

# Let's Swap

Man, a nervous sensitive, complex organism of progress and activity, is always longing for the thing.

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## DAZED THE MOROS

Sights the Sultan's Suit Saw on Board the Charleston.

### FUN IN FRAMING A TREATY.

General Bates Had a Sort of Circus on His Hands While Negotiating With the Filipino Potentate For the Transfer of the Islands to Uncle Sam.

Few treaties ever were negotiated in more interesting and ludicrous circumstances than those that attended the one made in 1899 between General Bates and the sultan of Moro.

When, after much dillydallying, the Filipino potentate was finally induced to come on board the Charleston, the general's headquarters, every effort was made to put him in good humor. He and his suit partook freely of drink, but refused all food as coming from the hands of Christians. Yet they were in no danger of starving, for they had been careful to bring with them enormous sacks of rice.

When the guests were conducted over the man-of-war they marveled at its mechanical mysteries. At the suggestion of an officer the sultan touched an electric button, and instantaneously a Chinese servant appeared. Again in response to a suggestion, he touched the button twice, and a United States marine stood in the doorway.

From that time every ornament aboard the ship that in any way suggested an electric button was pushed by the sultan or by some member of his suit. An officer conducted him into a dark room and showed him how to turn the button that adjusted the lighting apparatus. The flood of light that resulted left him with gaping mouth and dilated eyes.

His wonderment continued to grow throughout the afternoon, and when ever an opportunity afforded he repeated the performance of pushing electric buttons and turning electric lights on and off. He even went so far, when he thought himself unwatched, to try to appropriate one of the lighted bulbs.

When ice water was brought in the lump of ice in the pitcher was immediately seized by his royal highness and as quickly dropped to the floor. As the lump gradually diminished by the sultan's party looked at it in suspicion.

Mr. Shirk suggested to the sultan that he order one of his men aloft and recall him when he reached the crow's nest. The first order was easy to execute, but when a return was ordered, his voice having failed to carry, a megaphone was brought, and into this the sultan shouted for the man to return under penalty of instant death. Immediately the thoroughly frightened Moro dropped to the deck. The ruler took the dimensions of the strange mouthpiece and declared that he would make one for himself.

The most amusing incident occurred when the sultan upon invitation fired a Colt automatic gun. The explosion of the first discharge appeared to root him to the spot. His hands gripped the trigger, with the result that shells continued to pepper the surrounding waters.

Again and again the royal gunner begged the officers to stop the action of the infernal machine, not knowing that the means of doing it lay in his own hands. So thoroughly frightened was he that it was impossible to make him loosen his hold, and an officer ordered the tape cut, thus stopping the supply of ammunition.

The one pounder was next brought into play, but the sultan refused to go near one of the eight inch guns, which he had been invited to fire.

Meanwhile the knives of his attendants had been taken to the dynamo room and charged with electricity, with the result that the suit were of the opinion that the evil one himself was aboard. They begged and implored to be taken ashore and, quite forgetful of their bags of rice, scurried down the gang ladder.

At night the searchlight was brought to bear upon the Moro town of Bus Bus, and the instant desertion of the town followed, even the dogs leaving it. For many weeks thereafter no amount of persuasion could induce the inhabitants to return.

General Bates made his headquarters in the town of Jolo, and thither the sultan and his staff came on several occasions to discuss the treaty. Subsequently they made another visit to the Charleston. This time the mother of the sultan accompanied the party, and during the visit a phonograph owned by one of the officers rendered selections for the entertainment of the guests.

The aged dame sat entranced throughout the performance, and it was not until the time came for her son to affix his signature to the treaty that she awakened. On one condition only would she permit the sultan to sign—the phonograph must become hers at once.

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**Getting Ready.**  
An English gentleman, traveling in the Highlands of Scotland, being rather late in coming down to dinner, Donald was sent upstairs to intimate all was ready. He speedily returned, nodding significantly, as much as to say it was all right.

Now, old Eph Snoot he had a hunch That he could trim the whole darn bunch. So he sat in and tempted fate, By drawing to an inside straight:

It seemed he never cared to hold A flush or full or ace or cold. Instead he'd ante up and wait And try to fill that inside straight.

And in this way he yearly spent The money paid to him for rent Upon his farm on Hawkins' flat, But old Eph never minded that.

For he had hopes that if he'd fill That straight inside he'd bet until The money that he'd fooled away Would all be won back on the play.

One day I watched his one card draw, And when he picked it up I saw That Eph had caught that straight, inside, And he was greatly mollified.

He backed his hand to his last cent In hopes of winning back his rent. But when the chips were cleared away He'd lost his farm upon the play! —Puck.

**Schedule Maintained.**  
"Has the price of sirloin steak advanced since yesterday?"  
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