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| to talk over the problems that are ahead for the generation to follow us. Pernaps you could learn much from a talk with the $4-\mathrm{H}$ young- sters if you can find out what goes $\qquad$ |
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## and net year. You might as well have them up-to-d.ate. Mrs. Comil Council Clanck, Chairman

Same Old Editor


But Very Little Zip

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| Schools In County Will All Open Monday Morning held in will be 9:00 A.M. Monday after which registration will begin. One newcourse in Public speaking offered this year. Faculty members are: Guy B. Tabor, Supt., will teach M. E. Cleavinger, Principal and Social Science. Grady Pearson, Mathematics |
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and spanis.
Miss Rub Bryant, Homemakin
Mirs. Van Boston, tth grade.






Miss Martin Urges That No Food Be Allowed To Waste

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Zinc tops for Mason jars wid
searce, but glass tops shold
plentiful and some substitute
pint


Mrs. Homer Harrison Will Open Music Studio In School




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Thterment was made in the
Stratford cemetery with wishon
Funeral Directrs in charge of ar-
rangements.



## Methodist Church (J. B. Thompson, Pastor)

Four Mexicans Injured
In Wreck Near Conlen $\underset{\text { Four Mexicans riding in }}{\text { Monday }}$

BAPTIST CHURCH (J. H. Dean: Pastor)
Sunday school t:
Morning Worship Subject: "The First Command

## Teraining Union 7:00 Evening Worshin 8:00

Subject "The Test of a christian"
A man who $\begin{aligned} & \text { would die for his } \\ & \text { aby girl should so live beto }\end{aligned}$ he
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| Mrs. Emil Blanck |
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| Mrs. Emil Blanck, chairman |
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| Will Open Music |
| Studio In School |


 Teacher's College, canyon.
Her advertisement siving rate
appears elsewhere in this editio

Funeral Services For Mrs. Higginbottom
Tuesday Afternoon


Re. Jack Davis
Recovering From
Auto Crash Injuries

Columnist


| flowers. <br> J. L. Higginbottom <br> . Lewis Jr <br> Mrs. Mary Helen Wright <br> Mrs. J. G. Rice <br> And other relatives |
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| Christian Church (L. B. Chaffin. Minister) School 10:00 A. M, J. |
| deton, Superintendent. |
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| C. R. Bomer, sponsor. ${ }^{\text {cen }}$, |
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| ually get them. Put a circle a- |
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## The Lamp in the Valley





#### Abstract

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To stand aside, at such a time,
was more than cowardly. And that, I knew, was Lander,
Startlod and indignant Lander who
wastht even trying to wave me back,

In could see the shazgy olin figure
that emerged from tis hidin pace
and stood in startled wonder, star

dematat do you mean by it?
him
hocked Lander, striding towar




 hate out or shes system by puthin
lead in foks.
This fact brought a frown to Lan
 smile widened the brown-stained
slowly relentin old mouth
Tre reckon them pot shots cal
 "You might have killed some-
body," cried a ander.
The bearilie old eyes lost the last
 gin' arifle somewherescbetwe nhere
and Cranbery L.ake. And if you
and Lon't nit him he'll sure git you."
Landers narrowed eye studied the
"Why is he here?" I asked, chilled
bybut thought of unseen menace all
about uas
"Buase he's



## straight. And Trumbull casted in

UNIFORM INROVED
CUNDIONAL $\mathrm{SOMDAY}_{\text {UNOL }}^{\text {CHOL Lesson }}$


