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# McCLURE'S MAGAZINE FOR 1899

McClure's Magazine has reached a circulation of 400,000 copies a month because it is the best Magazine published anywhere at any price, and because One Dollar pays for a year's subscription and it can be bought from any bookseller or newsdealer in the United States, Canada or Mexico for 10 cents a copy. Below will be found a very brief description of a few of the notable features for the coming year.

A SERIES OF DASHING SHORT STORIES BY

## RUDYARD KIPLING

Under the General Title of "STALKY &amp; CO."

The chief characters in these new and splendid stories of schoolboy life—the latest product of Kipling's genius—i. e. "Stalky," McTurk, and Beetle

THE THREE ADVENTURERS OF THE SCHOOL

are a trio such as has never been presented in fiction.

STORIES OF BOY INTRIGUE, STRATEGY AND DARING

they have the real spirit of the youthful, joyous, rough-and-tumble life of a boy's school. Though "Stalky," McTurk, and Beetle are resourceful in mischief, they are wholesome, honest, manly boys—the most real, attractive, likeable boys since Tom



Brown. The stories will be

ILLUSTRATED BY L. RAVEN-HILL

an artist pre-eminently fitted, by talent, personal experience, and sympathy with the subject, to do justice to the incidents and characters of Kipling's stories.

The first chapter or episode relates how "Stalky" got his name, and will appear in the December number. The successive stories that follow from month to month relate other escapades and adventures of the dauntless three, and bear such titles as "An Unsavory Interlude," "The Moral Reformers," "The Little Prep," "The Last Term."

### Other Short Stories

Our short stories during the year will be of unusual distinction. They will come from such writers as:

Rudyard Kipling	Cutcliffe Hayne
William Allen White	Morgan Robertson
Hamlin Garland	Clinton Ross
Stephen Crane	Sarah Orne Jewett
Shan F. Bullock	Octave Thanet
Robert Barr	Sarah Barwell Elliott
John A. Hill	E. Nesbit
	Ellen Glasgow

We shall publish also a number of very striking stories by new writers. And those short, crisp, dramatic episodes from real life, which our readers have come to know as a special feature of McClure's, and which are better than any fiction will be frequent. In this general department of short stories,

whether fiction or truth, we may mention more particularly the following:

### TRUE STORIES OF THE EAST AND THE WEST.

By W. A. Fraser.

Mr. Fraser is a civil engineer, and his professional work has taken him into many parts of India and about all parts of Canada. And wherever he has gone he has had an eager interest in whatever was rare and picturesque in the locality and in the lives of the people. Thus he has gathered material for no end of good stories—stories that in their substance are always true and often are true to the very letter as well. And these stories he tells, as our readers already have proof, with no ordinary art.

### AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A TELEGRAPH OPERATOR.

Chapter of Personal Experience and Adventure as an Operator and Train-Dispatcher.

Captain Jasper E. Brady, now of the Army, began life as a telegraph operator. He served in railroad and commercial office in about all parts of the country and under about all possible conditions.

The Romantic Side of the Telegraph Operator's Life.

These chapters are a series of choice stories from Captain Brady's own experience, illustrating the telegraph operator's life. They are stories of midnight visits from operative cowboys and desperate train robbers at lonely stations on the frontier; of encounters with strange "freaks" of operators along the line; of train dispatchers suddenly losing

their judgment and fairly flinging trains into collision; of dispatchers forced, in a strike, to switch cars and run locomotives; of "cutting in" wrecking lines at times of disaster.

### STORIES OF REAL RAILROAD LIFE.

By John A. Hill.

Mr. John A. Hill, the author of "Midsummer Night's Trip," "A Leg-Legged Romance," and "Jim Wakwright's Kid," published in recent numbers of the Magazine, will continue his stories of real railroad life for several months to come.

### HAMLIN GARLAND'S INDIAN STORIES.

Following "Oster's Last Fight as Seen by Two

Moons," published a few months ago, there will be other true stories of the Indians, recorded by Mr. Garland in the Indian's own words. Among them will be "Sitting Bull's Defiance," a fine story of Sitting Bull's refusal to treat with the commissioner from the government, and his insensibility to fine words and rich gifts; and "Rising Wolf, Ghost Dancer," Rising Wolf's autobiography, giving strange instances of his power of magic and his story of how he acquired it.

