MASQUERADES SIX YEARS AS A MAN

Her first boarding house mistress wished to adopt her as a son. She discovered her secret, but kept silent

She became known as a flirt. She was so fascinating to women that she was called a lady-killer. Her reputa-tion for being a fast young man was, she says, one of the factors of her suc-

cess with women.

She wrote poetry to those on whom she bestowed her attentions. It was said of Herman Gray Wood that he could make love better than any man in the circle in which he moved.

She became engaged to the daughter of the landlady in another house where she boarded.

She moved to a third boarding house.

She moved to a third boarding house, where the landlady, a woman sixteen years her senior, fell in love with "Herman Wood," never dreaming that her boarder was a woman.

Remorse overcame the young wo-man. She tried to kill herself. The landlady rescued her. She proposed to the landlady and was accepted. Her Marriage to a Woman.

The marriage of Lota Augustine Sawyer, posing as Herman Gray Wood, actually took place i nthe parlor of a Baltimore church on June 16 last.

A week later the young woman was arrested, still wearing man's clothing. After she was released she remained in Baltimore for a time, taking another name, but still clinging to masculine attire.

Afterward she came to New York,

Afterward she came to New York, still as a man, and in the house where she lived she was not suspected.

On one occasion she was taken in an ambulance to a hospital in this city, but the doctors who cared for her did not suspect that she was a woman.

Strange to relate, despite her success in passing as a man Lote Sawyer is in passing as a man, Lota Sawyer is not masculine

She is rather tall for a woman and weighs 170 pounds. Her features are refined and essentially feminine, and her voice is that of a woman of education—soft, well modulated, pleasing to the ear.

A few days ago, for the first time in six years, Lota Sawyer attired herself in the proper apparel of her sex, and it emphasizes a great change that has come over her.

From a hard-drinking, swearing, smoking young man she has become a womanly woman prepared with the second and the second second

womanly woman, prepared with the assistance of new-found friends to begin was born in Camden county, She was born in Camden county, North Carolina, a short distance from Elizabeth City. Her father, Edward Sawyer, a prosperous farmer belonging to a very good family, died when she was a baby. There were three other children.

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After her husband's death Mrs. Saw-yer removed to Norfolk, Va., where she married J. G. Whitehurst. Subsequently they returned to Camden

A Bright, Clever Child.

day that she met with the most terrible experience a girl can know. She attended a party some distance from her home, where her beauty (for she looked older than her years) attracted much attention from strangers present. She drank some lemonade, which affected her strangely. She never knew how she reached her home, but the family found her lying on the doorstep, unconscious.

She was afraid to tell her mother of her experience. She was nearly crazed with the horror of it. As time went on concealment became impossible, and

she was not believed when she told what had happened.
When her child was born it was taken from her and she has never seen it, although it is still living. As Lota recovered, the family turned from her. There were many scenes, and finally her sister declared that if Lota did not leave the house forever she would go away herself.

Lota was then sixteen and knew nothing of the ways of the world. She decided that there was nothing for her to do but to go far away and kill her-

She secured \$150. Her share of the estate left by her father amounted to \$7,000, and she thought she had a right \$7,000, and she thought she had a right to the money. She donned a suit of clothes belonging to her brother, in order to make her escape easier. Then she cut off her hair and, carrying her own clothes in a bundle, left the house while the family slept.

She walked to Elizabeth City where

She walked to Elizabeth City, where she watket to Edzabeth City, where she took a train for Norfolk. She put on her own clothing, tried to find employment and failed. She swiftly decided that she was treated with more consideration, and certified with more consideration and could more easily escape observation as a boy than as a girl. She was a very pretty girl, with an excellent figure. So she bought a Though my hopes and aspirations Lift their pinions never again, and my strife to gain thy favor

NEW YORK, Aug. 21.—For six years Lota Augustine Sawyer masqueraded as a man, calling herself Herman Gray Wood, passing through some of the most extraordinary experiences that a woman ever encountered—first in Baltimore and lately in New York, where she now is.

