

# Simon Girty, the Renegade



Simon Kenton

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Joseph Brant



Indian War Dance



General Wayne

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

IT SEEMS to be one of the failings of human nature for a nation to create a popular idol about every so often and indulge in an orgy of hero worship. Conversely it seems necessary for it also to require a popular scapegoat upon whose partially-deserving and partially-undeserving head it may pour out the vitals of its blind and unreasoning hatred. In that respect the American people are no different from those of any other nation. We have a choice galaxy of "scoundrels," whose names, if not actually the proverbial "hissing words," at least kindle in our minds an active feeling of resentment whenever they are mentioned. Nor do the passing of the years seem to soften the harshness of our judgment, for as Robert W. Chambers, in writing of certain Revolutionary war characters, says, "The faint-hearted who failed are judged by us as though they failed before the nation yesterday; . . . the traitor, to us, is no grotesque Guy Fawkes, but a living Judas of today."

There was a time when the American frontier had its own particular villain, and he has been made the subject of a new biography, "Simon Girty, the White Savage," written by Thomas Boyd and published recently by Minton, Balch and Company. In writing of this "backwoods roughneck," as Mr. Boyd calls him, he says, "While it would be fatal to defend him it may be interesting to see how far he can be explained," and in his first chapter, "Girty's Name and Fame" he sets about his task as follows:

Of all the men remembered from those years Simon Girty, who has been called the anomaly of western history, was perhaps the most widely and deeply hated. Pioneer mothers in lonely cabins used to scare their children into obedience by threatening them with the appearance of the dreaded Girty. And afterward it was said of him that "no other country or age ever produced perhaps, so brutal, depraved, and wicked a wretch." Another called him a monster. No famished tiger ever sought the blood of a victim with more unrelenting rapacity than Girty sought the blood of a white man. He could laugh, in fenshish mockery, at the agonies of a captive, burning and writhing at the stake. He could witness unshaken the sacrifice of unoffending women and children. No scene of torture or of bloodshed was sufficiently horrible to excite compassion in his bosom." And in "The Romance of Western History" it is told that he was from the abode of civilized men; he became a savage in manners and in principle, and spent his whole life in the perpetration of a diabolical vengeance against his countrymen.

## Lincoln Reprived Turkey

One year, a few weeks before Thanksgiving, a friend sent a fine live turkey to the White House, with the request that it be served for President Lincoln's dinner. Tad, the President's son, who was the life of the White House, took a great fancy to the bird, naming it Jack and feeding and petting it. He even taught it to follow him about.

Just before Thanksgiving, while the President was discussing important business with a cabinet officer Tad rushed into the room, sobbing with anger. The turkey was about to be killed! And Tad had flown to the President to lay the case before him and save Jack.

"But," said the President, "Jack was sent here to be killed and eaten."

"I can't help it," blubbered Tad between sobs. "He is a good turkey and I don't want him killed!"

The President of the United States listened gravely, and then taking a

card wrote an order of reprieve. Tad seized the card and rushed away. The turkey's life was saved.—Our Dumb Animals.

### Governors-Presidents

Seven Presidents had been state governors for one or more terms: Johnson, Hayes, Cleveland, McKinley, Roosevelt, Wilson and Coolidge. Two, Roosevelt and Coolidge, had been Vice Presidents.—Kansas City Star.

Criticism is easy, and art difficult.

## Scraps of Humor

### A SEVERE TEST

"I never had such a tough time in my life. First I get angina pectoris, followed by arterio sclerosis.

"Just as I was recovering from these I got tuberculosis, double pneumonia and phthisis. Then they gave me hypodermics.

"Appendicitis was followed by a tonsillotomy.

"I don't know how I pulled through it. It was the hardest spelling test I've ever seen."—Toronto Globe.

### Probably a Cross

Elevator Man (shooting her down from the twelfth floor)—Well, how does it feel, Uncle Rufus?

Uncle R. (weakly)—By heck! I'm not sartin. It feels like my steamer trip tew Yurrup, then, ag'in, like when I was larning to smoke my fust segar.

### ONLY THE DRUMS

"I have a terrible beating in my ears."

"Oh, that's only the drums."

Wild Waves and Women  
Oh, sad sea wave—you misbehave; Yet I admire your stalwart reach Which to a "beauty bather" gave. A wallow half way down the beach.

Not Best People  
Lady:—gold—I think the De Veres would rather like to know us, and it would be a good start for us in the country.

Sir Gleaming Newgold—No! We don't want to know anyone who wants to know us—they can't be worth it.

### Reasonable Restrictions

Miss Englebird—I see you still use the flag signals. Have they any advantage over the radio?

Lieutenant Grimblatte of the Navy—Well, with the flags one can't use such shocking bad language.

### FROM GREENLAND

Eskimo Sheik—Maybe I'll drop in for a while tonight.

Eskimo Flapper—Do—how long can you stay?

E. S.—Oh, for a month or so, I guess.

Cackle  
The hen who cackles will display An egg, for time well spent; While men bring talk from day to day That isn't worth a cent.

Angling  
George—I saw Mr. Fish today. Grace—Did he give you any message for me?

George—Yes, he asked me to tell you to drop him a line.

### A Victim of Nerves

Mrs. Owens—I am a victim of nerves.

Mrs. Oke—You are?

Mrs. Owens—Yes. I need a new spring outfit, and when I asked credit of the dressmaker and milliner they had the nerve to refuse.

Then Lost His Head  
Cholly (dramatically)—Miss Ethel, I have lost my heart! She (fixing him with a steel-gray look)—Why don't you advertise?

### Limitations

"Now, Daredevil, I want you to appear in person, a matinee crowd of women."

"I can't face a crowd of women."

"What, you, the daredevil of the films?"

"I ain't that much of a daredevil."

It's All the Same  
Mrs. Richleigh—You don't give me as handsome presents as you used to.

Richleigh—No, but I pay for those you give yourself.

### Archaeological Find.

A Bronze age cemetery, containing many decorated vessels of stone, bronze and clay, and including a tomb which dates from 1900 B. C. has been unearthed at the ancient site of Beth Shemesh, near the modern village of Ain Shems, in Palestine, by the archaeological expedition of Haverford college, New York, headed by Dr. Elihu Grant. Doctor Grant indicates that the objects carry the history of the ancient city back another 1,000 years.

### Any Woman Can Look Stylish

By MAE MARTIN

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Target practice with men acting as "bombs" is popular among English aviators. Large targets with bulls' inners and outers are drawn on the ground, and the object is to drop into the center. When each pilot has attained the position he considers nearest correct, he signals to a companion, equipped with parachute, who immediately leaps clear of the machine and tries to score a bullseye.

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"Not so swell! He goes from house to house selling it on spoons."

### Fish a Centenarian.

A four-and-a-half-foot muskallunge, caught by M. W. Withey at the government dam at Grand Rapids, Mich., may have attained 100 years, according to Thaddeus Surber, superintendent of fish propagation for the state game and fish department.

It is written that even the best writer may write wrong by rote.

### Cheap Heat.

Water flowing from hot springs near Thermopolis, Wyo., is to be led into specially constructed incubators for hatching chickens. It has been announced. The water remains at a temperature of from 135 to 150 degrees Fahrenheit the year around, and methods have been worked out for cooling it and keeping at the proper heat for brooder purposes, says Popular Mechanics Magazine. It is also planned to use the water in hothouses for the cultivation of plants and vegetables. In one of the largest springs in this district more than 15,000,000 gallons of hot water flow out every 24 hours.

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