Floyd Gibbons ADVENTURERS' CLUB

Hello, Everybody!

Dragged in the Face of Death

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WELL sir, it's ladies' day today, just by way of proving that there isn't anything—not even adventuring—that a woman can't do as well as a man. And it just happens that today's yarn is about two of the girls—Lena Klafter and her daughter, Rhoda.

Rhoda must be a big girl now—seven years old, or dogone near it, but she doesn't remember the adventure she had, because it happened on October 29, 1928. And at that time Rhoda was just a young debutante coddly four months of age. But if Rhoda doesn't remember it, Lena certainly does. It is the one thing that ever happened to her that she never could forget no matter how hard she tried.

It was a beautiful autumn day—that day Fate picked out to take a pot shot at Lena and Rhoda. The sun was out and the weather was warm, so Lena bundled little four-months-old Rhoda up in her carriage and took her out to get a little air. She took her for a long stroll around the Brownsville section of Brooklyn—a stroll that wound up at the corner of Pitkin and Stone avenues, two of the busiest thoroughfares in that part of town.

At that time Pitkin avenue didn't have many traffic lights on it, but at this particular corner a cop had been stationed to keep the cars from tangling up with one another. Lena waited for the cop to blow his whistle, and then, as the north and south-bound traffic came rolling to a halt, she started to cross the street. She lowered the front wheels of the carriage over the curb—and then it happened.

Unseen Force Snatches Baby's Carriage.

As Lena lowered the front wheels, she felt something snatch at the carriage. She didn't know what it was, for her attention was on the wheels as they went over the curb, but instinctively she tightened her grip on the handlebar of the carriage, and in another instant she felt herself being pulled forward.

The sudden pull threw her to the ground. And as she fell, she saw, in one swift, terrifying glance, what it was that had dragged her from her feet. A truck, making a right turn around the corner, had brushed in front of the perambulator she was pushing. A hook hanging from the rear of the truck had caught in the front wheel of the carriage and was carrying it along with it.

The hook had caught the wheel at an angle and was twisting the carriage. Only the weight of Lena's body on the handlebar kept it from turning over and throwing her baby out on the pavement. So she hung onto that handlebar and was dragged along after the carriage.

A Rough Journey and a Perilous One.

Beneath Lena, the ground was tearing and rubbing at her flesh and clothing. The truck was going at a rapid rate, and the driver didn't seem to know that he was towing an anguished mother and her child behind him. Lena felt as if her body was being beaten to a mass of pulp—as if she couldn't possibly retain her grip on that carriage handle. But she gritted her teeth and hung on. She didn't dare let go. The life of her baby depended on it.

On and on the car went, dragging Lena with it. The whole street was in an uproar. Women were screaming and men were shouting to the driver to stop his car, but the young lad at the wheel didn't hear them. The truck whizzed along, and Lena was carried along behind it.

Then, suddenly a car shot out from the corner. It sped after the truck, caught up with it and the driver began closing in—forcing the truck into the curb. Then, just as the truck driver applied his brakes, Lena lost her grip on the carriage. She fell full-length on the ground, and the carriage, turning over on its side, threw the baby out onto the hard concrete pavement of the sidewalk.

Baby's Life Was Lena's Only Worry.

The baby lay still on the sidewalk—quiet as Death itself. Lena struggled to sit up, took one look at the poor kid and promptly became hysterical. In the twinkling of an eye a crowd had gathered and a few men pushed through the mob to help Lena to her feet. Some one else picked up the baby and carried it into a nearby barber shop. An ambulance was called. Doctors were sent for.

The hospital wasn't far away. An ambulance arrived in jig time. Lena was still screaming hysterically for her baby when it arrived. Her wounds and lacerations were paining terribly, but she wouldn't let the doctors touch her until they examined the baby and told her whether it had a chance to live. And then—well—then as curious a thing happened as I have ever heard of.

The doctor went over to look at the baby—picked it up from the carriage pillow on which it had been lying, and started to examine it. And as he did so, the baby opened its eyes and began to cry. It not only wasn't hurt a bit, but what's even stranger, IT HAD SLEPT ALL THROUGH THE ENTIRE ACCIDENT. When it had been thrown from the carriage, the pillow had been thrown with it. It had landed on the pillow, rolled onto the pavement, and never woke up until the doctor began looking it over. By golly, I wonder if little Rhoda still sleeps as soundly as that today?