The complete story of her life is here printed for the first time.

She is a girl of good birth, excellently educated, with a pretty gift for making verses, many of which have been published.

She ran away from home when she was sixteen and went to Baltimore, where the discovery of her sex a few weeks ago, coming about in a most sensational way, stirred that city tremendously.

She was twenty-two years old on July 1 last.

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She learned to smoke, to drink, to swear, in order to make more perfect the illusion.

Her first boarding house mistress

complete outfit of boy's clothing and set about making herself look as masculine as possible.

As she freed herself from the atmosphere of her home the desire to kill herself departed. The spirit of adventure took possession of her.

She decided to go to Baltimore, traveling thither by boat, and successfully passing muster among the men she with Mrs. O. H. Haumen, in Saratoga street. By this time Lota had determined to remain a "boy" as long as she could. She decided to call herself Herman Wood found work as a clerk in a grocery store in Baltimore street, but she did not work there very long. She won the affection of Mrs. Haumen almost immediately, and that good woman speedily came to the conclusion that she would adopt her boarder as her son. She refused to take money from "him" and insisted upon supplying "his" wants.

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man speedily came to the conclusion that she would adopt her boarder as her son. She refused to take money from "him" and insisted upon supplying "his" wants.

Mrs. Haumen treated "Herman Wood" as generously as if "he" had been her own son. Lota Sawyer made a very lovable boy, and things ran along pleasantly for both of them until Mrs. Haumen moved to No.421 St. Paul street. There the boardinghouse mistress discovered that the youth whom she had come to look upon as her son deeper than ever into mannish dissipation. She drank more heavily, stood at bars for hours throwing dice, and was mixed up in more than one saloon brawl, in which she did things that no one would have believed possible of Lota Sawyer.

Just about the time that Lota's money was exhausted Mrs. Rauck followed the precedents and fell in love with "Herman Wood," who not only escaped bothering about board bills but could borrow what money "he" needed from his landlady. She really

Should forever prove in vain; Though thy frowning brows repel me, And thy glance of coldness kill, I will suffer like a lover— Be thy fond lover still.

Be thy fond lover still.

It is not every young woman who can receive readable poetry from her sweetheart. The Theosophist young lady was jealous of the havoc created by "Herman Wood" as a swain. When she and her family moved to Washington she made sure that "he" should board where there were no attractive young women to engage his affections. It was decided that "Herman" should go to live with Mrs. Ernestine L. Rauck, who had a boardinghouse at No. 719 North Eutaw street. Mrs. Rauck is a widow, thirty-eight years old, and has two children.

After the girl to whom she was engaged left town, Lota Sawyer plunged deeper than ever into mannish dissipation. She drank more heavily, stood



MISS LOTA AUSTINE SAWYER ("HERMAN G. WOOD.")

was not a boy at all. It is not known how she came to discover the secret. Mrs. Haumen did not speak to Lota

young man, for she took on the airs and bearing of maturity. Until this period Lota had been rath-

Until this period Lota had been rather a girlish boy who shunned the youthful vices and showed no disposition to ape those of men. Her soft voice led others to make fun of her and she was frequently called a "sissy."

To make herself as mannish as possible, to allay all suspicions and to be accepted for what she appeared to be without reservation, became the passion of Lota Sawyer's life. sion of Lota Sawyer's life.

She learned to smoke and then to drink. She was not content with ci-

garettes and light wines, but went in for cigars and whisky. In the Theosophist Society she had met a young woman whose home was in Eutaw street, near Preston, with whose parents she went to live. The whose parents she went to live. The Theosophist young woman was very pretty and very charming and she had many admirers, but the fascinating Herman Wood, who dressed in such excellent taste, who wrote such beautiful poetry, and who talked so charmingly, speedily distanced them all. There isn't any doubt she became very much

in love with "him."

