

The Passing of Jenny Wren

By Martha McCulloch-Williams

Copyright, 1916, by Associated Literary Press

Jenny Wren's chatter filled, weekly, a column near the "want" advertisements in the Midvale Clarion. It was for the most part mildly amusing, though now and then there came a splash of malice, and then there came a splash of malice, and then there came a splash of malice...

not, if I would, marry Allison Blake—he is too intent upon being the knight of all women ever to think of being the husband of one.

Because Beatrice Henry was the youngest and far the prettiest of these exceptions; moreover, sanely bright, and with the least bit spoiled, more than half of Midvale said she was Jenny Wren, and governed itself accordingly. Beatrice knew the fact—both as cause and effect. She was asked everywhere, to everything, through fear of what Jenny Wren would say, or the greater fear that she would say nothing.

"Indeed! Who is to make it known? You forget the guild obligation of silence," Mrs. Light said, trying to be withering.

It was puzzling, however, that Jenny often passed over with a like occasion at which Beatrice had been almost the height, particular star, also that functions from which she was conspicuously absent were either praised extravagantly or deftly ridiculed.

In her small, stuffy room she told them. "You know Allison Blake a little bit—how every man and boy that works for him gets a little beyond living wages. But you don't know that he's paying better than living wages to the folks that work for the Crescent—writers, picture makers, printers and all. Cash on the nail, too. No, he doesn't own it. A young fellow he likes started it and got in deep water. Allison pulled him out, and has stood behind him since. He insists that the Crescent will make them both rich in the end. If it does I know where the money'll go—into helping the folks that need help whether or not they deserve it."

Lily also disclaimed any Wrenship, but, somehow, she did it less convincingly. She too was among Blake's exceptions—be dropped in to see her for half hours in the late afternoon when his day's work was done. And all this gave color of reason to the public belief. The public was firmly convinced it was one of the two girls—mainly for the reason that it could, according to its mind, be nobody else.

"Why? I take the money up to town! Midvale thinks I go there after fashions. Lord, if it knew!"

Beatrice and Lily did not love each other. There were those who said Editor Blake, despite his grumblings, was the cause of the war. However that may have been, there was, in public, so studiously civil to each other that it was impossible to misunderstand how the land lay. Jenny Wren never mentioned either of the young women. This made a puzzling situation.

"I ain't," Keturah said with a sly smile. "But I am—as much as any girl except Allison herself. You see, I was to be a hundred dollars on account of death and sickness, and I hadn't got any out, working five years. It made me desperate. I tried to write something—verses, you know. Allison says for all he prints, he didn't print my verses, but they brought us together, and he hatched up the plan—I to tell him the things Jenny ought to know about, and let him see how women thought, and all, and he'd put 'em down. And he paid me \$10 a week for just that, and as he come to know I was trusty got me to help with the other things. Now I'm debt free and have money enough to buy wedding clothes. Silas and I have waited fifteen years for that."

Mr. A. (recently betrothed)—Can I confide in you, young man? Jeweler's Assistant—Why, yes, sir. Mr. A.—My intended is undecided between a ring and a necklace. For goodness' sake, tell her necklaces are out of fashion, or else I shall become a bankrupt and you won't get paid.—Tit-Bits.

Tea imports from Japan. Japan furnishes 42 per cent. of the imports of tea, China, 23 1/2 per cent., and the United Kingdom 11 1/2 per cent.

WINNERS OF ROWING HONORS IN ENGLISH REGATTA



THE WINNIPEG CLUB FOUR AT HENLEY

Winnipeg, Man.—The people of this city are proud of its oarsmen, and with good reason, for the Winnipeg club four won great honors at the recent regatta at Henley, England. The fact that oarsmen from other lands do not often succeed in defeating the Englishmen on their own waters adds to the glory of the Canadians' achievement.

ELECTRICITY IN WAR

Japanese Use Novel Expedient in Subduing Savage Tribes.

Most Curious Duel Being Waged Against Bloodthirsty Aiyu Tribes in Island of Formosa—Soldiers Unable to Check Outrages.

Philadelphia.—The most ferocious instinct of primitive savagery, head hunting, Japan is to fight with the most modern of military agencies, electricity. It is a most curious duel that is now being waged in the island of Formosa between the Japanese and the bloodthirsty Aiyu tribes.

difficult without fatal contact with the wire. The fences are connected with powerful electric plants and the wires are constantly kept charged with the death-dealing fluid.

