FIRST AID FOR LOONY BIDDLE

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The jeweler fingered the bracelet "It's funny about that guy," said "Well, after that we went to the cate character, made for the swing period following lunch that he was self-defense. He had been watching proprietor. "Well, boys will be boys," labe to give her would be a kind smile ringly. Archie Moffam inspected it the cigar-stand girl, "He's a nut. He's movies." objects. Reggie van Tuyl yawned seems like he sort of flies right off root in his mind. despondently. He had permitted the handle." Archie to lug him into his shop to

The jeweler eyed him approvingly told him all was over. And he went just to save himself the trouble of strap, and pondered. was a dashed millianaire, but he done to him!" himself was in an entirely different position. It was only by what mounted to a jolly old miracle that he was in a position to purchase ewelry at all. Out of an absolutely blue sky he had received, two or three days ago, a present of \$500 from an aunt in England. This, by thrift and enterprise-that is to say by betting Reggie that the Giants would win the opening game of the series against the Pirates-he had ontrived, on the previous day, to double. He was thus able to go a thousand dollars for Lucile's birthday present, and it behooved him to see that he got his money's worth. "Eight hundred and fifty," he said

"Worth it," mumbled Reggle var "More than worth it," amended

the toweler. "Yes?" said Archie. He took the acelet and twiddled it thought-"Well, one can't say fairer than that, can one, or two, as the case may be?" He frowned. "Oh, well; all right, my dear old jeweler. But it's rummy that women are so fearfully keen on these little thingummies, isn't it? I mean to say an't see what they see in them Stones, and all that. Still, there it

"There," said the jeweler, "as you say, it is. Will you take it with you,

"No-no-not take it with me. The fact is, you know, my wife's com ing back from the country tonight and it's her birthday tomorrow, and the thing's for her, and if it was popping about the place tonight, she night see it, and it would sort of spoil the surprise.

"Besides," said Reggle, "going to the ball game this afternoon-might get pocket picked. Yes; better have

Where shall I send it, sir?" "Eh? Oh, shoot it along to Mrs. Archibald Moffam, at the Cosmopolis. buzz it in first thing tomorrow." The jeweler threw off the business

anner and became chatty. Reggie van Tuyl took exception to

to them vesterday!"

pitching for the Giants today."

appened last time."

is nature chafed at the innuendo. onately admiring public as the re- in conversation with another girl. suit of certain marked eccentricities This was a determined looking sessed in the last decade.

But there was one blot on Mr. Bid- she gave him a glance out of a pair die's otherwise stainless escutcheon, of fine brown eyes, then, as if she Five weeks before, on the occasion of did not think much of him, turned to the Giants' invasion of Pittsburgh, her companion and resumed their conhe had gone mysteriously to pieces. "I'm not saying," continued Reggie "that Biddle isn't a very fair pitcher but it's cruel to send him against the Pirates, and somebody ought to stop it. Once a team gets a pitcher's roat, he's never any good against them again. He loses his nerve." Archie eyes his friend sternly.

It seems to me, old companion. he said, "that a small bet is indicated at this juncture." "Don't want to take your money."

"You won't have to. In the cool twilight of the merry old summer evening. I, friend of my youth and companion of my riper years, shall be trousering yours." Reggie yawned.

"Well, just as you like, of course. Double or quits on yesterday's bet, if that suits you." For a moment Archie hesitated.

n as was his faith in Mr. Biddle's left arm, he had not intended do the thing on quite this scale That \$1 000 of his was earmarked for Lucille's birthday present, and he oubted whether he ought to risk it. Then the thought that the honor of New York was in his hands de cided him. Resides, the risk was neglisible. Betting on Loony Biddle was ike betting on the probable rise of he sun in the east.

"Right-of" he said. "Make it so, old

Archie walked back to the Cosmi polis. He hummed as he crossed to the ignistand. The girl behind the coun er welcomed him with a bright

"It's a great day, Mr. Moffam." "One of the brighest and best, creed Archie, "Could you dig me out thing to smoke at the game."

