

## Modest Maidens

By Jay Alan



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"See, Bertram, you're right out of the top drawer!"

### SENATOR SOAPER SAYS:

The true gentleman never dignifies a social error with his notice. Thus, if a sick economy sits up while the political doctor is writing a prescription, he will continue writing.

A friendly critic of the Marshall plan wants guarantees that its beneficiaries do their part. On a recent tour of Europe, it seems, he found the populace only slightly bending every effort.

It's a soft-drink manufacturer who, for obvious reasons, urges a new 7½-cent coin. But the objection occurs: How do you rhyme this with "trickle" in the commercial?

### REG'LAR FELLERS



## Carnival

By Dick Turner



"I ain't answering any more questions! If the rest of the kids wanna get good marks, let 'em do their own studying!"

## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By HASKIN

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Q. Did George Washington ever propose to develop a peace-time army by conscription? J. R.  
A. George Washington proposed a true selective service to the First Congress of the United States. To avoid calling forth indiscriminate levies of all ages and with no training or discipline, he proposed to classify the men by age and physical fitness; to segregate the fit men between 18 and 25 years of age into separate tactical units; and to give them special training by selected instructors. He thus hoped to develop an effective citizen army.

Q. What is meant by the Hand of Fatima? C. E. S.

A. The Hand of Fatima is an Arabic charm or amulet and is found engraved in many medieval manuscripts and on buildings. It represents the right hand of Lady Fatima, daughter of Mohammed by his first wife, and is supposed to be a powerful amulet against misfortune.

Q. Are there any anthracite mines in Alaska? B. J.

A. There are no anthracite coal mines in Alaska. The largest mine, the Evans Jones, located in the Tanana Field and operated by the Alaska Railroad, is a bituminous mine with medium grade coal.

Q. How do bees make beeswax? E. H. C.

A. Honey is transformed by special glands into beeswax. The wax then flows out on the plates under the abdomen in a liquid condition. In contact with air it hardens in the form of scales. These are removed and manipulated by the jaws and mixed with saliva before being built into comb. It takes from 10 to 15 pounds of honey to produce one pound of beeswax.

That harbinger of nature's new year, the jaunty robin, is now to be seen at points as far north as Bear Mountain, N. Y., lifting a worm out of the deep-freeze.

In Cleveland a lady psychologist urges the little woman to start the day with a poem, read to her husband at breakfast. Not burns, though; that would be the toast.

Among our atom scientists, some seem to have savvy, while others join up with something called the American Soviet Science Society, out of sheer dreaminess.

## McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

By WILLIAM E. MCKENNEY  
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AKQJ6	N	9	32
W	E	75543	10873
S	D		2
Declarer			
♦ 1087			
♦ Q85			
♦ AK943			
♦ J8			
Tournament—Neither vul.			
South	West	North	East
1♦	1♦	2♦	Pass
3♦	3♦	4♦	Pass
4♦	4♦	Pass	Pass
5♦	Pass	6♦	Pass
Opening—♦			

While in Washington recently I had the pleasure of attending the wedding of Capt. Don Gruenher, son of Maj. Gen. Alfred M. Gruenher. Thousands of eastern bridge players remember Gen. Gruenher because of his association with the Vanderbilt Cup tournament, and will recall when he acted as referee at the famous Culbertson-Lenz match. He was Gen. Eisenhower's favorite partner.

After the wedding we went to the general's home to meet the bride and groom. One of the officers there commented on the superiority of bridge over other card games, whereupon another Army man said, "I still think poker is a man's game. It keeps you on your toes and teaches you strategy."

I asked the officer if he liked to bluff once in a while. He said he did and it was impossible to do so in bridge.

So I told him about the bluff that worked on today's hand.

East was happy to open his singleton, especially since his partner had bid spades. West went up with the ace, and without batting an eye North played the king... just a bluff, of course, but it fooled West. Why should declarer put on his good king if he held two or more spades?

West thought he had the diamond suit taken care of with his queen-jack-ten, so he led the six of clubs, hoping to find his partner with the ace of clubs or force declarer to take a losing finesse.

But of course North won this trick in dummy with the jack, took two rounds of trumps and discarded his two losing spades on the ace and king of diamonds.

### THOUGHTS

Ad I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—Matthew 16:18.

See the Gospel Church secure, And founded on a Rock!

All her promises are sure;

Her bulwarks who can shock?

Count her every precious shrine;

Tell, to after-ages tell,

Fortified by power divine,

The Church can never fail.

—Charles Wesley.

### Ambassador

HORIZONTAL	VERTICAL
1 Pictured	1 Sprites
Paraguayan ambassador to the U. S., Dr. Guillermo	2 Closer
Gruenher	3 Cotton cloth
7 He also is a distinguished	4 Fish
7 He also is a distinguished	5 Symbol for selenium
7 He also is a distinguished	6 Shield bearing 24 Small candle
7 He also is a distinguished	7 Spouse 25 Eagle's nest
7 He also is a distinguished	8 Registered 27 Discrencher
7 He also is a distinguished	9 Nurse (ab.) 28 Witicism
7 He also is a distinguished	10 Little demon 31 River
7 He also is a distinguished	11 Storhouse 32 Freebooter
7 He also is a distinguished	12 Renovate 34 Italian city
7 He also is a distinguished	13 Lounge about 35 Wandering
7 He also is a distinguished	14 Scheme 36 Gluts
7 He also is a distinguished	15 Valley 37 Silkworm
7 He also is a distinguished	16 Zone 38 Painful spots
7 He also is a distinguished	17 Bone 39 Symbol for erbium
7 He also is a distinguished	18 Any 40 Bulk
7 He also is a distinguished	19 Jumbo 41 Half-em
7 He also is a distinguished	20 Open (poet) 42 Symbol for niton
7 He also is a distinguished	21 Denomination 43 Circular plate
7 He also is a distinguished	22 Bellows 44 Meadow
7 He also is a distinguished	23 Disorder 45 Malt drink
7 He also is a distinguished	24 Domestic slave 46 Railroad (ab.)
7 He also is a distinguished	25 Jumbo 47 Jumbo
7 He also is a distinguished	26 Open (poet) 48 Wave tops
7 He also is a distinguished	27 Discrencher 49 Wave tops

