

## AFTER NEW FLOWER

Experts Working to Produce More Prolific Varieties

Bulbs Secured from Philippines When Planted in California Will Bloom Early and Are Free from Disease.

Washington.—The plant experts of the department of agriculture are turning their attention to things of beauty as well as usefulness, and several new flowers have been evolved by them.

Next season in all probability some novel varieties of lilies which are originally in the department's greenhouses in this city will be placed upon the market by growers, as well as a new summer blooming dahlia.

"The growing of lilies in the United States," said Prof. E. T. Galloway, in charge of the bureau of plant industry, "is becoming an important industry. Large quantities of bulbs have in years past been imported from Bermuda, Japan and other countries, and the demand for the flowering plants seems to be on the increase.

"Various lines of work have been undertaken and carried out by our expert, Mr. Oliver, chiefly for the purpose of securing new types of lilies by hybridizing and crossing, and to demonstrate the practicability of growing lilies in this country directly from seed."

One of the most promising of hybrids has resulted from crossing the Philippine lily and the Bermuda lily. The Philippine lily takes two months to come into bloom from the period of sowing the bulb, while the Bermuda lily requires four months. It is believed that those who have a good soil and the proper care will be able to force a crop of lilies from the seeds in a matter of months.

When a new type of lily is secured, the department has been successful in the production of a flower better than the familiar Easter lily,

## JAPANESE AMBASSADOR AND WIFE



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A second line of work in connection with the production of lilies has been, under way in the department for the last four years. This embraces the selection of plants which show freedom from disease as manifested by spotted leaves and distorted flowers. Three varieties have been selected, all of which are well known in this country.

When these plants come into bloom the flowers are cross fertilized with certain purposes in view. The seeds from these plants are sent to California and elsewhere about the end of the summer. They are planted out in the field in the following spring and in a year the growth made by the seedlings is so great that hundreds of plants have been recently produced bearing in the neighborhood of 30 flowers to a stem.

## CHINESE GOOD SHOT

Natives Stand First in Competition with Foreigners

Score Best Average—Marching Their Weak Point, and They Fall Below Their Opponents in General Results.

Shanghai, China.—Shanghai is for some time having the first Chinese volunteer company to be formed. Since the inception many other companies have been formed in other parts of China, but under the control of foreign officers and inspired by the example of British, German, American, Japanese and Portuguese companies in Shanghai our Chinese company has gone ahead at a great pace and holds the proud position of being the premier Chinese volunteer company. Those who form this company are rich men and clerks in good positions in the international settlement and as the strength of this unit of the Shanghai volunteer corps, which is commanded by a British officer, is only 100 there is keen competition when a place falls vacant. The company is armed with the new British short-service rifle and the men are using it with good effect in competition with the other units. The Africa company, reputed to be the most difficult field here, saw the Chinese right ahead in shooting this week and the commandant this week spoke in high terms of the way in which the Chinese shot.

This competition requires teams from each unit taking part to march from point to point by their own routes, thus testing their knowledge of the settlements and their ability to move rapidly as they would be required to do in times of riot, such as shooting the magazine were steeper we experienced in December, 1905. At the end of the race and march, which by the shortest route is over seven miles, the men have to advance up the rifle range and attack targets, appearing and disappearing, which represent figures of men in blue coats (the Chinese uniform) and khaki. These figures are difficult to hit and the crack shots have not been able to register a high percentage. In the competition just held the Chinese obtained 23.88 points for shooting, beating the all-British Maxim company, which was next with 14.11. The Americans, Japanese and Germans were all beaten by the Chinese in shooting. The Maxims, artillery, battery and Japanese were, however, all above the Chinese in the final results, as they made up in marching what they lost in shooting and of course it could be admitted that the Chinese by paying more attention to what they came to the butts than they

## Dog Is a Cat's Bodyguard

Strange Animal Friendship Reported by Men Constructing Big Chicago Building.

Chicago.—Awaiting the time when the lion shall lie down with the lamb, Jack, a mongrel fox terrier, has started a little millionnaire of his own in the new building of the People Gas Light and Coke company in Michigan avenue. He has not only made friends with a cat, a sleek black tabby, but has been its protector since the days of kittenhood, passed amid the bustle that attends the construction of a skyscraper.

No one dares lift a hand against the cat when Jack is present. No one of the workmen in the new building would attempt to do so, but Jack stands guard nevertheless. And the tortoise-shell cat that the Women's Athletic association left behind when it moved away is accorded scant opportunity for a peaceful rest as she appropriates the black sister's bed of straw. Jack sends her flying in an instant, spitting and clawing and with tail in air.

