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He Was TooFast for an Actress

How Joe Dawson, Dare-Devil Auto Racer, Won Mabel McCane by Breaking a Record, and Then Lost Her by Giving Her a 90 Mile-an-Hour Spin at His Side.

abel McCane, in one of her stage poses.

AT! An actress refuses to tells the circumstances of her sudden unfinished Singer building tower, and who mous of all dare-devil auto racers, Miss marry the man she loves determination not to wed a high-speed in many other ways accomplish results Louise Alexander, and as if this exmerely because the pace he hero. Her statement, analyzed, means of speed and daring quite beyond the perience was too slow for her, prosets for himself is too fast that 90 miles an hour, which it is Joe powers of ordinary men. ceeded to make the fastest pace ever Why, there's "Polly" Chase, the "pink Dawson's business to better, if he can, known on thé stage, in her "Vampire

for her? Yet that is the self-confessed reason is far too fast for her, or for any man by Miss Minhel McCane has broken off rengagement to marry young Joe Daw-What do you think of that? And

What do you think of that? And dare-devil hero of auto races. actresses constantly figuring in the newswas his brilliant winning of an auto ed contest that made him her hero won her love. But one day she sat ide him while he sent his machine r the track at the rate of 99 miles an c. bool-by, Joe," she said, when her feet is exhere on this page Miss McCane dates a constantly figuring in the news-papers as enthuslastic autoists, as in-veterate joy riders, as ladies about whom veterate joy riders about whom was his brilliant winning of an auto ed contest that made him her here

pajama" actress, perfectly delighted to dance," done with Julian Mitchell as a marry Grahame-White, one of the most partner, and with the result of getting intrepid of all the dare-devil birdmen, herself named in Mrs. Mitchell's suit narry Grahame-White, one of the most And it is just now announced by herfor divorce. self that Miss Grace LaRue, star in Quite a number of professional auto "Madame Troubadour," wants to fly so speed manjacs have let out an extra badly that she is having an aeroplane link in a race because the heart and

specially built for her. Actress Bride for Strang.

You remember that it was an actress who married Lewis P. Strang, most fa-

race and they became fast friends. Friendship broadened until love developed. When Dawson went to Chicago to train for the Elgin road races Miss Mc-Cane was visiting friends there. Dawson saw her often. The oftener he saw her the more frequently he wanted to see her. Soon the others of the racing camp began to notice his devotion.

This kept up until after the races. In that Elgin event Dawson had the mis-fortune to break the frame of his car in a daring bit of driving. Miss Mc-Cane showed deep feeling in consoling him. He told her he loved her, And their engagement became known in the auto racing world.

End of Romance.

All the time Dawson was showing such attentions to Miss McCane he was dreaming dreams of greatness and dreaming dreams lches won by racing.

So the two dreams developed. Dawson came to New York to train for the big Eastern races. Miss McCane came East to visit some friends. It was hard for the boy to dream dreams of love and work on his car at the same time. But he did his best. Then came a visit of Miss McCane to the training camp-

and a ride around the course in the racing car. Next act-end of the romance.

Cobe trophy at 200 miles on July 4 at last realized his engagement was no at Indianapolls. When he won it he more, and now he is devoting all his also won Miss McCane, who was in the crowd which watched that perform- "What is a man to do?" he said. "I

ance. Mabel McCane is an actress who turned from a social career in St. Louis to go on the stage. She is prominent in Western vaudeville, being well known from Chicago to Frisco. Her stepfather is Alexander Bay, a newe-"What is a man to do?" he said. "I cannot give up my profession, for it means my livelihoad. So I must forget His friends are wondering if his exper-ience will harden him and make him more reckless, or if it will leave him unaffected in the mean." ience will harden him and make him more reckless, or if it will leave him unaffected in his work. Already too fast for an actress, will he stepfather is Alexander Ray, a news-

paper publisher and clubman of St. Louis. She is ambitious and full of dreams. And when she saw Dawson win the Cobe trophy she began a

dream of love. She met the young driver after that

Joe Dawson, whose fast driving lost him an actress bride, and Mabel McCane, who sacrificed love rather than marry a cepting him as a future husband is one

> part of that mammoth, crouching piece of mechanism, his racing car. I was something foreign, useless, unrecognized, forgotten for me to say anything. I knew that if heads. I had cared to open an argument with No, indeed! Now I am education of the say anything is the say anything is the say anything is the say anything is a saw any say and say anything is a saw any say and say any say any say and say any say a minutes, I knew that I could never marry the man who drove it. My dream of Joe about possible danger to us in the frightful speed we were making, I might there. When I sat in that speeding car with ful, pounding machinery which responded than live in luxury purchased in any not the man I had grown to love. He was chanced to his hand on the wheel. And so I knew that I must say good by T do not be way.

er, the broken and bloeding shell of the the semblance of a human being. He was another being. As I looked at I have no regrets-I know that I could man whom I love and obey. as I would him, I realized that I was no longer never endure the strain of being a wife want to love and obey a husband. I cauwith the man whose picture I carried in with the knowledge that any day might, not do it, and I am stopping now, before BY MABEL McCANE. Seeing Joe Dawson win an automobile sitting beside a man to whom, at that race, falling in love with him, and ac-

speed maniac.

