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How Earl Gulick Won the Gold Medal of a Life Saving Society.
When Andrew Carnegie presented the gold medal of the United States volunteer life saving corps to Earl Gulick, a fourteen-year-old boy, in Carnegie hall, New York, in the presence of 5,000 persons a few days ago, he introduced the blushing lad as a "hero of the higher civilization of today."
"A strange kind of hero," said Mr. Carnegie, "indeed would he be to our ancestors, for he has never killed anybody. He has only at fourteen years of age saved a man of thirty from drowning. That's all. What is he compared to the slayer of thousands? Inquire the barbaric past, which hailed not the man who had saved or saved his fellows as a hero. The civilized future is to hail none other. So moves the world to higher ideals."
Earl Gulick had previously won fame as a sweet singer. He is known by the



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EARL GULICK.
Title of "The American Nightingale." He has sung in many of the big crises of the country in concert, in which he has scored almost unprecedented success. Musical critics have united in conferring the most unqualified praises upon his technical ability as well as the wonderful sweetness of his rich soprano voice.

The deed which the gold medal of the life saving society commemorated was performed last summer. Young Gulick, who is a member of the boys' department of the society in New York, was spending his vacation at Kewport, on Long Island. One day James Lawless, a man thirty years of age, was swimming in Kewport channel at that place when he became exhausted and called for help. Earl happened to be near by and at once went to his assistance. It proved a difficult task, but the boy, but he finally succeeded in bringing Lawless to safety, the latter was unconscious condition. On the following day the facts of the society awarded him the gold medal.

That the fact of the highest exhibition of skill and courage is apparent. It is a fact that even a strong man, who also an expert swimmer, would have been drowned had it not been for the youth in the grasp of those who tried to anchor. This fact was recognized by the life saving society, which only awards its gold medals for the noblest deeds.

MAN WHO BEAT BELMONT.

Congressman Lesler, Who Has Charged Attempted Bribery.
Montague Lesler, representative in congress from the Seventh New York district, who recently charged before the house naval committee, of which he is a member, that he had been offered a bribe of \$5,000 to vote for the construction of additional submarine torpedo boats, leaped into fame not long ago by defeating Perry Belmont in a memorable contest for the seat Mr. Lesler now holds.
Mr. Lesler is a native of New York. He is a small man, and his clean shaven face, despite his thirty-three years, gives him a boyish appearance. The aquiline character of his face does not suggest in a marked manner the Senatorial



CONGRESSMAN MONTAGUE LESLER.
He is a man of whom the people are proud. His election was the most remarkable in that although Mr. Lesler is a Republican the district he represents is strongly Democratic. He was defeated at the last election by Timothy D. Sullivan, Democrat, by an overwhelming majority.

Where Iron is Sacred.
Among the Barabaras, a great African people, iron is a sacred object. They are expert workers in metal, which they will smelt from its native ore by the most primitive methods ever devised. This art was to them in former days a source of a great power, and the fact that some people did not know it was a great secret. The chief of the Barabaras saw a vision. The spirit of the chief stood beside him and said, "I am a god and I have come to you. I will give you the secret of iron. You will be a great man and your people will be a great people." The chief thought it was a dream and that the chief was a madman. He turned and the chief looked at him. He stood a long time and at last said:

"My son, why do you not obey your father? Go to the river, gather stones and make a hot fire. After that you will see iron with your eyes."
The sage was greatly frightened and feared some evil spirit, but dared not refuse. When he had made a hot fire, iron came out of it, and then he knew

the secret and taken pity on his children. He told his son the secret before he died, but he was a vain exorcism and, wishing to show his own wisdom, made iron in the presence of strangers, and so the secret of the art was lost to his tribe, but they have always continued to regard iron as sacred above all other metals.

Letter From Warm Climate.
"Speaking of pulpit jokes," a churchgoer remarked, "I have yet to hear a better one than that on a reverend gentleman of a small congregation in the city. He is a fine preacher, a man along in years, loved and revered by his flock. His pulpit utterances never verge upon levity of any sort. He abhors a resort to humor in church."

"One Sunday evening he was speaking to his congregation about Mrs. Jones, one of the prominent women of his church, who had gone south for her health. In his previous remarks he had, with feeling, referred to Mrs. Smith, who had recently left this world for a better one."

"He startled his hearers by saying: 'I have just received a letter from Mrs. Smith. She says it is very warm where she is now.'"