The savages are baffled and mystified. They cannot understand what it is that has the power of striking down their comrades so suddenly. They are afraid to move about in the night on their horrible head-hunting expeditions, for the wire has been placed with such cleverness that they never can tell when they are likely to come into contact with it.

Philippine.—The most ferocious instinct of primitive savagery, head hunting, Japan is to fight with the most modern of military agencies, electricity. It is a most curious duel that is now being waged in the island of Formosa between the Japanese and the bloodthirsty Aiyu tribes.

The plan of campaign at present is to drive the savages into the mountains, prevent them from coming into the low countries or near the towns, and so hem them in eventually by the wire barriers that they will be cut off from supplies and forced either to surrender or die.

It has not taken long for Japan to find that her soldiers can not avail to stop the depredations and outrages committed by the head hunters. There are some hundred thousands of these savages, who became a problem to the Tokio government when the outcome of the war with China in 1895 brought Formosa under Japanese dominion.

Hardly will this be regarded as cruel, when the atrocities of the head hunters are taken into account. Japan could hardly be expected to view with indifference such things as have happened. In one case a rebel raid on a Jap outpost resulted in the killing

of a sister to a man and a woman may continue as a brother to a woman, and still they may marry with every prospect of happiness. Such is the situation in which Frank Gannon, a post office clerk, and Anna Padron, a post operator in the Flushing telephone exchange, find themselves.

Gannon's mother was persuaded to abandon her widowhood a few months ago by John Padron, who is in the pay bureau of the Long Island city fire department. They decided that it would be nice to have her son and his daughter live with them, and hired a house at No. 42 De Witt street, Corona.

London Shoppers Demand Packages Be Wrapped in Delicately Tinted Paper.

London.—The latest innovation in shopping is the providing by shops of delicately colored paper in all "art shades" with strings to match, so that the color of the parcel containing a woman's purchase may be chosen to suit her frock.

London.—The latest innovation in shopping is the providing by shops of delicately colored paper in all "art shades" with strings to match, so that the color of the parcel containing a woman's purchase may be chosen to suit her frock.

The idea at the root of the innovation is to save the shop money. Women, it is argued, will readily, and even of choice, carry such parcels home themselves, thus saving the shop the expense of delivery, while they would promptly order an ugly brown paper parcel "to be sent."

Audacious Trust. Let us approach our friend with an audacious trust in the truth of the heart, in the broad, impossible to be overturned, of his foundations.—Emerson.

But inquiries made at the best-known London shops has elicited the information that, however remunerative "this very bright idea" might prove to American shopkeepers, the plan would not work well in England.

Riches Have Wings. Jack—I bear you had some money left you. Tom—Yes; it left me quite awfully ego.

New Cure for Morphomania. London.—Dr. Cricton Miller, who

and decapitation of thirteen soldiers, and so clever and crafty was the enemy and so skilled at taking advantage of a knowledge of the country that the peril was persistent and unrelenting.

The Japanese call the head hunters the "Selbans." They are said to number more than one hundred thousand, divided into seven hundred tribes. Each tribe occupies its own territory and they are all independent of each other, each seeming concerned only in preventing encroachment on its land.

A Fijian's creed forbids him to eat save when seated upon a triangle made of three fish bones.

MAN IS MARRIED TO SISTER

Wife's Son Falls in Love With Husband's Daughter and Blessings Are Bestowed.

New York.—Romance set out to prove in Corona, that a woman may be a sister to a man and a man may continue as a brother to a woman, and still they may marry with every prospect of happiness. Such is the situation in which Frank Gannon, a post office clerk, and Anna Padron, a post operator in the Flushing telephone exchange, find themselves.

Wife's Son Falls in Love With Husband's Daughter and Blessings Are Bestowed.

Wife's Son Falls in Love With Husband's Daughter and Blessings Are Bestowed.

Wife's Son Falls in Love With Husband's Daughter and Blessings Are Bestowed.

Wife's Son Falls in Love With Husband's Daughter and Blessings Are Bestowed.



Dr. Pillem—There must be something radically wrong with your system to have your hair fall out so. You will have to diet. Skantlox—Dye it! I'm afraid, doc, there's not enough of it left to dye.