IRST BIG RFC LOA is
The
the THE FIRST large loan made by
the Reconstruction Finance corpo-
ration has been repaid to the last
dollar. In 1931 when the banking situation
was extremely bad in all sections, Chicago was an especially hot spot.
Many of the smaller banks of the
city had closed and some of the larg-
er ones were threatened with withdrawal demands on the part of de-
positors, which, although solvent,
they might not have been able to
meet because of ine Of these, The Central Trust, of
which Gen. Charles Dawes was
president, was one. It had a ru on
Friday and Saturday, and if it had
continued on Monday without help
trem oner source it would probably have had to close for lack of
availiable cash. The cosing of that
bank would undoubtedly have pre cipitated a general bank crash in
Chicago and other citites. Under
these conditions, an appeal was these conditions, an appeal was
made by the Chicago Banks to the
Reconstruction Finance corporation
 FINANCIAL TOWER OF BABEL
UNDER CONSTRUCTION NDER CONSTRUCTION
WITH THE HELP and support of the American people, Samuel Insull
built a towering, top-heavy finnancial
structure measured in millions.
When it topple over and we lost,
we we damned Insull and demanded his
punishment. Insull fled the country
to escape our wrath. He could not have built that financial m
out over support and help. Today we are assisting in building
another financial tower of Babel that
is measured in billions, instead The Insull millions. The govern-
ment's expenitures are backed
only by our ability to pay. The bil-
tions that congress so blithely sweat of our brows, and there is a
limit to what we can pay.
When that limit is reached, there When that limit is reached, there
will be a crash that will be a hurri-
cane as compared to the gentle eephyr of the Insull failure. The
hysteria or insanity of us Ameri-
cans will be responsible, as we were
for the Insull collapse. We are
building the top-heavy structure
that will topple over and bury us in hat will topple over and bury us in
a financial morass. Whom will we
dami for that catastrophe? For
what are your representatives in

RAILROAD WAGES RAILROAD employees are de-
manding a heavy increase in wages. If they get it, each farmer will pay
more transportation on the products

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\begin{aligned}
& \text { he sends to market. Each house- } \\
& \text { wife will pay more for the food for } \\
& \text { her family. The railroads will pass } \\
& \text { the increase along to their patrons }
\end{aligned}
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$\qquad$
ands of receivers and he several
millions of Americans who have in-
vested their savings in railroad
and securities will lose. Railroad net taken in. It is from such things
that inflation is born. OLD AND NEW HITLER IS MORTAL, just as we or years of life can be no of grater
than that of other mortals. With his
death will death will come an end of the vast
structure of hate he has builded on
the bodies of conquered people including those of the Germans. In
cill topple and fall. In its place
will come some other demonstration of the power politics of Europe, of
which we may or may not approve,
but which we cannot control, no

Land and Air Maneuvers at West Point

 ture at right shows
guns open fire on it.
on
'Love Your Enemies' on Eastern Front


Hicture at ent shows captured Nazis reeiving bread from Russian soldiers, acoording to the Mascow and
London censor-approved caption. In the picture at the right German troopers are giving first aid to 2 woundei Russian soldier. It would sem that poth sides in this terrific confict like to send out photos showing their

Mystery Blaze Sweeps Brooklyn Waterfront


Darting as close to the flames as it dared go, a cameraman on special plane made this unusual photo of the conflagration that swept
pier 27
in Brooklyn in one of the worst fires in reeent years. In the center, between both piers can be seen the Coband liner, Panauca, anblaze.
Scores of firemen were severely injured and some military supplies were scores
damaged

Home from 'The Wars'




## 'Gold in Them Peaks'



Goldminer Frank Gimlett, in from
Colorado, gets his first glimpse at New York's architectural peaks.
Equipped with piekt, shovel and bold
Equ pan, he htand ath top the Pennsyl
vanid hoter with the Empire stat
building in Pears Par
'Ears Pinned Back?'


This German plane looks like it
 3old iowaver. spectmen af ine, almost the latest
German fighting plane.

## Warshinaton мепитыной nresem

 That AUTO CUT per cent in auto production of $26{ }^{1 / 2}$ cheers from war department chiefs.
To them it was a big disappointFirst of all the cut looks a lot
bigger than it actually is. For one neal in its hoopla press releases
vas the curtailment auto production stil
will be 10 per cent greater than in
will be 10 per
1938 and 1939 . the increasing shortage of strategic
raw materials, such as steel, rubraw materials, such as steel, rub
ber, alloys and other metals, auto
production is to continue at levels
higher than in the righer than in the peaceful years of
'38 and 39 .
Another reason for the army Another reason for the army
gloom was that it wanted an imme diate cut of at least 50 per cent.
For months war department heads pleaded and argued with OPM mo-
guls for drastic curtailment, on the
ground that the material going int leasure cars are desperately need dor planes, tanks, ships, guns and
other vital armaments, But for
onths the OPM masterminds did months the OPM
absolutely nothing. Director Leon Hendersony OPACS seen eye-to-eye with the army on
this issue from the statt, tok the
uill by the horns and "ordered" bull by the horns and "ordered"
a 50 per cent slash. OPM's reaction was to hit the ceil
ing. It refused to accept the ruling
And while OPM battled behind the ing. It refused to accept the ruling
And while OPM battled behind the
scenes with OPACS, autos continued scenes with OPACS, autos continued
to roll off assembly lines in record
breaking numbers. However, Henderson's bare-knuckling finally took
effect. The $261 / 2$ per cent cut is little less than half of what the arm
and Henderson wanted, but it is $61 / 2$ per c
figure