The strange friendship began when the work on the building, now nearing completion was begun. A little black kitten was established in the office of the construction company with the duty of providing a little excitement for visiting mice. A week afterward Robert Anderson, superintendent of construction, picked up a starving and freezing dog in the streets. The dog crept into a corner near the firebox of the engine. The men fed him. He soon gained confidence in himself and permitted the workmen to pet him.

Now this was the kitten's favorite place, and she did not like intrusion. She arched her back and scolded Jack in feeble imitation of a full-grown cat, but the dog's unruffled good nature won her over. She made friends with him. Later the workmen found the two curled up together in the empty barrel which had been the private abode of the kitten.

The friendship has remained unchanged since that day. Jack is now decorated with a collar bearing the inscription "Bridgemen's Mascot," for, to his presence the workmen attribute the freedom from serious accident that the new building has experienced. The cat has a ribbon.

## Goats for Japanese Babies

Fear of Cow's Milk as Promoter of Tuberculosis Reason Assigned for Change.

Chicago.—Goats may be employed to rearish future generations of Japanese babies if present plans promulgated by the milk and its consumers are consummated. Fear of cow's milk as a promoter of tuberculosis is the principal reason assigned for the contemplated change in babies' diet. Iwa Tanimura, a special envoy from the Japanese emperor, who was in Chicago the other day on a mission to study the goat question and also to promote the exporting of sheep to Japan as an article of food as opposed to fish as a national meat food.

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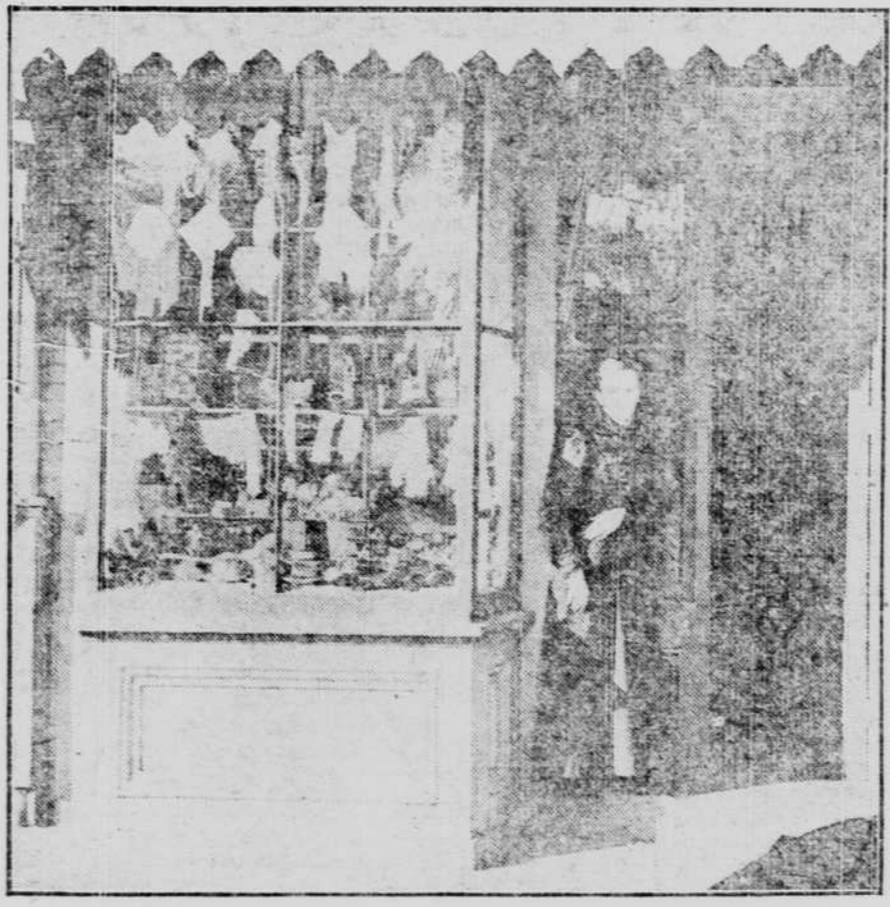
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# THE LINCOLN TOY SHOP

By Waldon Fatwett

TUCKED away in a most inconspicuous part of the national capital, is a plain little frame building which is perhaps richer in memories of Abraham Lincoln than any other structure at the seat of government, with the possible exception of the White House. To the great majority of the thousands of tourists who every year visit Washington, the very existence of this structure, to say nothing of its significance, is unknown, and yet its history sheds a new and illuminating side light on the simplicity and kindness of Lincoln's private life.

