

# Charming Woman Explorer Brings From Adventurousome Journey New Theory of America's Settlement by Asiatics

Harriet Chalmers Adams Has "Had No Adventures," But Only a "Jolly Good Time," She Tells in Interview.

She has coasted Tierra del Fuego in a sailing vessel, canoed on the head streams of the Paraguay, boated on the hidden Orinoco, braved the Guiana trail.

But she has had no adventures, no hair-breadth escapes, no encounters with wild animals, no close fights with natives, only a "jolly good time."

She has traversed the Roosevelt trails, she has discovered that the Incas had a civilization from which we might profit, she will tell you that the tango is a burlesque on the Argentine dances.

"She" is Harriet Chalmers Adams, just back from an eventful journey along the fringe of Asia, where she gathered new proof to support her theory that the ancient "Aryan" peoples came by sea from Asia, not across the Bering straits from Siberia.

By J. R. HILDEBRAND.

Picture a vivacious, pretty, altogether charming young woman (who says she is not young), clad in a distracting sort of gown, and over that a gauzy, diaphanous sort of filmy robe—just the sort of woman you would expect to find in a tea room, looking her prettiest to the subdued, multi-colored lights, occasionally gliding into the floor for a dance.

Watch her enthusiasm and wait for her to tell of her latest haul, her newest hat, and then pinch yourself! She is expending the enthusiasm on that supreme moment, that exquisite thrill, she experienced when she first looked upon Magellan's grave.

Held tight to both arms of the chair! She is most dear—but the memorable time she tenderly, reverently, stood in the grim old cathedral of Santo Domingo and held the ashes of Columbus in her hands!

"I cannot tell you and you cannot know what moment that meant to me. I had followed the trail of Columbus from the two disputed places of his birth, one in Italy, the other in Spain, across the Atlantic to the Dominican Republic, where he really lived and there, in his tomb, where it seemed he had really been buried."

She's Most Conventional.

Mrs. Adams will not like that introduction.

She insists she is a most conventional person. She plaintively tells of the adventures "wished on" her by newspaper reporters, and seems to feel herself cheated that she never had of herself.

"The most that ever happened to me was an illness caused by eating dates that turned out to have been a poisonous variety, but then that might happen to anyone who ate such things in a Broadway cafe," she complained.

I have escaped the fever, have been bothered by insects, but they can be called "thrilling," have lost sleep when trails raved in or rivers washed away, but that merely was inconvenient. I never have been chased by a wild animal and never have been held by any natives or a ransom.

In all lands the traveler will find the natives most amiable if they are treated moderately. As for the perils of exploration, one should remember that all one has to do is to follow their customs closely, and he will most likely survive. All the animals I met in South America were so tame that they ran away. A few were more friendly and consented to be photographed. Look at the pictures of those animals do not look very dangerous, do they?"

Smiles At Danger Rumors.

From this experience may be gathered the reason why Mrs. Adams is inclined to smile at the stories of the awful dangers of pestilence, plague and wild animals to which the Roosevelt party is exposed.

There are no reptiles, nor any wild animals that need be feared in the territory she is traversing," she said. "The danger from disease is not a real one to a healthy person. We have always escaped."

Perhaps it is time to define the "she" that figures in all of Mrs. Adams' narrative. The other part of the plural first person is Franklin Adams, editor of the Bulletin, of the International Bureau of American Republics. With her husband, Mrs. Adams has been looking about in out-of-the-way places for fifteen years, but always exploring that territory which may have something to offer in the way of tracing the prehistoric inhabitants of America. Her literary interest centered with the Incas of Peru, with the Mayans of Central America, with the Toltecs and Aztecs of Mexico, and the Pueblos of our own Western plains. But Mrs. Adams has discovered traces of a race she calls the "pre-Incasic" peoples, a nomenclature which already has been accepted by geographers.

She Bears Fellowship.

The scientific value of her work was recognized by the unusual action of the Royal Geographic Society of Great Britain in making her a woman, one of its fellows, and she is most proud of her connection with her own land's American Geographic Society, for which she has lectured and which she believes is doing a remarkable work in the dissemination of geographical knowledge. When mountain climbing was mentioned, Mrs. Adams disclaimed any records, though she most definitely admitted she had climbed to a 19,300-foot height in Peru, and later had spent ten days at 17,000 feet above sea level at the border of Peru and Bolivia, which is a considerably more difficult feat than that of the King of France school of mountain climbers, who usually come right down again.

Rides 1,000 Miles in Saddle.

Through the land of the Incas, Mrs. Adams covered more than 1,000 miles in the saddle. It was in this territory that the pre-Incasic people built "Tibubano," "oldest city of the New World," now in ruins near the Bolivian shore of Lake Titicaca. Incas, of Peru, rose long after Tibubano fell. And despite years of Spanish ravages

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WITH BENGUET GIRLS IN THE WILDS OF LUZON.



Coaxing a Pair of Coypus in Argentina, From the Fur of Which Felts Hats Are Made.

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and oppression these people still preserve many ancient customs, such as removing their hats when they approach the site of Cuzco, sacred city of the sun. These people are known as quichuas, and their tongue still is spoken by their descendants.

"Their haunts form one of the richest spots on the hemisphere for geographers and ethnologists," said Mrs. Adams. "One of the most hopeful signs of the times is that the Peruvians now are making every effort to protect them and keep them from harm. They have survived the Spaniards, who did not treat them kindly, and have lived on despite the invasions of other natives."

