

# FLOYD GIBBONS

## Adventurers' Club

### Hello, Everybody!

"The Pit"  
By FLOYD GIBBONS  
Famous Headline Hunter.

YOU know, boys and girls, it isn't at all unusual for an adventurer to run into an experience that leaves him dazed and barely able to stagger along home, but Harry Goldin of Bronx, N. Y., is one upon all those guys. Harry was dazed and barely able to stagger before his adventure started. After it was all over he was a lot worse off.

It all happened in April, 1899, when Harry was down in Cuba fighting the Spanish-American war for Uncle Sam. He was with the Seventh Regiment cavalry, stationed in the field outside Pinar del Rio, and things had quieted down to such an extent that troopers with a good record could get a pass from the officer of the day to go into town, make a few purchases, and have what was widely known as a good time.

Harry was one of the troopers who had a good record. I don't know how he managed to get it, and I know doggone well he didn't deserve it, because the first thing he did when he hit town—he and his buddy—was to head for a saloon. They had a couple bottles of beer, and then they drank some Cuban white mule. They ambled around the town taking in the sights, but to judge by Harry's and his pal's actions, most of those sights were in the bottom of a glass.

#### A. W. O. L. Is Bad Business in Any Man's Army.

Finally it got to the point where they had to do their sightseeing sitting down, because whenever they got up on their feet the sights reeled and wobbled around so fast that they couldn't get a good look at them.

That went on until it became just plain impossible to see a sight or anything else. Then all of a sudden it dawned on them that it was dark—that they had overstayed their leave—and that they had better get the heck out of town before the corporal of the guard came looking for them. They lurched to their feet and started walking toward the camp in three directions at once.

By the time they were half way there it was twice as dark as when they had started. They couldn't see a foot ahead of them and were even having some trouble trying to keep a foot under them. How the two lads got separated, Harry doesn't know. He was walking along talking when



A Snarling Bear Was Pawing at Him in the Pit.

all of a sudden he realized he was talking to himself. He yelled for his pal, but he got no answer. On top of that it started to thunder and lightning—and then to rain.

Harry went on alone. Every once in a while a flash of lightning would illuminate the sky, and then he could see where he was going. The third or fourth flash showed a dark object up ahead. That, Harry thought, would be his buddy. He gave a whoop and started towards it. Through the dark he could see it coming to meet him. Just as it reached him Harry stumbled and fell.

#### Harry's Pal Turned Out to Be a Big Black Bear.

He reached out and grabbed hold of his pal, to help himself up again. His pal had grown a thick coat of heavy fur in the meantime, but Harry had too many tequilas and aguardientes back in town to notice. Again he stumbled, clutched his pal for support, and both of them tumbled into a deep pit.

It was the sort of a pit they use for garbage in Cuba. Something told Harry that, even though he couldn't see. The fall jarred some of the sense back into him, and, for the first time he began to wonder how his pal had happened to grow that coat of fur. He didn't have to wonder long. A sudden flash of lightning lit up the pit. That furry thing wasn't his buddy at all. It was a bear—a huge, black, snarling bear!

For a minute Harry thought he was pipe-dreaming the whole thing. That bear must have come right out of one of those aguardiente bottles back in town. But no. The bear was on him now—had him down—was mauling him like the devil. He couldn't dream those sharp stabs of pain—couldn't dream the bruises the bear gave him as he kicked him around.

#### Harry Learns That Bears Don't Fight Fair.

The bear didn't fight fair. It was the darndest animal Harry ever saw. It was jumping on him. Harry could feel it. Bam! And the brute would land on him. Off he'd go. And, then, Bam! He'd land on him again. What kind of a bear was this that fought like a moose?

Another flash of lightning told the story. Harry looked up just in time to see the bear pawing and clawing at the top of the pit. Then, Bam! He lost his hold and landed on Harry again.

That animal wasn't jumping on him. He was falling on him. He was using Harry for a springboard, trying to get out of the pit. That's about the last thing Harry remembers. Then, Bam! again, and he lost consciousness.

The next thing Harry knew he woke up in the hospital. His friends were all standing around his cot. He thought they'd come to be with him at the end—until he noticed that they were all laughing.