An old darky was sent to the hospital and one of the nurses put a thermometer in his mouth to take his temperature. Presently when the doctor made his rounds he asked: "Well, Mose, have you had any nourishment?"

"A lady done gimme a piece of glass to suck on, boss, but I'se still pow'ful hungry."

Business Man—"I am afraid we have nothing open just now. May I ask why you left your last place of employment?"

Fair Applicant—"Why-er, ah, to be perfectly frank, it was because I was caught kissing my employer."

Business Man—"Ah, so that was it! And when do you think you could start working here?"

Farm Girl Is U. S. Olympic Hope

Sport experts believe Helen Stephens, 18-year-old Fulton, Mo., girl pictured above, will win points for Uncle Sam in Germany this summer. She has tied the world mark for the 50-meter dash; broken the American record for the 8-pound shotput, and won the standing broad jump in preliminaries of the women's national indoor A. A. U. meet in St. Louis.

Skipped His Tub

Old Lady to Old Tar—Excuse me—do those tattoo marks wash off?

Old Tar—I can't say, lady.—Stray Stories Magazine.

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THE STORY OF HATTIE

1—Hattie came of a long line of traveling folks.

2—Many of her ancestors were globe trotters.

3—They liked to think there was gypsy blood in their veins.

4—Hattie's great-grandfather had been with Stanley in Africa and she had two grandfathers who perished on Arctic expeditions.

5—Her father, Phineas, had flown over the South Pole in a blimp and attempted a voyage to the North Pole by submarine.

6—Ma was quite a tourist, too. She always said she was as much at home in Paris, Omsk, Vienna or Peiping as she was in Wappinger Falls.

7—Naturally they raised their girl to be a globe trotter. They wanted her to carry on the family tradition.

8—Hattie was raised on a Baedeker and as a little child she knew all the Cook tours by heart.

9—"Mother wants you to grow up and be a cosmopolite," Hattie's ma used to say. "You must see the world, penetrating the far places and exploring the far-away spots."

10—But one day when Hattie was about seventeen she ran away and married a home-town feller.

11—It broke her parents' hearts.

12—He was one of those men who own a motor cycle with sidecar attached!

MORAL—It all depends on what you mean by travel.

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WHAT'S WRONG WITH THESE SENTENCES?

1—"It is impossible to get a booking on the boat," said the transatlantic steamship agent. "We are all filled up for the rest of the summer."

2—When company came the family with the smart bulldog made no attempt to get it to do any tricks.

3—"I think his speeches were fine," said Al Smith, referring to President Roosevelt before the convention. "He's a great statesman!"

4—The United States senate and house lost no time in balancing the budget.

5—"I never could go to the bathing beach like this," said the girl. "Let me borrow a fur coat or something."

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What is this? This is a ladies' bathing suit.

Is it for a midget?

No, it is for a full grown normal adult.

Will a lady wear it?

Yes, strange as it may seem, a lady will wear it.

Right out in public where she can be seen?

Absolutely.

Will the lady wear it to settle an election bet?

No. She will not wear it to settle an election bet.

Then what will be her excuse?

She will have no excuse. She will wear it because it is the style.

When the lady appears on the beach in the suit, what will the police do?

Nothing except lose their eyesight.

Can a lady appear in a suit like that and escape arrest?

Yes.

If the gals are wearing suits like that this summer, what will they wear a year from now?

Shush! The children might hear us!

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CURIOUS FACTS FOR CURIOUS PEOPLE

The American Indians did not use bath mats.

Mice are afraid of bass drums, firecrackers and men with pink beards.

A rowing machine can be made much more comfortably if equipped with an outboard motor.

Fourth of July falls this year on July 4.

A raspberry stain will remain longer on a shirt bosom than plain vanilla.

The can opener was invented by a white man named Charlie.

The New Haven railroad allows passengers to take off their shoes and go to sleep in day coaches with their feet on the seat ahead.

The lining of the human stomach will last a lifetime if synthetic gin is avoided.

