

fred Gwynne Vanderbilt, was Charles Frohman, the theatrical manager, perished; so did Charles Klein, the author of "The Music Master," and Justus

it does not seem possible, in spite of the official whitewashing, to relieve either the admiralty or the ship's officers of all blame. With the sanction of the British government, the Cunard line under due notice that its ships were subject to being sunk on sight by a power which had demonstrated its ability and determination to do so. Yet the admiralty's warnings seem curiously sketchy. This great vessel was placed in the hands of a master who did not even know that zigzagging was necessary before a submarine had been

Miles Forman, a young writer

whose war play, "The Hyphen,"

had recently appeared on Broad-

Captain Turner took almost no real precautions either to avoid attack or to deal with emergency should it come. Boat drills on the way over, for example, were confined to fiveminute exercises with the two boats kept ready for such minor accidents as a man overboard. The impression left by the whole episode is that nobody really conceived the possibility of an attack upon the Lusitania.

"The real reason for the tremendous death toll was the fearful suddenness with which she sank-and there some sense of mystery still lingers. Assuming that the torpedo hit against a bulkhead, it could hardly have opened more than two main compartments, and the ship was designed to float with two compartments filled. The Germans and German sympathizers seized at once upon that second explosion, which "may possibly have been internal," and claimed that the ship must actually have been destroyed thru the detonation of munitions in her cargo. But the rifle cartridges known to have been aboard could not have been touched off all at once, and there is not the slightest ground for supposing that she carried undeclared and illegal explosives. Schwieger himself (and it gives one greater confidence in the authenticity of his published log) thought of the boilers or an explosion of the coal dust in the bunkers before he thought of munitions.

Yet a bunker explosion seems the most likely explanation, and in whatever degree omissions or mistakes may have contributed to the catastrophe, they could not alter the fact that the pri-

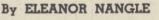
wealthy young sportsman, Al- Road to War

last seen heroically trying to get mary reason why the Lusitania the children into the boats. went down was that a German with the guests. All thru the submarine fired a torpedo point blank into her side. Her passengers had been murdered-much ceived. The affair was "one of as they would have been, for example, had the Chemin de Fer de l'Est taken a trainload of the jewelry, the white ties and them within sight and range of the German artillery.

The first news [of the disas-For this appalling loss of life ter] was at the American embassy in London at 4 o'clock that afternoon; it said nothing, however, about the loss of life, and the staff was busy with the preparations for a dinner that evening to Colonel and was selling people passages Mrs. House. "At about 7 thru a declared war zone, o'clock the ambassador came home; his manner showed that

something extraordinary had taken place." It was too late then to postpone the dinner, and the bulletins began to arrive evening Mr. Page read them out to his company as they were rethe most tragic in the social history of London." The gowns, shirt fronts gleamed elegantly thru an atmosphere "of dumb stupefaction; if any one spoke it was in a whisper," and behind all the whispers there ran one word-war. All those handsome ladies and gentlemen were convinced that the United States would declare war immediately.

NEXT SUNDAY-The war spirit* in



front, which seems to be beneath the jawbone. After the universal fashion for the sophisticated woman if not for the sub-deb, reveals chin lines rather unmercifully. And the low-cut gowns now being taken out of their wrappings in preparation for the social season will reveal necks and backs with equal lack of mercy. For most women some intensive beauty care for these three areas won't be waste motion.

The chin line that shows signs of slipping needs patting or massage. The professional treatment is a good investment, but if the budget won't permit it, intelligent home care will do wonders.

Too many of us think only of the face. When we cream it we forget to cream the neck and to give the chin its much - needed share of patting or massage. Use cleansing cream on your neck, and above all use lubricating cream. The neck skin needs oiling just as much as that of the face. Massage the cream in generously, and when you get up to the jaw line pat it briskly,

TAIR DRAWN upward in working from ear to ear just cream use cold, cold water or skin freshener. And to hold that good chin line remember that good posture is golden! Sit erect, walk erectly, and if you read or sew a great deal don't let your head hang forward.

What most backs need is actually a good scrubbing. The skin of the back gets dingy and coarse because it isn't properly stimulated. Cream your back (get assistance here if you can), and, after allowing the cream to "soak" for a bit, remove it and scrub well with a stiff bath brush. Then rinse with warm followed by cold water. A spray is a good idea. This softening and stimulating will remove the scaly skin that looks so stained and "goose-fleshy."

And don't forget makeup for the chin, the neck, and the back. Powder your chin and neck when you powder your face, using a lighter shade of both powder and foundation. And for evening use a finishing cream or powder on your back to give the skin a luminous, fine-grained effect.



(Posed by Irene Dunne.) (Tribune Studio photo.)

At left: Hair swept upward reveals Don't forget the back view! Keep the chin line in all its glory, or lack the skin smooth, soft, and white of it. Intensive care keeps it firm and always use a back makeup to and youthful. give it a fine-grained finish.

American Eloquence

 American eloquence has played an important part in the history of our country. From a long list of famous speeches The Tribune is selecting gema of American eloquence which are being presented in this, the Graphic Section, every Sunday. The content of these speeches is important both historically and politically. Men and boys learning to speak in public will find in them helpful lessons. Speakers and writers can learn a great deal from studying their style. This is the twentieth of the series.