### NEW "BOYVILLE" STORIES.

By W. A. White.

Mr. White, the author of the "Boyville" stories, those most refreshing and delightful tales of real boy life, will be a frequent contributor to the magazine during the coming year. He is now engaged upon a literary effort of unusual importance, which will reveal his powers in an entirely new field.

THE WAR ON SEA AND ITS LESSONS BY

## CAPTAIN A. T. MAHAN

The Foremost Naval Authority in the World.



Captain Mahan is not only the foremost naval authority now living, but in discussing this particular war, he has, as a member of the Naval Strategy Board, that first-hand command of plans and events that is possible to no other writer.

Knowing the conditions from day to day and devoting practically months

to studying the various problems as they arose, he took an important part in shaping campaigns. Thus Captain Mahan brings a double qualification—the highest and rarest sort to this particular work, and therefore the articles have an interest beyond any of his previous writings. Day by day he studied the war in its making, and helped to make it, and now he reviews the

movements which he helped to plan by the light of complete knowledge of the whole development of naval warfare. His articles are eagerly awaited in Europe and America for their suggestions and indications as to the ships, operations and strategy of the future. They are without doubt

### THE GREATEST CONTRIBUTION TO THE HISTORY OF THE WAR

### Great Art Features

Its illustrations will continue to be one of the Magazine's special points of distinction. The best artists, no less than the best writers will be contributors through the coming year. As pictures in McClure's are published primarily to illustrate something, and not simply because they are pictures, the announcements of articles are, in some measure, an announcement also of the pictures. For instance, the new Kipling serial—the fact incidentally mentioned that these connected stories are all illustrated by L. Raven-Hill is scarcely less of a distinction for the Magazine than that the text is by Kipling. We have in preparation, however, a number of articles in which the interest and distinction is primarily artistic.

#### C. D. GIBSON'S EXPERIENCES IN EGYPT.

Last spring Mr. Gibson visited Egypt in the interest of McClure's Magazine. He studied the country not only from the point of view of the artist, but from the point of view of a keen American observer who could not fail to remark the present condition of the Egyptians and the influence and effects of the English control in Egypt. The fall of Khartoum, which seals the destiny of Egypt as an English colony, adds a peculiar timely interest to Mr. Gibson's work. The illustrations will be most elaborate, and the articles will show Mr. Gibson as a writer of very unusual qualities.

#### LIFE MASKS OF GREAT AMERICANS

A New Series of Unpublished Brower's Casts from Life.

When we published last year the series of Brower's Life Masks of Great Americans with Mr. Charles Henry Hart's romantic story of how the masks were made, then lost, and then recovered, it was remarked on every side that we had made a most interesting and valuable contribution to the pictorial history of the country. A second series of these marvelous masks is in preparation, giving the living images of Dolly Madison, De Witt Clinton, Gilbert Stuart, Martin Van Buren, Commodore David Porter, Attorney-General Rush, Charles Francis Adams, and John Quincy Adams. It will be found quite equal in human and historical importance to the earlier series.

### Newest Knowledge

THE MAN-LIFTING WAR KITE

This is an article by Captain B. Baden-Powell, of the British Army, giving an account of his own experiments and experiences, which finally resulted in the triumph of constructing a kite that would lift and carry a man and promise to develop into an important appliance in warfare. The illustrations

show the kite flying and the man in the basket lifted far above the tree tops.

#### TELEGRAPHING WITHOUT WIRES.

We hope to publish in the coming months some very interesting matter on the subject, especially from Mr. W. H. Preece, Engineer-in-Chief of the Telegraph Department of the English Postal System, on the latest experiments of the British postal authorities.

#### THE MARVELS OF THE SEA

This is an account of the zoological station at Naples, where all the animal and vegetable growths of the Mediterranean Sea have been gathered, still living. The article will be fully illustrated, and will be one of the most interesting of the kind that we have ever published.

#### UNSOLVED PROBLEMS OF ASTRONOMY

This is the title of a remarkable article by Simon Newcomb, one of the most eminent of living astronomers. Another article by Professor Newcomb, combining the same popular and readable qualities with the latest and most authoritative information, is "How Planets are Weighed."