"Their early civilization embodied many things we look upon as new. They were the farmers of the world's roof garden, and they operated their agriculture on a community plan, where all worked and all shared the profits. Their King was more than a ruler; he was a father to the people, seeing to it that the sick were cared for. They were essentially kind, and the brotherhood of man had an excellent exemplification among them."

Pioneers of Irrigation.

"Materially, too, they made surprising advances. They are pioneers of irrigation. They arranged a series of terraces along the steep mountain sides, running off into narrow canyons at their bases. These were irrigated from the snow-capped mountains, and kept wonderfully fertile from the melting snows."

In talking with Mrs. Adams you must be prepared for geographical jargon. It is hard to follow her names of the out-of-the-way places of the world in mind. She thinks no more of taking a mental leap from Simonsville, New York State, to the northwest of Patagonia, or from Tibet to Terre del Fuego, than you might in comparing New York State with the northwest of Luzon, where primitive Malays of the Philippines combine irrigation with fertilization, and on the most wonderful terraces of the whole world grow rice now just as they did 2,000 years ago.

"Wonderful, too, are the architectural remains of the Incas. At one point you may stand on a steep mountain height and look into a canyon below where they changed the whole course of a river for three miles so they might have land for cultivation. There are remains of their wonderful temples—temples built to their Sun God, and even bridges which vie with modern stone structures."

Sounds Like New Baedeker.

A list of places that Mrs. Adams has been would sound like a new Baedeker. Ecuador, Peru, Chile, Patagonia, Brazil, Guiana, Venezuela, Colombia, and Argentina have been included in the South American itineraries. "Argentina? Oh, yes, I have seen the dances there. And I sat in a New York cafe and watched the birds they commit there under the name of the tango Argentine."

The dances bore a resemblance to dances I have seen in the midst of jungles by primitive peoples, not civilized people, mind you, but savages. But I never have seen anything in Argentina, nor in Brazil, that faintly resembled the dances I saw in New York."

The cowboys in Argentine dance with women a pretty dance known as the

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Periods out on the pampas, or plains. Like all their dances it is slow, stately, grave. There is rhythm, and all the grace of the minut, though the dance is not at all like the minuet. There is another dance, done in the cities, known as the tango. But that, too, is stately, and there is a gravity about it that in no way resembles the whirling, jerky, nervous gyrations of a New York cabaret. The Chilean dances, too, are beautiful."

Three Months in Forest.

Mrs. Adams was the first woman to penetrate the Amazon territory, and with her husband, spent three months in the depths of the forests inhabited by the primitive Indians and Bush negroes.

"The dances of these Bush negroes are more nearly like our own dances than anything done in Argentina," she said. "Natural wonders disclose themselves in this country of which outside eyes never dreamed. There is a fall on the upper Parana, known as the Inga, higher, wider, and more beautiful than those of the Niagara and even higher, which vie with modern stone structures."

One of her most interesting experi-

ences, the nearest approach to an adventure, she will admit, was in a driving blizzard at the top of Mt. Mytic, in the Andes, where her party was caught in a driving blizzard. They found a herd of llamas, crept in among them, and with their furry bodies for pillows, spent the night in comparative comfort.

"It was fun," said Mrs. Adams, as she describes a straw ride and barn dance afterward.

Her West Indian journey, her crossing of the Equator and Dominican Republic on horseback, her experiences on the trip around the Orient from

which she has just returned all offer stories as novel and interesting as any South American exploits.

But what Mrs. Adams is most anxious to talk about is the new evidence she has found and which she just has communicated to the National Geographic Society, of the prehistoric settlement of the Western Hemisphere by people who drifted across the Pacific in open boats.

"I have records, in my lifetime, of twenty-five small boats blown across the Pacific. One was a Japanese fishing boat which landed its untiring immigrants alive and well in California two years ago."

"Who knows how many such vessels

came to these coasts from Pacific Islands long years before the North American Indian tribes crossed the Bering straits.

"There also is growing evidence that South America was settled when the Bering region was nothing but a barren waste, before nature's chance made it possible for tribes to wander into the continent by that route."

Mrs. Adams wishes to be known as more than an explorer. She enjoyed her trips. But they were not made in a spirit of wanderlust.

"I feel now that I have collected information that will take a lifetime to study. I have seen more than one lifetime could hope to rathom. But I have done enough to call attention to some new things. And it is now my life work to formulate the results of my travel. It is these results I am looking to, and not back at the adventures."

"But, please remember, I had no adventures."

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### Draw Lots for Office; Woman Is Town Clerk

WAUKESHA, Wis., April 12.—It will not be necessary to hold a special election to fill the office of town clerk at Fox Lake, because the election last Tuesday resulted in a tie.

Mrs. Lohra Rushmore, the Republican candidate, and William Jackson, her Democratic opponent, each received 17 votes in Tuesday's balloting.

Mrs. Rushmore and Jackson, with other city officials, held a conference and it was decided that the two candidates should draw lots for the office. Mrs. Rushmore was the lucky one, and Lake county now has its first woman town officer.

### Chicago School Census To Include Adults, Too

CHICAGO, April 12.—A census, which will include every adult and child in Chicago, and probably will show that this city has a population of 2,500,000, is to be taken under the direction of William Lester Bodne, superintendent of compulsory education. It will start her Democratic opponent, each received 17 votes in Tuesday's balloting.

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