

An Unlucky Hat.

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"I don't believe in ghosts," said the veteran, "nor nothing like that, but I do believe in—well, what shall I call it?—luck. There's certain gambler's combinations in which there's millions of chances against their happening, and yet they have happened. They say lightning don't strike twice in the same place. I kin show you out in Mulligan county an old oak that's been struck to my knowledge three times.

"The curriest thing that ever happened in my experience was when we was fightin' around Atlanta. Some Georgia troops come so near the temporary breastworks we'd throwed up that when they went back they left several dead right under our noses. One of 'em had on a good felt hat. The reason I noticed it was because my hat had become unserviceable, and I couldn't get another in the regular way. Besides, it was rainin', I was startin' to go out and get the dead man's hat when I saw Bill Struthers of our company jump down on 'other side of the breastworks, pick up the hat and put it on his head. But he took it off ag'in to wipe out the blood, for the Johnny had been shot through it in the head. Struthers swabbed it with the sleeve of his coat and put it back on to his head.

"There was no more or less fightin' that day, and we in the breastworks generally laid low, 'cause our line in a stray shot would come along our way. Struthers was showin' his hat to some of the boys, and seemin' to keep about his head bet' above the parapet. He took the hat off and poked his finger through the bullet hole in it, then put it on ag'in. He hadn't more'n got it on when he pitched forward. They picked him up and found another bullet hole in the hat close beside the one he'd been showin' 'em. The bullet had made a hole in Struthers' head.

"Well, Jim O'Keefe of Company G, next on our left, was wearin' a cap. A cap out in the rain is the worst sort of headgear, for when it gets soaked a stiddy stream runs right down a man's backbone. O'Keefe he pressed the hat into his own special service. My hat was nothin' more'n a stopgap, without the 'other end stopped up and fetchin' all the rain there was. I was feelin' sorry that I hadn't got ahead of Bill Struthers, the man that first got the hat, when I saw O'Keefe throw up his hands and tumble in a heap. I run up to him, and what do you think? There was a third hole in the hat and a bullet through O'Keefe's brain.

"Countin' the Johnny, this made three men that had lost their lives wearin' that hat. I was just goin' to pick it up and throw away my stopgap when I remembered this and stopped. It was rainin' harder every minute, and the hat would be a fine perfection. Barrin' the bullet holes it was sound everywhere. Howsomever, I didn't like makin' the fourth man to repose my weary limbs on Confederate soil, and I concluded to let the hat alone. I saw one or two men pick it up, look it over, throw down their own hats and goin' to put it on when I hailed 'em and told 'em that three men had been killed wearin' of it. Mostly they dropped it like a hot coal, but purty soon a lieutenant of Company B come along. He hadn't any head coverin' at all. He'd been on the skirmish line and been driven in in a hurry—such a big hurry that he'd dropped his hat and didn't calculate to stop to pick it up.

"As soon as he saw the hat I was talkin' about lyin' on the ground he made a dive for it. I called out to him, 'Lieutenant, don't wear that hat,' says I. 'What's the matter with it?' says he. 'There's three men been shot a-wearin' it.' 'Well,' he says, 'if it has been struck three times there's a thousand chances to one it won't be struck ag'in—not just now, anyway.' And he clipped it on his head.

"Now, that's just the way these men who make up systems to beat gambler's banks get fooled. Howsomever, it's mighty good reasonin' all the same. It's good reasonin' and it's had reasonin'. There's some would argue that the hat was fated, others that the spirit of the original Confederate owner had swore that no cussed Yankee should wear it. I don't believe in any of these superstitions. There's only one thing I do believe in—luck; jist luck and nothin' else.

"About this time of day the frin' got purty hot. The bullets was stingin' jist 'a if it was lots o' fun to plug a Yankee, some of 'em euntin' the twigs of the overhanging branches spiteful. I saw the lieutenant with the hat on—the hat I was tellin' you about—standin' on the breastwork tryin' to get his nose out to make a charge—they been' about o' ammunition jist jist, I believe—when sudden' I saw his collapse.

"The comrades picked him up, and I saw one of 'em take off his hat and poke his finger through four different bullet holes in the crown.

"Well, by this time it was pretty well understood that the hat had a streak of bad luck in it. It lay on the ground, and not a man would touch it. 'A good hat gittin' a wide berth with even all about wastin' it.' It wasn't superstition. No one could argue that there was any more chances of gittin' hit in it than in any other hat. And jist so men dared wear it. I've thought about it often since and wondered what that thing we call luck is, anyway. I don't believe the biggest reason was that ever lived would 'a' cared, after seein' what I seen, to take up that hat and wear it come 'e he had been wearin' his own.

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