A LITERARY IMPOSTOR.

"Julian Ralph" the Well Known Magazine Writer Has a Double.

The Latter Is Dangerted and Honored on Every Hand Before His Mysterious Is Discovered.

Many leading Utah people will remember Julian Ralph, the well known journalist who visited this Territory about a year ago and who wrote a very interesting and lengthy article for *Harper's Weekly* of what he saw and heard as he leisurely rod it "in the strange and beautiful land of Mormondom." It appears that a plagiarist and impersonator of unknown antecedents has been palming himself off as "Julian Ralph" as the following dispatch from West Union, Iowa, shows: "West Union the home of many people who pride themselves upon their knowledge of literary matters, the fine arts, leading circles, art clubs, tourist clubs and the like, has for the past few months been paying homage to an adventurer under the impression that he was Julian Ralph, the author and magazine writer. The facts have just come to light—the humiliation is intense.

Last spring a young widow of this city, bright, vivacious and attractive, while stopping for a few weeks at a fashionable resort in Florida, came in contact with this man, who has been masquerading under a false name. He was handsome, polished, fascinating and thoroughly informed upon literary, artistic and political matters. He modestly disclosed his identity—using the name Gulick, claiming Julian Ralph was only a nom de plume—and she, being of a literary turn, and susceptible to handsome faces and pleasing talk, readily fell into his net. The deceiver represented that he was gathering material for an article on Florida, soon to appear in *Harper's*. The young widow returned to this city a few weeks later, but a correspondence was maintained until last fall, when the adventurer came to West Union. He was entertained by his lady friend, who owned a fine cottage, and at once became the social lion of the city.

Numerous parties, teas and swell dinners were given in his honor. The choicest cuts and daintiest morsels were laid on his plate, and fancy cookery received a tremendous impetus during his sojourn. He claimed to be in charge of Harper & Brothers' exhibit at the World's Fair, and would run in Saturday night and out again Monday. Hinting that he might allow an article descriptive of northeastern Iowa to flow from his pen, he was fairly toted over the country, feasted and overwhelmed with fine talk, the outpourings of the wealthy being at his command. About this time Julian Ralph's article, "A Newspaper Correspondent," appeared in *Harper's*, and the impostor's stock took a leap upward. Although feigning modesty he boldly talked and boasted of his achievements, never tiring of retelling his experiences and how he handled the Lizzie Borden case for the New York *Sun*, claiming an intimate acquaintance with Mr. Dana, in fact, he was a close friend of every man of note in the east, and a veritable "young brother" to the late George William Curtis.

This state of affairs continued until very recently, when, in conversation with a gentleman in this city who is very well posted on current literature, he was questioned in regard to his article in *Harper's* on "Florida." He seemed startled, asked the name of the magazine in which it appeared, and when informed remarked: "Oh, yes, I remember now; that is an article I wrote about seven years ago." This reply, taken in connection with the facts, was a stunner, and at once aroused the gentleman's suspicions. He accompanied at once with Harper & Brothers, asking if Julian Ralph was in charge of their so-called Chicago branch. Harpers replied that Julian Ralph was in the East and had been, save for a few days, during the World's Fair.

Mr. Ralph No. 2 came back to West Union, but he was not treated as formerly. He was cautious, and his lady friend, who had learned of his brazen deception, ignored him. He finally left town on a freight train.

It now transpires that during the time he was in clover in this city he was also playing a similar role in Cedar Rapids, and whiner, with $100,000, feeling the edge of his electric affections. He was Julian Ralph there, and weighing-wise wined and feasted and tangoated. His ball came at a pic-nic when a photograph was being made of the group. Not desiring his likeness preserved, he placed a tin before his face and the photo was ruined. This aroused suspicion and an investigation quickly exposed his deception.

Who the man is remains a mystery. It is known that he gave a fancy party at the Virginia Hotel in Chicago, but that is all.

THOSE COLD FIGURES AGAIN.

Who Has Used Them Rashly, President Sanborn or "Utah?"

Editor Deseret News:

In his letter of July 11 President Sanborn charges "Utah" with lack of fairness and candor in estimating the total cost per student of the maintenance of the Agricultural College and the University respectively.

If I have wrongly estimated and thus given current to untruths I regret it truly; but I should not be charged with wilfulness.

President Sanborn says that the $15,000 to the College was for an experiment station only. I had supposed that the students and professors of the College had nothing to do with the experimenting and that it was the source of part of the instruction of the students. Of course if I wholly mistake in this, this amount should be abstracted from the income of the College, for the College does not receive or employ it, but an institution (i. e. the station) which is especially and finely separated from the College and so far as its usefulness is concerned is a feature of college instruction the two, College and station, might be miles apart.

Pres. Sanborn made an observation regarding my estimate of the territorial appropriation which he would not have made had he carefully read my article. He says that I am "including in the estimate the entire sums given for new buildings and apparatus. * * * Figures thus used, apparently said with the direct purpose of giving the public a false impression are barely mean." I agree perfectly with his last moral dictum. But, I ask, who is giving incorrect statements? I did not include the entire appropriation for buildings or apparatus.

The following will show that now correct is the particular:

Entire territorial appropriation	$40,000
Fourth annual for buildings	5,000
Leaving balance	$35,000
Divided by 7, to get annual for six years	5,000
Total annual appropriation	$10,000

This latter amount is the sum I used in estimating the income, which anyone, including Pres. Sanborn, will see excludes the appropriation definitely devoted to building.

A part of this is doubtless used for apparatus. The university likewise spent large sums of their appropriation for books and apparatus.

Then, he also states that last year there were 300 students. Your valued estimate, as plainly and distinctly stated, was for the present year, when there are 220 students and 17 teachers according to the report to the Legislature.

Pres. Sanborn divides the cost of salaries by the number of students. I have always understood that their salaries were expense connected with work instructors in addition to the amount of salaries.

I can not see but that my figures are still substantially correct, unless the $15,000 for experiment station is to be way employed in providing instruction, whether for salaries, apparatus, supplies or other expenses, and from which students receive no direct benefit.

The total amount which, under these conditions, the College receives for the maintenance is $40,000, still seven thousand dollars more than the University has for its maintenance, with nearly more students and fewer teachers. The cost of maintenance, divided by the number of students, something simple arithmetic, gives the cost per student. Yours truly,

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