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GIRL RECORD BREAKER.

Not Meant For a Slam this Time, Girls. This means a real Record Breaker.

An article by Paul Putnam, printed in the Daily Telegram, gives an account of a girl's track meet at Northwestern University in which Miss Mabel McConnel broke the world's hurdles record for 50 yards, making the run in .08-1/5. The previous record was .08-2/5.

The coming track meet to be held by the girls of Poly furnishes an excellent opportunity for some of our girls to break some of the world's records.

Girls, any track man will tell you, you cannot tell just how much speed you really have until you have been thoroughly tried out. Who knows but that your 'Pep' will beat the fellows. However, we will all stand back of you in your efforts.

HABITS.

Yes, often times we're tempted sore
To do and say the wrong,
But if these things we can resist
We're bound to grow more strong.

Now when we take a test in school
We know 'tis with great ease
We let our eyes go wandering
On other's work to gaze.

Then, too, we say we don't like track
There is no use to try,
The other fellows won't get out
So why, in Sam Hill, should I?

The when the Polygram comes out
And we don't find our name
We hit at this and knock at that
Of course the staff is to blame.

If habits, such, you have acquired
Just do your part awhile
And you will find that very soon
Your face will wear a smile.

Saam Bushnell, '17

Yesterday is a memory;
To-morrow is an imagination,
To-day is eternity.

Live today and live forever.
Cut our two days from your life—
Yesterday, with its mistakes and follies,
To-morrow, with its fears and dreads.

And live only today.

The man who seeks one thing in life,
and but one,
May hope to achieve it before life
is done;
But he who seeks all things wherever
he goes,
Only reaps from the hopes which
around him he sows.
A harvest of barren regrets.
We quarreled with each other, we understood each other and we loved each other. For two years Tsakki shared all my joys and sufferings. I loved her companionship, especially when in my loneliness I felt that I was forsaken by my friends and by all those who once had loved me. I loved her because she was so gentle, so sincere and simple, while men seemed to me to be almost artificial. When I thought of their hypocrisies I looked upon my little friend as a being far superior to men. When I felt lonely and when I could endure the everlasting silence no longer, I found consolation in my conversation with Tsakki, in playing with her or in looking silently into her smiling eyes. She had become like my own child to me.

Once, on a rainy autumn evening, when the wind howled and roared around the towers, and the chimneys of the gloomy prison, I was lying mournfully on my hard bed and thinking. A prisoner next to my cell had just told me through the language of the walls the tragedy of his life, and another, above me, had informed me of the suicide of his neighbor who had hanged himself to the wall. Their talk made me sorrowful and the world seemed like a desert where joy could never come.

Being thus in a mood of deep melancholy and of sad reflections I was surprised by a very unusual noise, as if someone were beating against the wall in the next cell. I jumped out of my bed and listened; but I could hear nothing but the steps of the walking sentinel in the corridor as he passed my door. After a while I heard again the same fluttering noise.
"Your love is all I ask," she seemed to reply, for so I interpreted her look. "I am hungry for it. Let me be with you. It is so dreadful there in the dark. How easy it is to be with a beloved companion."

I could not send her away, although according to the prison rules I was not allowed to keep her in the cell. However, I intended to have her over night with me. I put her on the edge of my iron bed but she was so frightened that she refused to be a moment alone. The keeper put out the fire and the room became pitch dark. He did not notice the dove in the cell when he looked through a hole in the door. I was glad and went to bed, keeping my hand on her wings, which made her calm and quiet. And then I fell asleep.

After some hours, while we were asleep, Tsakki came to examine the table and the shelves to steal some food for her children. Seeing the dove slumbering on my bed she ran up to her angrily. I was awakened by the rustle of my excited friend flying frightened around in the darkness. Recognizing the seriousness of the situation I called to the dove, comforting her while I scolded Tsakki and ordered her to leave us alone, which she did only after a long scolding. After a time of quietness I again fell asleep and thus we remained until dawn.

The dove, now awakening, flew up on the table and picked up some crumbs for her breakfast. I got up also, wrote a letter to Miss Liberty about the curious excitement of our messenger, bound it around her neck and opened the window. She looked timidly back at me and at the flying clouds and disappeared.

Weeks passed and the dove did not come. I waited and waited. Every presentiments and odd thoughts began to depress me and I felt in agony, as one feels when he awaits his sweetheart and she never comes, for it seemed to me that I had once lost my two best friends.

