

History's Mysteries

No. 54--Who Was Robin Hood?

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The character of Robin Hood may be said to live only as a sort of literary mystery, for the romantic career of this knight errant is known to us almost entirely through the many and varied stories that have been told of him by the romancer and the poet, and there has been a great diversity of opinion regarding this outlaw hero. Some writers accord him historical origin, others maintain that he was nothing more than a mythological character, while still others regard him as a creature of the popular imagination.

It is a well known fact that many of the most popular ballads concerning Robin Hood are nothing more than tradition, such as those of the "Hind Horn" and others that were simply abridgements of older metrical romances, too long to be intoned or recited at a single sitting and therefore shortened by the minstrels and fitted to tunes, of which there are still some in existence. Prof. F. W. Child, in the introduction to one of the volumes of his "English and Scottish Ballads" says on this subject: "My hypothesis is that the series of ballads associated with the name of Robin Hood are based partly on an earlier English romance and partly on historical reminiscences of the hero of that romance."

The first reference to Robin Hood in English literature is the second version of "Piers the Plowman" which, according to Prof. Skeith, could not have been written earlier than 1337. Here the reference runs: "I ken nocht purty my pater-noster As the preest it singeth. But I ken rymes of Robin Hood. And Rudolf, Earl of Chester."

The common belief concerning Robin Hood is that he was the captain of a band of robbers or outlaws who inhabited the forest of Sherwood, in Nottinghamshire. Even though they delighted in robbing bishops and other wealthy ecclesiastics, they are reported to have been religiously disposed and to have retained in their band a domestic chaplain, Friar Tuck, whom Scott immortalized in "Ivanhoe."

Other noted members of the band were supposedly at least—Little John, William Scarlet, George-a-Green

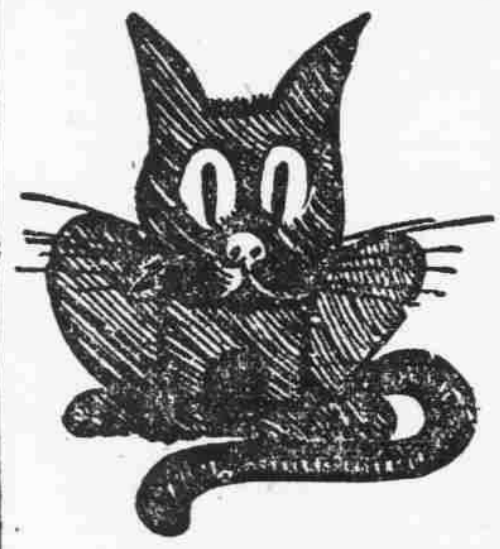
and Much, the miller's son. Robin himself is supposed to have been born at Locksley in the county of Nottingham, about 1160 and the date assigned for the death of the popular hero is 1247—eighty seven years later, which would indicate that the outdoor life of the band was conducive to longevity. The site of Robin Hood's grave, well marked but disputed by historians, is on the extreme edge of Kirkstall Park, not far from Huddersfield.

The presence of the grave, with the stone bearing its inscription, would make it appear that there is historical foundation for the story of Robin Hood's life, but many writers are rather inclined to the opinion that the name though not of fictitious origin, was applied to a number of persons whose exploits were told and re-told in England many centuries later. But, by some coincidence of a later age, it has been maintained that the prince of robbers was none other than the Earl of Huntingdon, who, through misfortune or the mismanagement of his estate had been compelled to lead a predatory life.

A collection of Robin Hood lyrics, printed under the title, "Lytell History of Robyn Hood," was issued about 1485 and forms the most reliable history of the life and deeds of this forest hero. One of these ballads mentions that Edward II, having arrived at Nottingham, resolved forthwith on the extermination of Robin and his band. It is a singular coincidence that, in the household expenses of the same monarch, appears the name of "Robyn Hode" who appears to have been a porter of the chamber at the time that the hero, according to legend, resided at court.

It has been maintained, however, by many distinguished antiquarians, that Robin Hood is nothing more than a poetical myth, "one amongst the personages of the early mythology of the Teutonic people." It has been suggested that the very name of Robin Hood is nothing more than a corruption of "Robin of the hood" and that the character is only to be regarded as the embodiment of the spirit of unrestrained freedom and sylvan sport, due to the almost total absence of any historical evidence concerning him.

