

THE ROMANCE OF MARY ANN

Both Jones and Brown loved Mary Ann, and Jones was very small and monkeylike, and people said he had no brains at all.

Now Brown was big and handsome, too; at school he led his class, and people, filled with wonder, turned oftentimes to see him pass.

Jones had a father who was rich; Brown worked for what he had, because good luck had never tagged around behind his dad.

It chanced that Brown and little Jones went forth upon a day to claim the lovely Mary Ann and carry her away.

They found her playing on the banks. Where both rushed forward, and while Brown was pleading for her heart, Jones pleaded for her hand.

"You won my heart long, long ago," she sweetly said to Brown, "and now be kind enough to just go way back and ——."

Then lovely Mary Ann that day said: "Fate has wisely planned. My heart is his who yearned for it; the other has my hand."

—Chicago Record Herald.

Careless, indeed!



Aunt Jane—Ezra, go tell your man that the picture of Uncle Ham has arrived, but the fool artist went and painted it upside down. —Chicago News.

All He Knew About It.

"Here! Here!" said the rich old widow. "What are you doing?"

"I'm pinching' your legs to see which of them's the wooden one," said little Willie.

"Boy," the old man testily replied, "you bother me. Run away. What do you mean by one of my legs being wooden? I haven't any wooden leg."

"Well, when Sister Fannie said the other night that she didn't want to marry you even with all your money mother told her not to be foolish, because you had one foot in the grave and wouldn't last long. So that's all I know about it." —Chicago Record-Herald.

How She Knew.

"Charley, dear," said young Mrs. Torkins, "why didn't you tell me you were going hunting yesterday? It would have relieved my mind ever so much, for I half suspected you were going to the races without taking me."

"How—how did you know I went hunting?"

"Because you were talking all night in your sleep about long shots." —Washington Star.

For Him and Her.

The London Chronicle prints a communication suggesting a bisexual pronoun to cover "him" and "her." The correspondent asks, Why not command "he" and "she" and make heesh? "Himher" is the resultant of "him" and "her," while "his" and "her" precipitate into "hizzier." This sentence illustrates the new English: "A writer is annoyed when heesh finds hizzier work treated as public property rather than hizzers and instead of being credited to himher is pirated by papers by which heesh is not remunerated."

Men who look much older than they are never appear to such disd-



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"FIGHTING JOE'S" SWIM

Unpublished Chapter In General Wheeler's Philippine Career.

TREE CLIMBING FEAT DISCOUNTED

Garbed Only In Nature's Image, He Swam a River to Get Facts About Wrecked Bridge, According to Eye-witness' Story—Exploit Characteristic of His Confederate Days.

A very important incident in the Philippine career of General Joe Wheeler, the distinguished veteran of two wars, has been overlooked by the newspaper correspondents in Uncle Sam's new possessions. Captain William L. Sibert, now in charge of the Louisville office of the United States engineer corps, was the only eyewitness to the episode, says the Washington Post. At the time he was chief engineer of the Eighth army corps, then operating in northern Luzon. Official record of the incident appears in General MacArthur's recently issued reports.

The particular page of history here for the first time revealed tells how General Wheeler, costumed in the garb of good Father Adam, with a supplement in the way of a tattered hat, went in swimming because he wanted immediate facts on the condition of a wrecked railroad bridge. The camera fiend was a long way off at the time the thing occurred, but Captain Sibert was fortunate enough later to secure a photograph of the exact spot in which his illustrious superior officer took the plunge.

Everybody remembers when General Wheeler climbed a tree just before the battle of Santiago in order to get above the tops of the bushes, so he could secure an unobstructed view of the Spanish lines. The idea of an old fellow beyond sixty and a major general climbing up a tree raised a great laugh at the time, but the veterans who had served with "Fighting Joe" said that it was a trick to which he had often resorted during the civil war.

The maneuver in the Philippines, however, more than doubly discounts the tree episode. At Tarlac on Nov. 18, 1899, General Wheeler went swimming for the purpose of investigating a railroad washout. A portion of the debris lay in water seven feet deep, part of which was a swiftly running stream. If there is any other major general who at the age of sixty-four divested himself of his uniform and plunged into a treacherous stream under similar circumstances, history has failed to record it. General Wheeler's report says on the subject:

I walked across 1,000 feet of overflowed railroad track, at the end of which I found that the track and roadbed were entirely gone for a distance of about 250 feet. The first thirty feet of this track was washed away, the rest remaining from the roadbed to right foot in depth. By exploring the bottom of the river I found a part of what had been a span of a bridge, the iron rails still adhering to the stringers. This I ascertained by personally feeling the iron rails and stringers, seven feet below the surface, with my hands. Continuing the examination, I next found a series of brick piers, about fifteen in number, all broken and broken in the middle. A few of these brick piers I found a rapid run of water about 150 feet wide, the greatest depth, of six feet, being near the north side, where the railroad commences again. I afterward crossed the river and examined the railroad north of it.

