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A New Fad

By SAMUEL G. TREAT

"Do you know the latest craze in London?" said my English friend Higgins, who had just come over.

"No. What is it?" "Why, they take a map of the city | don, when I suddenly exclaimed: and, closing their eyes, jab a tiny hole in it with a pin. Then they open their eyes and note where they have pricked the paper. Next they go to the spot and see what happens to them. There's no end of things happening to persons who try it. One man saw a friend run over and killed; another met a woman from whom he had been divorced years before, and they made it up and were remarried. Come, let's have a try at it here in New York."

"Thank you, I am not feeble minded." You can't stop a Britisher when he once gets an idea in his head, no matter how stupid it is. Higgins got out a map of the city and, closing his eys. pricked it. He made a hole for himself somewhere on the east side among the Yiddish people, then made one for me that fell in Central park.

Not long after that I was crossing Central park, and somehow it occurred to me that I was in the exact spot pricked for me on the map by Higgins. I don't know what latent superstition born in our natures induced me to do so, but I stopped and looked about me. refusing to admit to myself that I was ready for something to happen to me. Suddenly I heard a young woman sitting on a bench cry, "Oh, George!" And, rising, she ran toward me and threw her arms around my neck hysterically. An elderly woman who had been sitting beside her sprang after her. Looking into my face, the latter seemed for a moment much puzzled. "The likeness is astonishing," she

"The young lady, I infer, has made

a mistake."

But the young lady clung to me, and I saw plainly that her mind was unbalanced. Without either the older woman or myself speaking a word it was agreed between us that I should for the present at least humor the younger one's persistence in considering me to be George. I conversed with the girl while we walked on together, carefully avoiding saying anything to destroy her illusion. She had a beautiful face with large expressive eyes. I gathered from what she said that "George" had won her heart, then filted her. I wondered how he could have done the latter, for she seemed to me very attractive.

When we had reached the women's home the younger said that she must go to her room for awhile and lie down to compose herself, since the meeting had been too much for her. She tried to pledge me not to go away. saying that she would be all right in a few minutes. I partly promised, and short time with her, returned to enlighten me on the strange happening.

"She is my daughter," she said. "Several years ago she had a love affair with a man who is the image of you. It ended unhappily-for my her physicians consider it temporary I am extremely obliged to you for lendher to be deceived. I only fear the consequences when she finds that she has a second time lost her lover." "That is not necessary," I replied,

"at least net at present. I can come to

"You don't know how relieved I am by your promise. I wish you would more men than women, which taught come tomorrow. After that I may de- me perhaps to handle my male chartermine what is best to be done in the

When I called the next day the mother told me that her daughter had slept continuously from the time I left the house till late in the day and awakened in what it was hoped would turn out a changed mental condition. She had not mentioned the meeting with Blanche, the daughter, but asked her

weeks passed without my hearing anything, so I resolved to a humorous sketch to a society maga-

make inquiries. I called one evening and asked for the mother. She informed me that her daugliter had entirely recovered. Blanche came in soon after and could not repress a start at seeing me on account of my likeness to her lost lover. I was introduced to her as an acquaintance of her mother's and the episode that had brought us together was not mentioned. Indeed, I never knew what was in her mind about it till more than a year later when I married her.

I did not see Higgins from the time he pricked the map till one day while I was walking on the Strand; in Lon-

"There comes that blooming idiotic Higgins!" "The one you have told me about?"

asked my wife. "Yes; he's the biggest fool- Hello! Higgins! How are you? Permit me

to introduce you to my wife." "Ah, yes. I heard about that-Parker told me. You met your fate in Central park at the spot I pin pricked on a map of New York. I told you there

was a lot in it.' "Rats! It was only a coincidence."

Mrs. Wilson Woodrow Says Editors Aren't Prejudiced.



"To many readers of Mrs. Wilson Woodrow's breezy stories that from time to time appear in the popular magazines it will be a surprise to learn that the author is a slight young woman with curly blond hair and altogether feminine in manner and apthe older woman, after spending a pearance. The vigor, breadth and masculine viewpoint of her stories have caused many persons to imagine the author was a man masquerading under a feminine pen name. But Mrs. Wilson Woodrow is really the name of this very clever little lady. Her husdaughter at least-and, with other band and Governor Woodrow Wilson physical ailments, produced a mental | of New Jersey are cousins, named aftstate that has lasted ever since, though | er uncles with the surname of Wilson and Woodrow, respectively, and the and hope that in time she will recover. Christian names Thomas and James, and when the boys grew up the auing yourself as you have to permitting | thor's husband dropped the James and Woodrow Wilson dropped the Thomas. So Mrs. Woodrow can't help her name

nor the fact that she's a woman. When Mrs. Woodrow was asked to account for the masculine viewpoint in her writings she replied: "I was brought up in a family which included acters in a fashion true to life. I am not a college graduate," she continued. "I never went to school even. When I wanted to learn anything and said

so I had teachers provided at home." Before going to New York city ten years ago from her home in southern Ohio Mrs. Woodrow had written no fiction, and her first short story, whose me nor had she asked for me. Her scene was laid in a mining camp, was mother did not know whether she re- submitted to a New York newspaper membered it or not. I did not see syndicate, and a check for \$100 was sent to her two days later for the mother to notify me when it would be story, with the request from the same best for me to call and be introduced firm for a series of stories based on mining camp life.

