

## A LEAP FOR LIFE.

It Saved Him From the Bear, but Trapped Him In Midair.

STILL HIS LUCK HELD GOOD.

Swinging From a Broken Cable, With Death Almost Certain on the Floor of the Rocky Canyon Far Below, He Took a Desperate Chance and Won.

Some persons have more than their fair share of adventure. Of this fortunate—or unfortunate—class is Mr. W. G. Gilbert, the hero of an extraordinary experience told by Mr. R. D. Strong in the Wide World Magazine.

Mr. Gilbert had been exploring an unfrequented cave high up in the side of a deep canyon in Yellowstone park when he suddenly came upon a huge silver tip that showed unmistakable signs of displeasure at being disturbed. The man dashed out of the den, with the snarling bear close at his heels.

The face of the canyon was almost a sheer precipice. To try to run down it was certain death, for if he did not make a misstep and go tumbling to the bottom before he had gone a hundred feet the bear would almost instantly overtake him. Despairingly he looked about him.

A short distance away was the platform of an old aerial tramway that had been used to carry ore across the canyon to the other side. One of the big iron buckets in which the ore had been carried still swung on its two little wheels from the rusted wire cable eight or ten feet out from the platform—just out of reach. It offered the only available means of escape, however, and the hunted man took the chance.

With a shrill cry, for the bear was almost upon him, Gilbert sprang forward and, with every muscle set, leaped out from the platform toward the bucket, the edge of which he just managed to grasp with his fingers.

He struggled hard to raise himself and climb in, but for a long time the swinging bucket thwarted every effort. Finally he got a leg over the edge, laboriously clambered in and sank exhausted to the bottom.

Balked of his prey, the angry bear began to claw and tear at the slender cable. In some way the animal touched the big wheel over which the cable ran.

The wheel began to turn, and as it turned, the bucket, with its human freight, ran rapidly down the cable, swaying and swinging as if about to turn over.

Suddenly there was a tearing, snapping sound, and several strands of the rust eaten, weather beaten cable parted. The bucket sagged downward sickeningly.

Looking out, Gilbert saw that only half a dozen strands now sustained the weight of the bucket. If they should part he would be dashed down upon the rocky bottom of the canyon, fully 200 feet below.

It was a serious predicament. The cable might part under his weight at any minute, or the bear might strike the twisted wires a hard blow, which would almost certainly break them. He could not pull the bucket along, for the guide cable overhead had disappeared years before. Although there was little hope that any one would hear him in that remote and lonely region, he shouted aloud for help.

Fortunately for Gilbert a party of men passing near by heard his call and hurried to his rescue. But when they saw his plight they were at a loss how to save him. At last one of them jumped on his horse, dashed back to the outfit wagon and returned with several long fish lines and all the rope he could find.

In a few minutes he had whittled out a rough bow and arrow. After tying the fish line to the arrow he shot the latter up and over the bucket. Then Gilbert pulled up the rope which had been fastened to the line and tied it to the cable.

It was a desperate chance for life, but it was his only chance. Carefully, without a single unnecessary motion, he stood up in the bucket, grasped the rope, clambered over the side and began to lower himself.

Slowly, foot by foot, he came down. The hearts of the men below almost ceased to beat as he covered a quarter of the distance, then a half, then three-quarters, then all! As he reached the ground they gave a hearty cheer that woke the echoes far and wide, but Gilbert did not hear it. He had fallen in a swoon the moment his feet touched the earth.

**Curious Loan Clubs.**  
Loan clubs have sometimes very peculiar rules. One that flourished recently in north London had a rule compelling each member to borrow £5 every year or in default pay a fine of 5 shillings. Loans required the security of two fellow members, and the Gilbertian situation occasionally arose of a member being refused a loan for want of security and fined for not borrowing the money.—London Tatler.

**Why Hair Turns White.**  
The color of the hair is due to iron, which is picked up by the cells of the hair follicle in the little factory in the skin where hairs are made. As one gets older the little cells which work at manufacturing hairs grow weary, and they will not take up as much iron as they once did.—St. Nicholas.

Great works are performed not by strength, but by perseverance.—Johnson.

