

IS EXPLORER ANDRE DEAD?

Mother and Sister Still Believe that He Will Return.

GOVERNMENT HAS DECLARED HIM DEAD

Andree's Own Time Limit When Hope Might Cease Has Expired—Yet His Mother and Sister Look for His Home-Coming.

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Four years have passed since S. A. Andree started for the north pole in a balloon. The Swedish courts have declared officially that the daring explorer is dead, Andree's own extreme limit of time has passed, all geographers are agreed that the intrepid balloonist is lost; his own brother has accepted the bequest made to him in Andree's will—only two women know that the man who had the courage of his scientific convictions and was willing to risk his life in the demonstration of his deductions is still alive and will return.

Two women living in the little town of Grenaa, far away from the noise and strife of big cities, living in a place where the mere appearance of a stranger evokes a great deal of curiosity and comment; two women leading simple and uneventful lives far back in the interior of Sweden; two women—the mother and sister of Andree—give no credence to any demonstration of the improbability or impossibility of his return. Two women—his mother and his sister—are ready to receive him any day or night, and these two faithful women dust and clear every morning the very rooms in which he performed the plans for his expeditions and expect him to appear some time or other and to tell them what his experiences were. Say what you may, produce the most convincing proof that Andree must be dead, bring forth the strongest arguments in favor of your contention, the mother and sister will listen quietly and when you have finished they will simply say: "Han lever och vill återvända." (He is alive and will return.)

It was not mere hope, merely a strong desire, that makes these women so absolutely certain of his return. They are not his mother and sister, but his mother and his sister. It is faith, the most intimate, unshaking and unchanging faith in their belief that S. A. Andree went forth to seek the north pole and to find it in fulfillment of a mission given to him directly by Almighty God himself. "And the Lord has never yet forsaken one of his servants." It is the way they explain it.

What manner of women are these two? Fru Minna Andree is nearly 70 years old, though her clear, ruddy face, her erect carriage and the continuous smile that plays around her face makes her appear much younger. Her rather robust daughter, Fru Emeline Spanberg, is a lively, good-natured woman and mother and daughter impress the visitor as a pair of the most intimate friends. The cottage they live in is a roomy, one-story building, furnished simply, yet in good taste. Most of the furniture is substantial oak and an etching or two relieves the somberness of the walls.

Fru Minna Andree lives where she has lived through five and thirty years, ever since she became a widow. Her is not an expensive household, the pension she receives from the government, in whose service her husband died, is not sufficient to allow her to make any ostentatious display, even were she so inclined, which she is not. Her income, however, is large enough to dispel any fear of want and the cottage, in the midst of a large garden, is cheery and pleasant to look at. In the town of Grenaa, Andree is well known and he is held in high esteem and whenever a stranger finds his way to the town the Andree cottage extends to him its hospitality.

Fru Andree, as well as her daughter, are very pleasant hostesses. Although they have suffered some from the curiosity of a few "globe trotters," they receive their visitor with such cordiality as only the real Swede or Norwegian possesses. I shall never forget the astonishment they expressed when I told them that I had come from America and that my sole object in visiting them was to see something of the personality of the two women, who received me heartily at their gate. "You will find that we are in no way remarkable," said Fru Emeline Spanberg to me. "We are Swedish women, like the rest of them, and what you will see in our house you can find almost in every house of our village. Of course, brother's rooms (and it did not take me long to discern that when she spoke of 'brother' she referred to S. A. Andree) is an exception. They have taken away a good many instruments, maps and books, but there is enough left to show that brother was at home in every room of the house. And putting the action in her words, she asked me to go in.

I do not know exactly why, but there is a sort of subtle religious air around the house. Not that anything would force itself on the visitor, but taking it all in all, one is at once impressed by the fact that there is a religious household. There is a large Swedish bible on the table of the sitting room and through the open door I could see a beautiful reproduction of Leonardo's "Last Supper," which graces

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the wall of the dining room. Presently tea was served and under the influence of this brew—which, by the way, both women strengthened with just a dash of brandy—the conversation became less formal and more interesting. In fact, more interesting, was left to be proved to be too short to reach my railway station and I accepted the invitation to remain over night.

It was in the evening that I saw the really beautiful traits of these women. They are well read, know the literature of the day, enjoy a bit of fun, but show no trace of frivolity. Their simplicity and naturalness are marvelous and there is the stamp of truthfulness on every sentence they express, in every word they utter. They are devout women and Fru Andree invokes grace before the simple and wholesome meal. "And, O Lord, keep thy servant, my son, and return him safely," she ends her prayer today as she has ended it every day for these four years. "Amen!" responds Fru Spanberg, and I found myself saying "Amen" also.

