

A GEISHA GIRL.

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"By the spirits of our ancestors I beseech you to hide me!"

The words were spoken by a young Japanese who rushed into a tea house where stood a startled geisha girl. It was more than forty years ago, when the followers of the mikado and the shogun were struggling for the supremacy in Japan.

"What is it, Herobumi?" asked the girl quickly.

"The shogunites! They are after me. If they catch me they will kill me. Quick, Nikama!"

The girl darted glances in every direction, and finally her eyes lighted on what she at once recognized as the best place for concealment. In every Japanese house is a dust hole. The ground floor is raised about two feet above the earth, and a square hole is set in the floor, into which the dust and litter of the rooms are swept.

"Get in there, quick!" cried the girl, pointing to the hole.

Herobumi sprang into the hole, doubling himself up to occupy the space. Nikama put a board over it, and on the board she placed a brazier, thus concealing the hole and making it appear that the brazier rested on the floor. Then she sat down before the brazier, in which was a fire, and appeared to be lazily warming herself. In another moment a band of armed men rushed in. The girl looked up at them in feigned surprise.

"A man is here," said their leader, "whom we seek. We saw him enter. Where is he?"

"You are welcome to look for him."

"We will see for ourselves," replied the man, and, with his followers, he began a search of the premises. They moved furniture; they opened closets; they pulled out drawers. Into every cranny in the house they peered, but none of them thought of the dust hole. Thinking him they sought had simply passed through and had gone on, they rushed out as hurriedly as they had come in. When they were well away the girl called to the hide:

"There is nothing now to fear, Herobumi, but you had better remain where you are for awhile in case they come back."

"Thank you, Nikama. You have saved my life. I knew when I came, having been here at times for tea, that I would not be betrayed, but I did not know that I would find one who by her presence of mind would keep my head on my shoulders."

The girl went out and looked about and, finding all pursuit of the fugitive in that vicinity had been abandoned, returned to the house, removed the brazier, and Herobumi came out of the hole. He did not think of the dust hole which he was covered, but Nikama did, and, getting a wisp broom, she brushed his clothes. Then he took both her hands in his and said to her: "You are but a poor geisha girl, while I am of a far different rank, but I promise that you shall never regret the act of this day."

When it was dark he slipped out of the tea house and found a more permanent place of safety.

One day—it was after the shogun had been permanently defeated and the mikado securely placed upon the throne of Japan—a jinrikisha stopped before the tea house. Nikama was standing at the door, and who should she see alight from the jinrikisha but the young man whose life she had saved. He came up and led her out on to a veranda.

"I have not seen you for a long while," she said. "I feared that the fugitives had caught you at last."

"No; I was too slippery for them. But all my inventive powers—and there are those who esteem them considerable—are as nothing compared with yours. Had it not been for your quick acting brain I should not now be here."

The girl, naturally pleased at his appreciation of her act, smiled and flushed.

"I told you that you would not regret your act of that terrible day," continued the visitor, "nor shall you. I wish to make you a present. I will first offer you that which I value most highly and which will include within itself all I can give you. Then if you prefer a part rather than the whole you may ask for what you like and I will give it."

"You speak in riddles, Herobumi, or, rather, you speak like the mikado when you say you will give what I ask. Are you, a young man not yet thirty years old, so powerful that you can give me anything I ask?"

"Can at least give you that which I prize most?"

"And that is?"

"Myself."

The girl stood looking at him in astonishment. No high caste young man in Japan was likely to marry a geisha girl.

"I am the whole," resumed the young man. "If you don't find me to your taste you may take a part."

"But I know you only as one who has come here to drink tea and be amused," said Nikama.

"Oh, you wish for my credentials. Well, then, know that when our new government was formed it was I who was principally entrusted with its formation. Then I was made prime minister by the emperor, and that office I hold at the present time."

It is true that Prince Herobumi of Japan, who was recently assassinated, married the geisha girl who more than forty years ago saved his life by hiding him in a dust hole, put a board and brazier on it and then invited the followers of the shogun to search the house.

Why Run Risks? A Canadian author wrote an anthem for a recent celebration in Toronto.

Toward the end of the exercises, when the people were going out a few at a time, the author rushed to the conductor and said:

"Is it over?"

"Practically."

"But, great Scott, man, they haven't sung my anthem!"

"Well," said the conductor, "so long as the people are going out peacefully and quietly, why sing it at all?"—Saturday Evening Post.

