## Curious Adventures of John, Mary and Beauty



THE surprise of Mary and calling loudly for John. John, when they reached the entrance of the theater they ple to come in, reminding them

They asked the count about this and he Help!" explained that all who entered, except those, like their party, occupying boxes a nickel to my name, and I need 10 cents where they could be seen, but not see, were more for a ticket to the bleachers this paid to attend when a new piece was per- afternoon. formed. In that way people got money

and entertaining plays were on. mission was charged to new plays in the night in my dreams. Get busy, Johnnie, or country of the guests.

"You people must be made of money," nature to pay to see a play before they has been judged and commended. Surely judges should be paid."

Boxes where the quality sat were well filled, but it took much eloquence and higher prices to fill the ordinary seats. Then the curtain went up. John fell asleep before the first act was over, but Mary was kept awake wondering how the actresses well, my dear, are you ever going to be

It was some time before one could tell whether or not the play would score. The become more plentiful, then the price of her great speech. This caused such a boxes for the game," cried the count. storm of excitement that Mary had the "But," protested John, "if the pric

The hero had just left the stage after taying, "well, so long," in a shivering sternly, back to the audience, but soon turned, economy prattle. Open the safe!" found the spotlight and finished bending Before John could take the padlock off over the orchestra. She spoke thus:

Ah! as when the soul, gnawed by the re-morseless tooth of doubt.

Grilled in the fires of earthly desires, seeks freedom:

"There," moaned the count, "I neved was seeks freedom:

but when it also realized its pitiless truth the loss. That would save our faces. before the curtain was down. Mary did ing. not quite understand, but instead of asking

One told her that the great speech was syldently a passionate appeal for the libera- man in the street, eagerly. tion of enthralled woman; a second, that "No you don't," commanded the count. it was a velled attack on stand pettism Othis critic demanded the suppression of help it the play as endangering foreign relations), while the third critic asserted that the big around as a barrel, and what in ever

asked his friends Gobemouche what he thought of it.

blacksmith; it was what he said when, he street again. hammered his thumb on the anvil. He "The cabinet will come to order. The can't read or write, and his little girl was first business before us is the bill to regutaking the play from his dictation and late the artillery. I move we adjourn." posed his language when he han his thumb was part of the play."

"The literary section of the Woman's six best sellers," said Aunt Sue to Mary. "You must come with me because Miss-Hoppe is to do a symbol dance expressive of the mysticism of Little Bo Peep. Then cambric tea will be served while the club listens to a paper on "The Value of the Period at the Ends of Sentences."

"This is the age of progress," said the first speaker, "but I have never progressed far enough to understand why there are always six best sellers. Why not five-or

"Some say it is caused by sun spots, some by the highest number of spots on never hit more than two out of six. How is one to know?

"I remember one best seller whose heroine was not the lovellest and most able. Who'd buy such a book and take a 4:30! chance of getting a best seller?"

"You shouldn't buy 'em," said Beauty. "I'll make a law against reading 'em. Haven't the people who write poor books a right to live? Huh! I'll see to it that a law is passed which will make readers buy poor books or none at all. I'm for the poor author. Here are writers running about monopolizing the market, and I won't stand it."

"But, your serenity," said the lady president, humbly, "nobody has to write books." "Yes they have," snapped Beauty. "I have to, don't I?"

"But," persisted the president, mildly, "people who can't sell their books oughtn't to write. They should design cutouts for the comic papers. Readers have rights." "That's the talk of an unmitigated

scoundrel!" exclaimed Beauty. "People write books because it's a pleasure. the poor to be deprived of pleasure? Not while I am on the throne. Tell the book stores that next month the six poorest books are to be the best sellers-or I'll take away their licenses to do business. "Whee!" shouted Gobemouche, poking his head in at the window. "That's the stuff! Give it to 'em hot and plenty, your serenity, and the people will stand with you shoulder to shoulder, back to back, and

elbow to elbow." Then he nimbly dodged into the street, barely missing an article on the spirituality of G. B. Shaw.

Beauty followed. "I'm going home," she said, "to get my Toddy Bear; I know he'd love this fight." "Little Bo-peep," said the dancer, before she began to dance, "is one of our most

entity or a frost? "What did little Bo-peep do when she lost to the papers and kicking about her stroke handicap and the condition of the putting greens? No!

"She let them alone. There's the secret of success. Let things alone and they'll come home when all the other places are

"Does not this prove that we are imponderable? If my mere words do not convince you wait until you have seen my danne."

dancer disappeared behind a curtain. "Oh, her dance is out of sight," explained the vermiform appendix, ten inches of the Aunt Sue. "You must visualize it while illum and the ascending colon. saying nine times nine backward. If that

broken up by the intrusion of the Count

"The Street's in a panic!" he yelled.

"Come, Sir John, you must do something heard a caller urging the peo- for the market or we'll all be ruined." What have I got to do with it?" asked that each would receive a John, who was hanging around for tea. "You are Minister of Finance. Help!

"I'm not!" declared John. "I've got only

"Oh, yes, Johnnie," said Beauty, who was to pay for admission to theaters where old trying to toss her Teddy Bear so that it would hang from the chandeller. "You're The count was amazed to hear that ad- Minister, fast enough. I appointed you last I'll investigate you."