## tanks ${ }^{*}$ FOR * ${ }^{*}$ bRITAIN

 Some time ago the Merry-GoRound revealed that a chief objec
tive of Lord Beaverbrooks tive get more tanks-tanks for Iras
to tanks for Egypt, tanks eventually
tol the ctuent new powerful 32 tonners wanted the soon
nill roll off the Chrysler assembly will roll off the Chrysler assembly
line at the rate of 450 a month. British supply minister will not go
home empty handed. He will take back with him very cheering assurances regarding the division of these
tanks between the U. S. and British
armed forces. But that isn't the end of his tank problem.
Allotting tanks to the British in this country in one thing, but delii
ering them across the Atlantic is another.
In fact, the problem of transport-
ing large numbers of 32 -ton tanks is the toughest shipping problem
maritime experts have faced since the magnetic mine, which ravaged
shipping until the de-magnetizing devices were evolved. is the problem:
In a nutshell here
For every shipload of light 12 ton
tenks sent tanks sent to England or Africa, the
same ship plus nearly three-fourths same ship plus nearly three-fourths
of another ship would be required to
transport the same number of ton tanks. In other words, they are
bigger. Translated into specific fig-ures-that 26 -ship convoy which
landed 50 light tanks at Alexandria
three months to consist of 44 vessels to carry
the same number of medium tanks. With shipping scarcer than hen's
teeth, a difference of 18 ships is an
, extremely important factor. Also,
the necessity of traveling in slow convoys further reduces the amount
of shipping available. Some experts
estimated this reduction estimated this reduction as high as
50 per cent. In addition the British
sometimes take an excessively lon sometimes take an excessively
time to unload cargos.
So the tank problem thus also becomes an acute shipping problem.
One bright spot in the situation is
the great the great reduction in ship losses in
the last 60 days since the extension
of the U. S. neutrality patrols. But the basic problem of securing more
cargo bottoms still remains. Nore: Since Januarrains. U . S. ship-
Note
yards have turned out a total of $5 \theta$ MERRY-GÖ-ROUND Army officers are singing the
praises of 20th Century-Fox's Darry Zanuck and many movie moguls
for their big job in filming 100 reals of army training films. This wa
the first time training films have
ver been taken, and Hollywod di them for 40 per cent of what it would
have cost Hollywod itself to do the
jov job. In other words, the army onl
had to pay union labor and cost o
film, Hollywood supplying the stu dios, production, overhead and ev
erything else. The Washington Diplomatic corps
is goggle-eyed over Mrs. Warren Pierson's new book, "The Good
Neighbor Murder." Her husband is
head of the Export-mport Bank head of the Export-Import $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { Bank } \\ \text { which loans millions to the Good }\end{array}\right)$ Neighbors.
Dr. I. Lubin, brilliant White House
defense expert, is the most "officed" official in Washington. He has an in the labor department as head o
the bureau of labor statistics,
third in the labor division of OPM and a fourth in the treasury as an
adviser to Secretary Morgenthau.
 by virginia vale

norma shearer
er. He's now occupied with "The
wins," along with Greta Garb nd Constance Bennett-that's the practically everything but walk a
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nd works in pictures, was inspired Draft" to wope's "Crit' "'aught in in the Now M'm Drafting You," which Hope
and Miss Lamour sang on the air. Moraine announced the other day on the "Lousiana Purchase" set that
part of the title had been in the nature of a prophocy. He's set for
compulsory role in the army.

