

THE STORY



By Frank Condon



Broadway. Scores of ly putting on her gloves. men were clicking

ble, besides Lyon, Chick Miller, the gen- black silk.

comes straight from a diamend sales- examination there were seventeen. man."

critical tone.

You know Gibboney's. Every diamond freeze a head detective at Gibboney's. handed it to Frank Walton." ring in the world tries to pretend that it This latter person, who was of Irish deonce came from Gibboney's.

the front door and out steps a dignified expert female feelers went through her the coin. That was one of them." woman of great wealth, judging from her from Alpha to Zed, exploring herself and appearance. She was perhaps 50, fault- her garments to such a fulsome extent somewhere, I suppose it isn't a story." lessly gowned in black silk, and looked that one blushes to write it down. like \$30,000 in yellow money. Young Ellis adjusted his silk cravat and prepared to wait upon her.

"Her demands were simple. She wanted to select a diamond or two, and Ellis brought forth a tray of velvet containing a dozen or more sparklers. Not a stone in the tray was worth less than a thousand. but the dowager duchess looked them over somewhat haughtly and pronounced it as her opinion that they were a somewhat inferior cluster of gems. Young Ellis explained to the empress that one would have to walk a long walk before nothing doing.

"With a sigh of disappointment he prepared to put the tray back in the case, and in doing so he noticed that one of the

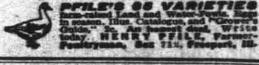
STOMACH ACIDS CAUSE INDIGESTION

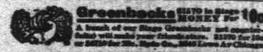
Sweeten Stomach With a Little Bisurated Magnesia and Sourness, Gas and Pain Will Promptly End.

"Acid" stomachs are dangerous because too much acid irritates and inflames the delicate lining of the stomach, thus hindering and prelining of the stomach, thus hindering and preventing the proper action of the stomach, and leading to probably nine-tenths of the cases of stomach trouble from which people suffer. Ordinary medicines and medicinal treatments acting only upon the stomach walls, or as an artificial digestant, are useless in such cases, for they leave the source of the trouble, the excess acid in the stomach, as dangerous as ever. The acid must be neutralized, and its excessive formation prevented, and there is nothing better for this purpose than a teaspoonful of Bisurated Magnesia, a simple antacid, taken in a little warm water after eating, which not only neutralizes the acid, but also prevents the fermentasion. Foods which ordinarily distress may be digested perfectly if the meal is followed with a little Bisurated Magnesia, which can be obtained from any druggists and should always be kept handy.

Bisurated Magnesia, 23 East 26th St., N. Y. C.







WERE sitting diamonds was missing. Believing that the latter part of Lyon's sketchy recital

ivory balls within the house signal summoning the head de- hendingly. hearing, and Lyon, tective, and in a few moments a conferthe man who writes, was talking about ence began which included young Ellis, went on after a slight pause. "The wom-

street car advertising man; Frank Wal- briefly, being withered meanwhile by the ciry case. The young man had come to ton, the composer, and the transmitter of glances of the outraged queen. There retrieve the piece of gum and its valuable were eighteen expensive and unset dia- kernel. Is that a story or not?" "I'll tell you a story," said Lyan, with- monds in the tray before the lady pawed out preface. "You can write it or not. It them over, and at the conclusion of her per on which Chick Miller had scribbled.

"Therefore, it followed that she must scent, and whose jaw protruded some dis- happened to him," Lyon argued. "Well, this boy-mind you, his name is tance, decided that the society leader must



"In an hour the lady searchers opened the door and announced to the officials that if the lady had a diamond about her it must be buried in her heart. Three or four head bookkeepers had spent the searching hour looking over Gibboney's books and had found out that the missing diamond was No. 66789, valued at \$1,400, and resembling in size a small chestnut.

Company sent downtown to a detective coming upon better gems; but there was agency for a man. Detective Ratty listened gravely, and finally gave orders.

> 'He explained that no person should be to keep all the bags in motion. permitted to enter the aisie upon which the case of jewels was located. He ordered that scrubwomen, floorwalkers, customers and salesmen be kept away from which the \$1,400 worth of unset diamond the pebbles. had disappeared, and the Gibboney Com-

with the head store detective. On the yielding being defeated. third day a dapper young man in a light ing a white came, pushed open the swing of the members of which laugh is the windoor and entered. He walked straight ner. Even to show the teeth is to lose. down the forbidden aisle and paused to converse with young Ellis.