OFFICE CAT



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BY THE LIGHT OF THE MOON

John Doe went staggering down the street,
His brain all be-cobwebbed, be-snarred
And his feet were as light as a feather,
By the light of the "moon";
Dived into a barroom and set up a treat,
Poured his pizen down and poured it neat—
By the light of the "moon."

In places untouched by Nelson's men
He bought a drink, and bought again,
And sought him out another pen
By the light of the "moon."

John Doe was "lit" by the light o' the "moon."
And it lit his way to the graveyard soon.
And now in hell you can hear John croon
By the light o' the "moon."

Open diplomacy openly arrived at was the kind that was used by the sheriff when he arrested Governor Len Small.

The average church never sees its full congregation out unless it happens to be burning.

CAMPING OUT.
"Do you roll a tent or just bunch it up?"
"I've read somewhere of foiding your tent like the Arabs, so I guess that's the way."

A New Jersey justice says that hugging of girls while steering automobiles must cease. It is a dangerous practice—many a man has been led into matrimony that way.

Scientists say nearly every woman raises one foot while being kissed. Probably a scientist would discover that fact. We've always found it kissing pretty much a man sized job in itself.

When a man is tickled to death with one editorial and disapproves of another in the same paper, he writes the editor about the latter.—Ohio State Journal.

A college cannot make brains. It usually makes a smart man smarter and a fool a bigger fool.

I've always believed in lookin' a feller up before turnin' him down—least I've believed so ever since another store, hereabouts, got to selling something 'better than I carried—something I turned down without looking at.

POME
I feed my cow on hops,
I give her raisins too,
Oh boy, down with the cops,
She makes me my home brew.

No matter what his faults may be, we always have a soft place in our hearts for the person we can have a good time with.
Lou Tellegen wants to unhitch his wagon from a star.

SWEDEN NOT TO HAVE WIRELESS STATION

Stockholm, Sept. 23.—The Swedish government has abandoned its plan to erect a big, high-powered wireless station to communicate with America. The appropriation which parliament had authorized for the construction of the station has been withdrawn.

The reason given for this is that Sweden was unable to make a satisfactory traffic agreement with the Radio Corporation of America.

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

Lv.	Ar.	Between	No.	Ar.
6:00a	14	Charlotte-Wil.	13	11:40p
9:06a	15	Monroe-Rutherfordton	15	9:06a
9:55a	34	Rutherfordton - Wilmington and Raleigh	34	9:40a
5:00p	20	Charlotte-Wil.	19	12:35p
3:45p	31	Wilmington - Raleigh and Rutherfordton	31	3:35p
8:20p	16	Monroe - Rutherfordton connections for Norfolk, Richmond and points North	16	8:12p

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A WIFE IN THE MAKING

CHERRY DINES OUT.
Cherry sank gratefully into the comfortable chair that Mrs. Hamlen drew up for her on the porch as soon as they arrived. She was dead tired and her head ached from nervousness. Try as she would to curb her thoughts, they kept reverting to that empty auto of Ned's. There was some reason for it and yet there could scarcely be any good explanation. The night before had opened her eyes to so many things. "Daydreaming, my dear," chirped Mrs. Hamlen in her ear, suddenly as she sailed out to greet her guest. "No, not especially, just tired out," Cherry said quickly. "I drove pretty hard, and then I had very little sleep last night, as you know, Mrs. Hamlen."

"Yes, indeed, and our poor Arthur has been out all day, too. He's only just getting up—But I'm so glad that you all had a good time. Arthur told me it was a wonderful party."

Mrs. Hamlen slipped into a chair beside Cherry's and they sat gossaming together until dinner was announced. "My, but it seems peaceful here, somehow," said Cherry, as she ate a cooling fruit cocktail. "We always sit down to a sort of roar over at our house. This certainly suits me to a T this evening. Mother will be worrying about me, I know, so maybe I had better 'phone to her."

Her husband, who had entered the room, beamed at the sight of Cherry as he sat down to the table. "This is certainly a pleasure, Mrs. Randall, and I'd have been down long ago if I had known that you were going to dine with us. But what's this about telephoning. Let me do it for you," and he got up from his chair with alacrity.