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Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned Administrator of the Estate of William W. Marsh, Deceased, have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Washington County, my Final Account as Administrator of said estate, and that said Court has set Monday, April 18, 1910, at the hour of 10 o'clock A. M. as the time, and the county court room in Hillsboro, Oregon, as the place for hearing objections to said account and the final settlement of said estate. Dated this March 15, 1910.

J. W. MARSH
Administrator of the Estate of William W. Marsh, Deceased.
W. N. Barrett, Attorney for said Estate.

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John F. Hill, Minor, Asks Heavy Damages for Injury

CRIPPLED BY A GOPHER GUN

Was Playing on Campus and ran Feet of Weapon

John F. Hill, a minor, and aged but four years, through his legal guardian, his father, M. F. Hill, has sued Pacific University for \$10,000 damages for injuries sustained while playing on the campus grounds of the college, Nov. 13, 1909. Bagley & Hare are attorneys for the Hills, and the suit was filed the last of the week, after the claim for damages had been presented and payment refused. After setting forth the status of the corporation; the legal situation of the defendant corporation, and alleging the permanent injuries, the complaint says:

That on the 13th day of November, 1909, and upon the afternoon of that day, the President of the Maurice Thompson Archery Club, with the knowledge, consent and license of the defendant, President and Trustees of Tualatin Academy and Pacific University, and upon the invitation of said defendants, President, Trustees, etc., and W. N. Ferris, were engaged in archery practice upon the said campus of said defendant. * * * hereinafter particularly described, and persons other than the members of said Archery Club, and particularly the plaintiff, John F. Hill, with his mother, Mrs. M. F. Hill, were, upon the invitation of the President of said Archery Club, and upon the invitation and with the knowledge of the President and Trustees of Tualatin Academy and Pacific University, and said W. N. Ferris, at and upon said Campus at archery practice, * * * and while lawfully upon said campus and during such archery practice, said gopher gun, so carelessly and negligently set and placed, by the said defendants, and carelessly and negligently allowed by the said defendants and each of them, to remain so placed without any danger signal or warning, or cover, or screen, or shield, was discharged, and the left hand of the plaintiff herein was injured thereby, the first two joints and a portion of the third joint of the index finger of the plaintiff being blown off, and the middle finger of said left hand being badly lacerated and injured, and the left hand of the plaintiff by reason thereof, being badly disfigured and the usefulness thereof being permanently impaired; all of which caused the plaintiff herein great physical suffering for a period of over six weeks from said 13th day of November, 1909, and which injury so received, will continue to produce physical suffering during the remainder of plaintiff's life.

The Hill boy was with his mother, and the little chap found the gopher gun, and received the injuries above set forth. The complaint closes by asking the sum of \$10,000, damages and the costs of the action.

More than likely Milton Smith, of Portland, attorney for Pacific, will defend the suit brought by the lad's guardian.

W. W. Williams, of Mountaineer, was in Tuesday.

E. G. Hagey, the Sherwood liveryman, was in town yesterday.

Fall dug Burbank potatoes. 65c a sack. One mile west of Hillsboro —R. Webb, R. 4.

William Tolke, of above Banks, was in town Tuesday, paying taxes and transacting other business.

Have you mohair? T. W. Wyatt & Co. will pay 23 cents per lb for 12 months' growth clean mohair.

Chas. Lindholm was in from below the Minter Bridge, Tuesday, and bought a sorrel pacer from Dr. John Huback, who lives in North Hillsboro.

A. W. Walker, of South Tualatin, was in the city Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Minnie Grabel, of Portland, is a guest of Mrs. Walker this week.

Perry Gardner, of Quatama, was in Tuesday, and feeling fine. He has just lifted the last dollar of debt on the place bought a few years ago, for \$4,000, and could now sell it for double the money.

State Game Warden Robert O. Stevenson, of Forest Grove, was down to the city yesterday, conferring with County Clerk J. W. Bailey. His duties will soon become arduous as the trout season opens April 1.

Ex-Marshal W. P. Atkinson, for years guardian of the peace and dignity of the city of Hillsboro, and now residing in Portland, was in town yesterday, greeting friends and paying taxes on his South Hillsboro property.

John T. Rice, who annually harvests over five acres of onions, on his farm a mile or so west of town, was in town yesterday. He says the prices were not the best this season, but the crop beats many others produced here.