The same week Mrs. Woodrow sent

zine, which was accepted with a request for more copy of the same char-

This was the start, and the dainty little authoress thought the letters so wonderful that they found a place of honor as a decoration on her study

Mrs. Woodrow thinks that "pull" has nothing whatever to do with the placing of manuscripts and as for personality influencing editors and publishers it had nothing to do with the acceptance of her stories as her stuff was sold before she had met the editors.

When asked recently if she intended to confine herself to short story writing, Mrs. Woodrow answered: "Oh, dear, no. I feel as if I had just begun to work-as if I have just started | Umpire Hank O'Day shake with laughout. My best work, I hope, is to come, and this, I think, will be expressed in | way that it is said that Bob Emsile's long stories. For one thing, novels pay the better. One puts almost as many ideas and as much work into a short spent when a long story is being writ-

"I cut out social pleasures almost entrend. I don't go to the theater, for in- man in the league. stance, nor to teas nor dinners, nor to write all day long. I get to work ear. Now, that is some shooting. Then they o'clock, and stay at my desk till 1 o'clock or so, doing per- I honestly think his work on the bases haps 2,500 words. After lunch I walk, was the best of the league. motor or do something that doesn't disly secluded way to take pleasure and Of course the players yelled, but they exercise at the same time. When I never objected strenuously. come home I may work a couple of hours more, going over proofs or re- I do not think it is necessary to put vising something already written, but him on the pension list. When they I don't resume work on my story until

The Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Snaw is said to have preached in more countries than any other woman in the ministry. Besides this country. Dr. Shaw has preached in England, Germany, Sweden, Denmark and Holland.

SPICY SPORT CHATS

that the Detroit team has allowed many valuable players to slip out of of the Athletics, Archer of the Cubs, Warhop and Cree of the Highlanders. Kirke of the Boston Nationals, Sim- in events on the coast. mons of next year's Hillmen, Bescher and Suggs of the Cincinnatis and Schaefer of the Washingtons. Yet the Tigers have managed to play winning ball just the same.

Charles Comiskey, president of the Chicago American league ball club, London. The second will take place while in New York recently declared at St. George's hall. Liverpool, and that he would not trade Pitcher Ed Walsh for Ty Cobb. "And it is not a matter of sentiment," declared the Old "Walsh has done more for the White Sox than any one. He is just as good today as he ever was, and he will be a star pitcher for many years to come. It is true that I might as well lock my park as to get rid of this idol, but aside from that I consider this great pitcher the very best baseball asset of this time."

Carl Morris went to Sparrow Robertson's roost recently to be measured for a pair of fighting shoes, and when William had finished his operations with a yardstick the result of his efforts created a sensation.

"Thirteens," said William. "You certainly should be able to get a strong foothold in pugilism." "Oh," replied Morris, who is not

slow at repartee, "I think I may leave a few footprints in the pugilistic "I trust," rejoined the Sparrow, "that should you ever set your foot down I may not be in the immediate

vicinity. Robertson explained that a thirteen shoe measures exactly thirteen inches, but that the smaller sizes range larger in proportion. A seven shoe, for example, measures ten inches. Therefore, in proportion to his size, Morris' feet are not too large. But they are the most comprehensive pedal extrem-ities in the Queensberry industry.

In picking out the twenty greatest

figures in history Andy Carnegie got himself in bad in Detroit and Cleveland and also at Pittsburgh, where the natives think Cobb. Lajoie and Wagner should have been included in the list.

test in boxing circles against the kidney punch. Here in America even the fighters don't like it. Neither do our boxers exactly welcome the right swing to the jaw, the solar plexus blow and the left hand jab.

SAYS EMSLIE'S EYES ARE O. K.

Hank O'Day Ridicules Story of Um pire Bob's Failing Sight.

When one desires to make former ter just mention to him in a casual eyes have gone back on him.

Nothing seems so absurd to the new manager of the Cincinnati Reds as to story as into a novel and for a con- have some one tell him it is time that Miss Helen Daulton. paratively small return." The follow- the National league was putting Emsing is how Mrs. Woodrow's days are lie on the pension list, as the American league did Jack Sheridan.

O'Day had him for a partner during two months of last season's schedule tirely-that is, anything likely to dis- and found him as efficient in rendertract my thoughts from the main ing decisions on the bases as any other

"I stopped off at Toronto on my way entertainments where I shall meet and | back from the east," said O'Day, "and talk with a lot of people. I can't stand found Emslie in the shape. He was sults by working steadily when I work | was wearing a classy diamond medal. and playing only when my work is "I watched him shoot one day, and done. Of course I don't mean that I he killed forty out of forty-five birds

say his eyes are had. Do you know

"While we were together there was tract my thoughts too much. I wish less kicking made on his decisions than flying machines were in fashion, for on any other man who worked with it seems to me that would be an ideal. me. In fact, there was hardly any.