As there was not a boat within fifty miles of the spot, all of this getting around in the rapid stream was done by swimming. It was very necessary that the work on the washout be completed within a few days for the purpose of forwarding supplies to the soldiers who were operating against the insurgents beyond the river. That was the reason why General Wheeler was in such great haste to ascertain the exact condition of the wreck and the length of time it would require to repair the track. The engineer soldiers who were at work upon the washout were a considerable distance farther back along the track, and so none save Captain Sibert witnessed the general's swimming feat. The nearest newspaper correspondents were several miles away, either at the front or in the rear. Naturally none of them supposed that there would be any such history making at a mudhole like the Tarlac washout, which was at once many miles from the enemy and the American headquarters.

The bathing costume of General Wheeler was identical with the one in vogue in Georgia during the last year of the civil war—namely, an old slouch hat and a very determined expression of countenance. The general did not explain why he wore this hat, as he was under the water almost as much of the time as he was on the surface. General Wheeler showed that he was an adept at swimming every stroke known. The swiftness of the current apparently gave him but little trouble, and when he got ready to go to the bottom he went down like a rock and stayed under an alarmingly long time. He hardly stopped to rest five minutes at a time, but splashed as lustily as a young porpoise from the moment he plunged in until he clambered back up the bank.

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The First Lady Architect.

For the first time in the history of the arts an academically accredited woman architect has come to the front in France, writes the Paris correspondent of the Pall Mall Gazette. She is a young American student named Julia Morgan and belongs to San Francisco. When the courses of the Beaux Arts were first thrown open to women four years ago, Miss Morgan was the only one of her sex then or since to elect for architecture, in which she has just taken honors.

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PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Li Hung Chang's Successor.

The appointment of Yuan Shih Kai as viceroy of China to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Li Hung Chang meets with general approval in China, both among natives and foreigners. His administration of Shantung gave



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evidence of ability and wisdom. Ministers of the powers consider him the strongest man in China after Li Hung Chang, and they think his presence in Peking will have a good influence on the court.

Yuan Shih Kai has ruled the province of Shantung, which is the most turbulent province in the empire and the seat of the Boxer movement, with an iron hand, and there are those who fear that his removal may result in disorder because of the friction with the Germans.

Tolstoi in Old Age.

If half the charges made against Count Tolstoi by the holy synod of Russia be true, he has surely lost the simplicity of faith and the rock bottom certainty of religious belief that were shown in his writings of a few years ago.

The great Russian writer, now seventy-two years of age and in poor health, bears the "boycott" of the church with calmness and tranquility of mind.

He is now at work on a new novel—the story of the transformation of a beautiful butterfly of the world into a useful member of society, awakened to the realization of the dignity, privilege and majesty of real living. The book, which promises to be a strong one, seems to illustrate Tolstoi's two seemingly paradoxical ideals—that every one should do everything possible for himself and that every one should help his fellow man with his work or even do it for him, unquestionably if need be.

All of Tolstoi's manuscripts, when finished are rewritten by the countess or his daughters. This fresh copy is soon scored with corrections, sentences are cut out and new ones substituted; interlineations seem to form as much matter as the original draft, the corrections hang over the margins and are often connected by long lines with the phrases they amend. Ink of a different color adds to the seeming chaos. Finally a third copy is made, which is then "tried" on a few faithful friends. Then when it returns from the printer, Tolstoi begins to revise his proof as if it were original copy.—Lederer Monthly.

Salisbury May Be Removed.

It is rumored that King Edward VII. will shortly ask for the resignation of Lord Salisbury as premier of England. The king's dissatisfaction with his premier is said to be occasioned by the latter's neglect of his official duties. Salisbury is profoundly inter-

ested in scientific matters and has of late given more time to experiments in his laboratory than to the affairs of government. With the South African trouble on the government's hands this dereliction of the premier is considered by the king a very serious matter.

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