

How Dame Fulton Defied the King's Men—Patriotic Woman of Medford, Who Rescued Supplies for American Troops, Captured by British Soldiers—Mother of the Boston Tea Party.

Our Pioneer Mothers

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A Boston woman whose name has been written in revolutionary history along with those of Paul Revere and Dr. Warren, and to whom Washington and Lafayette did signal honor, was Sarah Bradlee Fulton, sometimes called "The Mother of the Boston Tea Party."

Mrs. Fulton was a militant patriot, which was to have been expected, coming as she did from the patriotic family of Bradlees of the patriotic old town of Dedham, which in later days was to be swallowed up in the greater city of Boston.



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every wound had been dressed and every sufferer cared for. Some time later it came to the ears of John Fulton that there was a big load of firewood in which were concealed various supplies, coming through Medford for the Yankee sol-

tensibly, and rode back into Medford alongside the ox team that was hauling the fuel. In Medford they were met by the redcoats, a dozen or twenty of them, under a subaltern, who stopped the teamster and ordered him to take the wood in another direction.

It was some time after this that Mrs. Fulton was called upon to perform a service for her country calling for more courage than the facing of the British soldiers who had tried to confiscate the firewood.

Amazing Careers Recalled—Many Imitators of Madame Velasquez, the Conqueror Soldier Who Fought at Bull Run.

Adventurous Lives of Women in Trousers

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LONDON, July 30.—How many women are there masquerading as men in your locality? Maybe the question is not so foolish as it looks. Before Suffragettes came to trouble the world women often found ways to gain equality with men.

duced her to settle down, for in later life she joined a miner's camp as a man, and made extensive tours through Europe. At the beginning of her male career she went to great pains to conceal her form, and had made for her half a dozen fine wire net shields which she wore next to the skin.



A female masquerader who attained great notoriety for her personal courage as a soldier, during the Duke of Marlborough's campaign against the French in the Low Countries, was Mrs. Christian Davies, the daughter of a Dublin brewer.

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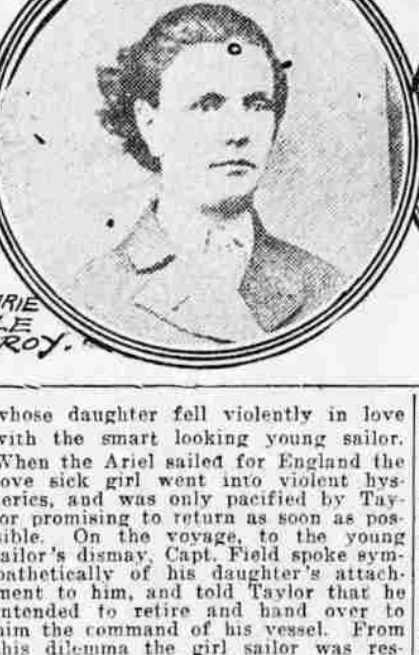
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This theory has recalled similar acts of devotion disclosed from time to time in the life histories of other women who have posed as men. More often, however, women have adopted man's attire through sheer love of adventure, and a dislike of the limitations and restraints imposed by their sex.

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