

## Bright Indian Maiden.

FULL BLOODED MASHPEE WINS  
FREE SCHOLARSHIP.

Vindicates Her Race in Education and  
Will Prepare Herself to Teach—  
A Descendant of Mighty  
Warriors.

Boston.—The aboriginal American—the long-time predecessor of the Norseman, the pilgrim and the puritan, the red-skinned first settler of these happy hunting grounds—has at last been vindicated by a modest twentieth-century maiden.

May Simons is a pure-blooded Indian girl, though born and raised in Massachusetts. She has won a free scholarship that assures her the great object of her life, a thorough education.

She has just started for Hampton, Va., where she will take the two years' course which will prepare her for a teacher of the higher grades in the public schools.

In a little two-story cottage which faces Onset Bay Grove lives an Indian woman, an old Indian woman, who has of late formed the habit of smiling much to herself.

Isaac Simons and his wife, who was then a beautiful Indian girl herself, came to Onset Bay some 12 or 14

The Mashpee Indians are the original owners of Massachusetts. Before the white man had stepped foot on the rock-strewn shores the Mashpee Indians were monarchs of all they surveyed.

Though the name of the Onset Bay family is Simons and for a couple of generations back has been Simons, it was not always so. Time was when the grandsires of Eva May Simons stood proudly erect because they were mighty warriors of fame and the aristocratic blood of chiefs ran in their veins and because to hunt and fish and kill was the consummation of man's desire.

When they took the white man's name Isaac Simons and his father, who bore this name before him, did not lose their pride of race. They would have told you proudly that they were pure-blooded Mashpee Indians and even now in the third generation of the Simons name they look you just as proudly in the face as they claim the ancient blood of warrior chiefs for their own.

One gets just glimpses of that earlier life after Isaac Simons and his wife came from Mashpee, from the old woman who smiles by the fire. It is of the present she talks most—the present and the future of the girl May.

"A pure-blooded Indian woman is more of an American woman than the white woman," she says. "I am a pure-blooded Mashpee Indian," and her head is thrown back as she looks at you—a handsome woman still, with her skin of copper and big dark eyes and hair with the blue black tinge.

"My girl May is an educated girl and now she is to be a teacher. That is as she wished, for many years she talked of it. She is gone now. Three days ago she rode away over the hill. It may be two years before she comes back. Maybe one year. I don't know."

"It was Mr. Lovering who got the chance for my girl May," she explains. "He is a congressman—Congressman William C. Lovering." She rolled the syllables out as though she loved the sound of them. "Congressman William C. Lovering—he knows how anxious my girl May was to learn and study."

"She was graduated at the Wrentham high school. She graduated high. Then she thought she could go no further. She came out and helped me gather oysters and pick the cranberries, and then the word came that she could go further, that she could learn to be a teacher down in Virginia, Hampton, Va., and we were glad."

Among her schoolmates Eva May Simons was always popular—no distinction between her and others was ever made and it was her brilliancy at school which caused Congressman Lovering to hear of her and her desire to be a teacher.



MISS EVA MAE SIMONS.  
(Pretty Indian Girl Who Vindicates  
Her Race in Education.)

years ago and with them came the merest bundle of a baby, a tiny creature with silent lips and big dark eyes.

Isaac Simons and his wife loved the life that the white man lives and so they called the child by the name of the white people's child—Eva May Simons—and as soon as she was old enough they sent her to school.

### A WATCH 300 YEARS OLD.

Made in London and Handed Down  
From Father to Son.

Kansas City.—Probably the oldest watch in this city and one of the oldest in the United States is owned by Guy H. Claiborne, a telegraph operator. This watch has kept accurate time for 298 years. It is a large silver hunting case, key winding timepiece, the works of which are set with numerous small chipped diamonds. Instead of the Roman figures upon the face there appears the name Geo. T. Claiborne, the letter G indicating the twelfth hour, the E the first hour, etc.

Its first owner was William Claiborne, who was born in 1587 of English parentage. The watch was presented to him by his father upon the attainment of his majority, and since then it has been handed down from father to the oldest son. It was he who brought it to America and carried it throughout his incumbency as treasurer of the Virginia colony in 1638. He also carried it with him when, with his fellow Protestant colonists, he engaged in a minor conflict with the Catholics of Maryland, which resulted in the latter being driven out of their domain, although later on, after the Catholics received reinforce-

ments, they recaptured their lost trading post. This engagement is recorded in history as Claiborne's rebellion, although the name is spelled Clayborne.

At the death of William Claiborne it was presented to his son, Lieutenant Colonel William Claiborne, and who in turn presented it to his son, William Claiborne, Jr., of Romancoke, who died in 1705. It then passed into the hands of the eldest son, also named William Claiborne, who carried it until 1746, at whose death it passed into the hands of Philip Whitehead Claiborne, the husband of Elizabeth Dand-

ridge, a great granddaughter of Thomas II.

