirsh, the sad-eved ne'er-do-well who makes a little love and catches a little bullet. He balked at much of the direction of Vincente Minnelli, a top director with Lust for Life and Gigi to his credit. A fellow actor commented: "It's too bad he won't listen to Minnelli. Minnelli could give him a new dimension." But Frankie isn't looking for a new dimension. He rewrote whole scenes, even talked Minnelli into changing the ending so that the heroine catches the bullet. At night, he retreated to a rented house atop a hill and indulged his insatiabilities. While his cronies joined him in shifts, he paced back and forth till dawn, drinking, trading jokes, talking long-distance with pals like Rocky Marciano and Leo Durocher, playing gin rummy, arguing, visiting with girls who dropped in from all points of the compass, cursing the mothering hot summer weather. At week's end he was off to Newport, Kentucky, for an orgy of blackjack, craps, lack Daniel's, beer and broads. "He can't go on like this," said another member of the cast. "That much liquor and that many women would kill a man twice his size.'

And what does Frank Sinatra have to show for all the suffering, striving and shenanigans? All it has profitted him is total pre-eminence in his field, the respect of most everyone connected with music and acting, and a personal net income this year of close to \$2 million before taxes - probably an all-time high for a show-business personality.

Plus, of course, the romantic adulation that has made him the number one love god of our time. And where does the love god go from here? To a love goddess, perhaps. Over the big drink, in France, they have one called Brigitte. The publicists proclaim that Frankie and BB have signed their names to a



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(continued from page 42) a degree or two, so stunned me then, so shocked me later, so surprises me even now.

It was a Monday, that I remember, though not what I wore or what Porter wore nor anything else about the morning before I reached his shop at all. I'd like to say, I'd love to feel, that I'd some premonition, an inkling, a warning itch of disaster. But that would be a lie. I do remember that once in the back of the shop, we made love that morning. That I've never forgotten. Made love shamelessly, soundlessly, wordlessly, beyond even our own ordinary frontiers. It was marvelous past anything. For both of us, I know. But I didn't know this was in the nature of a gift, not from Porter but from my own muse (Clio, the Muse of History, the only one with a real job and a real sense of crime and punishment). I know that if I lived through another century (intact) I'd never have it like that again and, in a way . . . I'm glad. It was enough. Too much. Henry Shoemaker may have something with his love from A to Z for even that is only, after all, a finite line, but infinity . . . too much for poor frail civilized man with his juices sucked away in culture and commerce.

And after we loved that Monday, we rested, and after we rested, we smoked. But very soon, somehow, I sensed something, that temperature drop, that faint, only barely intuited restlessness of Porter's. Whether he had planned to talk about the square and the circle with me at all, I don't even know. Perhaps he hadn't planned to tell me anything. Or, knowing Porter, it was likely that he'd just not decided what he'd do about telling me, one way or the other. I only know that for the first time I found him abrupt, even rude, certainly uncomfortable. And uncomfortable himself, Porter immediately made me uncomfortable. I wanted to know what was wrong.

"Busy . . ." he mumbled, untruth-

"Oh Porter," I moaned, at least I planned it as a moan. I think it was more likely a whine, the way it came

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"Also, I ought to catch a train . . ." He remained sitting, though, sitting away from me, and away from the shadows of love, sitting at his desk, fiddling with his absurd display of those damned arrowheads and some abandoned, unsharpened pencils.

"What're you saying, Porter?" I asked. He didn't answer.

"Because I don't know and I suggest you don't know either." Really, I didn't know what he knew or didn't but it seemed a good didactic stand to take.

Porter sat there, massaging his goddamned beard. Then he tested the points on his arrowheads and then rubbed his beard again.

"What I'm saying is that I'm getting married."

Silence. There was almost absolute silence in the back room, in this arbor of Porter's amours. From the front of the shop, I could hear the voices of customers and Porter's partner or whatever he was. But those voices were just a jumble. I thought I'd give it a try, though.

"Your friend's diddling some customers." Use it three times and it's yours. But Porter only smiled. Which was also unlike him.

"I'm getting married," he repeated. "Yes, I heard you," I answered, not defiant which I hadn't the strength for, only puzzled and saddened and troubled. Whom would Porter marry? Why would Porter marry? I had never considered, however wildly, such a possibility, not for myself nor for any other woman of his. My idea, at this moment, of his bride was vague but whatever her lineaments I remember that my own seemed rapidly to defeat me. She must be a goddess, a heroine, a queen, Aspasia, Madame de Sévigné, a poetess, a wit, a Valkyrie, a sexual athlete. I felt myself not only diminished, not even unattractive, but simply, wholly, unlovely.

"She must be quite a woman."

Porter was obviously unmoved by any

supposition of mine.

