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### From Story Tellers' Pack

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who is exceedingly fond of children, soon scraped up an acquaintance. One day little Miss Toledo was penning a letter.

"My! What spelling and what writing!" exclaimed Mr. Major, who was looking over her shoulder.

The little girl did not relish this criticism, but she held her peace for a little, then she jumped down from her chair, and, running over to where Mr. Major sat reading, she exclaimed: "Oh, Mr. Major, don't you want your fortune told?"

"Well, you just bet I do!" was the answer.

"All right, I'll tell it good and true for you, and it won't cost you a cent, but you must do just as I say," insisted the little girl seriously. The author consented to all the conditions.

"Cross your heart!" cried the girl. Mr. Major went through these pledging motions.

"Now stick your head down and close your eyes and swing it while you count," came the command.

The novelist assumed the undignified position as directed and slowly his head began to sway back and forth like a pendulum. He kept it up till he had counted 100, and then, with his face resembling a boiled lobster, he raised it and asked if that wasn't enough.

"No!" exclaimed the girl. "I haven't got through with your fortune yet."

"But that isn't in the game, is it?" meekly inquired Mr. Major.

"Oh, yes it is!" came the quick reply; "that's exercise for rubber-necks."

On the trip down the Hudson River railroad, when I saw the two girl students I also had a view of the spreading town of Haverstraw, relates Julian Ralph in the New York Mail and Express. I smiled as I saw it. There was once a great strike among the brickmakers in Haverstraw, and I was sent to report it. The mayor of the town figured in the affair, and him I found in the barroom of the best hotel. He was toning up his nervous system with plentiful elbow exercise at the bar, and his frame of mind was philosophical, calm and kindly.

"I am a reporter of the Sun," said I.

"Well," said he, "if you—you'r er 'porter of Sun, then I kin—kin give yer er 'portant piece of 'dvice."

Here he turned slowly toward me, steadying himself with one hand on the bar and waving a high ball gracefully through the air, so that its contents worked an arabesque pattern on the dusty floor.

"I kin give yer 'er 'portant piece of 'dvice," he repeated, "and it is this: Never let the pin feathers 'f yer imagination fly away with ther coat tails 'f yer judgment."

The longer I have thought of this sage counsel the more value I have placed upon it. If only he had said it to the man in Belgium who cabled that Leopold was coming to New York, and who then caught "the coat tails of his imagination," put them behind him, as one should do with every temptation to err, and cabled that Leopold never had any notion of coming here, how much better it would have been—for everyone except the cable company.

General MacArthur, despite his distinction and his many successes, modestly prefers to speak the praises of others. To a naval officer whom he entertained at Manila some time ago, relates the Saturday Evening Post, he told a good story about Lieutenant J. C. Gillmore, U. S. N., who was captured with seven men of Yorktown at Baler, Luzon island, in April, 1899, by the Philippine insurgents and held prisoner for months in the mountains.

One of the prisoners, who spoke Spanish fluently, was commanded to translate into English decoy letters addressed "To Whom It May Concern," stating that the bearers were warm friends of the Americans and had failed in aiding them to escape only because of the vigilance of the insurgent guards.

"It was the intention," said General MacArthur, "to have these letters used whenever the bearers might be captured by our forces and also as passports for spies. Those superintending this literary coup had sufficient knowledge of English to make out the general sentiment of the document.

"Lieutenant Gillmore insisted," continued the general, "that as chief officer among the prisoners he be given the privilege of looking over what had been written. Nodding approval over each letter he added to each the word 'Nil,' which the insurgents accepted as an official vise of the papers."

General MacArthur showed one of these letters. "You can imagine," said he, "the unbounded admiration it created for the resourcefulness of Lieutenant Gillmore."

Ex-United States Senator Arthur Pue Gorman of Maryland was in the corridor of the Fifth Avenue hotel after breakfast the other morning, relates the New York Times, when a street gamin came up to him and said:

"Say, blokey, change a quarter for me, will you? Dem guys at de desk is too stuck up to do business wid me."

The senator looked nonplussed at first, but gave the lad the change. To a friend standing with him he said:

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