#### SEEING A THOUSAND MILES

Jan Szecspanik, a young Hungarian school teacher, has invented an instrument called the telestereoscope which transmits a whole picture by telegraph, so that it appears to the beholder miles away complete, and even in the natural colors of the object portrayed. The article will be fully illustrated.

#### CRUISING ON THE OCEAN'S BOTTOM

Mr. Simon Lake, inventor of the Lake Submarine Boat.

has prepared an interesting article on his successful cruises on the bottom of the sea. He has travelled in this way nearly 1,200 miles all told—a distance equal to half way across the Atlantic. Once while at the bottom of the Chesapeake Bay he telephoned with Washington, Baltimore and New York. With illustrations.

#### A DIVING TORPEDO BOAT

The "Holland" is a torpedo boat. She sails on the surface, goes to the bottom, or makes her way through the water at any distance between the top and bottom that her captain chooses. She is the terror to the man-of-war, and is one of the most remarkable products of mechanical skill. Mr. Franklin Matthews describes in an article his own strange experience during a submarine trip on the "Holland."

### Travel & Exploration

#### PEARY'S ADVANCE ON THE POLE

Lieutenant Peary is now well up toward the North Pole, conducting a campaign that gives better promise than any previous expedition of bringing the explorer to the very pole. Just before sailing he wrote for the Magazine an article describing his equipment and plans and setting forth his hopes and purposes on this expedition, which is to be continued for years, if years prove necessary to the accomplishment of its end of finding the Pole.

#### MENELIK AND HIS PEOPLE

This is a most interesting account of the personal characteristics of the Christian king of Abyssinia—a strong, bold warrior; a firm, far-sighted ruler; and a man, half savage though he is, of as many mighty and picturesque qualities as Bismarck was.

#### HUNTING ON ELEPHANTS

An early article will relate the experiences of a famous hunter of big game, in hunting the tiger and the rhinoceros on elephants. This is, undoubtedly, the most daring and thrilling thing the sportsman undertakes, and the hunter in question has had many rare adventures. The article will be fully illustrated from photographs taken during the hunt.

#### STRANGE PHASES OF REAL LIFE

The United States Government maintains more than 1,100 lighthouses. The history of the building and maintenance of these abound in stories of heroic human endeavor and endurance; and this is all exhibited in a very interesting way in an article prepared for the Magazine by Ray Stannard Baker, with the above title.

#### LIFE IN THE DEEPEST MINES

The deepest mines in the world are the tin mines of Cornwall. Some of them are 8,000 feet deep, and lie in part under the Atlantic Ocean, one of them a mile out from shore. It is a strange life, as well as one of constant danger, that the men who work these mines lead. R. H. Sherard has written for the Magazine an article describing it, and telling many curious stories regarding its hardships and dangers. The article will be very fully illustrated.

#### STORIES OF THE SECRET SERVICE

No men have had stranger and more thrilling experiences than those who have served the Government Secret Service. At the head of this service during the War was General Lafayette C. Baker. Serving under him were two cousins, J. Stannard Baker and Luther B. Baker. A relative of all three, Mr. Ray Stannard Baker, has talked over their exploits with them and received from them many important documents, and out of this material he has prepared several true Secret Service stories.

## A GREAT HISTORICAL SERIAL

No series of articles, in any magazine, ever had a greater success than Miss Tarbell's articles on the Early Life of Lincoln. As soon as these articles were ended, subscribers began to write asking when they might expect the series promised by Miss Tarbell on

### THE LATER LIFE OF LINCOLN.

and such inquiries have continued in great numbers ever since. Miss Tarbell was resolved that no important new material should be overlooked; and by her rare industry and talent and her exceptional connections, she secured such an abundance that to bring it within the practical limits of magazine publication has been a long labor. The articles begin in McClure's Magazine for December, and contain much new material of exceptional interest and importance, including *The Story of the Writing of the First Inaugural*; *Unpublished Lincoln Letters Recently Discovered*; *Over Four Hundred Lincoln Telegrams*; *The Personal Side of Lincoln's Life During the War*; *Lincoln's Body Guard at the White House*; *Lincoln and Grant and the Presidential Nominations in 1864*; *Lincoln with the Army*; *Lincoln's Daily Life in Washington*.



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