

# History's Mysteries

## No. 42--A Modern Sphinx

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In spite of the common opinion that a man or a woman cannot pass for long time as a member of the opposite sex without arousing suspicion, this belief has been discarded a number of times in history and a striking example was brought to light in England not long ago in the case of the impersonator--if certain sources of information are to be credited--of Dr. James Barry, an inspector general of English hospitals.

Dr. Barry's features were not strikingly masculine, nor were they noticeably effeminate. In fact, he would have passed generally as an "average type." He was with the British army in the Crimea and there are a number of references to him in the history of the hospital service during that campaign. For some reason or other he seemed always to be able more or less to select his own foreign stations and he appears to have been permitted to be as insubordinate as he liked without reprimand. In other words, he was treated by the authorities as if he were--as he may have been--a woman.

Dr. Barry made rapid strides in his profession, sometimes jumping two long years at a time and when he died at the age of 71, held the post of Inspector General of Army Hospitals, a title which appears upon the headstone over his grave in the Kensal Green cemetery.

No one ever suspected the doctor of being of a sex opposite to the one in which he posed until the year following his death, when a long article appeared in one of the leading English periodicals which elicited statements which became the talk of London, for the article purported to disclose the strange and eventful history of this Sphinxlike individual.

"As a consequence of Dr. Barry's refusal of medical attention during his last illness," stated the writer, "an inquest was held immediately after his death and the following day it was officially reported to the War Office that the deceased Inspector General of hospitals was not only a woman but it was evident that early in life she had been a mother."

When this article appeared, an officer of the Third West India Regiment

recalled an incident connected with Dr. Barry which threw additional light upon the matter.

"Some twenty years ago," he stated, "I was traveling with this remarkable character on board the inter-Colonial steamer plying between St. Thomas and Barbados, occupying the same cabin--I in the upper and the Doctor in the lower berth. I well remember how, in harsh words, I was ordered out of the cabin in the morning when Dr. Barry was ready to dress and, while I merely attributed it at the time to one of the doctor's peculiarities, I think that his irascibility was affected largely as a cloak for his real sex--a secret which he succeeded in concealing during his entire official life in the service."

After Dr. Barry's death, General Chamberlayne, who had served with the former Inspector General, stated: "I knew Dr. Barry well. He was rather bombastic of speech and short of temper, but otherwise possessed the outstanding characteristics. When I think of the anxiety, care and trouble he must have experienced in maintaining his assumed character, it seems amazing that he could have had so many good points. After all, I believe that his manner and speech were assumed mainly to repel inquisitive associates."

While there was, of course, no official statement from the War Office in connection with the alleged inquest and the resultant discoveries concerning Dr. Barry's sex, there was no denial whatever of the statement--a fact which was generally understood to establish the truth of the story. But, granting that it was true, what reason did Dr. Barry have for concealing his sex? How was she able to carry on the impersonation for more than fifty years? What tragedy lay concealed behind her strange determination to appear a man? Unfortunately, the answers to these and numerous other questions about this modern Sphinx are interred in that grave in the little cemetery at Kensal Green--never to be disclosed to the world.

Next--"Without a Clue."

### THEATER SEATS ARE SOLD ON GUARANTEE

New York, Sept. 9.--Announcement by a theater ticket agency that it would guarantee seats in the first eight rows of popular Broadway productions upon payment of yearly amounts ranging from \$100 to \$500 created a furore among theatrical managers and indignation among theater lovers who perennially are disappointed in attempts to get good seats at the box office.

Some of the theater managers promptly said the scheme could not be carried out because there were not enough seats in the first eight rows of any theater housing a success to go around. They said they had not entered into any such arrangement with the agency and furthermore, would not give such a privilege to any agency.

Sam H. Harris, president of the Theater Managers' Protective Association, said: "It is well understood that the brokerage offices buy seats outright in large numbers for highly successful plays and the more doubtful plays on memorandum, that is, with the privilege of returning them. I don't like the system and have always opposed it, but it is my experience that the speculators are able to get the seats they want, anyway."