"Five minutes later Detective Ratty immediately the expensive diamond was fingers are pressed against each other unfound!

"Now," said Lyon, pausing and casting a triumphant glance upon the group of the youngsters dress in paper uniforms, cynical listeners, "how did the detective know that this strange young man had the diamond? Of course, the detective knew where the diamond was; but in order to make the arrest legally and to get the thief with the diamond on his person, the arrest had to be made just that way. But how did he know?"

-All of the crowd, except Chick Miller, looked mystifled and inquiring. During

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around the big, shin- his eyes had deceived him, he gave the Chick Miller had picked up an evening ing table in the fa- gem tray a quick recount and proved it. newspaper and had scribbled upon the mous billiard-room off He looked at the dowager, who was calm- margin two words in pencil writing. He tore off the bit of margin and handed it "Ellis wriggled his left ear, which is to Frank Waiton, who read it uncompre-

"You don't know, so it's a story," Lyon something or other. There sat at the ta- the detective, and the strange lady in an in the black silk lifted the diamond, rolled it up in a piece of gum she had eral advertising man; Bill Miller, the "Ellis explained the circumstances been chewing and stuck it under the jew-

> Frank Walton held up the piece of pa-"Chewing gum," he read.

"Certainly," Chick Miller said. "Go ahead," rejoined the crowd in a have been perniciously active. The knew the answer when you got halfway strange lady called young Ellis a low per- through the story. The point is, I read "This diamond salesman," Lyon con- son and froze him into a state of speech- the same thing a long time ago, and to tinued, "was brought up with Gibboney's. lessness; but it is somewhat difficult to prove it I wrote down the answer and

"But this man Ellis told me that it

"And I tell you I read it somewhere," Ellis-told me the story himself, having be searched, and without further formali- Chick Miller answered. "There was an witnessed it with his own eyes. On a ties she was led away to the ladies' article somewhere telling about the varisunny afternoon a motor car drives up to searching department, where a couple of ous smooth tricks swindlers use to cop

"Well," Lyon replied, "if you read !

"No," I put in, studying the whole thing out carefully, "it isn't a story if I don't write it. If I do write it-well, you never can tell."

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Games of Japanese Children

NE of the most popular games among Japanese children is otedama, played with small cloth bags filled with red There was nothing to do but release beans. The number of bags used is seven the strange lady in black silk. Gibboney or ten. The game consists in throwing the bags into the air, one after another in quick succession, and trying to catch them before they reach the ground. The idea is

Another popular game is ishikeri, or stone-kicking. Chatk lines are drawn on the street, making squares, in which pebbles are placed. The game is to hop from the particular section of the store from one square to another on one foot, kicking

In the game of mimihiki, or ear-pullpany gladly followed his instructions, ing, two boys sit opposite each other with feeling mightily unhappy, but seeing a loops in their hands and try to lasso an ray of hope in the mysterious air of the ear of the opponent. Another boys' game detective and his strange commands. ' is kubihiki, or head-pulling. Two boys "For three days nothing happened. De- are tied together by the neck and then they try to pull each other

In niramekkura, sides are chosen. Each blue suit, wearing gray spats and carry- side stares at the other, and the side none

Udeoshi is a game wherein two boys sit opposite, and push hand against hand until one yields. In yubizumo, or fingerwalked up to the newcomer, placed his wrestling, two boys match finger against hand on his shoulder and arrested him, finger, the fingers of the opposing hands The stranger was instantly searched and being locked together, thumbs free. The til one boy's hand is pressed back or down.

Ikusa-gokko is a war game in which with swords and knapsacks, and parade.-[New York Times.

Old Clothes, Too?

A man once was talking about hard luck, and his friend was listening with a our expression.

"Why, you don't know what hard luck is!" said the friend. "I have always had it. When I was a kid there was such a bunch of us in the family that there had to be three tables at meal times, and I always got the third one."

"What's hard about that?"

"Why," says his friend, "it was fifteen years before I ever knew a chicken had anything but a neck."



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