Dinah Shore, who, sings "Yes My
Darling Daughter" so at it made her famous of the air, as had to defer her picture-making
lans. She's been re-signed for the neans that shen ll prograin, in New
rem 's returning to sthe stage in the
the utumn in a musical comedy
titled "Banjo Eyes."
The Rudy Vallee The Rudy Vallee program now
as an impressively
large producour song writers, to turn out the
original music. All of which doesn't the sohn Barrymore from ignoring
the seript ad libbing occasion $\underset{a}{\text { La }}$ row-three of Haking it three in popuar male stars. She did "Dr. Tracy. Then came "Honky Tonk",
with Clark Gable. Her next is Johnny Eager," an underworld ne sounds familiar-ex-convict, darling who falls in in love with him. As was expected, Ellen Drew lost
no time after doing location scenes no time after doing location scenes
in Nevada for "The Remarkable An-
dry'" drew" before marrying Sy Bartiett
in the same state. Paramount lost
no time in putting her into "Prison
W." Widows, a story of the women
who wait outside prison gates for
their men to return to them. She's being currently seen on the coun-
try's screens in "The Parson of try's screen
Panamint."
Mildred Coles was heartbroken a while ago when, after a week's
shoting in "Scattergood Pulls the Strings," she came down with acute
appendicitis and Susan Peters had
to take to take over her role. Now she's
happy; she's leading lady in "Scat happy; she's leading lady, in "Scat-
tergood Meets Broadway." ODDS AND ENDS-Ann Sheridan will
be in two W arner pictures at the same time or the next two months -"The Man Who Came to Dinner" and "King's Row".
The Mutual chain will bring fue pionship boxing bouts to the far fire this late
summer and fall . Waite Hoyt never
sum was afraid of anything when heyt never played
baseball-but now that he's broadcasting

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tage at an eastern little theater.

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iel O'Connell.


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WHAT "MAKKN'S" TOBACCO STAYS PUT, ROLES FASTRER, SMOKES MALDER ?



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## PERSONAL

 Arthur Gibbons, ${ }^{3 / 5}$ Dalhart, has Marvin's cafe is being remodeled accepted a position as a mechanic into a building $20 \times 30$ feet. Pige \& Walsh have completed ha40x60 shed at the H. H. And Mrs. Ozie Green, Spear-
Naugle
man; and Mr. and Mrs. Dudey lace and are building a new room Green, Hereford, visited' relative to the Nausie home The will
build a granary for Roger Crabtree
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Mr.s. E. F. Buster, Mrs. Preston nd Miss Edna Bolster visisted wrestoth
Mrs. Swift nghram and baby in Morrett
Lay.
dar
Ervin C. Kester left this week Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ross and
ons, Gene and Bill were vistors in Amarillo, Borger and Pampa

Mrs. J. R. Alexander and son
Booby and nephews, Jackie and
Walter Vincent

day.
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Duvall and
children were business visitors in Chiliren were business visitors in
Amarillo Tuesdan and Wednessay
Miss Rowena McAdams accompanied them on the trip.
Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mansfield,
 Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Duvall, child-
ren, Miss Rowena and Randolph McAdams Rotene Wednesday fandolph
Caliente, New Mexico on vacation
Cal
 Tuesday from a two week's waca-
tion in the mountains of New Mex-
ico. ico.
Those reported to be ill with
sumer ftu this week are
Royal Pendileton, Mrs.
R. W. L. Mc. Williams and Ira Guthrie.
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Crabtree and
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WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS
By Edward C. Wayne
British-Russian Forces Invade Iran In Drive to Foil Alleged Nazi Coup; Navy Takes Over Shipbuilding Plant; Fierce Battle Marks Russo-Nazi War
 COLOGNE, GERMANX.-This picture gives a dramatic view of
reeent sessational daylight air raid by the British Royal Air force on a
huge power station in the vicinity of Cologne. The bombers flew at height of less than 100 feet at times. Much of the smoke was caused by
air raid missiles and many direct hits were scored. The planes the PRODUCE
Or Else
out at critesident Roosevelt struck out at critics who said that produc-
tion was lagging, quoting chapter
and verse als
ures to show Senator Byrd of Vir ${ }_{5}$
ginia that he had been misinformed, yard back into production by orde Secretary Knox sent one of his
admirals to take charge, and history, made when the arry took over
the North American Aviation plant Yet there was said to be a differ-
ence in this latest plant seizure, in after putting it in operation, but
sought by menu and odply enough
well in this instance as into being, an eventurality which the state authorities of New Jersey
sought. vainly and bitterly to pre-
vent.
fected, and the work on two cruising, six destroyers, three tankers
and two freighters was halted, con tracts adding up to $\$ 493,000,000$, and
awarded by the navy and the mari-