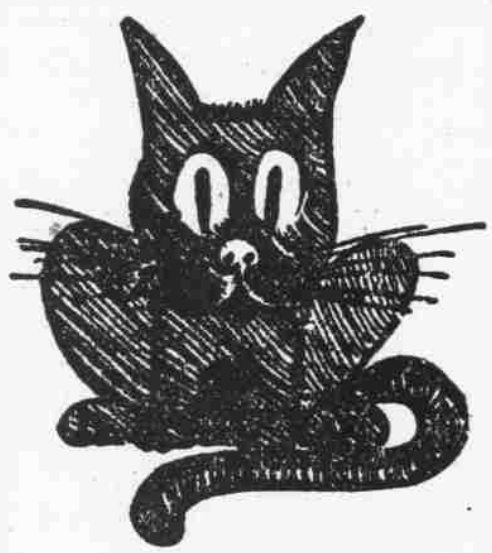
The agency's scheme proposes to sell for a cash in advance premium a guarantee of delivery of seats in the first eight rows which the subscriber each week may designate. This premium payment is in addition to the box office price of the seats, plus the regular 50 cents per seat premium. The special privilege is divided into classes at \$100 and \$500 a year premiums, carrying rights to tickets once a week for the lowest tickets every night of every week for the \$500 fee.

### ANCIENT BAT COLONY TO BE MOVED OUT

St. Augustine, Fla., Sept. 9.--Uncle Sam officially has recognized the existence of the huge colony of bats which makes headquarters in the garret of the old postoffice building here, the cogwheel structure on the plaza known throughout the country as the one-time palace of the Spanish governors of Florida.

Old inhabitants declare the bats are so ancient that they screech in Spanish, but the federal government apparently does not desire to preserve them as a relic of the Spanish occupation, for it has authorized the postmaster to contract for their eradication.

### OFFICE CAT



BY JUNIUS  
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### POEME.

I wanna be a movie queen  
And a vamp the handsome Will-you;  
To be the darling of the screen  
And earn each year a million;  
I want some Mary Pickford curls,  
And big eyes like the Talmadge girls.

I wanna be in every scene  
And wear a flock of fussy clothes  
And have a plushed-in limousine  
And break a heart with every pose--  
I wanna go down town in nights  
And see my name up in the lights.

I'm old enough to know my mind,  
I'll be sixteen the third of May,  
I'm modest, but I can't be blind  
To all the charms that people say  
I've got; it's easy to be seen  
That I should be a movie queen.

--Ermytrude.

The faster a man is the harder it is for him to keep in sight of his running expenses.

There were two figures in the wheat field. One stood stolidly, motionless. The other moved here and there, once in a while, as if he were a scarecrow. The reason the scarecrow moved so much was that he couldn't stand still in the wind like the hired man!

Some bird wrote us yesterday and asked us when the Volstead act was going into effect.

Len Small will find that "a man's a man for A' that," whether he be Governor or what not and will have to recognize the law as made and provided for the control of men. The alleged divine right of kings and other rulers is not seriously regarded in this.

**WELL, HE'S SOME PLACE.**  
Jenkins made some hooch of raisins, Yeast and taters; let it stand. For three weeks; then tried to drink it. Now he's with the angel band.

**KWIT TROO! KWIT TROO!**  
Little things make big differences, it seems. Call a girl a chick and she'll smile; call a woman a hen and she'll scratch your eyes out. Call a young woman a witch and she takes it as a compliment to her charms; call an old woman a witch and you've got her to fight. Call a girl a kitten and she really likes it; call a woman a cat and she'll hate you. Women are queer. Call a man a gay dog and it seems to flatter him, but call him a pup, a cur or a hound, and he will change the map of your face for you. He doesn't mind being called a bull or a bear, and yet he would kick on being spoken of as a calf or a cub. Yet what difference does it make? Men are queer, too. --Kingman Journal.

**POEME.**  
"I wish I was a little rock  
A-settin' on a hill;  
A-doin' nothing all day long  
But just a-settin' still."  
Call a man a dog and you've got her to drink  
I wouldn't even wash,  
I'd set and set a thousand years  
And rest myself, by gosh.