This hidden tribute to the big-heartedness of the venerated chief magistrate is nothing less than a toy shop to which the busy man, bowed down by the weight of a devastating war, stole away time and again to buy wooden soldiers and other playthings for the mischievous Tad who constituted during this stormy period the one ray of sunlight in his father's life. Unaffected by the march of commercial progress, this quaint toy shop stands to-day just as it did half



Toy Shop Frequently Visited by President Lincoln.

a century ago, tucked away in a modest little frame building,—its show window the rendezvous for children from far and near. The same name is over the door as in the days when Lincoln was a patron and the shelves which line the well-ordered interior are crowded as in the old days with trophies to delight the childish heart.

This most interesting of toy shops was founded by Joseph Stutz, a color-bearer of Napoleon, in the year 1855, and is still in possession of the family, having pursued the even tenor of its way despite the changing conditions of the passing years and the competition of department stores. Years ago toy shops were not so numerous as they are at present and this juvenile fairland situated within walking distance of the White House has had as its regular patrons the children of half a dozen presidents. Tad Lincoln came here not infrequently to buy toys but more often it was the president himself, who made the trip in quest of some new plaything as a surprise for the little lad who was the apple of his eye. Time and again passersby saw the tall figure of the chief executive, wrapped in his big shawl and wearing his distinctive high hat, emerge from the little shop carefully carrying a package of the newest inventions of "Stutz, toymaker." There is evidence, too, that Lincoln came here with a real affection for the crippled veteran of Waterloo who, with wounded foot propped on a chair, worked day in, day out, deftly creating new miracles in wood for his little constituents.

Tad Lincoln, who was the means of the disclosure of the particularly appealing side of his father's character as exemplified in his frequent visits to the toy shop was a fine example of the bright, energetic American boy.

Tad was about ten years of age at the time and like all boys, particularly during the civil war period he developed a most profound martial spirit. On the occasion of one of his numerous visits to the war department, Secretary Stanton made him a lieutenant of United States volunteers. Forthwith he induced those in authority to provide him with a regulation uniform

most at the parting of the ways as he saw so many of his own political party and former supporters wavering or actually deserting the colors and opposing the government in the very matters which to him were vital. They had turned back from their march up Freedom's heights, the topmost peaks of which he had already scaled, and from which only, as he believed, could he had clear visions of his day and generation. To him those visions and what they meant to his country were sublime verities, as indeed they later came to be to most or all of his countrymen—David Homer Bates, in the Century.

Depended Upon Circumstances.—We were talking to the gentleman who had trodden the boards of the lyceum circuits for 10, these many years.

"Under the inspiration of your subject," we offered, "you lose sight of your audience completely, do you not?"

"Sometimes," he answered, "I am saved that trouble."

## ABRAHAM LINCOLN IN 1864

At the Time When Heart and Patience Were Taxed Almost to the Breaking Point.

Lincoln, silent under the stings of criticism, but with almost sublime faith in the final success of the cause of liberty, of which he was the great exponent, appears in 1864, as we now see him in his environment, to have become imbued with the idea that perhaps, after all, the people of the north would declare themselves at the polls in November as being willing to end the bloody war by putting McClellan in the presidential chair and thus pave the way for an amendment to the constitution which would permit the southern states to withdraw peacefully from the union and set up a separate government with negro slavery as its corner stone.

Lincoln, with his lofty ideas of eternal right and justice between man and man, whether white, black, red or yellow, had, it seemed, almost lost heart, and his long-tried patience was nearly exhausted. He was indeed al-

# HIS VALENTINE

By CALLIE BONNEY MARBLE

HE was very pretty—there was no doubt whatever about that; and Harold Vane, who liked to look at pretty things of all kinds, especially women, lingered in the shadow of the hallway and watched pretty Maud Ehllyn as she sat at the old-fashioned fireplace, one dainty foot resting on the brass andiron, and her curl-crowned head bent low as with a tiny gold pencil she wrote something on a sheet of note paper which reposed, woman-fashion, in her lap.

Presently the writing ceased, and the fair writer, thinking herself alone, proceeded, in a way she had, to talk to her own charming self; and Harold, the man who listened, excused himself on the plea that what she was saying could be no secret, or she would not utter it aloud, even though supposing herself to be alone. And this is what he heard:

"Yes, Cupid, I have written a valentine to the one who is destined by



Made a Little Curtsey.

you to be my fate; for, according to maidens' belief, only he, my own true lover, can find it and answer it; hence, should an answer come, it will be absolute proof to me that the writer of it is my future lord and master."