#### The Laugh Was on Harry, Even if It Hurt.

"And when they told me about it," Harry says, "I had to laugh myself. The bear was one that had escaped from a small circus and had wandered out of town. It was just about twice as scared as I was."

But Harry's laugh didn't last long. When he tried to move in his cot his grin faded away. He was scratched from head to foot and had three broken ribs where the bear fell on him. If you want to make him mad now, just ask him about the time he did a Sidney Franklin with old Bruin amid the rose petals and incense of that refuse pit way down there in Cuba in '99.

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#### Training Canaries Is

##### Highly Developed Art

Roller canary breeders who spend time training their young male birds to sing, reap the rewards of their labors. By January or February of their first year roller canaries begin to show what they can really do in the way of vocal development writes Helen C. Loomis in the Detroit News.

From the time they were very young birds, the outstanding young males in any well regulated roller canary breeding establishment are carefully excluded from the company of older birds possessing faulty notes which they might copy. For a number of weeks many of them go through an intense period of vocal training under the tutelage of especially talented adult roller singers.

The young birds, perhaps a dozen of them, are placed in individual

cages in a large training cabinet, which is also occupied by one or more "teacher" birds. During a large part of the time they are in this training cabinet, the young birds are kept covered and the adult birds are allowed to sing. The length of time in which the young birds are allowed to try their voices is increased as the training goes on, and the most apt of the pupil birds will have achieved quite a creditable performance by the first of the year. Others may require a month or so longer to reach their highest point of development.

The various rolls, trills and tours which are characteristic of roller canaries are performed by the birds with their little throats all puffed up, but beaks tightly closed.

#### A Wealthy City

In the Sixth century no Hellenic city could compare with Sybaris for wealth and splendor.

## BRISBANE

### THIS WEEK

He Used His Other Chance  
Two Big Birthdays  
England, Rich, Worries  
The Elephant's Pulse

New York's Titterton murder mystery turns out not to be "the perfect crime."

The murderer, an upholsterer, carefully took away the cord used in his trade, with which he had bound the unfortunate woman, but forgot that he had left some strands of twine under the body, and those pieces of cord, thanks to excellent police work, trapped him. The sentimental who says, "Give the poor criminal another chance," will note that the murderer was a convict on parole when he killed the woman. He had "another chance" and made use of it.

Arthur Brisbane

Berlin reports a great Hitler forty-seventh birthday celebration including a fine display of military power—airplanes, war tanks, fighting men, apparently eager for a fight. They were young and could not remember the last war.

Particularly interesting were two lines in the song sung by storm troopers: "Today we own Germany. And tomorrow the whole world."

The day after Hitler celebrated his forty-seventh birthday old Rome celebrated her two thousand six hundred and eighty-ninth anniversary. Mussolini celebrates by launching two new Italian cruisers and speeding up airplane production. He tells Italian fathers and mothers he must have 60,000,000 population for Italy not later than 1950. In 1921, when Mussolini took charge, Italy's population was 38,000,000. There will soon be room and food to raise more Italians in Ethiopia. Easy, for all but the mother.

England, doing well in a business way, with more than \$2,000,000,000 worth of Bank of England notes circulating among tradesmen, is collecting gold and depleting the French reserves. While England tries to keep down the price of her "no-gold" pound, France is afraid she will not be able to keep up the value of her gold franc, already devalued by 80 per cent of its 1914 value. What becomes of the "magic of gold"? Our dear old dollar is worth only 59 cents, and only dealers in exchange know it.

Doctor Benedict, of Carnegie laboratories, finds that the adult elephant's heart beats from 22 to 30 times a minute, less than half the human heartbeat, and the elephant heartbeat is nine strokes faster when the animal is lying down. Man's heart beats more rapidly while he stands—because then it must raise blood the full height of the body. Old poets, with tired hearts, should do their writing lying down—the blood flows horizontally with little effort.

England is pleased; Sir Robert Hadfield, who makes tough steel, announces a shell for British naval guns that can pass unharmed through armor plate twelve inches thick and explode on the other side. "One shell of this kind fired in the region of the magazine would probably cause destruction of a modern battleship." England is manufacturing the shells rapidly; others are manufacturing airplane bombs that might make old-fashioned naval guns and shells useless.