"Beautiful," I hazarded, "smart." Well, that I was sure of. Smart she must be. Look what she had accomplished: what I had not even the imagination to fantasy.

He shook his head. "She's one of the damned."

I sat down. Heavily. How unlike Porter to be tragic . . . or comic. What had such hues to do with the silent primary colorama of his caresses, or his swoons or mine?

"She's damned," he said again, pulling at his beard with, was it possible? — shaky fingers.

"What the damned hell do you mean by that?" And I blushed for myself. "Oh Porter, dear Porter, I am sorry. I'm just . . . jealous, I suppose, and surprised."

"You, you don't have anything to be jealous of." He neither looked at me nor. I believe, thought of me. He was part of a drama of his own. And drama was not Porter's medium.

"She's not brilliant," he said, "nor beautiful, nor rich, nor clever, nor joyful, nor young, nor . . . lucky."

ful, nor young, nor . . . lucky."
"Does she love you?" I asked as
though I were clutching a fleeting hope
that she must have something of value.

"She's a tormented soul."

"Oh, my God, Dobey. This doesn't sound like you. What are you talking about?"

"I'm talking about a woman," he said, "not a girl. Not a girl with brains and education and cute titties like you." He smiled then. And I've always been grate-

ful that I didn't say: well, thanks!

"I'm talking about a woman, deserted, wronged, divorced, a woman with three children, with thick ankles. With no money."

"And your love." This was all either very funny or very profound. But for me it seemed neither. For me it seemed like nothing. I didn't know what it was. I just didn't know what it was.

Porter stood up. He so rarely talked this much. And his voice was somewhat cracked, I thought, and nasal. From so much speech or so much thought? Unaccustomed both. Or had I just never heard so much of Porter's voice before that I didn't really even know it? Had I never heard it, never heard more than a stiff and bristly rumble close to my ear saying I was wonderful, saying I was terrific, saying I was his, saying not so fast, saying now honey? Well, this, I thought, won't help me now. This way hell. So I shut that off, like the oven light is shut off, but still there, waiting for a match.

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He looked at me then, very wise, very unamorous.

"Have I slept with her, you mean? You mean, is she good in bed? Like you, you goddamned little bitch? Like you?" He laughed, taking the curse off it.

"Yes," he said, "yes to the first and no to the second. She's just a woman. That's all. Not you. Just a woman. Not special, not warm, not frigid. Not cold. Just a woman. You fondle her, you take her, and then maybe you read a book or light a furnace or some other goddamned thing. Whatever it is husbands do. Put the cat out. I don't know."

Among my desperately chaotic feelings, thoughts and griefs was the amazement of never before having heard Porter talk about sex.

"You want to be domestic with her, you mean?"

"I mean I want to give her a break. That's all I want to do." He sat down, and stopped fiddling. He looked like a piece of sculpture then. He should've been sitting on a horse. I could see him as an Indian chief. Where are your lands, brave one? My lands are where my dead are.

"For Chrissake, Porter. You don't marry for that. How can you give a woman a break if you don't even desire her? What the hell kind of break would that be? You don't even want this woman," I said in amazement.

"You don't understand."

"That's for sure."

"Honey, I've had a marvelous time of it. I mean it, all my life. I've really had it. I've really made it. So now I want this. I don't know . . . I've thought about it. I just want to do something for someone else now. Not something I want, just for someone else. I want to do something big and sacrificial. I want to save someone else. Only this is all I can do."

"Oh, my God, Porter! You'll burn in hell, you really will, for that sacrilege. I mean, who do you think you are, for God's sake? Albert Schweitzer or something?" I meant to be sarcastic.

"Yes," he said, his whole face brimming with pleasure at my comprehension. "Only, I can't do it like him. I can't say, here I've lived half my life for myself and the rest I dedicate to the world. He lived 30 marvelous years doing what he wanted, so then he thought he'd do what he didn't want at all . . . and help the world. I don't think people realize how much he probably dislikes all that Africa business. But he made it his mission. Well, I'm no doctor. I'm nothing that could help the world. But I've lived some marvelous years myself and now I want to stop and do something for someone . . .

absolutely entirely for someone else."

I could see here that Porter was obviously, in a sort of underwater kind of way, reliving his own years. You could tell from the still, quiet, taut face and body, he wasn't thinking of Bach or eschatology. He was thinking . . . well, hell, I was thinking of it, too. And to keep my stomach from lurching and my groin from crying, I flicked my fingernails at him:

"Go on, go on, Porter Dobey. Go the hell on."

He sighed and then he did go on, "Schweitzer thought maybe he'd live to be 60 and he offered up, Lord, he just offered it up like a damned bit of incense, like an Isaac, like a lamb, offered up the second half of his life to humanity. To what he didn't like and didn't want."