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the township of steuben (locally pro-Ald-de-Camp to Frederick the Great, King of stants the country home of Baron Prossia. long, low building of log Major General and Inspector General in the Revolutionary War. brick weather-boarded. It consisted three large concommunicating rooms Esteemed, Respected, and Supported by Washing-

the United States d ed November 28, 1794, alone, except for

becember 7, in Lafayette square his honor a funeral service in the Ger- friends, aroused public sentiment and se-to Maj. Gen. Steuben, inspec- and wore ensure for eix moder. Get Man to Maj. Gen. Steuben, inspec-and were crape for six weeks. Col. Will-tor general of the Revolution-iam North, a dearly loved friend and cowas placed in the fall of 1824 with approary arms, is not, as has been legatee with Benjamin Walker, placed in the first, nor does his body rest the same church a beautiful mural tablet. priate ceremonics. The address was made by the Rev. Mr. Pierce, pastor of the Unitarian Church in Olden Barnein an unmarked grave. It becomes my which was subsequently removed to the veldt. Gen. Lafayette was at the time dege as a native of Oneida county, new church on Forsythe street. The orrect the impression that the slab of obelisk form and the square in Albany, and invited to be present, but he declined, it has been said, on account that great State had so over- frame are of bluish clouded marble. The of an ill feeling that had existed between ked the patriotic duty of manifesting lower urn has upon it a representation terence for the memory of the great of the Order of Fidelity. The inscription: al disinterested soldier. them when officers in the army. I preier to think it was on account of the dis tance, the rough journey, and the time it would occupy. This monument is pic-tured in Lossing's "Field Book of the the samuy slope of lofty Starr's rlift. Frederick William Augustus, Baron de Steuben A German Knight of the Order of Fidellty;

The Highly Polished Manners of the Baron Were

Revolution" and in Frost's "American Generals." It consisted of a tablet of limestone resting on four columns ot piled stone 2 feet high. The tablet was about 8 feet long by 4 wide, and 10 inches in thickness, inscribed: Major General Frederick William Augustus

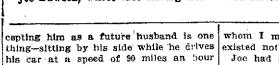
Baron de Steuben

er of 1856 the

dreams.

Quite a number of professional auto hand of an actress were the main prize to be won. This, too, has been a fea-ture of several six-day bicycle races.

For, after that ride, the engagement of the boy and the girl was no more. And As above mentioned. Miss McCane. a spectator at an auto speed



whom I meant nothing-to whom there ing human form, to claim it as that of existed nothing but speed, speed, speed. my beloved. Rather than live oppressed Joe had become a sort of demoniacal by this dread I could only say good-by Rather Be in Back Row of Chorus. Only a few weeks ago it seemed to me the summit of my desires to marry sotten. I was completely in the power of that rushing, grinding piece of mechanism. I which gave me a sensation of trees and

mass early in that latitude, an heavy snow had fallen, the almost inpassable, yet meswere found to go for his friends, oi, Maopa and Dr. Van Der Camp, & den Barneveldt, and Col. John Post, at ert Schuyler (Utlea). All were absent ir homes. The much-loved Ben amin Walker had left the farm a few lays previous for New York. The ined secretary, Mulligan, sought a had not been designated. Wrapped in his bid military cloak, with his star of knighthool on his breast, the add-de-camp of Frederick the Great way of the spinlorly chark, with his stall of aller it was decided to enable the time spinlor on his breast, the ald-de-op of Frederick the Great was aid to beceath the boughs of a spreading lock near by, a single prayer in bro-English by the Weish Ininister of a minister walked the 18 miles to Utica to here I shall be buried."

