

# It Happened Last Night

By Earl Wilson

NEW YORK, Oct. 12.—I was gourmandizing on some Oysters Rockefeller, with the whipped cream on top, at the Colony, when I suddenly said to my B. W.:  
 "I've made a great discovery!"  
 "What's this you discovered that I told you about years ago?" the B. W. answered.  
 Licking up some more succulent oysters which had chopped sweet corn in the sauce, I said:



"I've found that eating can be an adventure!"  
 Coming from Ohio I was a steak and potatoes guy for years, and always said that if I had enough cash, I could eat anything—and I frequently did. Then suddenly I got to experimenting—and I almost ate some rattlesnake steak in Jacksonville recently.  
 Alas, Hinton Bradbury, the newspaperman who was going to arrange this gourmet's treat, was unable to get in touch with any rattlesnakes at the moment. This made me so mad I could have kissed him.  
 However, in Key West, I did eat a tasty turtleburger. Try it sometime if you happen to meet a co-operative turtle.

## Earl's Pearls

I refuse to believe that was a real hurricane in Florida. I insist it was just a few delegates arriving for the American Legion convention... Red Buttons, who opens at the Harem, says his landlord wants to raise the rent and he's going to let him—cause he can't.



Red Buttons

## Knew So Many Calves

FOR YEARS I was anti-calves' liver. Maybe this was because as a farm boy I had known many calves personally. Some of the calves I ran into in restaurants 20 years later seemed to be the same calves.  
 One day, in 21, I ate some wonderful calves' liver—made wonderful, I suspect, by the delectable "21 sauce."  
 Now you should catch me mixing my own sauce: some catsup, some mustard, some Worcestershire. Walters, hate me for I'm what's known as a "sauce showoff."

## Enjoys 'Thumbbits'

WHEN I EAT in Toots Shor's, I try the "thumbbits" or "thumbbits"—thin slices of steak between toast which fit between thumb and forefinger.  
 I enjoy escargots (snails) at the Versailles, and Caesar Salad at the Colony and Little Club, although my Gorgeous Mother-in-Law gets pretty disgusted with the B. W. and me for devouring so much garlic.  
 We stink up the joint in more ways than one.  
 The B. W. throws garlic around pretty loosely at home.  
 The other night I said to her, "This coffee is all right—except for a funny taste."  
 "Oh, oh," she said, "that's the cup I stirred up that garlic dressing in."

## Tops Them All

THEN, OF COURSE, there's the granddaddy of all New York delicacies, Lindy's cheesecake (with cherries already!) and the hot pastrami with accompanying heartburn at Max Asnas' Stage Delicatessen, and the cherries jubiles at Nicky Quattricocci's El Borracho, and...  
 It was from Joan Crawford, Sonja Henie and some other Hollywood glamour pussies that we got our affection for Caesar Salad.  
 And some day, dear reader, (you're so dear because there

are so few of you), if you're good to me, I may break right down and give you the recipe for the Colony's Ersters Rockefeller with the whipped cream on top.  
 Meanwhile—  
 Can anybody direct me to some pork and beans?

## The Midnight Earl

WHAT'S HOT: Joan Crawford'll take her first plane ride on her next trip to N. Y. Mary Chase will soon be finishing her next play, a modern fairy tale for kids from 6 to 12... Helene De Mone's fifth Sawdust Trail discovery to make first prize on Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scout show, for which give Walter Batcher a hand... Slapsie Maxie's in Hollywood signed Spike Jones to open Nov. 8. Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis will play the Hollywood spot Oct. 23 and 24 for free—then go back there over Christmas for plenty... Amory Haskell Jr., son of the racing man, will wed Florence Laihart.

## Today's Smile

JOE: "How's your son doing in college?" Schmo: "Great! The first month he spent three months' allowance."

## Wish I'd Said That

WHEN a girl is sure of a man, she usually spurns him on.

## What's Hot

MORTON DOWNEY'S flying to Miami Beach to sing at the American Legion Convention... There's talk of cutting out the jazz and bop concerts at Carnegie Hall because of the damage caused by overzealous audiences... Will the next Yankee manager be either Johnny Neun or Frankie Crosetti?... Nan Wynn is set for a baseball television series... The Golden Gate Quartet get their first legit break-in "Alive and Kicking" the Henry Morgan show... Bill Todman, producer of Hit the Jackpot and Winner Take All, was at the Raleigh Room just out of Mt. Sinai Hospital... Nan Wynn had a packed opening at the St. Regis Maisonette with Rex Harrison, Lili Palmer, David Niven, Jack Buchanan and the town's leading socialites on hand to applaud her song.

## Cellarbrities

JACK LEONARD, the 300 lb. comic, injured his leg in a jump off the stage... Herb Jacoby's negotiating for a package deal that might include Jo Stafford, Peggy Lee and Perry Como for his Le Directoire... Evelyn Peterson, fed up with show business, left the Copa line for Texas and marriage... Irma Petina, who plays a famous cook in "Magdalena," prepared a meal for her dog this week—the dog is now in the hospital...

## Bar Buzz

VENTRILOQUIST Paul Winchell starts a half hour TV show co-starred with Dunninger over NBT Oct. 14... Man About Town Billy Babst opens the Club Q at 302 East 58th St. around the 15th of this month... Towie's spent \$10,000 redecorating... Hazel Scott leaves the first week in Nov. for a Caribbean tour... Tallulah Bankhead gave the Ebony Club's laryngitis-ridden Billie Holiday a sure cure, "pancakes swimming in wild honey." Tommy Dorsey's yacht, the Sentimentalist, is up for sale... Tommy Henrich worked out for 2 hours on Eddie Condon's piano before leaving for Ohio.  
 "Oh boy," yaks Jimmy Nabbie, "is my wife a rotten shot. Every time I come home late she hits the ceiling."... That's Earl, brother.

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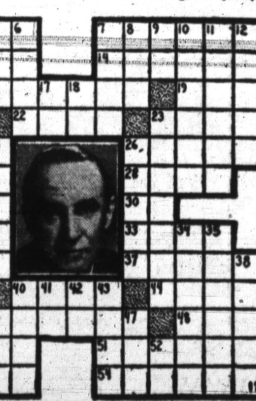
## CROSSWORD PUZZLE

### Laugh-Provoker

**HORIZONTAL**  
 1 Pictured radio quizzer (ab.)  
 13 Reluctant  
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**VERTICAL**  
 1 Walks in water  
 2 Thoroughfare

Answers to Previous Puzzles  
 TONY, RARE, FOUR, THREE, INNO, TEAM, MING, LEGAL, TAT, SADDLE, ENE, CLOVE, SPIT, ESTER, TONY, SPIT, ONE, ZALE, BAR, DANTE, ZALE, ANGER, GEM, SURE, ORAL, BRAT, ETON, BLK, ANTE, SESS, ALER, ANOR

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