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SLIT SKIRT CAUSES WOMEN TO SCRAP

Six of Fair Sex in Harlem Police Court After Live Encounter in Street.

NEW YORK, July 23—A slit skirt and a pink petticoat were held responsible to-day for the appearance of six young women in the Harlem police court following a rough and tumble tussle in the street when one young woman is said to have criticised another for the skirt she was wearing.

A slit skirt and a pink petticoat worn by Miss Nelson are said to have led to the trouble. According to Miss Hart, the "bum" and a few other things when she passed them on the street, hinging her remarks on the wearing of the slit skirt. Miss Gross denies this, and the question will have to be settled in court.

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The Boy Scouts

The Headquarters' Patrol of Instructors who have returned from the Scout Officers' Training Camp which was held in St. Andrew's College, Grounds at Toronto, report a splendid time.

Work and play combined made the time fly and camp St. Andrew was over all too soon in the opinion of the officers who were in attendance from all parts of Ontario. The local contingent upheld the honor of Brantford in an excellent manner and was voted the most popular and efficient body of instructors on the grounds.

Their expert signalling was a source of surprise to the men from other centres, and in every branch of scoutcraft they were chosen as leaders of the various sections. Instructors Tipper and Jockett because of their efficiency in ambulance work were given the use of all ambulance stores, and several rather severe wounds were skillfully treated by them during the camp. Instructor G. Matthews was greatly in demand at the nightly sing-songs owing to his musical ability. The Sunday services in camp were of a most inspiring nature, short informal addresses being given by various officers present. Reveille sounded each morning at 6 a.m., and the entire camp of 45 men paraded at 6.15 for setting up exercises which were followed by a shower bath in the finely equipped college bath room. The days were evenly divided between work and play and the holiday was the result. The meals were served by a staff of waiters in the college bungalow, and were such as are served in first class hotels. Commissioner Robinson of Paris, organized an original unit of the "Forty Two" which was one of the most entertaining features of the camp, and as part of the escort which accompanied Scoutmaster Todd to the Union Station prior to his departure for Scotland, made a decided hit. The only cold reception extended to the local instructors while in Toronto was at the Varsity tank, and this was of such a frigid nature that when Commissioner Tebbis of Waterloo, and a local man attempted to give a demonstration of life saving, the display terminated in a race for the edge of the pool. Wednesday was visitors' day and the bungalow and grounds were gaily decorated with flags and bunting, while various sports were held in the afternoon, in which the Brantford district made a good showing. Among the visitors upon this occasion were, Sir Henry Pellat, Lt. Col. Gooderham, Commissioner W. K. George, Noel Marshall, Esq., and others. On Thursday afternoon the officers were driven through Toronto in automobiles, and were much impressed by the splendid residential sections and parks through which they passed. In the evening Scarborough Beach Park was thrown open to them and arriving there in a special car, the officers made good use of the privileges accorded them. On Friday evening the officers entertained visitors to dinner and once again Brantford was brought into prominence when members of the Headquarters' Patrol were presented by Lieut. Col. Gooderham with their Instructors' Warrants, signed by the Chief Scout, H. R. H. The Director of Camps. The entire camp was of the most enjoyable nature and as the local contingent was driven from the grounds amid hearty cheers on their return journey, each instructor felt that the friendly spirit of the movement was never manifested in a finer manner than at Camp St. Andrew.

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will be held and Brantford may send a large delegation to participate. Notices are being issued this week for the provincial ambulance, swimming, and Life Saving, and marksmanship competitions. Several local troops will enter at least one of the above events.

Strange Lake In Nigeria

LONDON, July 26—A remarkable discovery has been made in Nigeria by P. Amanny Talbot, a district commissioner, of what is known as the "Sacred Lake of Life." Some months ago, when Talbot returned to England after an extensive journey of exploration through the unknown parts of Nigeria, he announced that he had discovered a mysterious lake, which was held in a great awe by all the natives throughout the adjoining country. The scene about the lake, he said, was full of mystery. The surface of the water was absolutely still, and round about were ten feet high bushes bearing what looked like great tufts of creamy plants; these, however, proved to be nests of frogs. The place was a sanctuary for all wild life, as no hunter ever dared to penetrate within many miles of the sacred waters. The natives had many beliefs and were held by many superstitious in regard to the lake. Nothing was ever allowed to trouble the water, or even to touch its outer edge, and here dwelt forever the shades of the departed Ekoi.

Talbot's latest discovery is in happy contrast to this description. He describes it as the "Sacred Lake of Life." The knowledge of the existence of the lake, he tells, had been kept a jealously guarded secret from all Europeans and not even natives, with the one exception of the high priest, had ever been allowed to approach the sacred water, the supposed dwelling place of the greatest deity of the race. Accession to the lake was through a grove of trees so cunningly planted that any one not knowing of its existence might pass within a few yards of the holy pool without suspecting its existence. Talbot, when guided to the spot, found that the water was full of great fish, on the welfare of which depended the prosperity of the Ekoi. The fish were so tame that they fed from the hand of the reigning high priest, the only native human being allowed to look upon the water.