"Yet, such is life!" I said to myself and I tried to forget. But do what I could, it was impossible to shake off the memory of my lost companion. Always the dove was before my eyes - I almost saw visions of her.

One Sunday morning on a cold winter day, the dove again appeared at the window and gazed into the cell as if to find out if I, the old friend, were still there. It was as if I had found my lost bride. I opened the window, put out my hand and cried:

"Come in. How do you do? Tell me what has been the matter."

She recognized me, came timidly in and looked at me curiously, with her usual melancholy expression. Her appearance was so impressive that I felt almost as if she were a lost child that was found. I took her in my hand, pressed her head to my face and caressed her with tender words. She seemed very happy and walked around the cell, perched upon the table, and pecked tenderly at my cheeks. After the first moments of greeting were over, I noticed a small bag around her neck which I untied immediately. It was a note from my mysterious friend. This is what she wrote:

"The interruption of our correspondance was apparently due to an accident to our messenger. Did you get that souviner I sent thru her five weeks ago? It was a stormy day and I felt also a tempest in my emotions. The dove returned frightened and depressed after several weeks of absence.

Where was she those many cold days (Continued on Page Five)
and what did she do? She seems to tell me with her mournful "hu, hu, hu," but I am unable to understand. Please write me how you are and what you know about her absence. I hope she will find you safe and well. Your friend, Miss Liberty.

I read and reread the note and tried to get from its carrier some explanation. To all my questions she was dumb. Yet she was in her usual disposition and ate the breakfast I had prepared for her from my daily allowance. Now and then she shook her wings glanced at me and at the blue sky through the trellised window and muttered her "hu, hu, hu." I then wrote Miss Liberty that I had never received her souvenir and that I did not know what had occasioned the absence of the dove. I asked my friend also what she meant by "the tempest in her emotions," but to this she never replied.

Thus the dove became again my benefactor and like a messenger of freedom brought healing from my sorrow and sufferings in that lonely world. I awaited her arrival with eagerness and I felt depressed when she failed to come. I was happy when she brought me news from that world without, which to me had become almost a dream.

A few days later I received a note from my unknown friend, informing me that I would be free. I told some of my fellow prisoners though they refused to believe it could be anything but a joke of the keepers. But all the same the dove proved a true prophet. At eleven o'clock the same night the keeper entered my cell and told me I was free.

And then I had to leave the cell where I had spent those terrible years. Words cannot describe my gladness, yet my joy was not un

mixed with sorrow. It was with a keen pang that I caressed my little Tsakki for the last time and left my cell for the wide world.

As soon as I reached the street I found a carriage waiting for me and in the carriage a lady. It was Miss Liberty. She spoke only in monosyllables and would not reveal her identity, yet through the heavy veil that covered her face I could see that she was a young and very beautiful girl. She drove me to a church, then to the railway station, and there she gave me a ticket to my home. The train started, she waved her hand and I saw her no more.

She probably was an ardent sympatheizer with the cause, one whose influential connections and wealth enabled her to accomplish what otherwise would have been impossible. Whether through some plea or through bribery she secured my release I cannot say. Yet she was an angel of deliverance, whom I can never forget. The dove was probably a carrier pigeon that she had trained to do her errands of mercy.

Years have passed since I left my cell and my little friends, the dove and the mouse. The realization that I should see them no more and that my talks with them would be soon only a memory—laid then a heaviness upon my heart. I hardly thought that this would be so; but when all, even the familiar silence, seemed to bid me an eternal farewell, I could hardly keep back my tears.

And now in my freedom I often think: "Oh, if I could meet once more my sympathetic prison companions."

The mouse and the dove—Their friendship was true, so true that I rarely find such in this world of men, and I can never forget them.

---The End---
MILITARY RECEPTION

A reception was given last Friday evening by the commissioned officers of the school Battalion for Major and Mrs. Ray. The Assembly Hall was very well decorated in American flags and potted ferns and palms. Short talks were given by Major Ray, Major Schlosser and Colonel Ryder, following this the commanding officers each gave a short toast. Interesting games were played and ice cream and cake were served as refreshments.

C. E. SOCIAL

A most enjoyable social was given in Hersman Hall last Friday night and Poly was very well represented. Games and music were enjoyed and refreshments served.

