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### A Cabman's Experience

By EDWIN BRINSLEY

John Burns, taxicab driver, was nodding behind the steering wheel of his vehicle on one of the principal streets of New York. It was nearly midnight, and a fine sleet was falling about him.

But John Burns was far more interested in catching a nap than in looking upon the marvelous electric display. But soon he heard his cab door open and shut and a man's voice say: "Wake up!"

John Burns turned and looked through the glass behind him upon the features of a very old man. The only part of his apparel that was not covered by his cloak was his hat, which struck the cabman as something remarkable. It was what is called bell crown, with a large curled brim and covered with a short fur. The changing electric displays lighted the wearer's face, showing a countenance not only old, but there was an evil twinkle in the eye.

"Northward," said the passenger. "On what street?"

"The Bloomingdale road."

"The what?"

"That one." The speaker pointed to Broadway. Cabby put on the power and, turning at the corner, entered that part of Broadway lying north of Forty-second street and now the liveliest part of upper New York. After reaching a less crowded portion of the thoroughfare he asked the old gentleman behind him just where he should take him and received orders to turn into One Hundred and Fortieth street. From that time the passenger kept pointing out the way till he pulled up before an old fashioned house situated among modern edifices. The "fare" opened the cab door and, supporting himself with a staff, tottered up the walk to the front door.

From this point John Burns in telling the story appears confused. He doesn't remember whether the house was lighted or in darkness. He can't say that he saw the old man go into the house. His impression is that there were no lights in the windows and if his fare went inside he must have gone right in through the closed door. The only thing John Burns remembers distinctly is that the wind blew aside the man's cloak, which reached to his ankles and exposed a pair of legs no bigger than those of a skeleton.

However this may be, the cabman, who, it has been said, was in need of rest, soon began to doze in his seat. He was awakened by a bluz of light coming through the doorway of the house before which he was stopping and saw distinctly two persons there. The one was his passenger, the other a lady. The latter was dressed very much in the present mode of high waist, panners and clinging skirts. The man who was bowing himself out flourished his bell crown but bowed very low and scraped excessively with his feet. After a number of such caperings, which made John Burns wonder, he came down the walk, turning to throw a kiss to the lady who still stood in the doorway. Then the illumination seemed to go out all of a sudden, and the passenger stepped into the cab, closed the door and said:

NOTICE

To tax-payers of Bridgeton: Your taxes are due and past due and must be paid or I shall be compelled to add costs on the first day of February, 1915.

W. A. THOMAS, City Tax Collector of Bridgeton.

### "Down the Bloomingdale road."

Having learned that the Bloomingdale road meant Broadway, cabby asked no questions, but motored southward. He received no order to leave the thoroughfare or to go to any particular place, so he drove on past the junction at Broadway and Thirty-third street and Madison and Union squares and thence straight southward through what is now lower Broadway. The life of the city grew less and less as he proceeded till it became the midnight of a great city. It livened up as they passed the City Hall park, adjoining which most of the newspaper offices linger, but died out as they approached Trinity church, at the head of Wall street. Burns was directed to turn into Rector street, bordering the churchyard on the south. "Stop!" said the stranger.

John Burns drew up to the curb.

"I am under deep obligations to you," said the passenger in a tone that sounded to John Burns very pompous. "You have taken me to call on my wife at her residence, and I am now going to pay a visit to a gentleman whom I was reluctantly obliged to punish for some annoying remarks he made about me. Good evening."

With a flourish of the bell crown hat in lieu of a fare, the strange man seemed to fit up the side of a stone wall, through an iron railing, and disappeared beneath a monument located but a few feet beyond the rail.

Whether John Burns awoke from a dream or was so astonished that he didn't know whether he was asleep or awake he fails to make it appear. As to what he did the next day to clear up the matter he is explicit. He motored up to the dwelling where he had taken the stranger and asked of one passing who lived there.

"Don't know," was the reply. "That's the Jumel house. She lived in the early part of the last century and married Aaron Burr in his old age."

"Who was Aaron Burr?"

"Former vice president of the United States. He killed his political rival in a duel."

From the Jumel house John Burns drove to Trinity church and entering the churchyard, went to the monument overlooking Rector street. On the stone is cut:

IN MEMORY OF ALEXANDER HAMILTON.

An Ants' Sewing Circle.

A party of German naturalists recently returned from Ceylon have reported the existence of a species of ant that has been observed in the act of sewing two leaves together for the purpose of forming a nest. This report confirms the observations of the English naturalist Ridley, made in 1890. They saw a row of the insects pulling the edges of leaves together, then others trimming and fitting the edges, and finally the completion of the work by still other ants which fastened the edges with a silky thread yielded by larvae of the same species the workers carried in their mandibles. It is said that the sewing ants pass the thread-giving larvae like shuttles through holes in the edges of the leaves.—Boston Post.

For the Boy's Sake.

A Roseville man stopped smoking for the sake of his young son. "If I smoke I shall set him a bad example," he argued and gave up tobacco with many sighs of regret. For three years he has done without the weed. The other night he found a box of little cigars in the boy's coat pocket, a well smoked briar pipe in the youngster's tool box down cellar and a pack of cigarettes in the woodshed.—Newark News.

Inconsistency.

"What is inconsistency?" asked the curious one.

"Well," responded the wise one, "it is that spirit which moves a woman whose sleeves stop at the elbow to scold her husband because he hasn't any cuffs on."—Exchange.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Bank of New Bern, for the election of its directors and the transaction of such other business as may come before them, will be held at their banking house, on the second Tuesday of January, being the 14th day of January, 1915. The polls will be opened at 12 o'clock and close at 1 p. m.

G. H. ROBERTS, Cashier

Dec. 12th, 1912.

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Next Monday the first shipment of copies of The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1915 will be made to news-stands throughout the United States. To make sure of getting one of the first copies of this greatest of all books of ready reference, or free from your newsdealer in advance. This year's World Almanac is the most complete and valuable book of its kind ever printed, and should be found in every home and office. Price 30 cents west of Pittsburg and Buffalo; 35 cents by mail. (Adv.)

### ATTRACTIVE TOURS.

A series of the most alluring trips that have been brought to our attention are those announced in a special ad. in this paper by the Atlantic Coast Line, to Panama, Jamaica and Cuba, with the personally-conducted tour, from New York, on January 7, as a special attraction. Those who wish to see the beauties of those countries and make a trip through Florida, including a trip over the famous "Over-Sea Railroad," should call on or address F. M. Jolly, Traffic Agent, Atlantic Coast Line, Wilmington, who will personally conduct the party on the large new steamship "Evangeline," which it is announced, will accommodate 700 passengers.

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