The union was the International
Union of Marine and Shipbuilding IRAN:
And Britain
The British demand on Iran that
she expel all Nazi agents from her
borders and the Tranian refusal to borders, and the Iranian refusal to showed that Britain, conquerors
Syria
wren French, reailzed the need
strenthening the position of
forces in that part of the world. Few doubted the ability of the
British, with the possible aid of the
Russians, to toke Russians, to take over Nittle Persing
and present to the Nazis coming
down from the Ukraine, or wishin to, a firmer front. It also would ex
tend the common frontier with Tur excuse for maintaining a stronger
pro-British neutrality Iran's fears were realized when
British troops under the command into southern Iran and at the same
time Soviet Russian forces moved into northern Tran from the Cauca
sis. There was resistance encoun from the fighting fronts. London
frome ment into Iran came to foil a Nazi
coup. The move was seen as a dito give a satisfactory reply to the Germans be expelled from the Iran was powerless militarily,
though with an army technicali measured at 120,000 , to halt a British
invasion in similar force to the which moved in on well-defended pasition geographically for Britain's war, as the weather in northern
Russia was about to tighten into winTRIPOLI:
Tombers was bringing the harbor of for Nazi-Fascist operations in North
Artica being rare in northern Africa, the latest of these bombings, during
which 25 tons of explosive were
dropped, were said to show thet they believe putting into effect a plan major Nazi offensive to Africa,

## 'Not So Wide'?

The statement by Ambassado
Nomura, of Japan in Washingto
hat the bridge hat the bridge between Japanes
and American policy was not so
wide that it could not be spanne was viewed as perhaps a sign of the
weakening of Nippon. and the United States that the fa
eastern menace of Japan was large
ly a war of nerves and a battle o y a war or nerves and a battle of
The The Indo-China move both thes
nations could laugh oft as a goo joke provided it did not develop into
one of two things-an invasion of
Thailand or a Burma road.
Either of these eventualities, it set fire to the powder magazine i
the East, yet Japan made no suc move, only issuing statements which
were more and more bitter. Now Nomura was saying, after a 20
minute conference with Secretary
Hull: Hu".He outlined the position of your
government. I outlined the position
of mine. No conclusions were reached.
"I believe the gap between the
two can be bridged. It would be
folly to do otherwise. I have a very folly to do otherwise. I have a very
strong conviction that it will be done,
but I don't just know how." And that, at least the "folly" part
of it, was exactly what America and
Britain had been preaching to for weeks, since preaching to start of the
move into Indo-China. It offered
mes room for hope that Japan might ye
decline to be the Axis tool. DEFENSE:

## Of Leningrad

apparently was to be undertaken by
the Russians despite the belief of volvement of the city could only end
in its total destruction, drew the eyes of the world, heralded by the
dramatic announcements of Sovie
leaders preparing everyone for th imminence of battle.
There was only one way to rea stand that the Russian army re-
sistance on the Finnish front and sistance on the Finnish front and
against the pincers attack from Lat
via and the south was crumbling that the soldiers were fighting rear-
guard actions and falling back on
the Soviet's second city and that the civilian poond cation, and that
armed to fight it out. Such a battle had been fought
only once before in recent world
history, and that was in Warsaw history, and that was in Warsaw,
and the pages of that battle were
filled with stories of the glorious heroism of the defenders, and of
the ruthless destruction of the city and thousands of its inhabitants i
the course of the battle. The story was to be even more
bitter and terrible in Leningrad, rot
only, believed most observers, because of its greater size and popu-
lation, but because of the fact tha he German invaders undoubtediy
were not so "hot" as they were be
fore Warsaw, and the Leningrad ers were better prepared.
It seemed that the army retrea
ng toward Leningrad was not, lik he ill-fated Polish army, a rabble
in a rout, but an orderly group whose
osses might have been heavy, but which was moving backward slowly.
In fact, as the northern forces, ing back, the Russian communiques
old of encounters in the Smolenk told of encounters in the Smolensk
area, although they had admitted
the loss of the city days before, and some thought chis daysht mefore, an
the that
heds were driving the Nazis he Reds were
back in the center.
On the