In Miami, a lady, first name Lois, and married, has husky triplet babies. Two gentlemen, the official husband and another, demand custody of the triplets, each calling himself the real father. The alleged "father" who is not the husband would submit to any blood test, his lawyer says.

How would King Solomon decide that? Clarence Darrow, one of the country's most convincing lawyers, says on his seventy-ninth birthday: "I say that religion is the belief in future life and in God. I don't believe in either."

The hoptoad beside the track, watching the express train go by, might say, reasonably enough: "I do not believe in such a thing as a locomotive engineer."

Moscow has returned to the Japanese government in Manchukuo, with full military honors, the bodies of three Japanese killed in a fight with Soviet guards. The military honors will not console the widows, and, repeated often enough, such incidents lead to war.

Europe envies our fortunate country, which gives only paper dollars and inflation paper bonds to its citizens but has buried in the ground, the biggest lump of gold on earth, © King Features Syndicate, Inc. WNU Service.

## Hats to Match Top Juvenile Coats

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



GRANTED that mother and big sister are looking too chic and charming for words this spring, in their new spic and span stylish tailcoats or their bolero costumes, if not a redingote outfit that contrasts print with plain, to which there has been added accessories utterly feminine and seductive as accessories must be that would go high-style this season.

However, we are not saying that voguishly attired adults are the whole show, not when a bevy of stylishly arrayed youngsters join the procession. Then does competition become keen and it is the tiny tots in their new spring outfits that will be getting the big applause, we venture to say, be their elders ever so beguilingly garbed. Which they should for children's fashions are as cunning and intriguing as fancy dare picture this season.

As a fashion "first" for spring it is the little coat-and-hat ensemble that is taking precedent at the immediate moment. It adds zest to the mode that children's coats are unusually versatile this season in the matter of styling. Then, too, a particularly wide choice of materials is offered. Tweeds in delectable colorings, camel's hair weaves, navy twills, novelty wool plaids and serge are all-important in the list of juvenile coatings.

Close attention is being paid to tailoring and styling, with the English trend dominating. Inverted pleats, crisp collars, velvet pipings as well as insets in tailored collars are high style details to consider. Most important to remember is that fashion decrees that every wee coat or suit is to be complemented by a matching hat.

While grown-ups are going in for daring color to the limit, high colors are not so much in the children's wear picture. As a matter of fact, it is the medium tones that are most generally in use this

season. Pastels are also definitely favored in aqua, dusty and skipper blue in the order named. Many all-white coats will be worn.

Full length coats are more popular than the short jackets, although the ever beloved reefer type jacket of navy flannel continues to hold its own. The trio of models pictured were selected for illustration from among a collection of little folk's fashions displayed at a preview style event recently held at the Merchandise Mart in Chicago.

The clever little coat to the left is one of the new and very much admired Princess Elizabeth types. It carries that convincing air of distinction such as every fashion-alert mother covets for her child.

Tweed in the popular dusty rose shade fashions it. Cunningly fared lines, the double breast button fastening, and the deftly tailored details of collar, cuffs and pockets are all significant style items. The collar of natural linen is detachable.

The little girl walking hand-in-hand so chummily with her companion has on a very attractive long reefer coat in navy blue. White metal buttons and a white hand-embroidered lingerie collar add chic finishing touches. The perky matching hat is of cloth identical with that of the coat.

The adorable child in the foreground has on a coat of skipper blue novelty weave wool with the Princess Elizabeth lines given to it that are regarded so exceedingly smart for the younger set this spring. Her matching Scotch cap repeats the trim of blue plaid silk used on the coat.

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### MULTI-DUTY GARB URGED FOR SPRING

There's a lot of talk these days about the "basic wardrobe," which is a good idea for the spring budget.

The idea is to select the spring suit, coat and printed frocks in one color theme, to be worn with interchangeable accessories. Suppose, for instance, you start with one of the smart new man-tailored suits with black jacket and striped skirt. With it, if you shop wisely, you will get an extra skirt to match the jacket.