You going to the ball game?" "Rather! Wouldn't miss it for a of the lobby.

fan-arn't you, now?" earnestly, "for a bally fortune."

Biddle pitching."

The girl laughed.

him pitch and so forth." "I've got a girl friend who's en- or right, dearie?" gaged to him." "I say-that's frightfully interest endorsed her conduct.

"What happened then, honey?"

two or possibly three cigarets of the usual description? I shall want some tally private and intimate nature, my vanilla and maple, but I got up he did not perceive that the long in reason one of the most remarkable to smoke at the game."

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thing to smoke at the game." which penetrated into every corner ain't seen a sight of him since. So had alighted, too. His eyes were fix send merely their name and address. It there you are, dearie! Was I right or ed on the girl friend, who, having describes the Sanborn home treatment and

"Right from the start, I seen he wrong?" "Say, you're getting to be quite the was in a ugly mood. You know how The cigar stand girl gave unqualifi- avenue, was now legging it in the of national prominence who restored them he gets, dearle. Chewing his upper ed approvel. "Wouldn't miss it," repeated Archie lip and looking at you as if you were "I'm glad you think I acted right, one of the stations of the elevated so much diet beneath his feet. How dearie," said the girl friend, "I guess railway. Dashing after her he paid covers and is a mine of authentic informawas I to know he'd been shooting I been too weak with Gus, and he's another nickel, and shortly after

license to work off his grouches on but b have me, it won't be for a but. From another strap swayed the "Is he pitching this afternoon? Say me. And I told him so. I said to week." that feller's a but! D'you know him, 'Gus,' I said, 'If you can't be "No said the girl friend regretfully; The train raiffed on, Once or twice bright and smiling and cheerful when "I don't believe I could hold out that the girl seemed undecided whether to Know him? Well, I've seen you take me out, why do you call long. But, if I speak to him inside leave or remain. Finally, she walked around at all?' I said. Was I wrong a week-well! Well, I gotta be going out of the car, and Archie, following,

The girl behind the counter heartily Goodby honey."

help him select a birthday present "Yes, sir! Why, the last time him start going wrong. You know that hat five cents into the box and reached her pust as she turned the sorner wall, and the young man fell back prised if I bought one." for Lucile, and he wanted to buy it and m' girl friend got to scrapping of mine, the one with the daises and for a vacant strap. He looked down into ont of those forlorn sidestreets, with a yelp of anguish. was when he was going off to Pitts cherries and the feather. I'd taken upon the flowered hat, and rested populated chiefly by children, cats. "Now this," said the jeweler, "I burgh to play in that series about a it off and give it to him to hold his left ear against the forearm of desultory loafers, and empty meatmonth ago. Well, m' girl friend's when we went in, and what do you a long, strongly built young man in cans. "Grab it," murmured Mr. Van got a nice disposition, but she c'n get think that fell'r done? Put it on the a gray suit who had followed him the girl stopped and turned. Archie hand which, always of an out-size, hand which is stopped and turned.

a man after his own heart-but off to Pittsburgh, and, when he start- holding it on his lap. And when I What he wanted to do was to point he said, "I say, my dear old thing-Archie looked doubtful. It was all ed to pitch the opening gome, he called him down, all he said was that out to the injured girl all that hung one moment!"
very well for Reggie to tell him to just couldn't keep his mind on his he was a pitcher and not a hatstand." on her. He wished to plead with her "Is that so? grab it in that careless way. Reggie job, and look what them assassins Archie was paralyzed. His whole to restate her war aims, and to per- "I beg your pardon?" being was concentrated on this fright suade her-before 3 o'clock, when

searchingly, and wished that he crazy about might friend, yknow. Archie started convulsively. A monknew more about these rummy little and, whenever they have a fuss, it strous suspicion had begun to take objects. Reggie van Tuyl yawned seems like he sort of flies right off root in his mind.

