

# Floyd Gibbons'

## ADVENTURERS' CLUB

HEADLINES FROM THE LIVES OF PEOPLE LIKE YOURSELF!



### "Turpentine and a Brick"

HELLO EVERYBODY:

Everybody has his own recipe for Adventure. Here's the favorite one of Mary Doner of 247 Park Ave., New York City. Take one brick and a cupful of turpentine. Cook the brick over a hot fire for twenty minutes. Pour the turpentine over it and serve.

Does that sound appetizing? Well stick around a few minutes while old Francois Gibbons, the Franco-Fenian maestro of the skillet and the soup ladle, juggles the pans around a bit and dishes you out a plateful hot from the kitchen of Old Lady Adventure's hash house. And before we go any farther I want to tell you that the very aroma of this delectable dish is enough to make a horse go crazy.

I don't know what it will do to you—but here's the tale of how it affected Mary Doner.

About 10 years ago, Mary and her husband lived in Maplewood, N. J., and horseback riding is a popular sport out in that neck of the woods. They kept a bunch of saddle horses for their own amusement, and since experienced grooms were impossible to get at the salary they could afford to pay, they were forced to employ green hands in the stable.

#### Rex Was a High-Strung Thoroughbred.

That worked out pretty well, though, for what the green stable hands lacked in knowledge and experience, Mary made up with her own. Mary was born on a ranch in California and had grown up with horses.



Rex went crazy as the flames shot up.

Horses were her favorite brand of animal, and she spent a great deal of her time in the stable seeing that they were well taken care of and not neglected in any way.

Among the other horses was one, Rex, who was the apple of Mary's eye. He was a high-strung thoroughbred, but as gentle as a kitten.

"It always gave me a thrill," says Mary, "to hear Rex's greeting every time he saw me. I gave him twice the care and attention that I gave any of the other horses. He was clever—almost human in his intelligence."

And Rex's cleverness is to take an important part in our story. He was kept in a large box stall, and before long he learned to put his head over the top of the door and push back the bolt with his nose. Mary had to have the bolt put down at the bottom of the door to keep him from getting out, wandering into the feed room, and probably foundering himself. Remember that bolt. Remember that it's way down at the bottom of the door, out of reach of anyone inside. That low-set bolt caused a lot of trouble.

#### Stableman Bolted the Door.

But of course that hot brick with the turpentine sauce was the principal cause of it all.

This is the place where the brick and the turpentine come into the story. Rex had a cold and, try as she would, Mary couldn't seem to check it. She called in a veterinary and he gave her some medicine for Rex. "And another thing you might try," he said, "is this. Heat a brick, pour some turpentine over it, and let the vapor get up his nostrils."

Mary told the stableman to heat a brick. He did a good job of it. He brought the brick out to her red hot. And Mary put that brick on a shovel and went into Rex's stall.

As she went in she closed the door and the stableman bolted it. The stableman had a bucket of turpentine and, from the outside of the stall he poured it on the brick. He poured it on with a lavish hand. It was a case of too much of everything. The brick had been heated too hot in the first place. There was too much turpentine in the second. The result was startling. The turpentine sizzled and filled the stall with a choking vapor. Rex began to get restive. Then, suddenly, the turpentine burst into flame, and Rex went crazy.

The flames shot up in the stall—and so did Rex. He reared up on his hind legs and began pawing at the air.

"And I," says Mary, "was in that stall. Up to that time it had seemed like a large stall to me. With this fear-maddened horse, 16 hands high, rearing and plunging about me, it seemed no bigger than a telephone booth.

"The vapor started to rise in a thick cloud and I couldn't see the horse. I would catch glimpses of his pawing hoofs raised high in the air and would dodge away to keep out of his reach. But I couldn't move far, and the minute I got in one corner, the plunging, frantic horse would be coming my way again."

#### Afraid to Drop Red-Hot Brick.

All that time, Mary was holding the shovel. She didn't dare set it down, for the brick was red hot and the floor of the stall was covered with dry straw. Once the shovel with its blazing contents touched that straw the whole stable would go up in flames.

And why didn't Mary just duck out the stall door? Well, there you have the bolt again. As soon as the flames started shooting up, the stableman had run away in panic. The door, remember, was bolted low down on the outside, and Mary, who is only five feet in height, couldn't reach down to it. All she could do was hang onto that blazing shovel, keep it away from the straw—and wait. If she was lucky, the flames would die down eventually and Rex could be quieted.

And if she wasn't lucky, she might get in the way of one of Rex's flying hoofs. Then she would go down. The shovel would go with her. The straw would ignite, and that stable would become a funeral pyre for some fine horses—and for Mary!

It was the toughest spot Mary ever was in, but all Adventures come to an end eventually. After what seemed an eternity, the stableman came back and opened the door. Mary was out of the stall like a streak. "We repeated the treatment later," she says, "but this time the brick was not red hot, and I stayed outside the stall while the turpentine was being applied."

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## IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for October 30

### PERSONAL RIGHTS AND WHERE THEY END

LESSON TEXT—Ecclesiastes 2:1-3, 10, 11; Romans 6:17-23; 14:21  
GOLDEN TEXT—What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound?—Romans 6:15

"Personal liberty"—what endless misuse was made of that expression in the days when men seeking the right to again flood this country with intoxicating liquors were attacking prohibition. One would think that some of our political leaders and our newspaper editors would blush for shame when they see what has now been accomplished in the name of personal liberty.

My liberty ends, as someone has well said, where yours begins. I have the personal liberty to swing my arms as far as the tip of your nose, but there my liberty ends. All of life is, and necessarily must be built on that principle. For the Christian there is an even higher measure of responsibility—his relationship to God and his consequent heart interest in the welfare of his fellow men.