**FAMOUS WORDS.**  
"It seems funny, dear--the mosquitoes don't seem to bother me."  
A Broadway dancer asks \$50,000 for a foot injury, calling attention to the fact that they still use feet in dancing.

**PASSENGERS SAFELY LANDED.**  
Lisbon, Sept. 9.--The twelve hundred passengers on the British Royal Mail steamer Almazora, which went aground off Cape Espichel, 20 miles south of here, early Thursday were landed safely last night.

### Seaboard Air Line Railway

Passenger Train Schedules.  
Arrival and departure of passenger trains, Charlotte, N. C.

LY. NO.	Between	NO. AT
8:30a	Charlotte-Wil. and Hamlet connections	13:11:40p
9:00a	Monroe-Rutherford and Rutherford and Rutherford	15 9:06a
9:55a	Charlotte-Wil. and Hamlet connections	34 8:40a
9:00p	Charlotte-Wil. and Hamlet connections	19:12:35p
9:45p	Wilmington-Rutherford and Rutherford	31 8:35p
8:20p	Monroe-Rutherford connections, Monroe for Norfolk, Richmond and points North.	16 8:12p

All trains daily. Schedules published as information and are not guaranteed.  
E. W. LONG, Division Passenger Agent.  
City Ticket Office, Passenger Station 207 W. Trade St. N. Tryon Street, Phone 20.

# A WIFE IN THE MAKING

BY PHYLLIS PHILLIPS  
CHERRY'S FRIENDS

Cherry found plenty of time, however, to cultivate the friendship of the four or five people she had taken a liking to in Wellsburg. She had a sincere friend in Laura King and whenever she had a moment to spare that lady was sure to have a call from Mrs. Randall, Jr., night or day. Then there was young Mrs. Wilders, a wife of three years' standing, who had become a firm ally of Cherry's shortly after her arrival in town.

Beth Wilders was a tall, dark girl, with an ingratiating personality and plenty of ambition. She had married Joe Wilders, one of Wellsburg's promising business men, at twenty, and after the first year of matrimony had longed for something to do outside of her small dainty bungalow, which almost ran itself, so perfect it was in every detail. Cherry's arrival in town, plus a head and thinking apparatus of her own, and a friendliness warming to the soul, had been an unexpected joy to Mrs. Wilders. From the start she and Cherry had become fast friends. The two girls understood each other and were interested in many of the same things.

"I think that Mrs. Wilders is one of the most charming and intelligent women I have met here," had been Cherry's description of that lady the day after meeting her.

"Beth Wilders is intelligent; that's

# ON THE SPUR OF THE MOMENT

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN.

How dear to my heart  
Are the scenes of my childhood,  
When fond recollection  
Presents them to my view;  
The shave and shampoo  
That I got for a quarter  
And the fifteen-cent haircut  
My infancy knew.

After reading over the latest reports from the U. S. treasury we are of the opinion that it costs almost as much to run the government as it does to run a modern apartment.

Phonograph disks can be used as pie plates. This is the most satisfactory way to which many of them can be put.

When they make men's clothes without pockets a lot of women can't get to bed early nights.

**CONFESSIONS OF A CYNIC.**  
I don't believe bon-rimmed spectacles necessarily denote intelligence. I wear them myself.  
I like to eat things which are not good for me. In fact, I can't have any fun eating anything else.  
I am very fond of any Lowell's poetry, but I do not read it because I can't understand it.  
I can spend a more dismal evening in Greenwidge Village than in any other place in the world.  
I like corned beef and cabbage in my own home, but I hate to have other people in the neighborhood cook it.

One hard-hearted landlord in New York has prohibited the parking of Ford's in the lobby at night along with the baby cabs.

# Five Suburban Tracts

We have only five tracts of land unsold from our sub-division of the Holton property on Bowd Road. These tracts contain from three to six acres with large road frontage at \$50 per acre. If interested in a desirable location for a suburban home at a very low cost see us at once. All of these tracts should be sold within the next ten days.

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- 4 rooms, 1501 Seigle avenue, in Villa Heights, modern conveniences, \$50 cash, balance \$30 per month, \$2,550
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