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mad, and she just left him flat and floor and crammed it under the seat, into the car and was sharing his smiled a mining smile.

"I say, my dear, sweet creature!" mensions. "Gus darling!"



Archie . . . stepped nimbly a side; the fist crashed against the wall.

"Goes in off the deep end, eh?"

Not a bit of it. he said decidenty. On, he's all right when he has a contest. No contest! Can't call it a contest, had a fuss with m' girl friend," said ness of New York's baseball fans, the The girl friend now sought diverminutes of your valuable time-

the eigar-stand girl. "What absolute bally rot!" Archie "Yes-but I say! What I mean to and the fate of his \$1,000.

everything's nice and smooth."

the coat and hat alcove, his friend be Adonis Bryant was a pill. A pill."

Loony Biddle-so-called by an affec hind the counter had become engaged. "He did, if I die the next minute. I fair was slipping, -was beyond dispute the greatest young woman in a blue dress and a left hand pitcher New York had pos- large hat of a flowery species, Archie happening to attract her attention,

mysterious disaster, that weird like a tidal wave. No possible room tragedy which had puzzled the sport for doubt remnined. "Gus" was the loose off the first ball against the her determined mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of this even in the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth had become a laware of the next like a remained mouth laware "So you are going to the ball game? tragedy which had puzzled the sport for doubt remained. "Gus" was the loose off the first ball against the her determined morth had become a aware of this even in the novel ext should be an interesting contest." Ing press from coast to coast. only Gus in New York that mattered. Firstes—to let bygones be bygones. "Good Heavens! Is he often like and this resolute and injured female and forgive Augustus Bibble. But the was going to be difficult to be chatty pie couldn't hoof it at 25 miles an chance the Glants might have had before him was the girl friend, in problem was; how to find the op with this girl. "Not a bit of it." he said decidedly. "Oh, he's all right when he hasn't whose slim hands rested the happi- portunity to start,

destiny of the unconscious Giants, sion by examining the faces of the "Say!" The lady drew herself up cover. He looked about him for ent for Lucille. What absolute bally rot!" Archie "Yes—but I say! What I mean to and the fate of his \$1,000.

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"Well I didn't say anything at the caught Archie's in a glance of reself and disappear. Fade away, or The moment. It was an Adonis Bryant cognation, and he smiled feebly, encognation, and he s else good will He was surprised to see 'No: it'll be a jolly sight worse," yesterday, and Gus was taking her to seems to matter. I just get that a startled expression come into her said Archie. "Loony Biddle'll be the movies last night; so I guess gooey feeling, and couldn't start a brown eyes. The next moment, the fight if you asked me to. So we car having stopped to pick up more "That's just what I mean. The Fig. Encouraged, Archie lunched with go off to have a soda, and I said to passengers, she jumped off and start me, I wouldn't dream!"

ates have got his goat. Look what an untroubled mind. He then pro- him. That sure was a lovely film, ed to hurry across the street. ceeded to the lobby. He observed Gus,' And, would you believe me, he Archie was momentarily taken Archie understood, and his gener- that at the cigarstand, which adjoined says straight out that he thought aback. He followed her off the car with a sense that his grip on the af-



"You done a murder?" inquired the proprietor. two or possibly three cigarets of the versation, which, being of an essen | wasn't more than half-way through | Preoccupied with these thoughts

"Absolutely no! Not with jolly old craps and had lost \$15.55, and, any-took advantage of it. I s pose I'll have ward found himself suspended from a was. I don't see where he gits a to forgive him one of these old days, strap, gazing upon the flowers on her

off uptown to price some waists, found himself in a part of New York

strange to him. He glanced at his The girl friend, walking with the watch. He had lunched early, but, w firm and decisive steps which indi-crowded with emotions had been the

the collar.

"Don't I? I know your sort, you railing arbutus!

