

FORECAST

If findings for men of college level in a recent study of Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees indicate the convictions of their fellows, over half of them believe what their grandmothers told them. It is difficult to believe only what we should about our bodies and general health. We have inherited superstitions from our ancestors; magazines and the radio constantly bombard us with sales-boasting axioms about teeth, weight, digestion and vitamins.

George A. Walker and Eleanor Saltzman enumerate "False Health Notions in the CCC," in the January issue.

Were a foreigner to judge Americans, he would assume that we all suffer from headache, sour stomachs and constipation. The sight of a druggist's counter, groaning under its load of purges, cathartics and laxatives, and his windows filled with enema bags, confirms the impression that our race spends no inconsiderable amount of time, thought and money in dealing with the functions of the bowel.

Victor W. Logan, M.D., reports on "Mineral Oil as a Laxative."

In New York there's an employment bureau which has been making a different kind of medical headline news. Wholly on its own initiative this employment agency—unique in health annals—lacked the problem of insuring the city only healthy domestics in the home.

When the Bureau of Part-Time Work launched its city-wide movement last year to educate housewives to ask for health references, New Yorkers were frankly skeptical.

But pediatricians in New York and elsewhere welcomed the Bureau's plan as a hopeful new signpost along the road of a twenty year old campaign.

Julieta K. Arthur explains why "Bridget Goes to the Doctor."

The idea of "skin peeling" is extremely attractive to many people. If the skin which covers the face is unwelcome because of color or lack of color, blemishes such as enlarged pores or blackheads, or if there are scars in the form of pimples, the promise of new skin is rarely resisted.

Next month, Herman Goodman, M.D., discusses "Skin Peeling."

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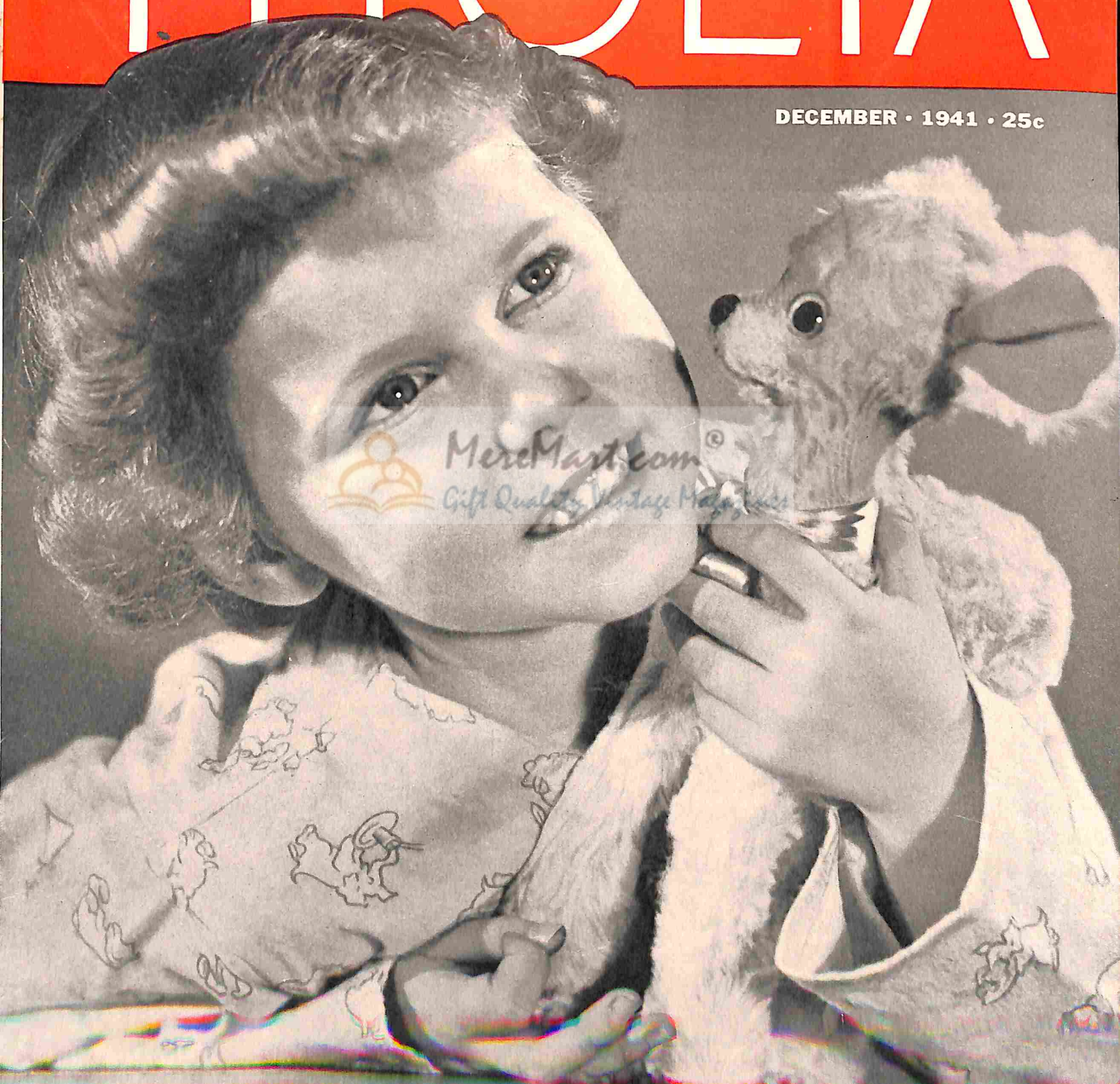
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