And she made a little curtsey before the long pier glass; and, snatching a soft wool shawl from the sofa, she wound it about her head and shoulders and, the valentine in her hand, went out on to the porch and ran down the garden path. Harold from the hall window discreetly watching her as she went lightly down past the old moss-grown well to the somewhat bleak and deserted summer house, where he saw her slip the valentine under a loose stone at the sill; and then, for reasons of his own, not wishing to be discovered by the fair writer of the valentine, he swiftly left the house by another path, making a circuit which in a few moments brought him also to the summer house, where he deftly abstracted the valentine, not pausing, however, to read it until safely within his own bachelor quarters; but, having reached them, he could no longer brook delay and, with hat and overcoat still on, he drew from his pocket the tiny sheet of note paper and read, in Maud's graceful chirography, the following:

Good saint, on earth somewhere, they tell me, is waiting a Valentine, Brave and tender and loyal alway, And destined some day to be mine. Can you not find him, and tell him my duty? Another heart tender and true As a Valentine somewhere is waiting for him, And to find her let him ask you.

Early the next morning Maud visited the summer house and, while not really expecting to find her valentine gone, she did hope that it might be, so eagerly raised the stone at the mill and gave a little shriek of girlish delight at finding her hope realized.

Yes, her valentine was unmistakably gone. But who could have taken it? And, whoever, it was, it was quite shabby of him not to have answered it. Could it have been that teasing boy cousin of hers? If so, she would never hear the last of it. But, no—Jim would never have put the stone back properly.

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"And the young doctor would not do, nice as he is," she said, emphatically, "for I never could be sweet and amiable enough to share him with all the other women in the town."

She paused a moment and then continued: "Ralph is a bright young lawyer, but so metaphysical; and, while I can occasionally assume an interest in metaphysics, that mental diet daily would be very wearing. But don't you think, Miss Maud," she continued gayly to herself, "that you are presuming a great deal in taking it for granted that any one of these gentlemen wishes to see your valentine? Oh, no! I do not flatter myself. But the eligible young men in town are so few that I must mention them all to find somebody, so I might as well refer to the others. Reginald comes next, and he does walk divinely; but valentines is not very profitable, and I fear it is poor Reggie's strongest point. Tom is intellectual; but he has such a dreadful temper that I should feel all the time as though I were living with dynamite. Joe is a tyrant, and he is so insanely jealous. Now, I love to have my own way, or think I do; and, if a man were determined to be jealous anyway, I am afraid I might be tempted to tease him a little, so that combination would not do at all. Only two are left—Jack and Harold; and Jack is a dear good boy, but not at all commanding." (She had forgotten that she discarded Joe because he was.) "And last, but not least, there is Harold."

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That evening, as she again sat at the old fireplace, feeling, it must be confessed, somewhat disappointed at the non-arrival of her valentine, a white missive, evidently tossed in through the open hall window, fell at her feet. But no one was in sight, and, full of eager expectation, Maud opened the sealed missive.

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O, sweetheart mine! I have no gift to offer, So precious as thou art; I only come, a lover true and tender, And bring to you my heart.

Then, as she turned her head, the door behind her opened softly, and somebody took her in his arms, and somebody's kisses silenced the protests of her lips.

A little struggle—a woman's last pretense of battle before the surrender she is happy in making—and then Maud, with all the tender love of her heart shining in her glorious eyes, whispered, softly—

"O Harold! I am so glad it was you!"

Substantial Valentines.

In olden days valentines were pretty gifts to some friend chosen for the day. The lady valentines of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries were honored not by anonymous verse, but by substantial gifts.

## THE LION IN LOVE.



## LOVE IN THE LION.



## IDEAS FOR ST VALENTINE'S

Something New Devised to Greet the Anniversary of the Saint's Day This Year.

Horoscope valentines are new this year, the casting of the horoscope being followed by an appeal for favor or a declaration of the honor, varying with the nature of the revelation of character made by the planets. Lovers whose affection is not a fleeting one may prolong the sentiment of Valentine's day with the assistance of the valentine puzzle. The puzzle consists of six red hearts, each bearing a single letter. These cards are to be sent daily, the last one on February 14, the letters on the hearts bearing a mystic message which, when complete, will cry out "My Love," against a flaming background. There are many heart designs and in these days of valentine parties, no stock is complete without a large supply of red bits of the cardboard arranged for decorative purposes, some already inscribed and others plain for the benefit of the hostess who de-

sires to be original in the sentiments with which she regales her guests. For the valentine party, above all others, must have anatomical place cards and favors.

Drafts on various trust companies, express orders, and other formal messages continue in favor and there is a "tallophone" message, a cow being used as the line and the peaceful feeding of a little calf leading to the inquiry, "Who's buttin' in?" In contrast to the comics, are the cards bearing dainty sentiments; one having a four leaf clover in the design bearing the verse:

He who finds a four leaf clover I have wish of his comes true; I have searched the meadows over, And my wish embraces you.

There are many elaborate valentines for older people, and painted cards and sentiments, pretty frames to carry the photograph, handsome boxes to be filled with candy. And as ever, there are the handsome gift books and with it all St. Valentine is throned more firmly than ever—a third century saint with a court of 20th century girls and boys.