Another reason for the high cost of living is that the man who used to stay home nights and play checkers now stays out nights and plays cabarets.



PA'S DEFINITION. "Say, pa, what is a bundle of conceit?" "A woman who is all wrapped up in herself, my son."

THE MYSTERY OF AGATHA WEBB

By Anna Katharine Green, Author of "The Levenworth Case," "Lost Man's Lane," "Hand and Ring," "Etc., Etc., Etc."

CHAPTER XXV. FREDERICK ARRESTED.

But alas, all tides have their ebb as well as flow, and before Mr. Sutherland and Frederick were well out of the main street the latter became aware that notwithstanding the respect with which his explanations had been received by the jury there were many of his fellow townsmen who were ready to show dissatisfaction at his being allowed to return in freedom to that home where he had still every prospect of being called the young master. Doubt, that seed of ramifying growth, had been planted in more than one breast, and while it failed as yet to break out into any open manifestation there were evidences enough in the very restraint visible in such groups of people as they passed that suspicion had not been suppressed or his innocence established by the overfavorable verdict of the coroner's jury.

To Mr. Sutherland, suffering now from the reaction following all great efforts, much, if not all, of this quiet but significant display of public feeling passed unnoticed. But to Frederick, alive to the least look, the least sign that his story had not been accepted unquestioned, this passage through the town was the occasion of the most poignant suffering.

For not only did these marks of public suspicion bespeak possible arraignment in the future, but through them it became evident that even if he escaped open condemnation in the courts he could never hope for complete reinstatement before the world, nor what was to him a still deeper source of despair, anticipate a day when Agnes' love and domestic happiness should become evident to him for the grief and errors of his more than wayward wife. He could never marry so pure a being while the shadow of crime separated him from the mass of human beings. Her belief in his innocence and the exact truth of his story (and he was confident she did believe him) could make no difference in this conclusion.

While he was regarded openly or in dark corners or beside the bluntest facade as a possible criminal neither Mr. Sutherland nor her father nor his own heart even would allow him to offer her anything but a friend's gratitude or win from her anything but a neighbor's sympathy, yet in bidding goodby to larger hopes and more important desires he parted with the better part of his heart and the only solace remaining in this world for the boundless griefs and tragic experiences of his still young life. He had learned to love through suffering, only to realize that the very nature of his suffering forbade him to indulge in love.

And this seemed, even in this hour of public justification, a final judgment. He had told his story and been for the moment believed, but what was there in his life, what was there in the facts as witnessed by others, what was there in his mother's letters and the revelation of their secret relationship to corroborate his assertions or to prove that her hand and not his had held the weapon which had shed the blood from her devoted breast? Nothing, nothing; only his word to stand against all human probabilities and natural inference, only his word and the generous nature of the good hearted woman who had thus perished. Though a dozen of his fellow citizens had by their verdict professed their belief in his word and given him the benefit of a doubt involving his life as well as his honor, he as well as they knew that neither the police nor the general public were given to sentimentality and that the question of his guilt still lay open and must remain so till his dying day, for from the nature of things no proof of the truth was probable. Batsy being dead, only God and his own heart could know that the facts of that awful half hour were as he had told them.

His God in his justice removed in this striking way his only witness as a punishment for his sins and his mad indulgence in acts so little short of crime as to partake of its guilt and merit its obloquy? He was asking himself this question as he bent to fasten the gate. His father had passed in. The carriage had driven off, and the road was almost solitary, but not quiet. As he leaned his arm over the gate and turned to take a final glance down the hillside he saw with what feelings no one will ever know the light figure of Agnes advancing on the arm of her father.

He would have drawn back, but a better impulse intervened, and he stood his ground. Mr. Halliday, who walked very close by Agnes, cast her an admiring glance, which Frederick was not slow in interpreting, then stopped reluctantly, perhaps because he saw her father, perhaps because he knew that an interview between these two was unavoidable and had best be quickly over.

Frederick found his voice first. "Agnes," said he, "I am glad of this opportunity for expressing my gratitude. You have acted like a friend and have earned my eternal consideration, even if we never speak again."

"There was a momentary silence. Her heart, which had dropped under his grating, rose again. Her eyes, humid with feeling, sought his face.

"Why do you speak like that?" said she. "Why shouldn't we meet? Does not every one recognize your innocence, and will not the whole world soon see, as I have, that you have left the old life behind and have only to be your new self to win every one's regard?" (To be continued.)

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