

# 'GEORGIA MAGNET' DEFIES THE GIANTS

### Little Woman Makes All Efforts of Five Men to Lift Her Vain.

### GIVES CREDIT TO PRAYER

### Dr. Carleton Simon, However, Says It Is a Purely Physical Performance.

More years ago than any woman cares to recall there was a little girl down in Georgia who did things that made the laws of physics look foolish. When it so pleased her, no man or member of men could lift her, try as hard as they pleased. They summoned a colored person who had been known to pluck a muskrat out of Georgia mud solely by strength of arms and legs, but when she came to lift her, she simply took root and he quit the job with some remarks about witchcraft.

Years later Sandow, whose very name came to be a synonym for muscular strength, tried to lift her, but he failed. He tried it twice, once in London and once here, about twenty years ago. Other strong men essayed the apparently ridiculously simple feat of raising a few inches from the floor a slim little woman weighing scarcely more than 120 pounds, but they might have weighed 12,000 pounds for all their gasping efforts availed.

In the East ballroom of the Hotel Astor, yesterday afternoon Annie Abbott, the "Georgia Magnet," demonstrated before a group of physicians and newspaper men that she had lost nothing of the strange power or knack—call it what you please—that first made her famous in Atlanta many a generation ago. That re-created the straining strength of Sandow and of Planchette, the French strong man, and that gained her celebrity on the vaudeville stage in the days when men thought she was a witch, she is smart and women wore leg-of-mutton sleeves. Whatever the secret of the "Georgia Magnet" may be, her success in defying laws of gravitation, and in doing so, she has not lost anything of her power. She has not been weakened by time. She resisted the best efforts of five men of average strength to raise her from the floor.

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### Five Failed to Lift Her.

Miss Abbott waved the tall man to the side and lifted a light, straight-backed chair. Holding it easily in front of her, she raised it, merely by pressing the tips of her fingers against the frame of the chair back, she invited any man to drag the chair downward with a straight, steady pull. Two men tried it vainly, pulling downward as hard as they could. Then she lifted an ordinary billiard cue, holding it horizontally and straight in front of her at the level of her shoulders, and asking two men to grip it and force it, in a straight line and without jerking, to the right. They did their best, but the cue, so lightly held by the "Georgia Magnet," was not moved even part of an inch.

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# PRINCETON TO LIMIT STUDENTS TO 2,000

### Makes Departure in Policy From Virtually All of Leading Universities.

Princeton University has definitely decided to make a departure in policy that will result in a limitation of students to 2,000. The general trend at Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Cornell and other universities is a numerical expansion of the student body.

Unwilling to enter on a large building programme and perhaps alter the character of its "life," Princeton, however, is to restrict the number of its students to 2,000. Its present undergraduate enrollment is 1,818. Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of the university, announced yesterday the appointment of a committee of the faculty to devise a plan for restricting enrollment "that may be fair to all applicants and secure for us the most desirable body of students."

"We have always believed in the greatest possible amount of direct contact between teacher and student and likewise in concentrating the life of the university on the campus," Dr. Hibben said. "We do not feel we can maintain the university's traditional policy and our present educational methods if we allow ourselves to be drawn into a policy of indefinite expansion. "Though there are other factors enter-

ing into the situation, at the present time the deciding consideration must be sound educational policy. Financial difficulties, though they are serious, with our present deficit of \$212,000, might be overcome. In restricting our numbers it would seem that for the present we are also confining ourselves to sound financial policy.

"The laboratories, the gymnasium and the library would be crowded beyond their capacity and beyond the possibilities of doing effective work if the undergraduate enrollment were allowed to exceed the 2,000 limit. This would necessitate a large building programme upon which the university is now unwilling to enter, and seriously alter the character of Princeton's life."

In the dormitories there is room for 1,275 students. It is probable that this number of students will be maintained for several years, although whether all of the students will be able to get housed on the campus.

Another feature of the Princeton policy, which has not been formally announced, but is definitely fixed, is that not more than 200 students will be received at the graduate college. This institution is filled already. Dean West of the college believes that the best course is not to expand numerically, but in quality. One of his aims is to have the graduate college become the principal feeder for the university faculty.

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But that was when business was gushing out over the spillway and anybody could bring a bucket and fill it in no time and with no effort. Now the spillway's dried up a bit. If I want to fill my business bucket they tell me I'll have to climb to the source of supply and work a bit to get it, too. Funny so much of my self-confidence has gone! Things have been coming so easy these last few years. I'm spoiled. I guess that's it—I'm spoiled for real digging.

Maybe that's why I'm so ready to believe anybody I chance to meet on the street who tells me that business is all shot to pieces and that it's going to be hard sledding for a while. Why should it be hard sledding? We have just as many wheat and cattle ranches going full blast; as many copper, gold and coal mines giving up untold wealth. Just as many people to clothe, feed and house. What's the answer? Somebody must be doing business!

When I come to think of it, the last man who calamity-cooked into my ear looked fat and lazy and smelled too strongly of tobacco. The sort who comes in from a heavy lunch, puts his feet on the desk and smokes three big, black cigars hand-running. He's waiting for the office boy to announce that Big Business is waiting to see him. When he croaked to me he was sore because it hadn't happened.

Strange that alert, well-groomed man who goes down in the elevator with me never complains about business. Every time I hear him talking to a friend he's just landed a nice account and is on his way to cinch another. That chap must be on the job with both feet!

Perhaps that's the answer—on the job with both feet. Wonder if I put cotton wool in my ears against calamity croakers, got my hands and feet moving and brought my brain back to life whether I couldn't scare up some real business. Bet I could! Guess I'll try.

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