

## He Escaped Without Breaking His Parole

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Jim Truesdall had a passion for risking his life. When he left school he was poorly educated, having been absorbed during the period of study in trying to find out how fast he could run a motorcar, climb a water spout, dive from a great height or perform some other feat involving danger. Had it not been for the risk involved he would not have done any of these things.

When aviation first came in vogue Jim found something especially interesting in him.

When the last revolution in Mexico broke out Jim went down there with his aeroplane with a view to joining one of the contestants for the presidency. Aviation was then in its infancy, and the Mexicans knew nothing about it. However, Jim did some aviation stunts for the revolutionists, but he flew too low and was brought down by a shot from the enemy.

Of course the capture of a man bird excited a great deal of interest among the Mexicans, and the general commanding visited Jim's machine, which was very little damaged on touching the earth, Jim having managed its descent very skillfully. General Sanchez ordered his captive to tell him all about his machine, and Jim explained the mechanism. The general was seized with a desire to utilize it for the purpose of observing the revolutionists. Just as aeroplanes have since been used in the European war, but no one in Mexico knew anything about aviation, and if he utilized Jim there was nothing to prevent the captive from flying away. Jim didn't care on which side he served and offered to join the government side, but the general declined to trust him.

Concha Sanchez, the general's daughter, was for a woman something of what Jim was for a man. She was fascinated with the aeroplane and seized with a desire to ride in it. This desire she manifested to her father in Jim's presence, and Jim said that if he would permit her to go up with him he would pledge his word of honor not to take her to the rebel camp, but bring her back after the airing. To this the general gave an emphatic refusal.

But Concha interviewed her father privately and told him that she would arm herself, and he could make sure that the prisoner had no weapon. She could therefore control the aviator. She might possibly learn to run the machine and could then render it useful to the government. After a long struggle Concha overruled her father and obtained the desired permission. Jim was pledged to bring her back after a ride.

Another thing was concealed. Concha Sanchez was of that tropical kind of women who are apt to love suddenly and deeply. Her father did not

know her chief reason for going up with Jim, nor did Jim know it until they got up in the clouds. Jim was prone to court danger in love as well as in other ways. He began to make love to his passenger and was surprised at a favorable response. It is quite probable that the danger involved in an affair with the daughter of a man who held his life in his hands added to Jim's attraction for the girl.

Concha urged Jim to take her to a point where they would draw the fire of the enemy, and Jim did so, but took care to fly so high as not to be in danger. She was delighted. When she had had her fill of this amusement Jim took her back to the general, who had been watching them with parental anxiety. Concha was in raptures and insisted on being taught how to run the machine. She was a bit careless in concealing her penchant for the aviator. But fortunately the general did not seem to notice it. At any rate, he yielded to her request, and Jim was permitted to give her lessons, but not before the general had impressed upon his daughter that the slightest suspicion that there was any attachment between her and her teacher would result in his immediate execution.

Love affairs, especially when attended with danger, usually grow better. These two were of a kind to be drawn together by the risk they ran. Observation of any show of what was between them would result in Jim's death, for Concha knew that her father had set spies upon them. One day an evil looking Mexican woman saw them sitting, locked in each other's arms, and they knew that as soon as she could reach General Sanchez Jim's life would not be worth a penny. But how could it be saved? Jim had given his parole not to escape and to always bring Concha back after their flights.

Concha had by this time learned to run the machine. When she and Jim saw the spy observing them Concha, without a word, made for the aeroplane. Jim followed her. She got into the driver's seat, and Jim took the seat beside her. She ordered the attendants to give them a start, and they rose in the air.

Meanwhile the spy ran to General Sanchez and reported what she had seen. The general, realizing that no time was to be lost, hastened to the grounds where the aeroplane was kept just in time to see the runaway couple rise beyond his reach. Had Jim been alone he could have been brought down by rifle shots, but the general dare not risk his daughter's life as well.

Jim did not break his parole, for he was run away with by the general's daughter. She carried him into Texas, where they were married.

### An Unlucky Showman.

Punch and Judy originated in China about 1,000 years before Christ. The Emperor Mir of the Chow dynasty was one day making a tour through the empire when an entertainer named Yen Shi was brought into his presence to amuse the ladies of his court. During the performance the puppets cast such significant glances toward the ladies that the angered emperor ordered the originator of the "puppet" play to be executed. London Answers.

### BOILED THEM TO DEATH.

#### New Poisoners Were Punished in the Good Old Days.

Our forefathers deemed hanging too good for people who went about deliberately poisoning other people. They substituted for that punishment boiling to death, the first to suffer this penalty being Richard Rosse, cook to the bishop of Rochester in the reign of Henry VIII.

In medieval times in Europe poisoners when detected were usually broken alive upon the wheel after having first been given a taste of the rack while in prison awaiting execution as a sort of gentle reminder of what they had presently got to go through.

For wholesale poisoners, however, even this dreadful death was not deemed sufficiently painful, and new and special modes of punishment were invented. Thus Louise Mabre, a Parisian baby farmer, who in 1763 was proved to have done to death no fewer than sixty-two infants by administering to them carefully graduated doses of white arsenic mingled with powdered glass, was sentenced to be shut up in an iron cage with sixteen wild cats and suspended over a slow fire.

This was done, with the result that when the cats became infuriated with heat and pain they turned their rage upon her "and after thirty-five minutes of the most horrible sufferings put an end to her existence, the whole of the cats dying at the same time or within a few minutes after."—London Mail.

#### SHIPPING DAY OLD CHICKS.

##### As They Need No Water Nor Food For Sixty Hours It Is Easy.

When little chicks come from the shell they need neither water nor food for sixty hours. That fact has given rise to a new business. Day old chicks are sold and shipped by people who operate incubators. Those who buy are relieved of the trouble, of the inconvenience, and to some extent of the uncertainty of hatching. Only a small percentage of day old chicks perish while on the way from shipper to customer. People are thus enabled to get the little chicks and begin the poultry business without the necessity of purchasing an incubator.

Special boxes of pasteboard are made for shipping purposes. Some have a capacity of twenty-five chicks, some of fifty and some of 100. It is doubtless best that no more than twenty-five shall in any case occupy a single compartment. The walls of the boxes are moderately thick, and some soft material as grass is put in the bottom. Otherwise there are no special provisions against cold weather. However, the chicks themselves may be depended upon to cluster together and in this way keep one another warm.

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