Then you should choose a topcoat in tailored style, also black, which may be worn over the suit or with a printed silk frock.

Your printed silks should be bright, gay and simply made, so that you may wear various frilly lingerie accents with them, changing their mood with the jabot or collar you select. With these for a foundation, you may achieve end less variety by choice of contrasting accessories.

### New Hats Make Striking Use of Ostrich Feathers

Ostrich feathers and gay flowers add the striking effects to new hats.

Black straw bonnets, dipped in a peak over the forehead, are encircled with ostrich feathers curled over one ear or trimmed with bright, shiny flowers perched along the brim.

Veils are an outstanding feature, consisting of coarse, stiff, black mesh, sometimes fashioned in a circular cut extending down to fasten under the chin.

### WITH A VEIL

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



A bit of straw, a brim of closely stitched net, a full-blown rose and a fragile, frivolous, flattering veil; and presto! The milliner evolves as seductive a little cocktail hat as the world e'er gazed upon. As here pictured this intriguing headpiece is posed by Helen Chandler, who wears it in her newest play. It carries a highly important style message in the tight brim that frames the head, namely, the use of many layers of net closely stitched. Milliners are making many wide-brimmed hats as well as turbans and toques of stitched net this season.

### Style Tips

Handbags are all big and roomy. Belts these days show striking designs.

A charming sports set of hat and scarf are made of white plue. Felt, once confined to hats, is promoted to the realm of clothes.

## Who Are You?

The Romance of Your Name

By RUBY HASKINS ELLIS

### A Clark?

LIKE so many of the early Anglo-Saxon names, the name of Clark or Clarke, originated from an occupation and in this instance the occupation was undoubtedly the office of a clerk. This office was considered a very superior one, as such a position required the services of one possessing great ability in reading and writing ancient medieval lore. Consequently, the Clarks were people of high intelligence and were looked upon with great admiration.

The Clarks in England, East Anglia particularly, were dwellers there before the Norman conquest.



Clarke

They were very religious and devout and were active in building priories and abbeys in that part of the country. An interesting tradition of the family connects them by marriage with the descendants of Joseph of Arimathea.

Among the first immigrants to America, there were many of the name of Clark. The mate on board the Mayflower was a Clark, Thomas Clarke, of Plymouth, settled in 1623, and Capt. Daniel Clark, of Windsor, Conn., was a settler in 1639.

Tristram (or Thurston) Clark was born in Ipswich, England, county Suffolk, in 1594, came to America and settled at Plymouth, 1634. William Clark, a freeman at Watertown, Mass., in 1631, removed to Woburn before 1646.

Carew Clark was born in Bedfordshire, England, 1603, and came to Newport, R. I., in 1638. Arthur Clark was living in Boston in 1643.

### A Bayne?

THE Baynes are of English descent, and the old family seat in America was Westmoreland county, Virginia.

In 1789 Richard Bayne was born, who later married Susan, the daughter of Lawrence Pope. This alliance linked the Baynes with the Humphrey Pope family, which was established in Westmoreland county, Virginia, as early as 1650, and whose descendants have taken such prominent parts in the early political affairs of Kentucky, Illinois and Arkansas.

Descendants of the family have intermarried with the Kerfords, Rusts, Ashbys, Cranes (of Baltimore) and other leading families.

The connection with the Popes and the fact that the Baynes were all members of the Church of England supports the theory that they



Bayne

were all worshippers of old Pope's Creek church, one of the two original churches of Washington parish, Westmoreland county, Virginia.

Baynes, of Maryland, are connected by marriage with the Fowke family.

The coat of arms shown here is accredited to Matthew Bayne, of Westmoreland county, Virginia, 1780.

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### Doctor Will Take 25 'In-Laws' on Country-Wide Vacation

Dr. Thomas Richmond, of Kansas City, is so fond of his wife's relations that he is taking 25 of them on holiday with him. The idea was his own, not Mrs. Richmond's. They included the doctor's eighty-one-year-old mother-in-law and eleven-month-old nephew-in-law. They are going to tour the country in a 17-seater bus and two cars, with a lorry for the luggage. "I think he is crazy," his wife said in an interview. "But if he wants to spend his money that way, it's all right with me."



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