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SCRAMBLED LETTERS CONTEST

Rearrange these letters so each word will spell the name of an American city:

Phildelapiha	Albnay.
Nwe Ykor.	Chillicoeth.
Obsnot.	Los Anglsee.
Cegohia.	Reon.
Nas Cofrancis.	Palm Icaeb.
New Orineas.	Imalm.
Hartdorf.	Jacksonllelv.

(Ed. Note.—This can be done by an alert mind in less than 11 hours, daylight saving, on a clear day.)

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ON HOME GARDENS

Each little boy, each little girl
A gardener should be,
For vegetables raised at home
Should aid economy.

A spade, a little land, a hoe—
These are the things you'll nee l
To see what miracles are worked
By planting of a seed.

Potatoes, peas and cabbages,
String beans, and spinach, too,
Taste better when you realize
That 'twas for you they grew.

'Tis pleasant, yes, to plant a seed
And know that rain and heat,
Will some day turn it into a
Tomato or a beet.

So raise a garden, boys and girls.
Upon some little plot;
It MAY come up and give you food
And also it may NOT!

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DEFINITION TEST

Make sense out of the following statements:

1—A pedigree is .....a kin l of reptile.....a small house .....a genealogical record..... .....an old-fashioned conveyance drawn by two horses.....a scholarly man.

2—To be bombastic is to..... throw bombs.....beat your parents..... talk noisily ..... live on fresh fruits.

3—To defalcate is to..... embezzle ..... study architecture abroad .....press at golf..... .....cut a hole in a door.

4—Pedagogues are found..... under wet boards.....in institutions of learning .....in the country of the Aztecs.....on bicycles.

5—A libertine is .....a man who gambles.....a place where criminals are executed in Paris..... .....a person of loose habits..... .....a bird of the crane species.

6—Marmalade is.....the name of a Roman emperor.....a palace in Athens .....a kind of jam.....a famous song..... ....the name of the French national anthem.

7—A symposium is .....an historically famous part of the Roman forum.....a collection of ideas.....a man who plans an instrument by that name..... an institution for simple people.

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GEOGRAPHY

Check the following statements to make sense:

1—The capital of Connecticut is ..... Providence..... Woonsocket .....Kansas City..... .....Hartford ..... Philadelphia.

2—The Hudson river separates the state of New York from the state of .....Florida .....Pennsylvania ..... Rhode Island.... ..... New Jersey.....Illinois.

3—Cairo is a city in China..... France .....Algiers ..... Egypt.....Louisiana.

4—Penobscot is.....a river in New Hampshire.....a mountain in Vermont..... a city in Maine.....a forest in Kansas.

5—The Bronx is .....a borough in New York.....a lake in California .....a canal in Delaware.....a mountain range in Nevada.

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CAULIFLOWER lge. hd. 5c

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CABBAGE . . . lb. 2½c

Supreme Quality, Red McClure
POTATOES 15 lb. peck 35c

Delicious New
POTATOES . 5 lbs. 25c

Fancy New Crop Florida
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HOT DATED COFFEE
JEWEL lb. 15c 3 lbs. 45c

COUNTRY CLUB PURE FRUIT
PRESERVES 1 lb. jar 15c

Honey Milk
Bread 1½ lb. loaf 10c

May Gardens Orange Pekoe & Pekoe
Tea . ½ lb. pkg. 35c

Eatmore
Margerine 2 lbs. 25c

Hot Dated, Fragrant Coffee
French . . lb. 21c

Scott Toilet
Tissue . 3 rolls 20c

Baker's Premium
Chocolate ½ lb. bar 15c

SIX DELICIOUS FLAVORS
JELLO . . . . 3 pkgs. 17c

WALDORF
TISSUE . . . 6 rolls 23c

Hershey's Chocolate
Candy Bars ½ lb. bar 15c

Ritz
Crackers . pkg. 21c

Hershey's Chocolate
Candy Bars 3 bars 10c

Canvas
Gloves . . pair 10c

Hershey's Chocolate
Syrup . . . can 10c

Country Club Energy
Bread . 1½ lb. loaf 9c

HERSHEY'S CHOCOLATE
KISSES . . . . . lb. 25c

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SCRATCH FEED 100 lb. bag $1.53

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Feed 100 lb. bag $1.23

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Mash 100 lb. bag $1.99

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