In 1771 it became the property of William Dandridge Claiborne, who in 1791 was married to Miss Euphemia Taylor of Taylorville, Va., the daughter of an old and aristocratic Virginia family. From his hands it passed into those of Dr. George Claiborne, at that time a practicing physician of Richmond, Va. It was he who had the original face removed, replacing it with the one that bears his name.

With this exception the timepiece has never been in the hands of a jeweler to receive other than a cleaning and readjustment.

Its next owner was Thomas Nelson Claiborne, who was born at Liberty hall, the old Claiborne manor, near Richmond, a son of the Richmond physician and father of its present owner.

The watch was worn by William Claiborne in his duel with Andrew Jackson, which resulted in Claiborne being slightly wounded by the famous Tennessean.

### SELF-RIGHTING LIFE BOAT

Craft Which Cannot Be Swamped by  
Filling with Water.

New York.—The self-righting, self-bailing boat herewith illustrated is one of a number used in the United



Keel Openings Are Bailing Device.

States life saving service. Possessing great strength and buoyancy, and being very difficult to capsize, its superiority over the ordinary lifeboat for long trips is at once evident.

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In order to procure the self-righting quality, each is furnished with a heavy iron keel and well provided with ballast.

## ARE CAUGHT BY THE POISON ROUTE.

By Secret Service Agents  
Posing as Engravers.

## THREE SCHEMERS

Who Planned to Counterfeit the  
Money of the Colombian Re-  
public are Arrested.

New York.—J. D. Sulsona, a tutor and said to be head of a school of languages in Far Rockaway, was arrested Thursday by secret service agents, charged with complicity in the ownership of a plant to counterfeit 100 peso notes of the Colombian Republic. Simon Boehm and Samuel Otero were arrested several days ago on a similar charge. It is said that other arrests may follow. Sulsona was arraigned before United States Commissioner Shields and held in \$5,000 bail for examination. He is said to be prominently connected with a number of well known South American families who are now located in this city.

The arrest of Boehm, Otero and Sulsona followed a long investigation by the secret service officials in the course of which it was learned, they allege, that the men had planned to have the plates made in this country and then print the notes in Cuba. Most of the evidence was obtained by a secret service man who posed as an engraver and displayed plates as a proof of his workmanship. These so-called sample plates were loaned for the purpose by the government bureau of engraving and printing.

### HER "DOUBLE" WAS FOUND.

A Remarkable Case of Mistaken Identity Is Reported from New York.

New York.—One of the most remarkable cases of mistaken identity ever brought before the courts in this city reached its climax Thursday when the victim, Mrs. Alexander Trautman, wife of a prominent physician, was honorably discharged after a hearing in police court on a charge of larceny. After Mrs. Trautman had been given her liberty her accuser, Peter J. Hogan, a clerk, was arrested on a charge of assault preferred by Mrs. Trautman.

In support of her charge that Hogan treated her roughly when he caused her arrest she showed the magistrate black and blue marks on her arm where Hogan had seized her. The evidence against Mrs. Trautman was of so flimsy a nature that Magistrate Finn dismissed the complaint without even bringing the most important witness into the court room. This witness, who was an unwilling one, is known as Kitty Wilson, and she is almost a perfect "double" of the woman who was arrested.

### AN ALABAMA TRAGEDY.

Two Negroes Killed and Two White  
Men Badly Injured.

Selma, Ala.—Two white men were badly injured, two negroes killed and a third negro wounded in a shooting scrape near Nicholasville, Marengo county. Alexander Jones, a young negro, shot and wounded another negro during a crap game. Jones fled and barricaded himself in his house. Leo Pope and Zeke Pope, white men, attempted to arrest Jones, when the negro opened fire, wounding both. A crowd of white men gathered and efforts were made to drive the negro from the house. Bob Jones, father of Alexander, tried to carry ammunition to his son, but was shot dead.

Several negroes joined the besieging party and one negro, for a reward of \$5, crept up to the house and set fire to it. Alexander Jones never left the house and was burned to death in the flames. There was not the slightest rupture between the races, whites and blacks joining in the attempt to capture the negro.

### SOLDIER ASSAULTS A WOMAN.

A Member of the Twenty-fifth Infantry  
Adds Another to the List of Crimes  
Committed by Men of that Regiment

El Reno, Okla.—A negro soldier assaulted Mrs. T. S. Clifford, wife of a prominent physician of this place, Thursday afternoon near the Rock Island station.

Mrs. Clifford and her sister, Mrs. S. M. Clark, were attempting to pass a negro soldier of the Twenty-fifth Infantry when he viciously grabbed Mrs. Clifford around the waist and threw her into the street, exclaiming that the sidewalk belonged to him. Mrs. Clark screamed and the assailant fled.

News of the attack spread rapidly. The entire police department, reinforced by several hundred men and boys, searched the town and surrounding country, but last evening the chase was given up.

