

SWEET MABEL

Masquerades in Male Attire
Like Another Ellis Glenn.

WORKS AS A BOY

On the Steamer Ruth And
Fools Others.

Wouldn't Bunk With Other Boy—Pre-
ferred Second Clerk.

A beautiful girl, with eyes that rivalled the blue of the summer sky, hair of rich auburn, cropped closely enough to give the boyish effect, and a form of faultless grace and symmetry, are the possessions which Mabel McElhany, alias Dave Kyle, has succeeded in palming off on people for a boys belongings for several years. She palmed them off on the crew of the steamer Ruth last Wednesday when she applied to Second Clerk Earl Kline for a position as cabin boy. She also succeeded in pulling the wool over the eyes of Capt. M. B. Davis, Clerk Roy Moore, Steward G. D. Richards and the remainder of the crew, as well as all the passengers who traveled on the boat during the three round trips she made. Previous to that she had also fooled the proprietor of the Cledenning hotel, of Moundsville, where she also worked for some time.

LEFT HOME.

It now leaks out that she left her home at Elk Fork a short distance back of Sistersville, where she has two brothers, Guy and Ernest McElhaney, who are oil men well known in the neighborhood, and a father, whose given name could not be learned. Pretty Mabel left home several weeks ago, shortly after her mother died. She is said to have taken this blow very hard. She went to a gentleman friend in Sistersville, who would not permit his name to be published, and made him clip her lovely golden locks. She then donned her brother's clothes and left Sistersville. A short time ago she appeared in Sistersville in her masculine apparel but it was not discovered who she was, or at least those who recognized her kept the matter secret. Her identity was only discovered to the crew of the Ruth when Capt. John Reedy, of the Sistersville police force, telephoned to the clerk at the Wheeling wharf.

HER PECULIAR ACTIONS.

When the crew had been informed who she was they suddenly awoke to certain peculiarities in her manner to verify the statement of the policeman. Her pretty face and hair and eyes, her effeminate form, and her aversion for certain lines of work, as well as her many likes and dislikes, all flashed on them with a two fold meaning.

The steward recollected that she had been adept in the arts peculiar to women, and had a holy horror of cleaning the cuspidors. She refused to do what she did not want to do, and for the reason that all of them liked her, let her have her way. When she said "I won't" it was final. One of her won'ts referred to sleeping with the cabin boy. She would sleep with the second clerk, Earl Kline, or nobody, and he refused the effeminate cabin boy the honor. They say she usually slept with her clothes on. She took a strong fancy to the second clerk, and he had a sort of hankering for her, but he had no particular reasons for it, except that "Dave" was a first class "fellow."

SMOKED CIGARETTES.

Mabel worked the game to a finish, smoking cigarettes and indulging in profanity like the rest of the crew, until last Saturday, when she suddenly disappeared, saying she was going to Cleveland. The crew of the Ruth think she is the slickest and prettiest female that ever came up the Ohio, and it is possible they will consider favorably the proposition to change the name of the Ruth to the Mabel.—
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