

Floyd Gibbons ADVENTURERS' CLUB



Hello, Everybody!

"How Wars Are Born"

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Famous Headline Hunter.

HERE'S a lad who says he saw me in Shanghai—and boy, would I have a tough time trying to prove an alibi on that statement. As a matter of fact, any alibi I might try to dig up would be shot to pieces before I started, because this lad sends in a picture he took of Colonel Freddie Barker and me, standing at one of the rifle emplacements in the International Settlement, during the late Sino-Japanese argument at Shanghai.

The man who took that picture is Frank B. Eckhardt. And along with the picture he sends the story of an incident that happened over there, in which he participated—an incident that might easily have started another war—a war between Japan and the good old U. S. A.

This incident happened to Frank and a bunch of his buddies while he was doing duty with the First Battalion, United States Marines, stationed on Sinza road, Shanghai. It was in January, 1932, just about a week after the trouble had broken out between the Japs and the Chinese, and the whole place was in a turmoil.

The officers of the battalion had a Chinese tailor by the name of Fong Kee, and one day Kee came to battalion headquarters and asked for a guard to take him to his shop on Boone road, Hong Kew district, to get the officers' uniforms. He couldn't go and get them alone, because the shop was inside the Japanese lines, and an unprotected Chinese in that territory wouldn't stand a chance of getting out with any merchandise.

Guard Is Armed for Any Emergency.

A guard was made up which consisted of a battalion major and headquarters company commander, two other privates and Frank. They rode in a truck and were armed with pistols and Thompson sub-machine guns.

They got to the tailor shop all right, and the officers and Fong Kee went inside while Frank and one other private stood guard at the entrance. And no sooner had the officers gone in than a Japanese patrol, consisting of 20 men and an officer, came marching down the street. They stopped at the sight of two American marines in the tailor shop doorway, turned and leveled their rifles in a menacing manner.

They stood that way, poised on their toes, for a moment, then suddenly one of the Japanese soldiers lowered his bayonet and sprang toward them. The Jap pointed the bayonet at Frank's buddy—the other marine private on guard with him at the doorway. He raised his machine gun, knocked the



He Raised His Machine Gun, Knocked the Bayonet Aside.

bayonet aside, pulled back the extractor of his gun and yelled at him to stop—that he meant business.

Even a Jap Was Afraid of a Tommy Gun.

The Jap took a step backward at the sight of that deadly machine-gun pointed at him. The marine officers came running out of the tailor shop and the officer of the Japanese patrol stepped forward to see what the trouble was.

During the heated conversation that ensued, the Jap officer demanded Fong Kee as his prisoner and expressed his intention of seizing the uniforms that had been placed in the truck. The marine officers finally convinced him, however, that the goods were American property and that they were not aiding the Chinese in any way, and the truck was then allowed to proceed.

When the truck was loaded it started back toward battalion headquarters. They were approaching the Wochang road crossing when another Japanese patrol halted them. They surrounded the truck, ordered the marines to get out, and again came the demand for the truck's contents and for Fong Kee, the tailor.

Major Lets Japs Know He'll Fight.

The second patrol was even more threatening in its attitude than the first. The American major ordered his men to cock their pieces—told the Japanese that if they approached the truck, or even touched it, he would give the word to fire.

The Jap officer's face turned black with anger. There followed a few moments of tense silence while he stood deliberating. Then he said that the marines could proceed with the truck if they left the goods behind and turned Fong Kee over to them.

Again the major had to go through that long-winded explanation that the goods were the property of American officers and that he was not seeking to aid the Chinese in any way. After considerable argument, then, the Jap officer accepted the explanation. The truck started for headquarters once more and this time it managed to get back to Sinza road without meeting any more Japanese patrols out looking for an argument.

Frank says you can't get any idea of how scared he was. Those Japs, he says, looked as though they were spilling for trouble. And although they got out of it each time with nothing more dangerous than a little heated discussion, he never knew when those Japs were going to take it into their heads to open fire.

"If you ask me," he goes on, "I'd say I was looking into the eyes of death twice inside of half an hour. And that's plenty for one day."

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Graham Bread Named for Lecturer on Temperance

Graham bread received its name from Sylvester Graham (1794-1851), an American lecturer on temperance and food reform. He was born at Suffield, Conn. After studying at Amherst for a time he entered the Presbyterian ministry in 1826. He maintained that a vegetable diet was incompatible with a desire for stimulants, and as part of his temperance and food reform campaign he not only advocated total abstinence from meat but also recommended the eating of bread made of unsifted or unboltheaded wheat flour; that is, flour in which all the wheat kernel except the husk is used. In "A Defense of the Graham System of Living," published in 1835, Graham wrote:

"Of wheat bread, there are three varieties; in the first, all the bran is separated; in the second, only the coarse, and, in the third, none at all. The bread made of flour from which all the bran has been separated is that most commonly used, but bread made of flour from which none of the bran has been separated is the most wholesome."

Graham is often referred to as the "inventor" or "introducer" of Graham

bread. He was neither, for whole-wheat bread was the first wheat bread made. Graham's name became associated with it because he included the article in his dietary regimen, which at one time had many thousands of adherents throughout the United States. The system was called Graham and its adherents Grahamites.—Indianapolis News.