It is impossible to describe the glow of pride and satisfaction which spreads over the kindly face of the mother when she exhibits the first shoe her son wore, when she points out the first prayerbook he used, when she holds up to your inspection the white tie he wore at his confirmation. And when she opens the drawer and takes out the various parchments which testify to the valor of her son in high school and university, when she handles the various medals he received, when she asks you to read the flattering letters in which countless scientific societies notified him of his election as one of their members, then, indeed, you see in her motherhood glorified and transfigured, so to speak.

"Has there ever been a mother more blessed than I?" she asks, and it must be said that her face gives the answer. "From beyond my boy I have felt that like the apostles of old, he must go to parts unknown and preach the gospel. Not in the same way as the regular missionaries, Oh, no! He was never much of a talker. But God gave him the capacity and opportunity to study, and this is also one way to make God's goodness known. Yes, he was to find the North Pole, and by his discovery of this much-sought-after region to testify before the world of the greatness of our Lord."

Perhaps the mother is mistaken; perhaps—and a number of competent people so declare—Andree was not a religious man, but who could have the heart to contradict the mother's belief or attempt to shake her faith. No, a thousand times no! Even though Andree had been the exact opposite of all his mother believes him to be, and even if I had had the most convincing proof for it, I would not dare to breathe the least vestige of such a possibility in the presence of his mother, who is happy in the conviction that her son is one of God's chosen instruments, and who in his happiness, is buoyant, hopeful and contented.

They do not keep late hours in the Andree house. Nine o'clock finds them in their beds and with the first song of the early birds Fru Andree and Fru Spanberg are out in the open. A large number of pigeons swarm around the women and the two Great Danes in the background come to say "Good morning" with a joyous bark. But the pigeons are not frightened by the white in their dresses and know the dogs and in sweet harmony they live without friction.

After an excellent breakfast, consisting of coffee, toast, eggs and fruit, I bade the two women "Goodbye" and as the carriage took me to my station I wished that Andree might return. I wished for his return for no other reason but that the faith of his mother and sister should be justified. I wished, and wish for his speedy return—if from no other cause—just that their positive expectations should come true. And if, for one, should be extremely pleased if the day would come when these two women could say "Han lever och has återvända." (He is alive and has returned.) EUGENE LIMEDORFER.

PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS.

Little Bessie had been burned several times and was warned to keep away from the stove. One day while in the garden she chanced to be stung by a bee, and running to her mother exclaimed: "Oh, mamma, I didn't know the bugs carried stoves with them!" A lady frequently sent her 6-year-old daughter to "fetch" for milk. One day, wanting some sour milk, she gave him the

Cup Challenger at Home

(Copyright, 1901, by Marshall Lord.) Within a few days there will land on our shores a tall gentleman who, in his own country, is a knight, and who on his last visit here was presented with a loving cup, because he showed how to accept defeat gracefully. A plain man is Sir Thomas Lipton, to whom a loving cup is doubtless as gratifying as a title. He may be pardoned, therefore, for taking a fancy to the game of billiards, and for carrying off to him the trophy which bears with it the title to the international yacht championship.

It has been rather persistently hinted that the operations of Sir Thomas, both in the direction of obtaining possession of the America's cup and of philanthropy, have not been undertaken without an eye to a possible eventual reward in the way of some higher distinction than that of knighthood. This impression can be authoritatively contradicted, and the statement added that, within the past year, Sir Thomas has been offered higher titular honors, and has declined them. In conversation with the writer recently the yachtman said decidedly that he had no desire for higher rank than the one enjoyed. This statement was also made by an intimate friend of Sir Thomas in a talk on the personal side of the grocery knight, as it is known to him, in beginning which he remarked: "He is a plain man." And whenever Sir Thomas is asked, "Lipton, whether it is on the deck of his yacht, or playing golf at his country place in Southport, or in his private office in the big building in City Road—home of the coster and the tramcar—or at the wonderful cheap food store, that phrase, "He is a plain man," describes him better than any other.

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Parlor Tables

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10.00 Onyx and Brass... 6.35
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Zoological Congress Fats that Verdict Upon His Ideas of Sex Control. (Copyright, 1901, by Press Publishing Co.) BERLIN, Aug. 17.—(New York World Telegram—Special Telegram.)—Prof. Schenk's lecture on his sex theory, although his system finds little support among embryological experts, was the principal feature of the zoological congress which he had a crowded and interested audience, which included many women, and he propounded and defended his theory with intense animation and earnestness.

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