"No, no! My dear old thing, believe "Are you going-or aren't you?" "But, I say, listen; I only wanted-

At this point, another voice spoke what he wanted to do now was to get Archie spun round. At his elbow stood a long, strongly built young self up abruptly, he shot post the "Well?" said this young man hast! "Something nifty in tweeds" ly. And he extended a large, frackled quired the proprietor. "Or, maybe.

ace towards Archie's. Ves. a nice serge? It seemed to the latter, as he backed | Archie wanted to talk about clothes. against the wall, that the young man's but not yet. him with a growing apprehension. become imminent. Slow me away for

Archie was frankly disturbed. He The noise without grew in shrank from anything in the nature of a bally public scene.

"What," inquired the young man shifting his left hand a little further behind his back. "do you mean by following this young lady? Archie was glad he had asked him. This was precisely what he wanted to explain.

"My dear old lad-" he began. In spite of the fact that he had asked a question and presumably desired a reply, the sound of Archie's voice seemed to be more than the coung man could endure. It deprived aim of the last vestiges of restrain With a rasping snart, he brough his left fist round in a sweeping sem circle in the direction of Archie

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"Gus!" screamed the Girl Friend, touch of austerity. man, who was ruefully examining a possibly three or six."

was now swelling to still further di- of the shop. "Say, Uncle," said a deep voice, Archie's mind.

engrossed had he been with his mis- here?" him that the lovelorn pitcher might peared to reflect, "Do you mean a pointed to five minutes of 3. have taken it into his head to fol- young feller in blue, with a Homburg blessed vision came to him of a molilow the girl as well, in the hope of hat?"

putting in a word for himself. Yet "That's the duck! such, apparently, had been the case. Where did he go?" "Him? Why, he come running past, cried, addressing the leaden clouds Well, this had definitely done it. Two loving hearts were united again in quick as he could go. He went round "Switch it on more and more!" complete reconciliation, but a fat lot the corner at the bottom of the Shortly before 5 o'clock a youn; good that was! It would be days be block."

like that. And on that crippled hand the voice regretfully. depended the fate of all the money

Archie had in the world! With a the proprietor, "I wouldn't be sur- drenched clothes, appeared in the heart. Archie prepared to prised if he was in Europe by this." highest spirits. It was only when he withdraw, to be alone with his sor-At this moment, however, the Girl quilly burrowing his way to where youth who had looked in that morn-

a poor relation of the flannel family, man, "you remember that folly little 'No. I say! Really!" said Archie, "would put you back \$50. And cheap!" what not you showed me before "Fifty dollars?" bounding backward, "I mean to say In a series of events, all of which distinct."

had been a bit thick, this, in his Archie regarded the distressing the Cosmopolis tomorrow?" opinion, achieved the maximum of garment with a shuddering horror. thickness. To brawl with a fellow "Honestly, old soul, I don't want earnestly on his substantial chest. nan in a public street had not been to hurt your feelings, but that isn't "What I wished and what I wish bad, but to be brawled with by a a suit; it's just a regrettable incl- now are two bally separate and girl-the shot was not on the board. dent.'

It was dashed undignified, no doubt. The proprieor turned to the door. | college days! Never put off till tothe enemy, but there was no other ing back," he said. course. Archie started to run, and, Archie gulped.

as he did so, one of the onlookers "That's the way to talk," said the the doubloons. Produce the folly old made the mistake of gripping him by proprietor cordially. "You can't bracelet. Thanks." There is a time for all things. This judge a suit, not a real nice suit "A nasty wet day, sir, it's been," was essentially not the time for any-like this, by looking at it. You want observed the jeweler. one of the male sex to grip the col- to put it on. There! Isn't that a lar of Archie's coat. There was a bargain at \$70. Why, say, your "Old friend," he said, "you're all good deal of the onlooker, but it was mother would be proud if she could wrong. Far otherwise and not a bit