"Herman Wood" had made love to many young women before, and they were not willing to give him up. They delighted in his attentions and in his poetry. Many of his verses were published in Baltimore and elsewhere. Some of these have been collected. To one young woman she wrote:

I do love thee, fondly love thee.
Throbs thy image in my breast,
And the bright vision ever
Soothes my soul to blissful rest.
Let thy hand, dear one, not spurn me
While I whisper in thy ear.
Gushing from my heart's recesses
Words that thou alone must hear.

was very good and generous in a hundred ways to the disguised girl.

There was a tentative engagement between the supposed youth and the widow, and that Lota Sawyer was not lest to all care of deservers. Lota was a very pretty child, with a rather precocious intellect. She had been graduated from the public school when she was fourteen and was sent to a boarding school for a year.

It was just after her fifteenth birthday that she met with the most terrible day that she met with the most terrible and hearing of maturity.

In Love With the Part.

But Lota concluded that "Herman Wood" had better move. By this time she was thoroughly in love with playing the part of a boy, or rather of a young man, for she took on the airs and that Lota Sawyer was not lost to all sense of decency and appreciation is shown by the fact that she was troubled by the deceit she practiced upon Mrs. Rauck. She brooded over it, and finally decided that there was but one way out of the whole trouble and that was to commit suicide. ble, and that was to commit suicide. Lota locked herself in her room, barri-caded the doors and windows, sealed

up the cracks and turned on the gas.

Mrs. Rauck saved her at the risk of
breaking her own neck. In some mysterious fashion she managed to crawl through the transom, after breaking the glass, lunging head foremost into the room.

"Herman Wood" was unconscious and it took the frantic landlady an hour to revive her.

Lota Sawyer has said since that at this point in her career she is sure that she was not in her right senses. The thing uppermost in her mind was that she did not want to deceive Mrs. Rauck any further. Yet no sooner had she recovered from her partial asphyx-iation than she went to Mrs. Rauck and said:

"Dolly Gray, will you do me a favor? Will you marry me right away? Glad to Marry "Herman."

Mrs. Rauck was very glad to marry "Herman Wood" as soon as "he" wished. So "he" forthwith sought John Daush and asked him to procure a marriage license, and the unsuspecting saloonkeeper complied. Immediately afterward "Herman Wood" and the widow sought the rectory of the First Universalist church in Baltimore, and were married by the Rev. Anthony

Then Lota Sawyer, who had been so anxious to maintain her disguise and had made so many sacrifices to remove had made so many sacrifices to remove suspicion, did a most foolish thing. She sought her old friends and acquaintances and told them of the marriage to Mrs. Rauck. Lota even called upon Mrs. Haumen, her first boardinghouse mistress and the first in Baltimore to discover that she was a woman. In the meantime Mrs. Haumen more to discover that she was a wo-man. In the meantime Mrs. Haumen had been investigating and she learned that Lota Sawyer had a child in North Carolina. Lota was informed of this at the Haumen house by a servant. When she returned home she told Mrs.

Rauck about it.

Naturally, Mrs. Rauck called upon Mrs. Haumen, and then learned that her supposed husband was a woman and the mother of a child. Half crazed, Mrs. Rauck sought the minister who had performed the marriage and told him the facts. Mr. Bilkovsky decided that it was a matter for the po-ice to take up and he laid the affair before them.

Police Capt. McGee, of the Northwestern district, and several reporters interviewed "Herman Wood" in the presence of Mrs. Rauck. The girl met them with untroubled gaze. She answered their questions and routed them completely. Capt. McGee apologized. Then, without any reason that has been explained, "Herman Wood's" whole manner changed.

"I have decided you and Mrs. Reach."

manner changed.

"I have deceived you and Mrs. Rauck and everybody else," was the composed declaration. "I am a woman. My name is Lota Austine Sawyer. I have a child five years old who is living with my mother in North Caroina."