"In thanks," I reminded him.

He nodded. "In thanks for his first 30 years doin' what he liked."

"Porter, your voice is getting thick. And what's more, I want to tell you that what you're suggesting is disgusting. It's a sin against man and nature and God. It's a sacrilege!"

"Maybe."

"Porter, I never heard of anything so obscene."

"I'm not drunk."
"You're nauseating!"

"Honey girl. I've really had a good time, fooling around. Fooling around with these damn fool dusty books. Just like I liked. Didn't have to read them. Just sit and look at 'em. And women. My God, like the Gamekeeper in Lady Chatterly's Lover."

Oh, this is the utter end, I thought. This is lunacy.

"Lady Chatterly's lover would just puke at your idea, Porter. What do you intend to do? Repay the Fates or Gods?"

"'... to the Rulers of Men and their Des-tin-ies,' " he sang.

"Oh, shut up. Of all the confounded, anti-life reverent attitudes. I mean it, Schweitzer would throw up, I'm not kidding. You're going to pay for your sexual gluttony by going out and marrying an absolute nothing you don't even love in the first place and be faithful to her to boot and you think you're doing something for humanity! You must be absolutely insane!"

"Don't shriek, pussy kid. I didn't say I didn't want to sleep with her."

"Oh nuts. I know you. I see right through you. You're a combination of absolute hysteria, insanity and middle classiness. You'd never dream of marrying anyone you really wanted."

"I never dream," he said, "especially of marriage."

"But, Porter, if you want to make up for your fun which is an idiotic and probably psychopathic idea incidentally, why don't you become a monk? Or join the Foreign Legion or the Ford Foundation or something? Or better still, why don't you just go on spreading yourself around? Let all the women taste it, yummy, Dobey darling, let them all have some of you. You could advertise. Wouldn't that be better for humanity? Make love to all the ugly women in the world maybe, give your great joy to the bereaved, to all the bereaved, the halt, the accursed, the febrile, the smelly . . . I ran out of words and breath and strength.

He sort of patted the desk in front of him as though he were patting my head. "I couldn't do that, girl," he said, maybe seriously. God, I don't know if he was serious.

"That wouldn't work," he said. "Besides, I don't want to spread it around . . . anymore. I don't want to do anything I want to do anymore. Don't you understand?"

"Porter," I said weakly, finally, unable to stand this any longer. "Why did you pick this girl? Why her? I mean, if you want to get married, why don't you marry me or someone you could . . . care for?" I didn't know exactly whom he could care for nor what that would



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mean in Dobey's terms but I knew what I meant.

"That's just it," he said almost beaming, for him, at having hit upon just the way of explaining that would make me, he thought, understand at last. "That's just it. You don't need me: I mean, you'll marry someone just right for you one of these days. You're a doll. You'll have no trouble. You'll fall in love and get married. So will . . . lots of people. But she won't. You see? If anyone is going to help her, it has to be me and now and this way. You get me?"

I nodded, feeling partially I think that it would be dangerous in a way not to humor him. I felt like a character in Dr. Caligari's cabinet. I didn't know who was in and who outside the lunatic

asylum.

"Well, Porter. Who is she? I mean, where did you have to go to find the perfect pathetic case for your attention? Did you advertise?"

"Don't be cruel. It's not becoming to you," he said. "She's a friend of a friend. I met her through friends. She's a good person. Really. I mean you'd like her. You really would."

"Well, thanks. Thanks. I'm sure I would. Charming. What's her name?"

"Her name is Sonia Shoemaker."

My first thought was a sort of mental registration that in addition to having no looks, no brains, and no money, she had a funny name. My second thought was hardly a thought, it was a tiny corrosion in the heart, a melting in the stomach, a lightning bolt in the brain.

"Sonia Shoemaker!" So here it was. Sonia Shoemaker. Henry and his great romance had got parted. But not for me. And Porter Dobey would sacrifice himself. But not for me. The strangest quadrangle I could possibly imagine outside of a fairy tale. Henry and Sonia and Porter and me. And Sonia got all the men! I mean, I guess I'm so shallow and selfish that that was, honestly, my third thought: Sonia got all the men and I'd got nothing!

Oh, I suppose I had some philosophical observations too, but they came much later. Afterward, it sort of seemed to me that someone here, very subtly, was getting the short end of a stick, someone was being punished but I didn't know exactly who it was. Not Henry Shoemaker who was, I thought, neatly escaping nor Henry's poor wife who was obviously being just as neatly salvaged. Maybe it was me, or so it seemed then, faced with all I was apparently losing. But now, so much later, I think it was Porter himself who, through his sentimental, guilt-ridden notion of sacrifice, was paying by painful duty for what he had pleasured himself with in his grasshopper days. It was Porter's story, all the way.