Yaqui Indians Butchered Mexicans. Nogales, Mexico.—Details are arriving here of the butchery of a party of Mexicans by Yaqui Indians near Valencia. Eight Mexicans and one American were killed. There were over 100 Indians in the attacking party.

Bryan Admits He Will be a Candidate. Topeka, Kan.—In an interview Thursday William J. Bryan virtually admitted that he would be a candidate for the presidential nomination before the next national democratic convention.

A Man and Woman Commit Suicide in  
the Jail at Elmira, N. Y.

Elmira, N. Y.—Although a guard was standing close beside him last night, Frank Delaney, a railroad man, succeeded in a bold attempt to end his life and the life of a woman who occupied a cell in the woman's dormitory of the Elmira county jail. The woman was Bessie Wells, awaiting sentence, on January 3, for abducting a young girl and harboring her for immoral purposes.

Delaney possessed a power of attorney for the woman, and when he called at the jail and stated that he wished to consult her regarding the signing of important papers, there was no objection on the part of the warden, who sent a guard along with him. The guard stood close by while the man and woman were conferring together, when suddenly Delaney drew from his pocket a bottle of carbolic acid and passed it through the bars. The woman seized it and swallowed the contents. Instantly Delaney pressed a second bottle to his own lips. The guard sprang upon him, but the man fought him fiercely for a moment and then collapsed. He died before a physician could be called.

When the door of the cell was unbolting the woman lay dying on the floor. She, too, died within a short time.

### A CHARGE OF FORGERY.

It is Preferred Against Cashier Rinehart, of the Wrecked Bank at  
Waynesburg, Pa.

Pittsburg, Pa.—An additional charge of forgery was on Wednesday preferred against J. B. F. Rinehart, former cashier of the Farmers and Drovers' National Bank of Waynesburg, Pa. In the information he is charged with forging the name of a prominent Waynesburg man to a note for \$5,000. Rinehart waived a hearing and gave bail for his appearance at the February term of criminal court.

The information was made by President Reed, of the First National Bank of Reedville, Pa. He charges Rinehart with forging the name of County Recorder J. F. Tilton, of Waynesburg, on October 31 last to a note of \$5,000. A warrant for the arrest of Rinehart was issued and placed in the hands of a constable. Before the warrant could be served, however, Rinehart appeared before the justice, waived a hearing and gave bail of \$2,000. Almost immediately following this J. E. Miller, John A. Goodwin and John Stronider, local contractors, stated that they would immediately prefer charges against the former bank cashier alleging that he had raised a note given by them from \$500 to \$5,000.

### THE CAR SHORTAGE.

Letters from Residents of Northwest-  
ern States Tell of Almost Un-  
believable Conditions.

Washington, D. C.—Inter-state Commerce Commissioner Lane, who has had direct charge of ameliorating conditions in the northwest, where both coal and car families have prevailed, is in daily receipt of hundreds of letters from dealers and residents in North Dakota, Minnesota, Wyoming and Idaho that tell an interesting story of existing conditions.

Some of the writers go to the extent of saying that in many instances freight trains have not passed railroad stations for a month or six weeks, and that hundreds of thousands of dollars have been lost to the farmers and elevator men, particularly in North Dakota, by reason of their failure to obtain cars to move their wheat and fax.

Commissioner Lane received a letter, which is a sample of many, from Cheyenne, N. D., in which it was stated that on November 26 a car was billed from that point and that on the 17th inst. the car was still on the side track and a freight train had not passed up or down for weeks.

### MAN AND BOY DROWNED.

The Former Lost His Life While Try-  
ing to Save the Latter.

Morrisstown, N. J.—Before the eyes of his young wife, George Davis, aged 25, on Wednesday lost his life in an unsuccessful attempt to rescue John Arke, an 8-year-old boy, from drowning. The boy went out on the ice of Rockaway river and broke through. Davis and his wife saw Arke drop into the water and Davis cut down the clothesline in his yard and tied one end about his waist. He gave the other end to his wife and started toward the boy, who was floundering about in the broken ice. Lying down, Davis reached out and seized Arke and shouted to his wife to haul in on the rope. She drew her husband back from the hole until the boy was out of the water. As she started to pull again the rope broke and the man and boy slid back into the water and were drowned.

### Trolley Road Raises Wages.

Columbus, O.—The wages of the conductors and motormen on the interurban line from Columbus to Zanesville will be increased January 1, from one to two cents per hour, according to length of service.

### Express Manager Shoots Himself.

New York.—Benjamin Brown, financial manager of the American and United States Express companies, shot and probably fatally wounded himself while in an office of the two companies in Brooklyn, Wednesday.

Furnace Workers' Wage to be Raised. Pittsburg, Pa.—The employees in the blast furnaces in the Mahoning and Shenango valleys have been notified that they will receive an increase of 10 per cent. with the beginning of the new year.

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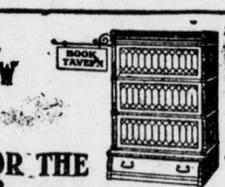
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