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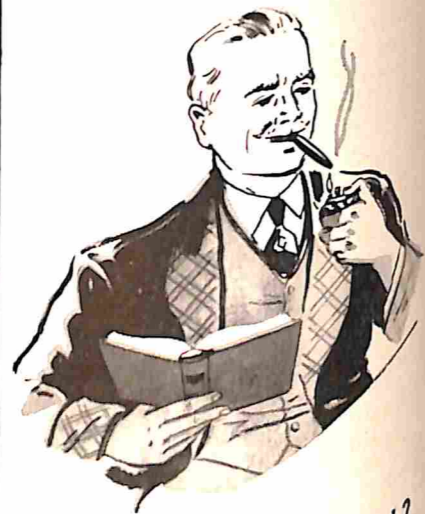


The barrage balloon pictured on this week's cover is no longer a plaything of soldiers in training. It is a valued guardian of a strategic point on America's Northwest coastal frontier. Precisely how many "rubber cows" now hover over U. S. factories and military zones is a secret. But every day more and more Americans are learning to take comfort, as have the British, in the spectacle of these grotesque but highly effective implements of defense afloat in the perilous sky. For more pictures of U. S. barrage balloons in service, turn to pages 41-43.

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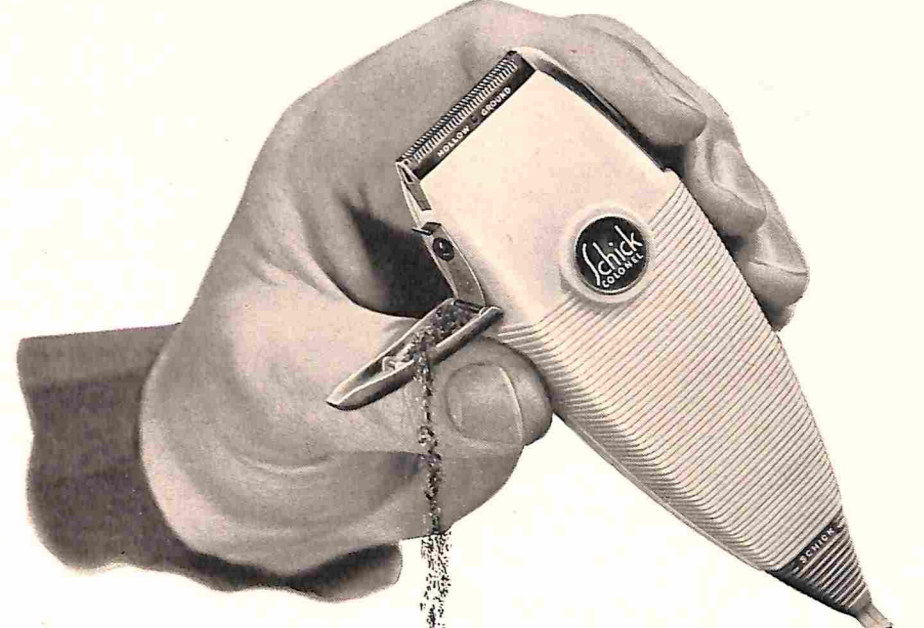


LIFE's Photographer Bernard Hoffman turned a neat trick this week by getting stories on both Maine (see pp. 48-53) and Florida (pp. 8-11) in the same issue. Here, amid Florida Cypress Garden beauties, he displays his powers of concentration.

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