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TO THE FOURTH OF JULY PICNIC
WITH YOU—I'LL START MAKING
SANDWICHES RIGHT AWAY
I'LL BE READY IN HALF AN
HOUR.Jealousy
Within Axis
By Roman Landis

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I have just arrived in America from Tokyo. As a neutral diplomat I have seen, beyond the curtain of censorship and terror, Japan at war. I was the Argentine consul in Hong Kong when the Japs conquered and looted that city. Later I was second in charge of the Argentine Embassy in Tokyo, where I remained until recently, when I was able to leave Japanese territory via Siberia.

As soon as I arrived in Tokyo I began to notice an atmosphere of fear and dread in the foreign embassies and legations such as I had never seen in diplomatic circles before, even under wartime conditions. Strangely enough, this existed among the Germans and Italians as well as among the representatives of neutral nations.

It was common party by the constant spying and surveillance of the Japanese police, partly by the atmosphere and language to which all Europeans were subjected when they went into the streets (quite many of the Japanese politicians of former times), and partly by the obvious arrangements of Japanese officialdom, fed by the great early victories.

I saw an official of the Italian Embassy get into a taxi at the railway station. Three Japanese came along and waited the cab. They reached in, yanked the Italian diplomat out, punched him and got into the cab.

Public to Russian. The Russians, who had a large diplomatic staff, kept very close to themselves within the spacious quarters of their embassy. Whenever they ventured out, they were closely followed by numbers of Japanese police. But the Japs, mindful of Russian air bases within range of Tokyo, were careful to preserve a correct attitude toward their powerful neighbor.

The Japs held the Italians in contempt because of the failures of the Italian troops in Europe. The Italians feared the Japs, and several of them told me that if they lost in Europe and thus became useless to the Japanese as military allies, they believe the Japanese will massacre them.

The attitude of the Germans in Tokyo toward their Japanese allies, the "honorary Aryans," is one of mingled suspicion and dislike, which verged toward uneasiness and fear as Germany began to suffer military reverses in Russia and Africa. Last fall there were three German raiders moored at the mid-river pier in Yokohama harbor, near Tokyo—one a cruiser and two converted merchant ships. There was also, nearby, a prize ship captured from the British. I saw many of the German crew members from these ships shortly before they were preparing to sail.

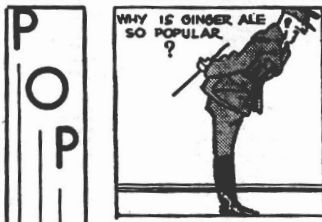
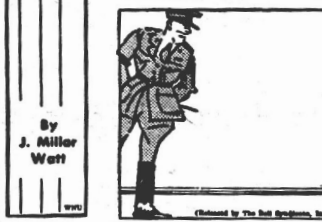
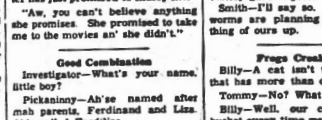
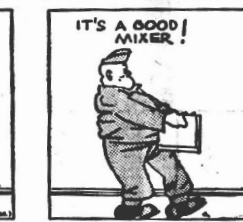
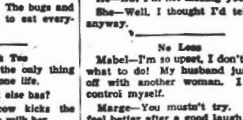
Then one morning we heard a series of explosions, heavy enough to shake out windows. We got into the embassy car and drove across to Yokohama. The town was in confusion, with much smoke rising from the streets. Fire sirens screaming and ambulances racing toward the docks. We learned that all three of the German ships, and a tanker fueling them with oil, had blown up. The prize ship and another ship were on fire.

There was intense anger that evening among the German colony in Tokyo. It was freely charged at the German Club, that "this is the jealous rivalry of the Japanese, who are envious of the Dutch, and have sabotaged our ships and killed our sailors."

About 180 German sailors were killed, 180 injured and many more missing. No word of this disaster was allowed to get into the Japanese press. What the Japanese officials told me was that the explosion was a Japanese sabotage. The next day they realized that this was not the case. The Japs navy, so they changed their story to Chinese communist spies and saboteurs.

The Germans had other grievances against their Jap allies. There were many German families from Java who had taken refuge in Tokyo while the Japs were conquering the Dutch East Indies. These families owned valuable lands and properties in Java. After the Japs had completed their conquest, these German families wanted to go back and resume possession and management of their estates.

The Japs utterly told them this was impossible. Java was a "military zone" and would remain so in perpetuity.

