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mucous membranes and his cold would be gone. Richard was wondering if there would be anything left of his throat, but let it pass when a young man who was obviously speaking with a pear in his mouth announced that Kid Boosey with catarrh accompaniment would now sing Down the Old Trail With My New Girl. When this was over, he was told by a bright young lady that if he wanted to keep his husband's love, he would have to do something about his complexion. Hawaiian Splendour was the cure for all those distressing skin complaints.

BY this time, poor old Richard was a bit like Mr. Facing Both Ways. He felt that his integrity as an artist was being undermined, but he felt he really must find out what was coming next. So he just stayed there, motionless, for another hour. During that time he was bombarded with tender enquiries about the state of his liver, the size of his shoes, the necessity of buying a new chesterfield suite, the parlous state of his inside through not eating Farmer's Famous Food, and the awful appearance his outsides would assume if he didn't start washing immediately with Summer's Springtime Soap. He discovered that as he had not been eating Holly's Wholemeal Bread there was little hope for his survival. He had been regaled by an enthralling little story all about a

man who had crept out of his ancestral home at midnight, disgraced because he had shown the White Feather and had been dubbed a coward by the girl he loved, while his white-haired old father had never thought he would live to see the day. But all the time the man was in the secret service, and had to pretend to be a coward in order to get into the enemy's stronghold. What happened when he did get in, Richard didn't know. He was told to wait till Wednesday before he found out.

THEN the man who had brought the wireless came back. He said sorry Guv'nor, but it's bin a mistake. This 'ere's due next door. So he took the wireless away, little knowing that he had just played Fate in Richard's life.

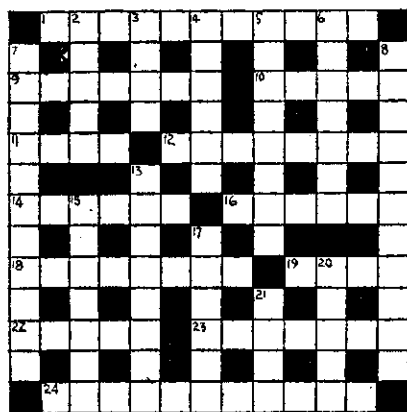
Because the result of the whole episode was that Richard shaved his beard, sub-let his studio and took a job. He realised he had met his match. With an access of wholly unfamiliar humility, he admitted that all his imaginings were as nothing compared with the genius of the radio.

So now he's been taken on as copy writer for Brody's Bacon Fat Co. Ltd., and life, no longer leisurely, is full of excitement. He writes down all his imaginings, and what's more, he gets paid for them.

His heart is so much in his work that he has married a lady announcer, and all the children were born with a far-away look in their eyes.

THE LISTENER CROSSWORD

(No. 117: Constructed by R.W.C.)



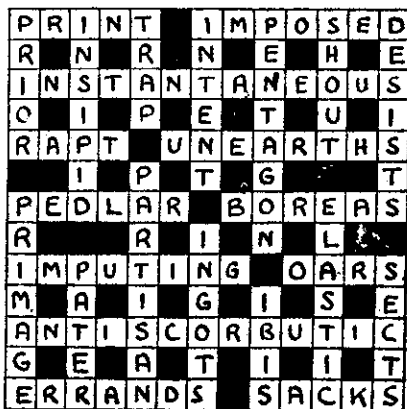
Clues Across

1. This may be nice to learn, but it's not nice to experience.
9. Rawness makes reply.
10. An Orkney sea-fowl.
11. This duckling turned out to be a bird hidden in 9 across.
12. Do relent! (anag.).
14. P.S. with plea for fruit.
16. So near to sense.
18. Tin cruet (anag.).
19. Conveyance.
22. Of magic significance.
23. In tones—of suppressed excitement?
24. Recant? Bilgel (anag.).

Clues Down

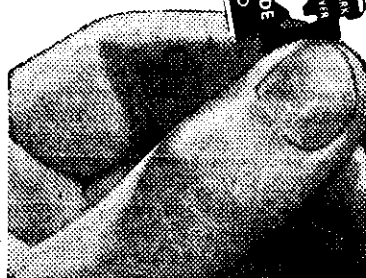
2. Vocal quality attributed to Americans.
3. Portent found in 5 down.
4. This is as late as possible next year.
5. Seen Mona among the flowers?
6. Australian buddies.
7. Produce.
8. Claims sent in prose?
13. Lace tent (anag.).
15. Self inflicted punishment.
17. Here you see the cat err.
20. Bring into line.
21. Invert this insect to find its nip.

(Answer to No. 116)



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