

**De Soto.**

By H. L. HANN.



Ferdinand de Soto was a Spanish nobleman who closed an adventurous career by discovering the Mississippi river in about the same place where it stands. Several people had tried to discover the Mississippi, in the hope of getting a general drag out of the rivers and harbors bill, but all of them had died en route in a moist and precipitate manner. De Soto was the first white man who ever stood on the banks of the Mississippi with a fish pole and a minny pail, and he had just begun to be able to tell the difference between a red horse and a croppie when he was stricken by the cold, clammy hand of the cholera infantum.

De Soto was not much of a home body, but was continually trying to discover something which had gold at the other end of it. His entire time was employed in running down baseless press despatches about vast deposits of gold which only lacked railroad connection and a smelter, and it finally got so that he wouldn't even come home to vote. De Soto accompanied Pizarro when the humane coyote conquered Peru by killing off all of the male adults over four years of age, but he did not approve of a great many things that Pizarro said and did.

When De Soto decided to discover the Mississippi and thus pave the way for the pork barrel, he surrounded himself with firearms, quinine pills and the flower of the Spanish nobility and sailed in nine vessels for Cuba, where he left his devoted wife, a prey to melancholy and the ardent Havana mosquito. Taking with him a number of peripatetic patriots, he struck Tampa, Florida, at the height of the tourist season, but not finding a hotel that he could stop at for two days in succession without selling the family plate, he began to walk in a northerly direction and running into the Father of Waters, which at that time was not navigated by anything but the open-mouthed carp, he planted the Spanish flag upon its turbulent bosom.

At the same time that he discovered the Mississippi, De Soto made the acquaintance of a new brand of swamp fever, which caused him to expire with considerable urgency and discomfort. He was a tall, bilious man with careworn whiskers and a kind heart, which prevented him from slaughtering a great many people who needed it.

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**Marine Notes.**

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Tommy had teased, begged, and implored his father to buy him a watch. The impatient father's answer was: "No; once and for all, no! If I hear you mention the word 'watch' again, I shall punish you severely!" That evening the family assembled at the dinner table, and as was their custom before eating, each repeated a verse from the Bible. When Tommy's turn came, he said: "What I say unto one of you, I say unto all of you—watch!" The watch was forthcoming.

In the sixteenth century the word "imp" had a very different meaning from that which it bears now. One sentence of a prayer composed under Henry VIII. for general use in churches ran: "Let us pray for the preservation of the King's most excellent majesty, and for the prosperous success of his entirely beloved son, Edward our Prince, that most angelic imp." The word "brat" has also changed its meaning. A sixteenth century hymn writer, George Gascoigne, refers to "Abraham's brats, that brood of blessed seed." — London Chronicle.

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**EDWIN MURRAY.**

**Death of Mrs. Murphy.**

Special to Evening Telegram.  
RENEW, Friday.  
There passed away on Tuesday, May 13th, at Broad Cove, RENEWS, Mrs. John Murphy. The deceased had been in delicate health for some months past but strong hopes were fostered that she would recover with the opening of summer. On Saturday she became alarmingly ill and without delay Father Sheehan was called who administered the rites of her holy church which she received with sentiments of devotion and resignation. She leaves a bereaved husband, two sons and five daughters to grieve for the loss of a devoted wife and loving mother as well as a host of friends who will long miss her kind and genial manner and bright smile.—R.I.P.

**Tim Shannahan**

ON GARDEN PARTY COLLECTING.  
Mrs. Tucker says now that the Garden Party season is approaching, it may not be considered out of place for her to suggest an improvement on the plan of collecting, for as she has had some experience both as a collector and donor she feels competent to give a tip or two. Mrs. Tucker knows that there are certain people in this town who look upon Garden Party collectors with dread, as a matter of fact they treat them with a coldness of manner and a sourness of phiz that would freeze a cargo of herring in less than no time, but these people should bear in mind that collectors for charitable objects are doing a work that must be done, and if the congregation won't give enough money to keep up churches, schools, etc., straight out of their pockets to the pastors they must only expect that they will be made part with their coin in another way that may seem more amusing. Up to the present collectors started on their mission having the whole town lying before them; anywhere they felt like collecting they called, the result being that while some folks escaped altogether others were solicited a dozen times in the one week, which caused the former to rejoice and the latter to feel that Garden Party collectors should be consigned to Timbuctoo.

Now Mrs. Tucker thinks 'twould be wise to give each collector or brace of collectors a certain ward of the city in which to work, for by adopting this plan people who are generous won't be bored to desperation, nor will the Cate Man be able to escape by saying that he gave his donation to Mrs. So-and-So. This plan if acted upon will make the work much easier for collectors and will cause the donors to rejoice, for as it is now a lot of time is wasted by the man who gave a donation early in the season, in dodging every lady who steers his way and looks like a collector. Mrs. Tucker says more money will be forthcoming if we adopt the ward system, for when a man is called on he'll give what he intends to give knowing that he won't be rung up again; but now as the collections are conducted he will give a small sum to the first lady who calls, feeling that there are more to follow, but very often this don't pan out and consequently money is lost. A fine day with a good breeze from the South West is the best day for collectors to sail, people feel better on those days, but to hit a man up in a snow shower about May 28th and ask him for a donation for a Garden Party is liable to place him in such a condition physically that Mr. Whiteway would have to be summoned to convey him to the Hospital for repairs.

TIM SHANNAHAN.

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**COAL CARGO.**—The s.s. Astarte arrived at Humbermouth Saturday to the Reid Nfld. Co. from Sydney with a coal cargo.

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