## Woman Owner Says Baseball Team Is White Elephant

If ever a woman was left with a white elephant on her hands that woman was I when I fell heir to the St. Louis Cardinals of the National League," said pretty Mrs. Helen Britton at the New York hotel where she had been attending the meeting of the National Baseball league, the only woman delegate and the only woman in the world who practically manages a baseball team.

To look at this little dark haired woman, dressed in the most fashionable and most feminine of clothes, from the big taupe plush picture hat with curling plumes and her black velvet gown trimmed in heavy white lace to the tips of her patent leather shoes, one would never imagine that her occupation was that of owner and manager of one of the greatest baseball teams in captivity.

She says that she often wonders at herself. "I love my home and my children, and when my uncle left this baseball estate to me I nearly collapsed with surprise, for I had never in my whole life thought I would fall heir to such a thing. When I really found myself in possession of it I began to realize that I certainly had an outside career on my hands with a vengeance.

**A Terrible Revelation.**  
"Let any woman dissatisfied with the 'drab reality of home life and domestic surroundings' just fall heir to a baseball team if she is looking for 'an outside interest'—a 'career.' Well, all I have to say is, that is the last thing I would wish to happen to another of my sex. It's been a terrible revelation into the dishonesty and meanness of some men.

"In fact, before I became possessed of this 'white elephant' I thought everybody was kind and that good nature and honesty were to be found everywhere among men, but this has been an eye opener. I have found to what degree of meanness men will go to take advantage of a woman whom they look upon as a novice in the business world. "I have found how little chivalry and loyalty there can be in some men. I have learned a lesson which, after all, is such an unfortunate lesson for any woman to have to learn.

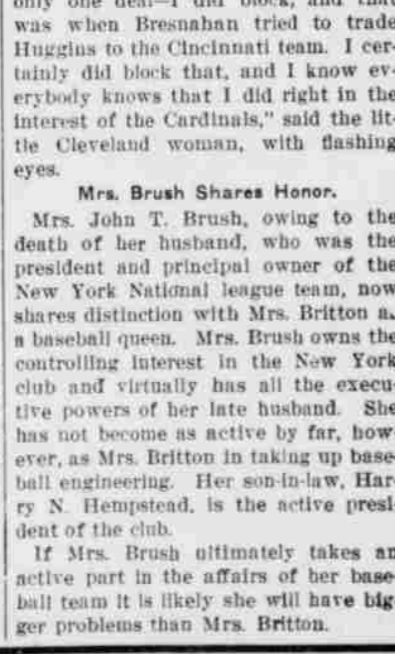
"While I have made a success where failure might have been made, I have done it at demands upon my femininity and my optimism. It has not really made a cynic of me, but it has made me feel that life for a woman left with an extraordinary inheritance need not expect to depend on chivalry and upon her status as a woman for a fair deal.

"I know there have been a good many stories going out of how I have handicapped the Cardinals by my personal interference—that I have blocked deals. I did not block them. Men who have been too cowardly to come out in the open and tell the truth when I have been accused are responsible.

"I will say there was one deal—and only one deal—I did block, and that was when Bressman tried to trade Higgins to the Cincinnati team. I certainly did block that, and I know everybody knows that I did right in the interest of the Cardinals," said the little Cleveland woman, with flashing eyes.

**Mrs. Brush Shares Honor.**  
Mrs. John T. Brush, owing to the death of her husband, who was the president and principal owner of the New York National league team, now shares distinction with Mrs. Britton as a baseball queen. Mrs. Brush owns the controlling interest in the New York club and virtually has all the executive powers of her late husband. She has not become as active by far, however, as Mrs. Britton in taking up baseball engineering. Her son-in-law, Harry N. Hempstead, is the active president of the club.

If Mrs. Brush ultimately takes an active part in the affairs of her baseball team it is likely she will have bigger problems than Mrs. Britton.



Mrs. Helen Britton, Baseball Queen.

## BROOKLYN TABERNACLE

ISRAEL SPARED, OR PASSED OVER

Exodus 12:21-31—Aug. 10.

"The Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a Ransom for many."—Matthew 20:28.

