THE GREEN PEA PIRATES

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"Green Pea Pirates" is a combination of sea and land narrative told in the inimitable style which has given the Peter B. Kyne stories such a strong pull with the reading public. It is jolly, even rollicking and has thrill, romance and punch.

CHAPTER I.

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They had seen the fog rolling down the coast shortly after the Maggie had rounded Pillar Point at sunset and headed north. Captain Scraggs had been steamboating too many unprofitable years on San Francisco bay, the Suisun and San Pablo sloughs and dogholes and the Sacramento river to be deceived as to the character of that fog, and he remarked as much to Mr. Gibney. "We'd better turn back to Halfmoon bay and tie up at the dock," he added.

"Calamity howler!" retorted Mr. Gibney and gave the wheel a spoke or two. "Scraggsy, you're enough to make a real sailor sick at the stomach."

"But I tell you she's a tule fog, Gib. She rises up in the marshes of the Sacramento and San Joaquin, drifts down to the bay and out the Golden gate and just naturally blocks the wheels of commerce while she lasts. Why, I've known the ferry boats between San Francisco and Oakland to get lost for hours on their twenty-minute run—and all along of a blasted tule fog."

"I don't doubt your word a mite, Scraggsy. I never did see a ferry-boat skipper that knew shucks about navigating," the imperturbable Gibney responded. "Me, I'll smell my way home in any tule fog."

"Maybe you can an' maybe you can't, Gib, although far be it from me to question your ability. I'll take it for granted. Nevertheless, I ain't a-goin' to run the risk of you havin' catarrh of the nose an' confusin' your smells tonight. You ain't got nothin' at stake but your job, whereas if I lose the Maggie I lose my hull fortune. Bring her about, Gib, an' let's hustle back."

"Don't be an old woman," Mr. Gib...

...deck and leaped furiously upon it with both feet. Six times he did this; then with a blow of his fist he knocked the ruin back into a semblance of its original shape and immediately felt better.

"If I was you, skipper, I'd hold my temper until I got to port; then I'd git jingled an' forgit my troubles inexpensively," somebody advised him.

Scraggs turned. In a little square hatch the head and shoulders of Mr. Bartholomew McGuffey, chief engineer; first, second and third assistant engineer, oiler, wiper, water-tender, and coal-passer of the Maggie, appeared. He was standing on the steel ladder that led up from his stuffy engine room and had evidently come up, like a whale, for a breath of fresh air. "The way you ruin them bonnets o' yourn sure is a scandal," Mr. McGuffey concluded. "If I had a temper as nasty as yours I'd take soothin' sirup or somethin' for it."

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Before proceeding further with this narrative, due respect for the reader's curiosity directs that we diverge for a period sufficient to present a brief history of the steamer Maggie and her peculiar crew. We will begin with the Maggie.

She had been built on Puget sound back in the eighties, and was one hundred and six feet over all, twenty-six feet beam and seven feet draft.

"I Certainly Do, Scraggsy, Old Pepper-Pot," He Replied Calmly.

...and the Maggie could ... back ... ebb. McGuffey declared a few new tubes in the boiler would do the trick, but on the other hand, Mr. Gibney pointed out that the old craft was practically punk aft and a stiff tow would jerk the tail off the old girl. In despair, therefore Captain Scraggs had abandoned bay and river towing and was prepared to jump overboard and end all, when an opportunity offered for the freighting of garden truck and dairy produce from Halfmoon bay to San Francisco.

But now a difficulty arose. The new run was an "outside" one—salt water all the way. Under the ruling of the inspectors, the Maggie would be running coastwise the instant she engaged in the green pea and string bean trade, and Captain Scraggs' license provided for no such contingency. His ticket entitled him to act as master on the waters of San Francisco bay and the waters tributary thereto, and although Scraggs argued that the Pacific ocean constituted waters "tributary thereto," if he understood the English language, the inspectors were obdurate. What if the distance was less than twenty-five miles? they pointed out. The voyage was undeniably coastwise and carried with it all the risk of wind and wave. And in order to impress upon Captain Scraggs the weight of their authority the inspectors suspended for six months Captain Scraggs' bay and river license for having dared to negotiate two coastwise voyages without consulting them. Furthermore, they warned him that the next time he did it they would condemn the fast and commodious Maggie.

In this extremity, Fate had sent Captain Scraggs a large, impos... capable, but socially indifferent person who responded to the name of Adelbert P. Gibney. Mr. Gibney had spent part of an adventurous life in the United States navy, where he had applied himself and acquired a fair smattering of navigation. Prior to entering the navy he had been a foremast hand in clipper ships and had held a second mate's berth. Following his discharge from the navy he had sailed coastwise on steam schooners...

But No Answering Echo Reached His Ears.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

WORLD HAS CHANGED BUT LITTLE

LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY FEW

HENS THAT DO NOT MOLT UNTIL LATE ARE BEST EGG PRODUCERS

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Hens that devote too much attention early in the season to the fall styles in feathers are not the kind that please the flock owner. It costs too much to support them and they demand too long a vacation period. But the hen that wears her old clothes until autumn has almost passed is the best of the flock, for she has kept on laying since the previous fall or winter. So now when you see a bird that looks shabbier than the others, do not conclude that she is of the no-account kind and that her smartly dressed sisters are the ones to keep.

Take Short Vacation.

Of course some of the hens that molted earlier, say in August and September, are profitable enough to keep, but the cream of the flock is made up of hens that do not change their feathers until October or November. Their molting will require only a few weeks and they will probably be laying again by the 1st of January. The poor ones, the early-molting loafers, will not begin until about this time...

...dozen eggs from 6.7 pounds of feed, and Leghorn pullets laid the same number from 4.8 pounds.