Our Scripture portions for today present a sharp contrast. Man without God, but with every earthly advantage is pictured in Ecclesiastes in his fruitless search for real joy. Then man as the glad bondsman of Jesus Christ is spoken of in Romans as truly free and joyful.

#### I. The Way of Emptiness and Disappointment (Eccles. 2:1-3, 10, 11).

1. Physical pleasures do not satisfy (Eccles. 2:1-3). Men who have tasted the distress and disappointment of life are prone to think that if they only had all the money they wanted, and an opportunity to partake of life's "thrills" they would be happy. Solomon had everything. He deliberately set himself to prove the pleasures of this world. He planned to "enjoy" intoxicants—doing it "with wisdom"—that is, not in a drunken debauch that would bring remorse. Note it, you who advocate the moderate use of alcohol (whatever that may be) Solomon found it to be only vain emptiness. (See Prov. 23:31, 32.)

2. Pleasures of the mind do not satisfy (Eccles. 2:10, 11). Solomon sought real joy in labor, in accomplishing worthy ends. There is a satisfaction in work well done, but that joy is only lasting when the doing of the work is for the glory of God. Work for its own sake—yes, even wisdom for its own sake (Eccles. 1:12-18)—is not enough to satisfy the soul of man. The great poet Goethe who set himself to enjoy the higher pleasures of life—art, science, and literature—came to his seventy-fifth year to testify that he had "never had four weeks of genuine pleasure." Satisfaction is not in the pleasures of the aesthetic nature.

#### II. The Way of Victory, Peace, and True Joy (Rom. 6:17-23; 14:21).

We say with Paul "God be thanked" that there is a way for men to find freedom from sin.

1. Personal allegiance to God (Rom. 6:17-23). Clear thinking on spiritual matters recognizes that the man who boasts of his personal liberty, his freedom from God's control over his life is in reality the slave of sin (vv. 17-19, Titus 3:3). On the other hand, the one who is a willing bondsman of Jesus Christ is free. The way of victory and peace is to yield to God, even as the way of defeat and disappointment is to yield to sin. The first way leads to joy in this life and eternal fellowship with God. The other way results in ultimate ghastly disillusionment in this life and eternal spiritual death and separation from God.

2. Recognized responsibility for others (Rom. 14:21). It should not take two minutes of intelligent consideration for any man to understand that "none of us liveth to himself and no man dieth to himself" (Rom. 14:7). Yet that is the obvious assumption under which men live, leaving behind them not only their own wrecked lives, but carrying along in the stream of their personal influence their acquaintances, friends and members of their families.

The principle stated in Romans 14:21 should govern all of our actions. Paul was speaking of meat offered to idols, which he could have eaten with a clear conscience. But if he ate it someone else would be caused to stumble, and he was rather willing to do without it as long as he lived. One wonders what would happen in the Christian world if every professed follower of Christ would thus evaluate not only the use of intoxicants but also his every personal habit.

## HOUSEHOLD QUESTIONS



Keep Screens From Rusting.—Window screens, rubbed over with kerosene when they are put away in autumn, will not be found rusted when wanted next summer.

Pads Under Rugs.—According to the U. S. bureau of standards, linings or pads prolong the life of rugs and carpets almost one-half.

Drying Woolens.—Blankets, sweaters and other woolen things will be softer if dried in a well ventilated room. Long exposure to the direct sun hardens the woolen material.

## Your Health May Depend on Your Teeth

An Editorial by C. Houston Goudiss

The reason why some men and women in their middle years look and feel younger today than their parents did at the same age, is because they have learned something of the importance of caring properly for their teeth. In recent years, dentists have discovered that sound teeth are in truth a passport to good health, and that there is as close a relationship between healthy teeth and healthy bodies as between decayed teeth and sickly bodies.

Unfortunately, however, only a small percentage of our population is yet aware of the far-reaching effects of teeth upon health, and a distinguished scientist is so disturbed over our national ignorance in this respect that he has said that unless this trend is reversed, the course of human evolution will lead downward to extinction. That statement is no exaggeration. For it would be difficult to over-estimate the influence of the teeth on human health and happiness.

For many years I have endeavored to explain that a neglected tooth—which soon becomes a decayed tooth—is a poison factory, distributing its noxious products to every part of the body, and that it may lead indirectly to neuritis, rheumatic ailments, dyspepsia, and other obscure complaints.

In many of the "WHAT TO EAT AND WHY" articles, which have appeared in this newspaper over my signature, I have endeavored to point out the close relationship between diet and dental disease; between frequent and thorough brushing of the teeth with an efficient dentifrice so as to remove all food particles, and strong, beautiful teeth.

As a result of these articles, I have received many letters, showing that homemakers are eager for sound, authoritative advice on the proper care of the teeth. To help these and other readers how to properly care for their teeth, I have prepared a booklet on—"BUILDING AND PLANNING HEALTH" which I am offering FREE, because I feel so strongly that this information should be in every home, knowing as I do, that the salvation of the human race may lie in saving their teeth.



It's Up to Them

The people who are always at war with themselves are generally looking for a flag of truce.

A hard thing to learn is how to be stubborn for what is good for us.

A bird in the hand is vulgar. Use a knife and fork.

#### As They Sow—

The people who raise objections are pretty sure of a big crop.

He who borrows your books, reads them.

Some men's nautical experience is confined to hard-ships.

#### Who Shall We Blame?

Stupid men are often in charge of public affairs because the smart men are too lazy or too timid to take hold.

Why does a man wish for a good appetite and then proceed to get rid of it?

Hardest uphill work is to have to talk to people who are not interested in you.

#### Constant News

Since the Dionne quintuplets were born on May 28, 1934, one New York city newspaper has published a story about them or an average of once every five days.

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