Private Kruse of Company A sustained a severe wound on the knee during an imaginary skirmish of Company A. Kruse fell, striking his knee on a rock and cutting it quite badly. Mr. Johnson hurried him to Dr. Stover who sewed up the wound which required eight stitches. It is sincerely hoped that Private Kruse will speedily recover from his injuries.

Last Tuesday W. York and G. Baldwin accompanied L. C. Davis of U. C. to Arroyo Grande where Mr. Davis was successful in forming two clubs; a potato and a pig contest club.

Major and Mrs. Ray entertained the Kelvin Club last evening at 1007 Main Street. Mr. Greenaway was the speaker and Mr. J. E. Johnston pleased the guests by singing several selections. Everyone voted Major and Mrs. Ray royal entertainers.

Assembly today was a little out of the ordinary. Col. Ryder gave a talk on the vital necessity of a true man. He cited the fact that if you did not possess this quality then all training and education are in vain. The students were pleased to have an opportunity of singing several selections.

Miss Chase will accompany the Poly debaters, W. Williams, and P. Y. Peterson, to Santa Cruz Friday.

Oh! Columbia's the gem of Cayucos, She's the girl who's so brave and so true, Oh! Columbia's the shrine of my devotion, Oh! Columbia's the girl for me. She once knew Ben Tognazzini, But they parted now long, long ago, Her full name is Columbia Canevascini Three cheers for the best girl I know.

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There is great rejoicing in the Dormitory for Duke has returned.
Everybody should be ready with their fifty-cent deposit for the 1917 Journal. The four class managers are on duty already and are ready for the contest to start. The contest is run on the percentage basis of each class. That is, the class subscribing for the largest per cent of Journals according to the enrollment of their class wins. Each week the percentages of the four classes will be printed in the Polygram. Watch next week's issue for the report.

ANECDOITE.

A distinguished surgeon, Dr. Abernathy by name, famed for his laconic speech as well as for his professional skill, met one day his equal in a woman of a few words, who came to him with a hand badly swollen and inflamed.

"Burned?" asked the doctor.

"Bruised."

"Poultice."

The next day the patient returned, and the dialogue was resumed.

"Better."

"Worse."

"More poultice."

Two days later the woman called again, and this was the conversation.

"Better?"

"Well."

"Fee?"

"Nothing," exclaimed the doctor. "most sensible woman I ever met."

Wife: "John, there is a burglar down stairs."

Husband: "Ever since I got my life insurance, you have been trying to push me to the front."

Ruda: "If you put Jack Johnson, Charlie Chaplin, and Billy Sunday all in a bottle and shake them up, what would you have?"

Lieb: "I don't know. What?"

Ruda: "A chocolate nut sundae."

Junior: "I wish I had that history in my head."

Freshman: "Copy it on paper to put in your head."

Junior: "I think I will eat the whole book, then I'll have it in my head."

Freshman: "No you wouldn't either. At least the physiology teaches that it would go to your stomach."

Faint heart never won fair lady; but fair lady has occasionally won faint heart.

Those European names are a jaw-breaking lot; we pronounce them according to fancy. So rarely an easy one breaks into print. We've a fine, hearty welcome for Nancy.

Ruth rode in my new cycle-car in the seat in back of me; I took a bump at fifty-five—and drove on Ruthlessly.

Stewart: "It takes me fifteen minutes to dress in the morning."

Tax: "It only takes me ten."

Stewart: "But I shave."

Major Schlosser: "Is there any soup on this bill of fare?"

Waiter: "There was, sir, but I wiped it off."
Mabel wanted to ride Rossi's horse and Rossi told her the horse was too hard to hold.

Mabel: "Oh, I am not afraid of him, he don't look mean. He doesn't bite or anything."

Rossi: "What do you think he is, a dog?"

The teacher lammed him on the head, which was against the rules. It made the children laugh and play to see a 'lam' at school.

Mr. Greenamyer: "What are some of the things of importance that exist today that did not exist a hundred years ago?"

Maggie: "Me."

Chandler: "Did you ever take paragoric?"

Holstead: "No, who teaches it?"

Scotty: "My girl's folks kick about everything that relates to me, there's only one thing that they approve."

Perry: "What's that?"

Scotty: "My choice of a girl."

There is this much to be said about Universal Military training. After a man has been trained to obedience in the army, he has learned the prime requisite for success as a married man.

Stewart: "How does the war affect the cost of eggs?"

Cook: "Why you see, they need so many shells."

Barnes: "How are you feeling this morning?"

Hilliard: "With my fingers."