LEG A MASS OF HUMOR

"About seven years ago a small abrasion appeared on my right leg just above my ankle. It irritated me so that I began to scratch it, and it began to spread until my leg from my ankle to the knee was one solid scale like a crab. The irritation was always worse at night and would not allow me to sleep, or my wife either, and it was completely undermining our health. I lost fifty pounds in weight and was almost out of my mind with pain and chagrin as no matter where the irritation came, at work, on the street or in the presence of company, I would have to scratch it until I had the blood running down into my shoe. I simply cannot describe my suffering during those seven years. The pain, mortification, loss of sleep, both to myself and wife is simply indescribable on paper and one has to experience it to know what it is.

I tried all kinds of doctors and remedies but I might as well have thrown my money down a sewer. They would try up for a little while and fill me with hope only to break out again just as bad if not worse. I had given up hope of ever being cured when I was induced by my wife to give the Cuticura Remedies a trial. After taking the Cuticura Remedies for a little while I began to see a change, and after taking a dozen bottles of Cuticura Resolvent in conjunction with the Cuticura Soap and Cuticura Ointment, the trouble had entirely disappeared and my leg was as fine as the day I was born. Now after a lapse of six months with no signs of a recurrence I feel perfectly safe in extending to you my heartfelt thanks for the good the Cuticura Remedies have done for me. I shall always recommend them to my friends. W. H. White, 312 E. Cabot St., Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 4 and Apr. 13, 1908."

And They Wondered. Judge Nicholas Longworth, who used to sit on Ohio's supreme bench, looked unnaturally grave, and a neighbor, in recognition of his facial depression, named a pet owl "Judge Longworth." It was the very next day that an excited maid broke up his wife's garden party. "Oh, madam," said she, "Madam! Judge Longworth has laid an egg."

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Williams*. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Man will have what he desires, and will find what is really best for him, exactly as he honestly seeks it.—Froude.

There are limitations, don't be fooled. Ask for Lewis' Single Binder cigar for 3c. The lamb that plays around a rabbit bed tempts fate.

NEW RECORD FOR DIAMONDS

Imports at New York Port for Last Fiscal Year Will Be Above \$45,000,000.

New York.—Imports of diamonds and other precious stones, as reported by the customs officials this month, have sent the total valuation for the fiscal year, which ended June 30, above \$45,000,000. The highest previous record was \$42,502,476 for the year 1907, as shown in a report recently prepared by Douglas R. Sterrett for the bureau of statistics. More than 95 per cent. of these imports now come through the port of New York.

Imports have been predicting for some time that the present fiscal year's imports would break all records, but this month has sent the total even higher than they expected. About 55 per cent. of the imports have been diamonds. Of the total imports of diamonds, about one-third have been in the rough and the other two-thirds were cut and polished in Europe.

suggests a new cure for morphomania, maintaining any cure must be nearly painless, must temporarily destroy the craving, and be specially designed to strengthen the will. He therefore commenced administering bromide with diminishing quantities of morphin so as to throw the patient into a more or less comatose condition. He also advocates hypnotism, declaring suggestions should be made tending to give a distaste for morphin, thus strengthening the will power. Patients should also be taught to put themselves to sleep by auto-suggestion, according to his theories.

Bathing Tramp Freed. New Castle, Pa.—Martin Walter, who admitted he was a "hobo," was surprised the other morning while taking a bath. As the bath was in a public drinking fountain on Moravia street Walter was arrested. He had soap and towel and was scrubbing his face when arrested. Because of the unusual circumstance and Walter's confession that he liked to wash even if a tramp, he was released by Mayor Lusk.

MUNYON'S WITCH SOAP HAZEL SOAP. Makes the skin soft as velvet. Improves any complexion. Best shampoo made. Cures most skin eruptions. Munyon's Hair Invigorator cures dandruff, stops hair from falling out, makes hair grow. If you have Dyspepsia, or any liver trouble, use Munyon's Raw-Law Pills. They cure Biliousness, Constipation and drive all impurities from the blood. — MUNYON'S HOMEOPATHIC HOME REMEDY CO., Philadelphia, Pa.

FREE! Send postal for Free Package of Paxtine. Better and more economical than liquid antiseptics FOR ALL TOILET USES. PAXTINE TOILET ANTISEPTIC. Gives one a sweet breath; clean, white, germ-free teeth—antiseptically cleans mouth and throat—purifies the breath after smoking—dispels all disagreeable perspiration and body odors—much appreciated by dainty women. A quick remedy for sore eyes and catarrh. A little Paxtine powder dissolved in a glass of hot water makes a delightful antiseptic solution, possessing extraordinary cleansing, germicidal and healing powers and absolutely harmless. Try a Sample, 50c. a large box at drugists or by mail. THE PAXTON TOILET CO., BOSTON, MASS.