He was born in Providence, R. I., Feb. 24, 1824, and died in New Brighton, N. Y., Aug. 31, 1892. On the occasion of the unveiling of a statue to the celebrated Scottisn poet, Robert Burns, in Central park, New York, Oct. 2, 1880, Curtis delivered the dedicatory address. He

said in part: "Until we know why the rose is sweet, or the dewdrop pure, or the rainbow beautiful, we cannot know why the poet is the best benefactor of humanity. Whether because he reveals us to ourselves or because he touches the soul with the fervor of divine aspiration, whether because in a world of sordid and restless anxiety he fills us with serene joy, or puts into rhythmic and permanent form the best thoughts and hopes of man-who shall say? How the faith of Christendom has been stayed for centuries upon the mighty words of the old Hebrew bards and prophets, and how the vast and inexpressible mystery of divine love and power and purpose has been best breathed in

parable and poem! "The poet's genius is an unconscious but sweet and elevating influence in our national life. It is not a power dramatic, obvious, imposing, immediate, like that of the statesman, the warrior, and the inventor, but it is as deep and strong and abiding. The soldier fights for his native land, but the poet touches that land with a charm that makes it worth fighting for and fires the warrior's heart with the fierce energy that makes his blow invincible. The statesman enlarges and orders liberty in the states, but the poet fosters the love of liberty in the heart of the citizen. The inventor multiplies the

MONG America's great facilities of life, but the poet men of letters of all time makes life better worth living was George William Cur- "Robert Burns transfigured

the country of his birth and love. Every bird and flower, every hill and dale and river whispers and repeats his name. When he died there was not a Scotchman who was not proud of being a Scotchman. But he, as all great poets, as they turn to music the emotions common to humanity, passed from

the exclusive love of his own country into the reverence of the world.'

This speech is in an old and very honorable tradition. It is a remnant of the day when a great speaker was also a student and patron of literature. When Aulus Licinius Archias, a teacher of literature and speaking, was tried for falsely assuming the rights of a Roman citizen he was defended by a former student of his-a man named Cicero. On this occasion Cicero offered good advice to students of speaking: "You ask us, Gratius, why we love this man Archias. Because when our minds are jaded with forensic howling he refreshes them, and when our ears are weary with the clamor of the courts he gives us rest. Do you imagine that we could speak daily on a thousand and one subjects if we did not enrich our minds with the study of literature? That we could constantly force ourselves to engage in law court battles if we did not occasionally relax in this way?" In just this same manner Curtis eulogizes poets in general and Burns in particular. In semipoetic language and almost metric sentences he points out the poet's great place in the world. --- Comment by Martin Maloney of the Northwestern university

school of speech.

Automatic Fireman for Planes

By WAYNE THOMIS

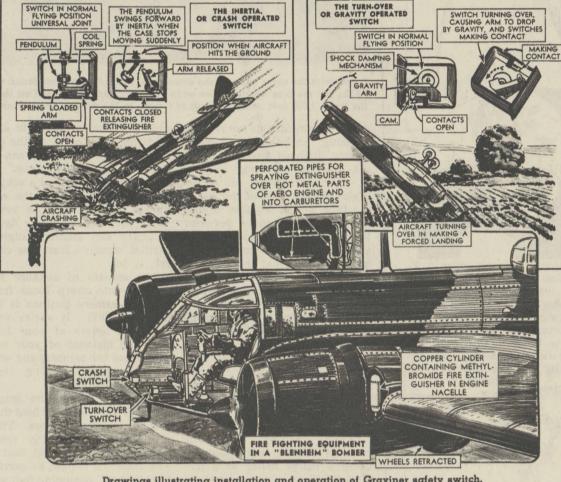
NIRE IS AN ever present danger in all airplanes, particularly in military flying. Now come the English with an automatic fire fighter-a device designed to prevent fires under any or all conditions. It has been tested and is said to function perfectly even tho a pilot may be stunned or instantly killed in an accident.

All British fighting planes are being equipped with the device, which is said to work (a) in a crash, (b) in a nose-over while landing or taking off, (c) if fire breaks out in the air or when the plane is at rest on the ground, and (d) when the pilot presses a button on the instrument board. This device is called the Graviner safety switch.

Operation in any of these instances commences with the breaking of the ignition and lighting circuits and any other electric circuits on a plane. Then a flood of methyl bromide gas is released on all the hot engine parts and into the carburetor so that it is drawn into the engine cylinders. This gas has the effect of cooling the hot motor and of smothering fire by blocking air from it.

It is well understood that fire high - almost that of direct flame itself.

in a motor car fire following an switch are automatic. applied to automobiles, but sub- comes into action in case of a six G. This is considered the none is automatic.



Drawings illustrating installation and operation of Graviner safety switch.

follows an airplane crash only sequently was adapted for air- nose-over, is a pendulum that minimum force to cause serious ignition of the vapor is very inch pressure. There are sev- allowing inverted flight. eral switches that open these

if electric lines are broken and craft. It consists of a copper falls as the machine turns over. damage to a plane. sparks from short-circuited bottle (or bottles in case of sev- This is held out of action in the

The crash switch also is a deli- degrees Centigrade. bottles. Each is an ingenious cately balanced pendulum. It is The new device was invented unit. One switch is called the held in position by a spring until to be about \$150 for each aircame interested in the problem switch, and a third the heat The English aircraft will be fit-fifty pounds. after a relative had been killed switch. All but the manual ted with crash switches that In America a number of differ-

The flame switch is merely an wires ignite gasoline vapor, or eral engines, the ideal being one air because its circuit is controlled adaptation of the type of release if gasoline vapor is ignited by bottle to each engine) containing by the retractile undercarriage. applied to automatic sprinkler white-hot exhaust manifolds. six pounds of pure methyl bro- If the wheels are retracted the systems. It closes its circuit and The temperature required for mide at sixty pounds per square switch does not operate — thus releases the methyl bromide gas at temperatures of 140 to 150

The cost of installation is said by Capt. H. M. Salmond, who be- gravity switch, another the crash subjected to violent deceleration. plane and the weight less than

operate when subjected to decel- ent systems offer somewhat simaccident. The system was first The gravity switch, which erations of six times gravity, or ilar fire fighting devices, but