> "Bob is still a high class umpire, and say his eyes are bad they do not know what they are talking about. His eyes surely cannot be bad when he wins a shooting match every fall."

SWIMMERS FROM HAWAII.

George Freeth of Los Angeles Has Twi Good Men In Charge.

George Freeth of Los Angeles, for several seasons connected with water polo teams in southern California, is managing two speedy Honolulu swimmers. Duke Kahanamoku and Vincent Ginoves, who have startled the Ha-The baseball sharps have discovered waiian people by their performances. The former is a sprinter and holds a record of 55 2-5 seconds for 100 yards its grasp. Among them are Thomas and has covered fifty yards in 24 1-5 seconds. Ginoves is a star at 440, 880 and mile races. They will be entered

Playing 18,000 Point Billiard Match. George Gray, the Australian billiard champion, and H. W. Stevenson are matched to play a series of three 18,000 point games for the championship. The first series is now being played in the third at Caxton hall, Westminster

May Form Professional Billiard League Plans are under way for the formation of an intercity professional billiard league which will be composed of teams from Kansas City, St. Louis, Denver and Chicago.

Gave Him His Portrait. "I went away without paying yesterday," said a clerk in a downtown business house to the manager of a restaurant where guests wait on themselves and tell the cashier when leaving how much they have to pay. The clerk then handed the manager 25 cents and said, "I didn't mean to 'do you' for the amount, only wanted to prove to my friend it could be done." "Thank you," said the manager, "but you proved nothing," and he took the young man to the desk, where he showed him this memorandum: "Look out for young fellow, light hair, glasses. low necktie-looks fresh." The young man's smile faded when he was told, "That's you."-New York Tribune.

A Beggar's Luggage. A woman who described herself as "a poor lone Irish widow woman," arrested for begging at Wells, England, had the following articles distributed about her person: Tea, sugar, fresh cut beefsteak, piece of bacon, two bloaters, bread and cheese, four buns, bag of biscuits, cooked fagot, two apples, onlons, f.wo clay pipes, tobacco, cigarettes and snuff.

Miss Helen Daulton was the hostess Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Daulton, of the by Miss Wynne Hanny. Delicious refreshments were served by the hostess, who was assisted by her sister, Miss Bess Daulton. The decorations were of ferns. The next meeting of the club will be with Miss Montgom-

Members present were Miss Dolly Pratt, Miss Kathryn Montgomery, Miss Cis Barclay Pratt, Miss Wynne Hanny, Miss Bess Daulton, Miss Nieta Harding, Miss Uan Cochran,

"Yes," said the lecturer, "humor is a difficult thing to define. I remember appearing in Boston once with a humorous lecture, and I labored for two hours with that audience, and not one of them cracked a smile; but, by Jove. as I started to leave the platform I tripped on a mig and fell flat on my play at such times. I get better re- just after winning a gun shoot and face, and, would you believe it, the house was convulsed?"

"Yes," said Dobson, with a grin, burgh Press.

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Miss Helen Daulton was the hostess of the Patience Poker Club Monday of Mrs. M. C. Brown Monday eventhey are admitted to the United evening at the home of her parents, ning. Mrs. C. W. Evans had made States. the highest score in bridge and was gressman Pray of Montana, to push West Side. A delightful evening was spent in cards, the prize, a hand-spent in cards, the prize, a hand-spen some silver Fairfax spoon being won score. A most enjoyable evening was carry out the provisions of the act. spent. A luncheon was served by the

Those attending Monday evening Another clause in the amendment were Mrs. E. T. Avison, Mrs. W. A. makes it lawful for agents of states Shewman, Mrs. Rosina Fouts, Mrs. E. S. Follensbee, Mrs. C. W. Evans, Mrs. Lena Charman, Mrs. Charles D. Latourette, Mrs. H. P. Brightbill, under certain regulations, of presenting the clams of such states and territories, Mrs. Elizabeth Fox.

Development League is to ask the on lands. Many of them have the refederal government to collect, publish federal government to collect, publish sources when they arrive, but spend in different languages and distribute their last dollar before they discovto foreigners as soon as they arrive er that it would have been possible "humor is a very funny thing."-Pitts- all the information possible about the for them to have secured land. Then states having vacant lands, about they are hopelessly bound to the city

To accomplish this the league is backing a bill introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Brown of Nebraska, which amends the act to regulate the admission of aliens into the United States and makes it obligatory on the part of the General The league is asking Con-

The Secretary of Commerce and hostess. Mrs. Lena Charman will be Labor is understood to be favorable the hostess at the next meeting, which to the proposition and willing to make will be held Monday evening, Feb- a success of the campaign if the bills are passed.

> and territories to have access to aliens at the ports where foreigners are admitted and gives them the privilege, ritories either in writing or orally that the aliens may learn first hand where they can go to farm.

"Many of these immigrants were farmers in the old country and would go to farms instead of to cities if they had some information from a reliable source when they first come to the country," says the secretary of the league. "The trouble is they do not get the information until after they become acquainted in some city The latest move of the Northwest and are stripped of the means to start them to get again awaiting a family willing to work and as much as they had when they ar-

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