Simple mixtures are usually the most desirable. As the fall advances and the days grow shorter the birds should be encouraged to put away as much feed as possible during the day so that their bodies will have plenty to work on for all of the 24 hours. A good handful of scratch grain for each bird at night will fill the crop. It is not desirable that the hens be made to work very hard for this feed. Be sure that the hens go to roost with a full crop.

In making up rations it is necessary to adhere to standards within certain limits, but some feeds may be substituted for others, as barley, wheat, and oats for corn. However, meat scrap and other animal protein feeds can not be replaced by high-vegetable-protein feeds. All changes should be made gradually, as sudden changes may decrease egg production.

A great many poultrymen and livestock feeders now believe that if the animal has a free choice it will select...

The Best Layers of the Flock and Those That Should Be Kept for Breeding Are Not Molted Until November.

DARKENED CELLAR IS URGED FOR STORING OF POTATOES

SMALL HOUSE FOR CHICKENS

CEMENT FLOOR FOR FEEDING

ANOTHER WOMAN ESCAPES

Mrs. McCumber Avoided a Serious Operation by Taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in Time

Georgetown, Ill.—"After my first baby was born I suffered so with my left side that I could not walk across the floor unless I was all humped over, holding to my side. I doctored with several doctors but found no relief and they said I would have to have an operation. My mother insisted on my taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I soon found relief. Now I can do all my own work and it is the Vegetable Compound that has saved me from an operation. I cannot praise your medicine too highly and I tell all of my friends and neighbors what the Compound did for me."—Mrs. MARGARET MCCUMBER, 27 S. Frazier St., Georgetown, Illinois.

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Concise and Literal.

Before Jebson, Jr., went in for his examination, Jebson, Sr., impressed on him some sound advice.

"Answer every question shortly and concisely and literally, and you won't be far wrong," said Jebson, Sr.

Jebson agreed, but before the exam he had to fill up a form which asked: "Description of father."

Jebson wrote: "Stout old man, with red face and whiskers."

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Girdle Adds to Milady's Frock

The girdle shares with the sleeve the distinction of being the only strikingly new feature of this winter's clothes. Honors are about evenly divided between the two, according to a Paris fashion correspondent. Perhaps the sleeve has been more talked of than the girdle because the majority of the new girdles are so elaborate and so costly that the woman who is averse to plunging into heavy expenditure on clothing feels that she can exist without one of these girdles, whereas sleeves she must have.

But, as the season is still young, it is likely that less expensive copies of these costly affairs will be made and that these will be seen on the less exclusive frocks. At present all of the firms showing exclusive models are putting great stress on girdles. These are, without doubt, a very important part of the costume, and, although elaborate, they suggest many simpler ways of girdling dresses. The addition of a new girdle is an excellent means of rejuvenating a last year's frock.

It may safely be said that girdles never have been more important than they are in the present fashions. Paris dressmakers have united on this feature. Every dress and every suit carries some sort of girdle ornament or trimming or is worn with a belt, nearly every one of which is placed at a low waistline.

Models of Ancient Inspiration.

As the new dresses are Renaissance in style, so also are the girdles. Many of them are developed in perforated metal, and the Paris dressmaker gets no less than $50 for one of these...

...cially with the thickest part across the stomach. It is, indeed, the hour of the curveless figure. In some of the Lanvin models one sees a double girdle in this padded style through which the fullness of the skirt drapery is sometimes drawn in puff style a la Juliette.

Lanvin has many beautiful girdle effects, most of them taken from the Polish Renaissance styles. Some are padded, and novel in both their composition and adjustment. On both day and evening dresses Lanvin makes use of the apron effect and the most interesting of her new girdles are worked out in connection with the adjustment of the apron drapery.

In addition to pierced metal girdles many belts are made of scales or...

Another Type of Girdle of Metal Which Is Meeting With Favor in Paris.

Jet Girdle Made of Scales of Metal Combined With Large Jet Cabochons.

BAGATELLE SATIN IN LIMELIGHT

Fine Site of Woman's Foundation Buildings

Declared to be more than 900 years old, this giant oak stands on the property of the Woman's National Foundation in Washington, where a group of buildings will be erected for various women's activities. The Institute, which is backed by some of the leading women of the country, will cost $5,000,000.

Troubles Beset Tourist Abroad

Lack of Hotel Accommodations in European Cities Stumbling Block to Traveler.

MANY SLEEP IN BATHROOMS

...all of this he is mighty, and he is a power to be envied by many an up-to-date potentate.

The portier at the Adlon in Berlin is said to own one of the smartest villas in Wahnsee, one of the smartest suburbs of that city.

One Lone Trout Stops Coal Mine

London.—Close to 600 men lost a day's work this week at a colliery in Lanarkshire through a trout choking the water supply for the boilers. The cage could not be lifted to the pithead, as the boilers were not working. After a great deal of trouble the cause of the breakdown was discovered. The trout weighed one pound and six ounces. Work was resumed next day.

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Get the Job.

"Of course, you understand," said Mr. Dubwaite to the fair applicant for a stenographer's position, "that we expect our stenographers to be useful as well as ornamental?"

"Certainly, sir. I'll try to make myself ornamental before I reach the office and useful after I get here."

"You'll do."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Observing the Properties.

"You said you would not indulge in personalities during the campaign."

"Well?"

"But you charged your opponent with being a liar, a thief, an oppressor of widows and orphans and a rum-soaked frequenter of the low dives of bootleggers."

"Not so. I merely said those were current rumors in regard to my opponent and I left it to the judgment of an enlightened citizenry to say whether they were true or false."—Birmingham...

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