For some unknown reason Cherry felt herself blushing as she looked over at Arthur. She noted his pallor and the tenderness of his glance whenever he caught her eye. What a foolish girl she had been from the beginning. "Thank you, Arthur, but I think I had better do it myself. Mother is most fussy about little things like this, and, besides, why should you do my 'phoning?"

"Run along, dear, and we'll wait for you," said Mrs. Hamlen with a smile. "Just tell Mrs. Randall now that we have got you and we are going to keep you for a while at least."

Cherry tripped to the telephone and called up her house. It was Mrs. Randall, herself, who answered. "Well, I am relieved to hear you, Cherry. We've been waiting dinner for you. You won't be home till later? At the Hamblens' Um, Ned is not here yet either. My family seems to have been turned upside down by the party last night. Ned needn't call for you; I'll deliver your message to him as soon as he comes in. How is Arthur after the dance?" she finished with suspicion in her voice.

Cherry hung up the receiver with mixed feelings. She felt sure that her mother-in-law was planning to do a tall amount of suspecting in the future for reasons all her own. (To be continued.)

HOUSEHOLD HINT

MENU HINT.
Breakfast.
Baked Apple.
Oatmeal. Cream.
Sweet or Cinnamon Rolls.
Cocoa.
Luncheon.
Lamb or Cheese Croquettes.
Green Beans (creamed).
Graham Muffins. Jam.
Cookies. Tea.
Dinner.
Fried Egg Plant.
Creamed Potatoes. Sugared Beets.
Sliced Cucumber on Lettuce with French Dressing.
Peach Roly-Poly. Coffee.

TODAY'S RECIPES.
Lamb Croquet—One cup minced lamb, four tablespoons flour, one-half teaspoon poultry dressing, one-eighth teaspoon pepper, one cup water or milk, one teaspoon grated onion, one teaspoon salt, cracker crumbs and egg for rolling, deep fat.
The fragments from the left-over roast are minced, using fat and gristle. Put through grinder twice if necessary. Brown the minced meat, stirring often, and drain off surplus fat.
Mix the flour in four tablespoons of the fat, add water and cook until very thick. Add meat and seasonings. Spread on shallow plate to cool. Shape when cool into eight croquettes. Flour, egg and crumbs. Fry as desired.

Peach Roly-Poly—Make the crust in the usual way and spread it on a floured cloth. Peel and chop enough peaches to make three cups, add a cup of sugar and a lump of soft butter, fold into the crust, and tie in the floured cloth. Boil in water for two hours. In the meantime take the same amount of peaches and stew in one cup water until they are soft.
Press through a sieve, add a cup and a half sugar and cook down slowly, add two teaspoons cornstarch dissolved in water, and stir smooth and thick. Serve the sauce with the pudding.
The roly-poly may also be baked instead of boiled.

DISCOVERIES.
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1:05a	30	Wash.-New York	29	2:15a
7:25p	32	Wash.-New York	31	7:10a
7:30a	15	Atlanta-Danville	43	11:20p
8:00p	46	Columbia-Charlotte	45	8:10a
8:00p	12	Taylorsville	11	8:09a
8:10p	18	Wash.-New York	17	9:20a
1:10p	19	Wash.-New York	18	9:30a
6:30p	12	Richmond-Norfolk	11	10:15a
9:05p	25	B'gham-N. Orleans	26	10:05a
4:45a	13	Columbia-Charlotte	12	12:35p
5:20a	10	Winston-Salem	11	12:45p
4:30p	45	Wilmington-Winchester	46	1:25p
8:00p	46	Wash.-Danville	45	4:19p
7:20a	31	Atlanta	16	5:40p
8:20a	16	Taylorville-Augusta	32	7:20p
10:15a	36	New York-Wash.	35	8:55p
8:30a	137	Atlanta	138	8:45p
10:40a	37	Atlanta-N. Orleans	38	9:05p
8:00p	46	Wash.-Danville	45	8:45p
11:30a	14	Salisbury-Winston-Barber, Moores-Norfolk-Richmond	13	4:58p
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