THE tenth plague upon the Egyptians for their persistent injustice toward the Hebrews was the death of their first-borns. In every home there was death—the first-born son or daughter. The terror of such a night can better be imagined than described.

In Scripture death is always represented as the enemy of man—the penalty of sin. The death sentence came upon our first parents because of sin, and by the laws of heredity has passed to all their children—the human family. The Bible tells us that the only hope for recovery lies in the fact that God has made preparations for the satisfaction of Justice through the death of Jesus; and that during Messiah's reign the curse of death shall be removed.

What God brought upon the Egyptians in that night was, therefore, merely the same penalty that has been against all mankind for six thousand years. The first-borns, retiring in good health, were corpses before morning, the death sentence coming upon them more suddenly than it otherwise would have done.

This plague did not touch the homes of the Israelites. Their first-borns were passed over, spared, by the Almighty; hence the name Passover. By Divine command the Israelites made the anniversary of this event historical. Every Israelite shows his faith in God and his confidence in this record of Divine deliverance of his forefathers, when he celebrates the Passover.

**The Passover's Real Meaning.**  
Israel's experiences in being passed over were allegorical. As a type they represented the experiences of God's Elect—Spiritual Israel, God's saintly people, gathered from all nations and denominations. The chief members came from Natural Israel, but no nation can lay exclusive claims. It is an elect class, chosen along the line of character alone.

Spiritual Israel was represented in the first-borns of fleshly Israel, passed over in that night. The next morning Israel went forth under the leadership of the first-borns, who subsequently became the priestly tribe, truly representing the Royal Priesthood, whose Royal High Priest is the glorified Messiah.

Just as the first-borns of Israel were not the only ones saved from Egyptian bondage, so the Church of the First-borns (Hebrews 12:23) will not be the only ones saved from the bondage of sin and death, symbolized by that Egyptian bondage. The preservation of the First-borns implies the deliverance of the remainder.

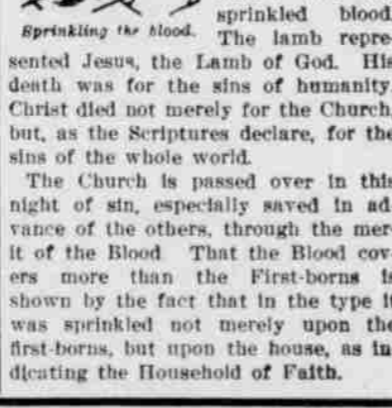
**"Israel My First-Born."**  
Since deliverance from the power of sin and death was of God's grace, and not an obligation of justice, He had a perfect right to determine long in advance that His blessings should reach mankind through Abraham's Seed. Unnoticed by the Jews, the Lord indicated that Abraham would have two seeds; one a Heavenly, the other an earthly. Thus He said, "Thy seed shall be (1) as the stars of heaven, and (2) as the sand of the sea shore." God, in His wisdom, did not explain to Abraham the significance of this figurative statement. We, however, are permitted to see the meaning even of this feature of the Promise.

The stars represent the Heavenly Seed of Abraham—Messiah and His Church. The sand of the sea shore represents the vast multitude who will ultimately be saved from sin and death, and recovered to Divine favor and everlasting life in the Messianic Kingdom. God's providences were to the Jew first as respects spiritual privileges, and will be to the Jew first as respects earthly privileges—Restitution to human perfection.

**First-Borns Blood-Protected.**  
Let us not fail to note that Divine favor toward the first-borns of Israel was not without blood. Indeed, the whole lesson of the Old Testament Scriptures is that "without the shedding of blood there is no remission" of sins. The Israelites took a lamb of the first year without spot, kill it and sprinkled its blood upon the door posts and lintels of their houses, and ate the flesh within.

As the Passover was typical, so also were the lamb and the sprinkled blood. The lamb represented Jesus, the Lamb of God. His death was for the sins of humanity. Christ did not merely for the Church, but, as the Scriptures declare, for the sins of the whole world.

The Church is passed over in this night of sin, especially saved in advance of the others, through the merit of the Blood. That the Blood covers more than the First-borns is shown by the fact that in the type it was sprinkled not merely upon the first-borns, but upon the house, as indicating the Household of Faith.



Sprinkling the Blood.

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