Constipation Vanishes Forever. Prompt Relief—Permanent Cure. CARTER'S LITTLE LIVER PILLS. Small, Sugar-Coated, Pleasant-Tasting. Stop after dinner. Cure indigestion. Improve the complexion—brighten the eyes. Small Pills, Small Dose, Small Prices. Genuine with the Signature *Dr. Wood*.

KNOWN SINCE 1836 AS RELIABLE. PLANTER'S C & C OR BLACK CAPSULES. SUPERIOR REMEDY FOR MEN. AT DRUGGISTS. TRIAL BOX BY MAIL, 50c. PLANTER SEBASTIAN ST. BROOKLYN, N.Y.

DAISY FLY KILLER. Kills all flies, mosquitoes, and other insects. Keeps them from coming in. Keeps them from coming in. Keeps them from coming in.

STOCKERS & FEEDERS. Choice quality; feeds and roasts, white faces of sugar, brought on orders. Tons of thousands sold. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Come and see for yourself. National Live Stock Com. Co. Kansas City, Mo., St. Joseph, Mo., Omaha, Neb.

You can shave first time you try with a Gillette. KNOWN THE WORLD OVER.

PARKER'S HAIR BALMS. Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Stops itching and itching. Stops itching and itching. Stops itching and itching.

PATENTS. Watson E. Coleman, Wash. D.C. Patent Lawyer. High St. OMAHA, NEB.

We Give Away Absolutely Free of Cost. The People's Common Sense Medical Adviser, in Plain English, or Medicine Simplified, by R. V. Pierce, M. D., Chief Consulting Physician to the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute at Buffalo, a book of 108 large pages and over 700 illustrations, in strong paper covers, to any one sending 21 one-cent stamps to cover cost of mailing only, or, in French Cloth binding for 31 stamps. Over 600,000 copies of this complete Family Doctor Book were sold in cloth binding at regular price of \$1.50. Afterwards, one and a half million copies were given away as above. A new, up-to-date revised edition is now ready for mailing. Better send NOW, before all are gone. Address World's Dispensary Medical Association, R. V. Pierce, M. D., President, Buffalo, N. Y. DR. PIERCE'S FAVORITE PRESCRIPTION. THE ONE REMEDY for women's peculiar ailments good enough that its makers are not afraid to print on its outside wrapper its every ingredient. No Secrets—No Deception. THE ONE REMEDY for women which contains no alcohol and no habit-forming drugs. Made from native medicinal forest roots of well established curative value.

THE FAMOUS Rayo Lamp. The Rayo Lamp is a high grade lamp, sold at a low price. There are lamps that cost more, but there is no better lamp made at any price. Guaranteed of solid brass, nickel plated, with every part of the lamp made of the best material. There is nothing known in the art of lamp-making that can be done better than the Rayo Lamp and its lighting device. Every dealer everywhere. If not at yours, write for descriptive circular to the Standard Oil Company.

USE THE BEST FAULTLESS STARCH FOR LAUNDRY WORK. FOR SHIRTS COLLARS CUFFS AND FINE LINEN.

NEW YORK'S HIGH BUILDINGS

Have Dealt a Deathblow to an Old Superstition Animating Many a Country Youth.

Said a New York ogrepreneur: "The height of buildings in New York has dealt a deathblow to an old superstition that animated nearly a country youth who came to the city to make his fortune 60 years ago. Heaven knows how they came by the belief, but most of those up-state boys came to the city thinking that if they could toss a coin over a house that they took a fancy to at the first try the house would be theirs some day.

"I had practised coin throwing in the country, so I let my three-cent piece go for all it was worth over the front of the house and ran around to the back to see where it landed. It went clean over. I knew then that that house and lot would be mine in due time, and sure enough they were. People don't worry about flipping coins these days. The fellow whose success depended upon tossing a three-cent piece over the Singer building would be in a pretty bad fix."

Audacious Trust. Let us approach our friend with an audacious trust in the truth of the heart, in the broad, impossible to be overturned, of his foundations.—Emerson.

Riches Have Wings. Jack—I bear you had some money left you. Tom—Yes; it left me quite awfully ego.