She told them a part of her story with her hands thrust in her trousers pockets and walking back and forth with a mannish stride, smoking a cigar the while. Neither the hysterical grief of Mrs. Rauck nor the wonder of the others affected her.

others affected her.
Capt. McGee decided to place Lota Capt. McGee decided to place Lota Sawyer under arrest on the charge of obtaining \$100 from Mrs. Rauck. The thought of going to the police station made a woman out of "Herman Wood" very quickly, but she soon recovered her poise. She was turned over to the matron of the police station, protesting at the time that she was a man and not a woman. Lota remained in the prison for a week, still wearing her masculine garb. Her family refused to come to her assistance.

Refused to Go On the Stage. A saloonkeeper interested in bur-lesque shows tried to get her released, with the hope of placing her on the

stage. His efforts were partly successful, for a threat of habeas corpus proceedings resulted in the police letting Lota go free, but she positively refused to make an exhibition of herself on the stage. She was indignant at the suggestion. She declared that she had never been more deeply insulted in her life. Then she went to a saloon and had two or three drinks of whisky.

Notwithstanding the fact that much had been printed about her, and her pictures had been scattered broadcast, Lota Sawyen still in masculine attire, went freely about Baltimore. She secured a boarding place, where the landlady asked for references, through the intercessions of the landlady's daughter, who was plainly impressed by the good looks and gentlemanly bearing of the applicant. She talked for houls with the people about her own case, and they never suspected that they were harboring a woman.

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own case, and they never suspected that they were harboring a woman.

Lota was without money and dependent upon the newspaper men who had written about her. She was disturbed over the condition of Mrs. Rauck, then in a state of collapse, and drank heavily. Several times she threatened to kill herself. Then she decided that she wanted to come to New York, and a ficket was provided for her. She was to take the midnight train at the Camden street station, in Baltimore. It was an hour late. She moved about, talking to the trainmen, police and others, and not one suspected that the wearer of the blue serge suit and derby hat was "Herman Wood" and a woman. To the man who, had befriended her she talked of herself, saying:

"It's all so strange, this life of mine. At first it was very hard and I suffered. When I first began to drink and smoke it made me sick, but I thought I could not be a man unless I did those things, and after a time I got so I liked tobacco and whisky. But I

things, and after a time I got so I liked tobacco and whisky. But I could not learn to chew tobacco. Licorice made an effective substitute. I used to buy plugs of tobacco when men were about, and pretend to chew it, but I never did.

A Glimpse at Her Diary. "After a time I came to believe I was 'Herman Wood.' The deception was 'Herman Wood.' The deception became real to me, and it was no effort to carry it out. I cannot explain why I married Mr. Rauck. I cannot remember anything distinctly from the time I tried to commit suicide until I awoke at the station house. And yet I knew that it meant exposure. I just didn't care."

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Lota Sawyer departed cheerfully from Baltimore and arrived in New York the following morning. She decided upon taking a new name, for she still clung to masculine attire. Her life in New York is best told from her diary, written in this city:

"New York, June 30.—I arrived safely this morning. After getting something to eat I walked up to Broadway, and, after taking my bearings, from there walked in every direction, looking for a boarding house. At 4:30 I succeeded in getting a cozy room in Eighth street.

"I answered several 'ads' in the World. I feel so easy here! All too busy to notice another. I talked with four different 'cops' and not one suspected me.

pected me.
"There is no danger of my falling in

love with my present boarding mistress, as she is a dwarf in height—not bigger than a ten-year-old child—but, if she is a widow I shall give her a

if she is a widow I shall give her a wide berth.

"I am growing stronger every day with a strong force that surprises me. I fear nothing and no one."

"July 4.—Had it not been for the remembrance of the kindness of a friend in Baltimore I should have ended all my troubles this merning. I stood on the deck where the ferry boat lands, with the determination to suffer a few seconds rather than endure a lifetime of misery, but something held me back. I turned and walked toward the city. God forgive me if I am driven to it. I shall be in a good position to view the city tonight, for I shall walk all night. My money is all gone, but I guess I can stand it so long as my appetite does not assert itself."

