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PERILS ON SEA AND LAND. Bert Blakeslee and His Friend Have a Day of Adventure.

In an Excursion Through the Island They Lose Their Lives and Have an Experience Never to be Forgotten. HANTON, P. I., Oct. 26, 1901. Dear Folks at Home-- Only this week I mailed you three or four letters, but one of the coast-guard inspectors (a white man) leaves here tomorrow and I take the opportunity to send you a few words. I have some flower seed for you, mother, which I will send as soon as I can get around for some palm seed. That which I have is a long grass with a bright red flower and is quite pretty. By this mail, father, I send you a small box of genuine tea. It is considered the best kind here and I want you to try it and tell me if you want more.

To hastily answer a few questions in your letters: The evenings on board the Thomas were devoted largely to card playing, letter writing and collecting in groups and telling stories. Many went to bed at 8 o'clock, and others were too seasick and homesick to care a rap for anything. As for myself I was not seasick after our first day out; it lasted about five hours and I slept off. When we got into the China Sea we ran into the edge of a typhoon and I felt a little uneasy, but nothing more. So far I have received all papers and letters you have sent. All such will come to me even if they are only addressed to Manila for mail once there and is then distributed to the different islands. As many as 700 bags of mail come in at a time; it averages between 500 and 600 bags. The teachers have a postoffice department of their own, so if "teacher" is written after my name, or in lower corner, it will always make sure.

As for quinine, I have not yet used up all the capsules I brought from home. It costs here about twice what it does in the states. We do not have fruit at all except canned fruit and bananas. The latter we get very cheap and they do not affect us any. In Manila oranges, lemons and apples can be bought after boats come in from America, but are quite expensive. I miss the home fruits and the cold water very much. Am beginning to grow a little, but feel O. K., that is, I will in a few days. Our landry here is a very expensive article if it will cost us \$1 each a month to live here and pay for everything. I have been here over a month and I had not cost me \$5.00, Mexican (\$2.50 gold).

Yesterday Behner and I had the most adventurous day in our lives. We went through a valley between two high mountains and forced our way clear to the other end of the island. It was a hard trip, but we made it in about one and one-half hours. Got some nice specimens of red pine and the tree coral. The red and the tree coral are very large, perfect specimens, the blue coral is small and I found but one piece. After going swimming we started along the beach. Part of the time we waded walk on the beach part of the time we had to go over large rocks, some of them weighing tons, where we had to jump from one to the other. At places we had to go around perpendicular mountains jutting out into the sea. In one hand I had a bag of tin cans and the other a gun, Behner carried a gun and a cocoon.

We walked until we thought we were nearly home but things got worse instead of better, so I sat down and by using compass and my knowledge of the island found that we were about ten miles from our town--tired almost to death, perspiring under our clothing as well as water could make it, and there we were out in the mountains. We went about a mile farther and came to a camping place where there were six men and a few women and children. They had some boats but refused to take us out, as the sea was very rough. There we were and only one boat to do so we looked over our camp and made them put a boat in, three of them to get in and paddle us to Banton. We covered about three miles and the storm increased so they could make no headway, so we landed, paid them and let them go back. It was then 4 o'clock and we had been going since 11 o'clock. A few words about that boat ride. The boat was much like the Indian dugout, with two long cross pieces at each end and to the ends of the cross pieces were large bamboo rods, so it was impossible to turn it over. The boat was about 12 feet long and possibly 18 inches wide. The waves were running about 10 feet high and the boat danced over it like a cork. One wave about 15 feet high came at the boat, so we were about to be overboard, but the boat rode it all but the crest. About two or three feet of the wave went the length of the boat, filling our mouths and eyes. The ocean at this part is full of coral and when we went down in the trough we could see it as plainly as if we had it in our hand. The ride was an experience that I will never forget and the bright, yet cold, look of that huge wave towering like a house in front of us, yet moving as fast as a race horse, will remain with me till I die. After tracking the mountains again we struck the basin of a volcano, could see the crater very plainly and the igneous rocks showed to what an intense heat they had been subjected.

FIVE DOLLAR SUITS FOR BOYS 7 to 17. TEN DOLLAR SUITS FOR YOUNG MEN 16 to 19.

Of course every Clothing Store has 'em--they are popular prices. But very particular parents have been paying more to get such Suits that will stand wear, yet be dressy. It's not necessary now--we've changed all that, have one maker build both lines just as we want them and that's just as you want them, because your wants are our wants and we must supply them. The \$5 Suits are all double breasted with Knee trousers--plain blues and fancy mixed fabrics--silk sewed throughout with every seam double stitched. The \$10 Suits are made with either single or double breasted coats, long trousers, correctly fashioned--high buttoned vests, blues, blacks and fancy mixed Scotchies and Chevots are the fabrics. Every suit is right in quality, style and tailoring.

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ARTISTIC DECORATION AT THE THEATERS. Of Birmingham Masonic Lodge Room. The good brethren of Birmingham Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M., are feeling very proud and happy just at present over the completion of very necessary repairs to their lodge room in a bank building. The ceiling, which was a thing of shreds and patches, was fixed up and then the whole business was given several coats of paint and when it was finished it was a thing of beauty and we trust will be a joy forever to the brethren who were most efficient in having these needed improvements carried out.

The following officers for their respective lodges and stations were recently elected as follows: Chapter No. 93, R. A. M.--H. P., M. D. Doty; K., R. C. Cummings; S., C. H. Schlaack; Treas., Eugene Brooks; Sec'y., J. A. Bigelow; Chaplain, M. H. Bartram; C. H., W. H. Smith; P. S., M. J. Bennett; R. A. C., E. Randall; M. G., H. J. Bowers; M. C., V. A. Whitehead; M. I. V., D. M. Johnston; Sentinel, M. Dewey. Lodge No. 44, F. & A. M.--W. M., G. H. Satterlee; S. W., Masters; J. W. L. Harnick; Treas., Eugene Brooks; Sec'y., Chas. Reynolds; S. D., W. Bray; J. D., J. Felder; Stewards, E. Munro and J. M. Harte; Tally, H. Benedict.

Ladies, Attention! Mrs. Hattie C. MacBride will give an illustration of physical culture work at the home of Miss Belle Smith on Thursday evening, January 16, at 7:30 o'clock. All ladies are invited to attend. A Deep Mystery. It is a deep mystery why women endure Backache, Headache, Nervousness, Sleeplessness, Melancholy, Fainting and Dizzy Spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. I. H. Chery of Peterson, Ia., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself, but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my household work." It overcomes Constipation, improves Appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50 cents at Whitehead & Mitchell's drug store.

REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP. A Little Boy's Life Saved. I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life and I feel that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steers of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breathe. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until it 'threw up' and then I thought sure praise enough, 'to choke to death.' We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am sure that if I had not got that bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth today. J. D. DEMOST, Inwood, Iowa. For sale by Whitehead & Mitchell.

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