Jos. Downs, who has been in the blacksmith business here for 28 years, and who hammered the anvil four years prior to coming here, has leased his shop for business purposes, and taken off his apron no more to hammer steel. Mr. Downs has perhaps had more good driving horses than any other county seat smithy in the state, and he made a specialty of that class of work. J. S. calculates to take it easy from this on.

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Mens' Hats \$1.50 to \$2.50 values \$1.19 sale price	Men's Fleeced Lined Underwear Regular 50 cent values 29 cent sale price
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BAIRD

Between the Drug Stores

F. M. Kelsey has sold his ranch of 33 acres below Newton, to Mrs. Henrietta Kuser, and Mr. Kelsey will move to town and build on his lots near the city park. There are 20 acres cleared on the Kelsey farm, and the price paid was \$5,900. F. M. thinks he has farmed long enough, and will try some other occupation, just to keep from rusting out.

A big promoting company is talking of boring a tunnel through the Council Crest mountain and opening an automobile road through into the Tualatin Valley. Besides its to promote a residence section on the slopes on this side of the hill, and if the plan is perfected, there will be no prettier suburban residence section in the world.

Clyde and Albert Lincoln, Jesse Mays and C. P. Berry have returned from Montana, where all filed on claims. Albert says they can raise 40 and 50 bushels of wheat to the acre up there, and thinks they have made a great find. Will Joos, of Glencoe, now has the fever, and may take a trip to the region for the purpose of filing.

Sunday at the United Evangelical Church. Preaching by pastor, at 11 a. m. and by Rev. J. E. Frank, at 7:30 p. m. An Easter program will be rendered on Mar. 27 at 7:30 p. m. by the Sunday School. The Sunday School is enjoying a large increase in attendance. You should see it grow. You are welcome.

Lost: Team of horses: Bays, weigh, about 1050 each; one has white mark on face. Both have roached manes. Strayed or stolen from the Sherwood section, March 8. Finder please notify Geo. Ruprecht, Sherwood, Ore., R. 4, about three miles from Scholls, (Bluetown district) Reward. 1-2

Rev. F. V. Fisher, of the M. E. Church, will exchange pulpits with J. R. Welch, of the Presbyterian Church, of Oranco, next Sunday morning, March 20. Mr. Fisher will preach at the morning service at Oranco, and Mr. Welch at Hillsboro.

For sale—Alsike and wild chest baled hay—good cow feed.—Wm. Chalmers, near Glencoe, Address Hillsboro, Route 3.

J. C. Jones, of Forest Grove, and in the marble business, was in the city Tuesday, with a monument for a patron.

A carload of Winona and Rushford wagons just received.—Connell & Co.

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Mays & Conover,

A Kill Joy.
As sure as I say all is well
And start to draw a cheerful breath
A life insurance man drops in,
And, with a sad and sickly grin,
He glomly begins to tell
How common and how sure is death.
—Detroit Free Press.

Proof Positive.
Harker—They say Thinkins has got to be a first class vocalist.
Parker—I guess that's right. At least the neighbors don't shout when he tries to sing.—Philadelphia Press.

A Literary Puzzle.
Now, I have read the lyric gems
And prodigal a few,
But on my life I could not tell
Which were the best. Could you?
—Judge.

Liberal.
Barkeeper—This is th.
Patron—Tin! I thought it was five.
Have one yourself.—Spokane Spokesman-Review.

Anti-meat Advice.
"Mother, may I go marketing?"
"Yes, but be discreet.
Buy some spuds and onions, dear,
But put a ban on meat."
—Los Angeles Express.

Heartless Enmity.
He did not libel me nor laugh
Nor sneer, his hate to show,
He just displayed a photograph
They took long years ago.
When trousers tight and coats so queer
And headgear small and flat
Made me a gibbering freak appear,
I'd n'er forgive him that.
—Washington Star.

Sure Thing.
Bill—I see the thickness of a razor edge has been reckoned at about one millionth of an inch.
Jill—I'll bet that discovery was made before the man's wife started in on her corn!—Yonkers Statesman.

When Bossy Returned.
Hey, diddle, diddle, the cat and the mittens,
The cow jumped over the moon.
So the people said: "Six or best at that figure!"
We will eat Hay-O, high Mitts,
Shredded feat and bean soup.
Whereupon
The cow came down full soon.
—Chicago Tribune.

Quit Making Calls.
"I haven't seen anything of Brown for several months. What's the matter?"
"Nothing. He's got a job now where he doesn't have to sell anything."