the shin, he received a nasty punch proprietor lovingly kneading a little that really deserves credit and rein what would have been the middle sheaf of banknotes, eyes the heap of spect. Rarely, in the experience of of his waistcout if he had worn one, clothes which lay on the counter. of his waistcoat if he had worn one, clothes which lay on the counter.
and collapsed against the wall. Archie went out into the street, so absolutely bally in nearly every

corner and sprinted down Ninth a new peaceful Ninth avenue. He thing that saved it, and that was its felt alone and friendless in a rotten merry old wetness. Toodle oo, lad-The suddenness of the move gave world. Why had he not been con-him an initial advantage. He was tent with his wealth, instead of risk- "Good evening, sir!" said the half-way down the first block before ing it on that blighted bet with the vanguard of the pursuit poured Reggie? Why had he brailed the out of the side street with a loud Girl Friend-dash her! He might hour indefinitely along a main of beating the Pirates was gone- members of the Penn W. C. T. U.

The small tailor, standing in his tonight, wondering what he was go-caused the collapse of the timbers. A doorway, seemed in no way surprised ing to give her tomorrow. And when hasty scramble for safety prevented stacle of Archie, whom he tomorrow dawned, all he would be serious injuries.

door leading to the street. And, as surprised to find that the hour was this unpleasant young man's eyes with he said philosophically. "See any. It seemed to Archie that nature ed on his face. On top of all his "One?" said the proprietor, with a other troubles, he would get soaked to the skin or have to hang about

And then, suddenly, like one o

A sudden chill gripped Archie. So "you seen a young feller run past "By Jove! If this keeps up, ther won't be a ball game today sion that it had never occurred to "You feller?" The proprietor ap. He pulled out his watch. The hand and disappointed crowd receiving rain "That's the duck! We lost him. checks up at the Polo Grounds.

"Switch it on, you blighters!" h

man bounded into a jeweler's shor fore the misguided Loony Biddle There was a silence.
would be able to pitch with a hand "Well, I guess he's got away," said man who, in spite of the fact that his coat was torn near the collar and that "The way he was traveling," agreed he cozed water from every inch of his spoke that the jeweler recognized it "This," said the proprietor tran the human sponge the immaculate

Friend made a sudden dash for him, Archie stood and exhibiting a saffron- ing to order a bracelet. with the plainest intention of blotting colored outrage which appeared to be "I say, old lad," said this young lunch?

"Sixty, I said, I don't speak always The bracelet, sir? You wished me surely, to put it aside and send it to

The young man tapped the jeweler dashed distinct things, friend of my for a fellow to leg it in the face of "I believe I hear that feller com- morrow what you can do today, and all that. I'm not taking any more chances. Not for me! For others. How about trying it on?" he said. yes; but not for Archibald! Here are

all soft. Releasing his hold when see her boy now."

Archie's heel took him shrewdly on A quarter of an hour later, the the one spect of this blighted p. m. Archie, with a torn coat, rounded the and began to walk pensively down shape and form, but there was one

Cassopolis, Mich., Jan. 10.-While "If you could spare me a couple of out exciting remark. He must take should have brought a birthday presfloor suddenly began to cave in. A birthday present for Lucille! He The viabration caused by the party grouned. She would be coming back marching toward the dining room



against the wall, that the young man's but not yet.

"I say, inddie." he said hurriedly:

"I say stuffed The second and third doses usually dia rubber. It appeared to be grow ing longer every moment. Archie eyed outside, the baying of the pack had outside, the baying of the pack had every two hours until three doses are every two hours until three doses are

"I've had my eye on you," said the a moment in the undergrowth, and taken. The first dose opens clogged quickest, surest relief known and I'll buy anything you want." up nostrils and air passages of head; costs only thirty-five cents at drug stops nose running; relieves head stores. Tastes nice. Contains no was no poltroon, but he hated and "You done a number?" inquired the ache, duliness, feverishness, sneezing, oulnine. Insist upon Pape's.

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