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Porter, dear Porter who had never had to worry about such things, did make one, feeble, gesture in my direction and for that, though it hurt, I was grateful.

"Look," he said, "I know this is queer, that it sounds crazy to you. To me it's good and I have to do it. And I'm going to do it. I'd do it now no matter how I felt or what anyone said. But, if it gives you any satisfaction, I . . . look, I feel bad only about you. Really. And you, baby, I'll miss."

"Porter." I observed cautiously, "you're going to miss some other things."

He spread his hands out on the desk in front of him, separating each finger. I waited. Unwilling to tell him about Henry and Sonia and my own double forsakenness, I had, in revenge, set him a verbal trap, a test. Only I terribly didn't want him to fail! I'd set it up like a straw man and most anybody would've said it but I didn't want him to. I didn't want him to say, deflating all my image of what he is, that love after all wasn't everything, that sex wasn't the most important thing in the world. And, he didn't say it, either. To his eternal glory, he didn't, out of explanation, expiation and farewell, say that one awful lie.

No, he stared at his spread-out fingers and he said only, "I'll miss everything, the best in life. The best thing in life, love."

Sentimental? God, it stank of it. But it was truly vintage Porter.

So then I left. I never saw Porter again. I suppose he married Henry's poor wife but even that I don't know for sure. I never did meet her and I never, what's more, heard about or from Henry Shoemaker again. So, though it's all years ago and maybe time enough in which to have garnered such nuggets of wisdom as inhere in my memory of that queer quadrangle, I'd be unwilling to offer any maxims for life out of my experience. There's almost nothing I'm willing to offer up by way of observation, nothing I can truly say, that I simply know and believe, except that of all the people who may in this life have been challenged toward sacrifice, Porter Dobey was the truest altruist of all. He really sacrificed something, the very fluid of life's embrace, that rare thing, pleasure without pain. And the only other thing I still know is that he was a marvelous lover. All the years since have only confirmed what I thought as a girl. He was a marvelous lover; maybe he was even a saint.

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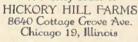
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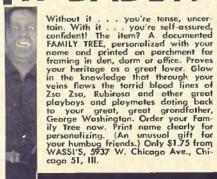
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Pretty and cute would put you on your guard. A "pretty" girl was one who was sly, cunning or crafty, and a "cute" one was clever or shrewd. Such a girl was definitely interested in getting the best of you. If you knew a little Latin, their lace was another reason to worry: it comes, by way of Old French las, from the Latin laqueum, a snare or noose. "Lasso" has the same root. And your fears are borne out by allure; from Old French aleurrer, to entice into a snare. So far, some crafty lushes are scheming to put your head in a noose.

And then, when you find that you are to be enchanted with charms, you are really frightened, because you realize that you are dealing with witches - and witches were nothing to fool around with in the Middle Ages. A girl who enchanted (Latin incantare) you in those days was literally putting a wicked spell on you. She was using black magic, exercising the evil arts, and practicing her charms: from Latin carmen, a song, which soon came to mean a magic incantation like the song of the Lorelei or the Sirens, to lure you to your doom. Man, you're in deep!

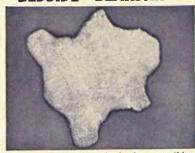
In fact, you're about to be inveigled: from the French aveugler, to blind or delude. Totally bamboozled, totally under their spell, you let this passel of witches drag you off to their pad and make use of you in their hideous rites. You have, in a word, had it.

That is, if you were living in the Middle Ages. Living today, you probably had a very interesting evening; and if there was any possession, it wasn't by evil spirits.

So a sentence can mean one thing at one time, and something entirely different a few centuries earlier or later. So what? How can we blame the ladies for

Well, of course, we can't. The courtesans and tarts of one century are the cute enchantresses of the next; and, by and large, the ladies break about even. They don't pull the language down; on the other hand, they don't ennoble it either. The simple fact is that words change their meanings as time goes by, and the most you can say is that when women are involved, there is going to be a lot of action.

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New Year's Orange Bowl and the mid-January opening of Hialeah should be enough to lure you to Florida. An extra bonus is the Greek Orthodox celebration of the Epiphany January 6 at Tarpon Springs, during which everybody partakes of the dancing and feasting on Greek green cheese, honeycake, wine and pitch-black coffee. Try the goings-on at Louis Pappas' picturesque waterfront restaurant. In California, the Rose Bowl's the January lure—but don't stop there. Drive up the coast to Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey and San Francisco on a leisurely two-day run in a rented convertible (your round trip plane ticket, good from either L.A. or San Francisco, gets you a 5% discount on a Hertz car).

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