John hurried to the street with the Count he said, "or be of a simple and trusting and found a terrible state of things. A number of the Cabinet had cornered all know that it is entertaining. We allow the marbles in the country at a cent a hunadmission to be charged only after a play dred and expected to sell them at 10 cents a hundred and buy grandstand seats for the

afternoon game. But a piratical rascal had discovered how marbles were made and was turning them out of a hot air furnace so fast that the price had slumped to a figure where those who had rigged the market couldn't sell their holdings for enough to get a peek could change their gowns and hats so often through a knothers at the gowns and hats so often Casey was going to pitch for the home team. It was too provoking!

"What can I do to releive the situation?" naked John, aghast.

"Open the treasury so that money will favoring turn came when the heroine made marbles will go up so that we can have

"But," protested John, "if the price of official censor send her a copy, which is marbles goes up so will the price of other things-base ball seats for instance." "Look here!" exclaimed the Count,

gasp denoting a psychic thrill. The heroine "If you want to keep your job as minister began her speech far up stage, with her of finance you just chuck that political

the treasury rain began to fall and a sign

or, soaring cloudwise, as when comes the Truth of Time.

Grisley, grim, glorious—Then let it go: Or, even as this hateful ile called dulls The rossy promise of incarnate cause, Even thus will the victim of existence triumph and defeat!

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"No it ain't," responded the count, For a moment the audience was stunned gloomly. "If we had widows and orphans by the beauty and grandeur of this speech, the papers could say that they stood all a roar went up which woke John in time never want to see another marble. Let's to put a dime in the chocolate slot machine play tag until it's time for cabinet meet-

"What shall I do with all this money?" about it she consulted the next day's pa- asked John, for the vault was now open and money was runing all over the lot. "Give it to me!" cried Gobemouche, the

"Never let that fellow get a cent if you can

"We tried that once; gave him a roll as speech was nothing less than a demagogic did he do with it? My word! he didn't bid for 2-cent fares and 2-cent beers. have it long enough to buy an a John, hearing all the fuss about the before he was playing the races. have it long enough to buy an automobile

"Then the bookmakers who won the money from him lost it to that rascal who "Why." replied the well informed person, is now making marbles, and we did have "that speech was never written by the a deuce of a time getting it back into the

"The cabinet will come to order. The

"Hold on!" cried the minister of War. "I guess I've got a right to say something. Her Serenity is getting too fresh. She club meets this afternoon to discuss the sends me orders that the cabinet is to instruct Parliament that unless it arms the artillery with bows and arrows she won't attend the next review."

"What of it?" demanded the count, impatiently.

"What of it!" repeated the minister of war, indignantly. "If her Screnity does not attend the public won't attend; and if we are not backed by public opinion how do we get our appropriation? You are a fine old count, you are!"

"Why not bows and arrows?" demanded Gobernouche, who had come in through the fireplace. "If an enemy should attack flice. I have tried to anticipate the six they'd fail dead with surprise. That's heat sellers in my book purchases, but I bettter than wasting powder and shot on 'em. How do you think I'd do for vaudeville? If a man's a man for a' that what is he for dinner? That's a hot roast, ch?" Gobemouche dodged the ink well the fascinating creature on earth, whose hero count threw at him, looked out of the winwas not the strangest and most impertur- dow and shouted, "Sun's out! Game at

> This important news of course broke up the council, for which John was glad, being in doubt on how to vote on the artillery He knew, there was no artillery to arm. He spoke of this to Gobemouche as they hurried to the ball game.

> "I can explain that," said Gobemouche, 'in less time than it will take to tell it. In the even years we have an artillery force, but no arms, in the odd years arms, but no If we ever got 'em both togother a certain person would want to do something with 'em and we'd have to go to war. So the older statesmen adopted the plan I've explained and we have the blessings of peace cinched."

> At this moment a practice ball was knocked over the fence, Gobemouche caught it neatly and was let in through the gate, leaving John waiting for some one to come along and take him in. He waited but a short time before a most peculiar person came along, and not only took him into the game but into his confidence. (To Be Continued.)

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He sent for Dr. George King, the patient's family physician. The operation was witnessed by ten physicians, several from out of town, one being a woman from Schnenectady, and Dr. Judson Sanders of Reading, Pa., professor of obstetrics. The operation lasted for nearly three hours. In "But where is she?" asked Mary, for the that time six organs were removed, including the upper portion of the bladder,

According to the physicians, operations But tea was not served; the meeting was six. In performingf the operation, to in- had a pulse of eighty, and after it only to see the patient

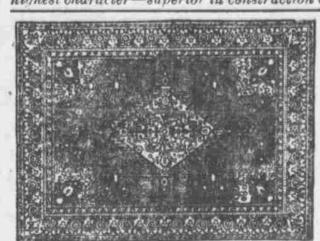


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sure its success, it was necessary to re- 100, much to the surprise of the surgeons.

move the large glands from the abdomi- The third day after the operation Mrs. King said that it appeared now that the physicians early, and if physicians in gen- proved that she has asked for solids to not blood vessels, any injury to which Blydenburg showed great improvement, time was not far distant when almost eral would appreciate that it only takes out. She is about 50 years old, and was in would have been certain death. Through- the news of the operation soon spread any excepting the vital organs can be a few weeks to develop into a hopeiers good health until a year ago. If she re-

said the physician, "is the mortality of tality."

doesn't come out all right you don't get any on these individual organs have been out the process the patient was under throughout the medical fraternity and removed without danger of death. "The case, then cancer would, with other concerns the physicians say her case will be performed, but never in a combination of anesthetics. Before the operation she many physicians called at the hospital mortality of cancer which is so appalling," dittons, take its proper place as to more a matter of importance to medical history,