FIRST-AID
to the
AILING HOUSE

By ROSE A. WHITMAN

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You may not be able to replace your air space with the same ease as you can your paint. This is why you should paint your house before the summer's heat sets in.

STORING PAINT

A reader has sent in the following: "When preparing a partially empty can of paint for storage, first clean all paint from the sealing surface of the can and lid to insure an airtight closing of the lid. To prevent the trapped air in the can from evaporating the solvent. Thus, when the can is stored the air can't absorb any more solvent and the can won't form. Stand the can upside down for storage, so that the joint around the lid will be sealed."

Condensation on Walls

Question: Some time ago my stucco house was brick-veneer. No air space was left between the walls. During rainy or humid weather the walls sweat and stain the wallpaper. Is there a preparation which can be applied over the plaster to prevent sweating? If so, can the walls be painted or papered over this solution?

Answer: No kind of paint will stop the condensation. The answer to your problem is insulating board applied over furring strips to provide the air space that now is lacking and to minimize differences in temperature. It will help to dry out the air of the house if you leave the fireplace damper open during rainy weather. Additional ventilation also would help.

Turning Circle for Cars

Question: What is the minimum diameter necessary for a turning circle in front of our house to accommodate any type of car? We plan to make an island in the center containing an old millstone.

Answer: For large passenger cars the radius of the outside curb should be 28 feet, and the radius of the inside curb 18 feet. This will accommodate small trucks.

Shingles for Shingles

Question: The wood shingles on the walls of our house were put on ten years ago and now are in need of attention. One painter advises retaining another suggests painting. Which do you recommend?

Answer: After ten years the stain undoubtedly is weathered out of the wood, and the shingles either can be painted or stained. The choice of the stain is up to yourself.

Fireplace Plans

Question: Where can I get plans for building a stone fireplace for a frame cottage?

Answer: I do not know of any publication for this. But you can get ideas by looking over back issues of Better Homes and Gardens, American Home, and similar publications, which have many illustrations of fireplaces. You can see back issues at your public library.

Oil in Pipe Passages

Question: I have heard that spraying the fuel passages of a boiler with oil will prevent rusting during the summer months. But won't this oil cause an explosion when the heat is turned on in the fall?

Answer: Not unless the fuel passages are soaked too heavily with oil. Running a low fire for a half hour or so will evaporate the surplus oil.

Remodeling

Question: Where can I get leaflets on the remodeling of old houses?

Answer: Send five cents to the Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C., and ask for Farmers' Bulletin No. 1740, which has the title "Modernizing Farmhouses." You can also get information from your local office of the Federal Housing Administration.

Preparing to Paint

Question: I wish to paint our window frames on the outside, and am having trouble for time. The frames are quite dirty. What is the quickest way of cleaning them so that I can paint them immediately after?

Answer: It might be enough just to brush the dust off. If not, you could use a wire brush and wipe with turpentine.

Cracked Boiler

Question: Can a crack in a cast-iron boiler be welded satisfactorily?

Answer: Yes, it can be. You can get a mechanic with a portable welding outfit to come and do the job. Inquire of a heating contractor, a steamfitter or a plumber.

Protecting Tools

Question: How can I keep my tools from rusting? I keep them in a metal and wooden toolbox in a damp basement.

Answer: After using, rub them all over with vaseline. Before using again, wipe well.

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The setting of a jelly can be hastened by placing the mold in a pan of cold water.

Thawed meats should not be frozen before cooking. Soaking them to hasten defrosting impairs the flavor.

One-fourth teaspoon lemon juice added to each cup of heavy cream will hasten whipping.

Wood siding from which moisture has not been sufficiently removed may be finished with semi-transparent shingle stain instead of a solid film of paint.

A cloth dipped in linseed oil and wiped over a polished surface will improve the appearance.

When pickling onions, if you are using white vinegar, a few drops of sweet oil of almonds added to each jar will help to keep them white.

For a spring dessert how about rhubarb shortcake? Serve your rhubarb sauce over slightly hot biscuits made with a bit of sugar added to flour.

Mayonnaise used on sandwiches should be thick enough to prevent its running out at the sides.

Rob bacon fat over the skins of potatoes before they are put into the oven to bake. Then the skins will not crumble or break, and will have a delicious flavor. Eat the skins with the potatoes.

A check of 7,300 farm-owned trucks showed that only 25 per cent of the tires on them were good; 34 per cent were fairly good and 41 per cent were in poor condition.

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