

The Impossible Boy

By NINA WILCOX PUTNAM

SYNOPSIS.

Pedro and the dancing bear, Mr. Jones, prevent a tramp from stealing a young lady's purse...

fire-escape balconies. Here Hill, one arm about his charge, fumbled in his breast for his wallet...

back alley they plunged then, man and bear, and emerging upon a wide slat-terly avenue...

"Surely you're kidding me?" he asked. "No, I ain't!" she exclaimed. "I was born right around on Eighth avenue..."

"Now that I have done my duty," said he to Mr. Jones, "I shall loaf; I must loaf. I must think of her uninter-ruptedly for a while..."

Rowe, who struck him across the mouth. Dazed by this needless insult, and wholly unable to retaliate because of his captors...

GERMANS DROP BOMBS INTO PARIS Their Forces Moving on Ostend After the King of Belgium.

Big Guns Moved From Antwerp to France. Two German aviators dropped 20 bombs into Paris, killing three civilians and wounding 14 others...

French military officials believe the fall of Antwerp will prolong the war and that the forts will form the base for Zeppelin attacks against England.

Reports from Cetinje say the Montenegrins defeated the Austrians in a big battle, inflicting losses of over 1,500 men.

Japanese warships are reported to have silenced Iltis fort and Japanese aviators dropped bombs over Tsing-Tau.

Servians Are Still Defending Their Ruined Capital. Rome.—The situation in Belgrade, Servia, is such as to cause at once astonishment, pity and admiration...

RUSSIA ON OFFENSIVE. Czar's Troops Tired Of Waiting For Germans To Attack. At the front at Wirballen, Russian Poland, via The Hague and London...

DENIES PEACE MOVE. Acting Secretary Lansing Makes Flat Statement. Washington, D. C.—Acting Secretary of State Lansing denounced as without any foundation reports that this Government was offering new mediation proposals to warring European nations...

FORTUGAL MAY ENTER. London Hears That Declaration Will Be Against Germany. London.—In a dispatch from Amsterdam, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says that the Bureau Weingartz, a semi-official news agency, asserts that a declaration of war on Germany by Portugal is expected in Berlin at any moment.

BERLIN REPORTS PROGRESS. But Military Writer Warns Against Undue Optimism. Berlin, via London.—It is officially announced that the Germans continue to make progress at Antwerp and that they are already over the flooded area along the River Nethe...



"Sit Down!"

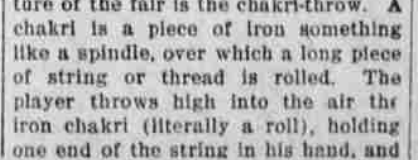
and I suppose you are chortling at having caught us 'with the goods' as you Americans say. 'I haven't caught you at anything, so far as I know, except striking a tottering old woman!'

"You did not know it," he said simply. The quiet that followed these five clear-cut words was charged with electricity. Then, Rowe, his face very white, his eyes fixed upon Hill, rose to his feet.

gives it a swing and jerk in such a clever manner that the chakri, on coming down, rolls up the thread again on itself, and is caught in the hands of the thrower. The art has been dexterously practiced by a class of people for ages past, and some members are so renowned that they cut a good figure at the scene.

CALLS FOR MUCH DEXTERITY

Chakri-Throwing Might Well Be Considered as an Art Rather Than a Pastime. In front of the mausoleum of a holy saint—Mohamed Ghaus—fair is held annually on the outskirts of Gwalior (India) town, about the middle of the rainy season...

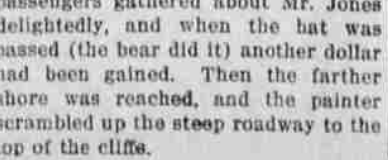


Chakri-Throwing Might Well Be Considered as an Art Rather Than a Pastime.



Hill Leaned Very Far Over the Counter.

mainder, which a watchful urchin instantly seized upon and ran off with, followed by most of the little crowd; and the bear, dropping upon all fours, submitted to being chained to his master, and off they went toward the river, leaving a sticky trail upon the pavements as they passed.



Hill Leaned Very Far Over the Counter.

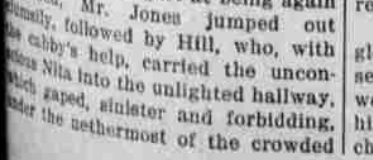
"The lady hurted?" beamed this cherubic personage. "No, only tired out," hed Hill glibly. "I'll hilt ye to a car," suggested the man...



"The Lady Hurted?" Beamed This Cherubic Personage.

presented the bear, and sidled off a little, the city-trained senses scarcely revolting, yet finding in that unfamiliar odor some warning of danger, and the two men noted the action. "What about the bear?" gasped Hill...

"What about the bear?" gasped Hill. "From within the saloon came sounds which indicated that Mikey had discovered the trick played upon him."



"The Lady Hurted?" Beamed This Cherubic Personage.