"July 5.—Walked all night. Came up to the house this morning and found a letter waiting for me from my friend with some money. I will pay two more day's lodging, and as soon

two more day's lodging, and as soon as I rest I will start out again and look for work.

"Could not secure any employment today. Am feeling very sick."

"July 7.—I received a letter from
Mrs. Rauck today and it raised some
of the gloom that is fast overpowering

"I am still very sick, but am afraid to let the people in the house know for fear they will send for a doctor."
"July 9.—Another trouble, I am being watched by some man. I do not know if he is a Baltimorean or not. did not notice his actions before today, but now they are quite plain. "I am sick from nervousnesss food has not passed my lips for two

days.
"My God! why do they not leave me

The record ends at this point, and with it ends the masquerading of Lota Austine Sawyer. She found a friend good and true, who came to her rescue, who has given her a home, and who will care for her until she can care for herself.

The young woman has discarded

The young woman has discarded masculine attire forever, she declares, and is now garbed in the proper habiliments of her sex. The unaccustomed garments—for she had not worn an article of woman's apparel for six years—give her a strange and becoming bashfulness. The native feminine traits and instincts have returned to her with the skirts, and it is scarce believable that any one could mistake believable that any one could mistake her for a man under any circumstances.



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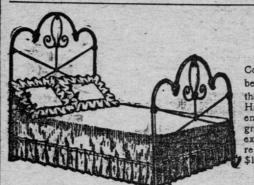
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vived her.
William Howard, who was really Alice C. Howard, of Canandaigua, N. Y., died March 22 last. She had lived for

forty years with a woman to whom she had been married.

George Green, who died early this year, in Petersburg, Pa., had lived for sixty years as a woman, and had been married for thirty-five years. She worked in the mines, and did other manual labor of the heaviest kind. She died at the age of seventy-four, leaving a widow.

Caroline C. Hall, a Boston woman, was on the way home to New York from abroad, where she had been touring for years as the husband of a wohad been married.

ing for years as the husband of a wo-man with whom she traveled. She died suddenly on the voyage, and then her

sex was revealed.

Ellis Glenn, of Hillsboro, Ill., was arraigned about a year ago for forgery and was also accused of wooing and winning Ella Duke, of Butler. She claimed that this was the work of her twin brother, but she was positively identified. She was released on a technicality, and, no twin brother having ever been found, Ellis Glenn still remains something of a mystery. Burt Martin, a famous outlaw of Ne-

braska, was really Lena Martin. She was given a long term in state prison, and her sex was not discovered until after she had been incarcerated for eleven months. She had been living as a man for years. Sergt, Frank Wayne, whose real name was Frances Wayne, was a soldier in the United States army, and saw much actual service. She was killed in battle in 1862.
Dr. James Barry was an Englishwoman who served as an army surgeon

in Malta and at the Cape for years before her sex was discovered. Christian Cavanaugh served with the English army in Malta, fought a duel, and when her sex was discover-ed, remained with her regiment as a Expression of the Eye.

Dr. Duchinne states that the human

eye has no fewer than eighty-seven distinct expressions. This is certainly surprising, inasmuch as one would have been inclined to suppose there were not more than a dozen at the outside. But each one of the dozen, as ascertained by the French scientist. ascertained by the French scientist, represents in reality a group of expressions which, though related to each other, are none the less distinct and to be separately identified.

The basis of all these multiform ex-

pressions is muscular. It is an old story that the eye itself—that is to say, the ball of the eye—has no play of expression at all. All of the expressiveness of the organ lies in the lids, and the surrounding muscles, which as sume different arrangements in resume different arrangements in response to various emotions felt. Thus, grief, mirth, anxiety, surprise, horror, scorn, affection, hate, etc., find their outward manifestations in correspond-ing adjustments of the brows, the lids

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