Denominations in the Colonies

The principal denominations in the colonies were the Church of England, the Lutheran, Congregational or Non-conformist, and later the Baptist, and Methodist, as well as the Roman Catholic. The Bibles principally in use were the King James version of the English Bible, the Lutheran translation of the German Bible, and the Douai translation of the Catholic or French Bible.

Two Kinds of Fox Terriers

There are two kinds of fox terriers, namely, the smooth-haired and the wire-haired. The smooth-haired terrier has the same courageous and lovable qualities as his brother and up to recent years has been the most popular. The two types weigh somewhere between 12 and 20 pounds and are considered one of the most popular breeds in the dog kingdom.



A Few Little Smiles

TWINS AND TONES

The twins were very much alike. But their father, a piano-tuner, had his own way of identifying them. He explained to the friend who was admiring them that he told the difference by pinching them.

"Heavens! You mustn't do that. You'll make them cry."

"Precisely," replied the father; "that's the whole secret. Listen. This one"—nip—"is evidently William. He cries on the high C. The other, James"—nip—"is half a tone lower."

—Tit-Bits Magazine.

IT'S BEING DONE



He—You'd better marry me. Eligible men are scarce.

She—I suppose I could offer that as an explanation.

Send Out a C. O. D.

The Sunday school teacher was telling her class the story of Paul, including the exciting part about his shipwreck.

Spoke up one little girl. "That couldn't happen today."

"Why not?" asked the teacher.

"Because," explained the little girl, "today all ships are equipped with radio and so soon as there is trouble, they send out a C. O. D."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Make Believe Land

Mother—Eat your spinach, Johnny.

Johnny—Aw, ma, I don't like it.

Mother—Well, make believe you do.

Johnny—I'd rather make believe I've eaten it!

Just Like That

The conjurer was producing eggs from a top hat. He addressed a boy in the front row.

"Your mother can't get eggs without hens, can she?" he asked.

"Oh, yes," said the boy.

"How's that?" asked the conjurer.

"She keeps ducks," answered the boy.

Real Ancestry

"My ancestors were illustrious. My grandfather won the Derby."

"That is nothing. One of my ancestors was the Trojan horse."

FIFTY-FIFTY



"Doesn't your wife complain when you get home late to supper?"

"No. It's about an even break between such times and those when I get home and find supper late on account of the bridge club."

Doubtful

Specialist—Could you pay for an operation if I thought one was necessary?

Patient—Would you find one necessary if I could not pay for it?

An Expensive Friend

McGurgle—I hear that yer auld friend Hector has marrit a third wife.

McGulp—Aye mon. Hector has been a verra expensive friend. He has cost me two wreaths and three presents in sixteen years.

Getting Hot

Jane—I like school, mother. Already I have the best seat in the room.

Mother—Where is it; next to the teacher?

Jane—No; next to the radiator.

Valuable Stuff

Hubby—Gee! I stopped just in time to avoid smashing that bottle.

Wife—It would have been too bad if we had cut a new tire.

Hubby—Tire! I wasn't thinking of the tire. But there might be something in the bottle.

The Sacrifice

Father—Your school life is costing too much money. You'll have to cut down on your expenses.

Son (in high school)—That's all right, I can do without books.

Jiffy Knit Sweater With Matching Hat

PATTERN No. 5512



Any four-to-eight-year-old will be warm as toast in this sweater and cap set. The sweater's a "jiffy" knit—just plain knitting combined with yoke and sleeves of easy lacy stitch, and finished almost before you know it. The cap done in a straight strip, gathered at the top, also includes these two stitches, adding a pert pompon for good measure. Choose a colorful yarn, and there'll be no "insisting" she wear it!

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Tung Oil Available Here

Tung oil, which is pressed from the nuts of the tung tree, was for years available only in China. Now tung trees, in increasing numbers, are being cultivated in the southern-most states of this country. Tung oil is used as an ingredient of some paints to facilitate quick drying and is also used in varnish to make it waterproof.

The Mind Meter

By LOWELL HENDERSON
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The Syllables Test

In this test there are two columns of syllables. Take a syllable out of the first column and unite it with one in the second column to form a word. When you are finished, you should have ten words.

First Column	Second Column
1. ros	1. tuce
2. pal	2. ise
3. na	3. cord
4. prem	4. rel
5. let	5. sar
6. cou	6. try
7. con	7. lect
8. col	8. trum
9. bar	9. pon
10. bur	10. sal

Answers

1. rostrum	6. coupon
2. paltry	7. concord
3. nasal	8. collect
4. premise	9. barrel
5. lettuce	10. bursar

Life in Need of Love

Life, like all else, needs to be lived; those who cannot love life are vanquished from the very start.—Roman.

Motorists Bump Into Grim Reaper; Cases Dismissed

Police Lieutenant R. L. D. Nord of Los Angeles requested dismissal of traffic complaints against Richard Morton, William J. Lyons and J. E. Thompson.

"On what grounds?" asked Municipal Judge Newell Carn.

"These men are dead, your honor," said Nord. "They were killed in traffic."



DO YOU STOMACH UPSETS? HAVE

Mr. Malinda E. Coffman of 224 Norway Ave., Hagerstown, Md., said: "I was under weight and thin. I never cared to eat. At times my stomach caused me no end of discomfort. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery toned up my digestive system, my appetite improved, I gained weight and had very little stomach distress."

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Ground Grip Tires on farm implements reduce shocks and vibration, you save on repair bills