"pon receipt of the news of the paron's

aptist congregation of the neighborhood acquaint Col. Walker with the situation, be only ceremony. All indications of the Without delay the body was reinterred scation of the grave were carefully ob-in the wooded lot of several acres east erated. Why? in obedience to a com-of the residence and marked by a simple headstone of slate. Forty years ago there ase they do not permit any person to could still be found fragments of this ease they do not permit any person to could still be found fragments of this ouch my body, not even to change the headstone, but the inscription could not hart in which I shall die, but that they be deciphered. At that time Col. Wakker rath my ho in my old milliare cloak al in 34 hours after my decease bury me 200 acres, I have been told, in charse of such spot as I shall, before my de-the congregation of the little Welsh ase, point out to them, and that they church, with the stipulation that the ever argument any person with the place grave should be kept undisturbed in the

of his secretary and valet.

hall be buried." wooded reservation. Thirty years after the death of Steu-New York the German society ben, Miss Sophia Mappa and Bertha Van

Feelings of the Heart. Melting Charity Open as Day to His Hand, paper, published an appeal from Theo Closed Only in the Grasp of Death. tial is inscribed by an American Who

ore Bruere to the Germans United States for funds to crect a suitthe monument in honor of Steuben in Had the Honor to be His Aid-de-Camp, the New York city. Several thousand dol-lars had been collected in 1858. Some

Happiness to be His Friend. Oblit 1795. years before the civil war the New York legislature appropriated a sum of money last generous acts of the One of the old baron had been to deed a piece of ground near his home to the Welsh Bapfor the same purpose, and the two amounts were subsequently turned over The minister, having to an association of admirers of the hero. who completed the work in 1870, A large measure of the credit was due to Gov. Horatio Seymour for the succes of the undertaking.

On the morning of the first day of June, 1870, there was an unwonted ani-mation in the sleepy little Welsh village of Remsen. From every approach came buckboards, democrat wagons, and buggies without other occupants than the drivers, to gather about the railway station. Shortly before noon the wheezing old engine steamed up with a crowd of more than 1,500 persons bound for the grave of Baron de Steuben. It had been a difficult matter to haul so long a train up the heavy grades from Utica. up in my old military cloak, placed what remained of the farm, about The next problem was the 5-mile climb of the Steuben hills. Conveyances were provided for distinguished guests and ladies; others walked, escorted by the entire population of the village. Up the

procession went, past the old stone meeting house at the crossing of the roads; past the little white church of

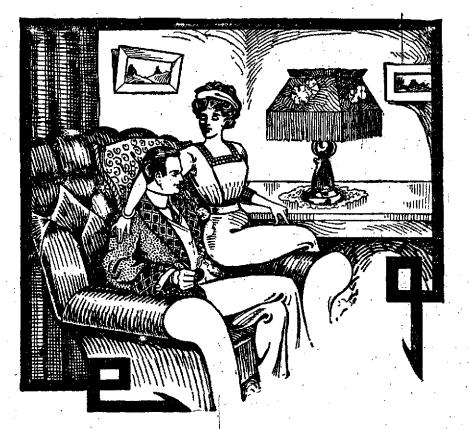
the Weish Baptists, with two flags crossed over the gateway; still upward to the farm where hundreds of country to the farm where hundreds of country people from far and near had assembled. Steubentown never had and never will again see such an occasion. In the crowd about the old monument, which had not as yet been disturbed, and the excavation for the cornerstone of the new, in the somber depths of the forest which relatined its volument for the new, in the someer depths of the forest which retained its primeval fea-tures, were ex-Gov. Seymour, Gen. Franz Sigel, S. Karl Kapff, the New York Liederkranz, the Utica Citizens' Corps, accompanied by the City Band, and many other distinguished citizen

and many other distinguished citizens of the State. After music by the band and a prayer in Weish by the Rev. Robert Everett, lov. Seymour introduced Mr. Kapf the spoke in behalf of the Steuben Schuetzen Soclety of New York, and gave a brief history of the origin and progress of the movement having for its object the erection of this monument. Following Mr. Kapff, Deacon D. M. Crowell made an address of welcome in behalt of the citizens of Steuben and Remsen to the distinguished guests and admirors of Baron de Steuben. The 35 members of the Liederkranz Society sang the ode, "Der Tag des Herren". After the Prussian national hymn Gov. Seymour performed the ceremony of aying the cornerstone, while the assemblage stood with uncovered heads in profound silence. Immediately after in profound silence. Immediately after the ceremony, Gov. Seymour proposed that a vote of thanks be given by the Steuben Association to the Welsh Bap-tist Church for the fidelity and care with which they had carried out the request of Col. Walker in preserving and protecting the grounds made sa-red by the dust of the great soldier. Gen. Franz Sigel followed with an eloquent address in German. The monument was designed and ex-ecuted by Henry Reck, of New York,

The base and body are of Trenton lime base is 14 feet square, total height is feet. Within a wreath cut in re-lief in the granite upon one of the faces is the simple word "Steuben." Four Parrott guns are placed en reverse at he angles.

In the summer of 1872 the completed nonument was unveiled with simple eremony by representatives of the Monument Association. Steube**n** ablet of the older memorial had been broken in removal and "lies in ruins" at the base of its suc

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Monument erected over the grave of Baron de Steuben by the Steunen Asso

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