Kathleen Norris Says:
The Stepmother Problem Still Exists


By KATHLEEN NORRIS $\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { N THESE days of easy di- } \\ \text { vorces, when so many other- } \\ \text { wise sensible men and }\end{array}\right.$ wise sensible men and kindest thing which can be done for children is to break up homes and substitute strangers for
Daddy and Mummy, there is a heavy crop of stepmothers. The stepmother used to come
into the picture only when the into the picture only when the
mother died. The motherless or
father atherless child in those days
was always heartily pitied. The term "cruel stepmother" was "unjust." all was almost to say The little writhing hands of First
Reader classes are not struck with alers, in school; babies' mouths
are not washed out with yellow
soap; boys are not flogged, thrashed caned; the rod and the whip are not
terms used in general conversation. But that doesn't mean there isn' a stepmother problem, and Aimee,
a $24-\mathrm{year-old}$ Virginia wife, writes
me of hers. "Lloyd and I fell in love with each
other while I was working in his
office," she writes. "He is 19 years office, she writes. "He is 19 years
older than I am. In every way he
seems to me today only more wonderful than he used to seem in those
old days; handsome, devoted, clev er, popular, and able to give me the
beautiful home of which all girls "Lloyd's wife and he had been
living apart for months before he
asked her for a divars very rich wor a divorce. Shavels from is a
Beach to Coronado, from Hawaii to Newport; he had had no home life lo
and no affection from her for years. "She did not object to the divorce,
and agreed that Diana, their daugh
ter, should be with us in the er, should be with us in the school
months and go to her mother in the
summer. However, Sally's travel summer. However, Sally's travels
and visits have been such that she has had Diana only for seven weeks
out of the 15 months we have been married. This delights Lloyd, who
adores his daughter. Di is now 14 , a poor scholar, but a very hand-
some, developed girl, precocious in "Her mother lets her do anything make-up, drink a cocktail now and
then, smoke. She buys extrava-
gant and unsuitable clothes and gant and unsuitable clothes and
wastes the allowance her mother's usther gives her. When she is of do do
une same. I know expects to dies to her father; I know she is going to get get
herself into trouble, but I am help"Lloyd merely asks me to give
kid a break, and Diana glares at me. Her other grandmother
wants her, and Lloyd would con-
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$\qquad$ that age? A sophisticated, worldly,
bridge-playing woman who is 68 and
ooks about 50 a a daily governess Compabiout to take Di about and and help
cer with lessons, no control at all,
her and the feeling that she has tri-
umphed over her father and me and
escaped from home infuences.

| SPOILED DARLING <br> From the depths of her frightened and aching heart, this stepmother cries out to Miss Norris for aid in solving a problem only too common in this modern world. Marrying a man nearly a score of years her senior, she confidently undertook to squeeze in his daughter's affections, to complete a happy triangle. The daughter, at 14 years, developed beyond her years, beautiful and with money flowing to her liberally, takes the natural path of youth with all those advantages. Parties, cocktails and make-up become almost daily diversions for this young girl. She flirts with romantic dangers while her stepmother looks on helplessly. The husband senses discord and their relations become strained. Kathleen Norris absorbs the details of the situation and answers the troubled wife in a manner most surprising, probably, to the readers having a similar problem. <br> "This is far from what I planned when first I thought of marryin Lloyd, and making a harmonious happy home for him and his little girl. I began by showing Di nothin but big-sisterly affection and sym- pathy; I invited her friends to the house, tried to become her çonfi dante and pal. <br> Relationship Strained. <br> "It seems to me now that we are all in a mess, and for the first time ment in the relationship between my husband and myself. Diana was quiet, sweet, shy little girl when first I met her. Can you supply me with some argument that best convince him that I am the that eventually we can work it out here? <br> But my dear Aimee, I am obliged to say in reply, I am far from con vinced you are the best person to decent material with which to deal, which you obviously have not. Diana is evidently a girl who grew turity. She ought to have a smoothrunning home at this time, and the affectionate, not-too-pressing help and companionship of both fathe and mother. <br> Instead she finds an attractive new wife absorbing her father's love, and her mother wanderin about from place to place to find amusement for herself, quite unchild. The two grandmothers and the aunts and uncles are doing their share to demoralize her, and the all sides to make constant experi ments and changes possible, adds the last element to her mental an moral upset. My advice would be ly to keep hands off. If she will go to the worldly grandmother, let her go by all means. She won't like it there; finitely boring to a girl that age; she won't like the clothes her grandmother suggests, nor the amuse repetitive talk of an old lady. <br> Keep friendly with all, and wel- come Diana when she drops in. |
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