"Shocked at the audible titter in the staid congregation, the good man paused, looked blank and then gasped. 'I meant from Mrs. Jones' and hastily announced the hymn."—New York Telegram.

Proud of the Cure.
William R. Travers, the New York city broker, on one occasion desired to go to an address in suburban Brooklyn, but being unacquainted with the locality, accepted a stranger and asked directions. It so happened that the stranger stuttered and stammered quite as badly as Travers, who after the man had made two or three ineffectual attempts to answer grew angry under the impression he was being mocked and belligerently inquired:

"How d-d-dare you t-t-try to m-m-mock me?"

"Ex-ex-cuse m-me!" exclaimed the stranger. "I have an im-im-impediment in m-my s-s-speech."
"Oh, I s-s-s-e-e!" stammered Travers, the look of anger giving way to a look of sympathetic concern. "W-w-why d-d-don't you s-s-s-e-e D-d-doctor s-s-smith? He c-c-cured m-me."—Philadelphia Times.

People who marry while very young are apt to find out when it is too late that they have made the greatest mistake in their lives and that, though it may seem very sweet to marry "the first and only love," this same "first love" is the very last person in the world that they ought to have married.
Some, indeed, may advise couples to marry before they are out of their teens and settle down before the distractions of the world can attempt to shake their allegiance to each other. But this settling down too often proves to be a mere temporary phase and is followed by an unsettled condition that lasts for the rest of their unhappy lives. Recalled thoughts are often best in love.

Strapped Trunks.
Trunks loaded instead of strapped are thought by some electrical managers to be fatal to the interests of their companies. "I can't have any luggage straps among my people," exclaimed one well known farce comedy manager, "nothing cords upon one of the trunks belonging to a lady he had just brought at large expense from east



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to west. And such a horror had he of the "hoodoo" effect upon his company, were a woman addicted to such methods to remain a member of it, that he quietly paid the astonished newcomer two weeks' salary, adding her fare back to New York by way of compensation for discharging her.

Idiomatist Blunder.
"Mr. Henpecked, let me introduce you to the Count de Dippee."
"Ah, set ze honor to meet a musician. I hear, sar, zat you an' your family play ze music."
"Why, I don't know the first thing about music."
"Why, I hear eet all around zat you 'plays second fiddle' to your wife!"—Baltimore Herald.

At the Masked Ball.
Male Dancer—I know who you are, my fair partner.
Female Dancer—Who am I then, pray?
Male Ditto—Oh, I am quite positive. I recognize you by those lovely white, pearly teeth.
Female Ditto—Why, I only got them this morning. Ha, ha!—From the German.

Assuming the Husband's Name.
The practice of the wife assuming the husband's name at marriage originated from a Roman custom and became the common custom after the Roman occupation. Thus, Julia and Octavia, married to Pompey and Cicero, were called by the Romans Julia of Pompey and Octavia of Cicero, and in later times married women in most European countries signed their names in the same manner, but omitted the "of."

Against this view it may be mentioned that during the sixteenth and even at the beginning of the seventeenth century the usage seems doubtful, since we find Catherine Parr so signing herself after she had been twice married, and we always hear of Lady Jane Grey (not Dudley), Arabella Stuart (not Seymour), etc. Some persons think that the custom originated from the Scriptural teaching that husband and wife are one. This was the rule of law so far back as Bracton (died 1268), and it was decided in the case of Bon versus Smith, in the reign of Elizabeth, that a woman by marriage loses her former name and legally receives the name of her husband. Altogether the custom is involved in much obscurity.

Little Big Men.
Bukharov, the greatest of Russian generals; Frederick the Great, David Garrick, the wonderful actor, and Alexander Hamilton, whom Talleyrand pronounced one of the three greatest men he had ever known, were slender and below the middle height. The brave General Marion "was in stature of the smallest size, thin as well as low," and Dr. Kane, who surpassed all of his arctic companions in braving torrid heat and polar cold, was but 5 feet 6 in height and weighed at his best only 135 pounds. But more dwarfish than any of these ghostly beings was that phenomenon of the eighteenth century, the Abbe Gallani of Naples. "Personally," says Marmontel, "the abbe, who was but 4 feet 6 inches in stature, was the prettiest little harlequin that Italy ever produced, but upon the shoulders of that harlequin was the head of a giant."

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