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Motion Pictures at the Motion Pict- looked at him, specialess. ure Theaters this week. Next Sunof Elaine" and new Pathe reels.

Synopsis of Previous Chapters. The New York ponce are mustified by a series of murders of prominent ment The latest victim of the mysterious assassing the Taylor Dodge, the insurance president, it daughter, Eisine, employs Craig Kennedy, the famous scientific detective, to try to unravel the mystery. One of the criminals steals into Elains's room at night, puts her under the influence of the twilight sleep drug and forces her to write a letter disministing Kennedy. This trick fails. Later Kennedy learns of a twilight sleep drug and forces her to write a letter dismissing Kennedy. This trick fails. Later Kennedy learns of a daring robbery planned by the conspirators. In an exact to trap them Elaine is captured and scaled up in a tank, and is at the point of death when Kennedy accidentally discovers her hight and saves her. In retaliation the criminals make a desperate attempt to kill Kennedy by erecting an ingenious death-trap in his apartment. They then administer a peculiar poison to Elaine, accomplishing this by a remarkable utilization of the wall paper in her room. The poison plot miscarries. But the criminals are persistent. One of them is seriously wounded by Elaine, and she is forced to submit to the transfusion of blood operation to save the scoundrel's life. Help reaches her before this experiment becomes dangerous. Enraged at their constant defeats, the conspirators employ two notorious women of the underworld to lure Kennedy and Elaine to their destruction. Kennedy's accentific knowledge proves too much for the assassins. He employs a vecophone in a queer manner, its uncanny work at a critical moment upsetting a carefully laid plan to abduct Elaine.

CHAPTER IX.

The Death Ray

ENNEDY was reading a scientific K treatise one morning, while I was banging on the typewriter, when a knock at the laboratory door disturbed us. By some intuition Craig seemed to know

who it was. He sprang to open the dow, and there stood Elaine Dodge and her lawyer, Perry Bennett.

'Why-what's the matter?" he asked. solicitously.

"A-another letter-from the Clutching Hand!" she exclaimed breathlessly. "Mr. Bennett was calling on me when this note was brought in. We both thought we'd better see you at once about it, and he was kind enough to drive me here

right away in his car." Craig took the letter and we both read, 'Are you an enemy to society? If not, evasively, as if not quite sure of himself. order Craig Kennedy to leave the country by 9 o'clock tomorrow morning. Other-

his laboratory every hour until he leaves." Ing out into the street. The note was signed by the now familiar sinister hand, and had added a pair of opera glasses, could be seen from postscript which read: "As a token of his leaving, have him

"What shall we do?" queried Bennett, evidently very much alarmed at the

window today,

"Do?" replied Kennedy, laughling contemptuously at the apparent futile threat.

Why nothing. Just wait." day proved uneventful and I paid

no further attention to the warning letter. It seemed too preposterous to amount to anything. We got up as usual the next day, and quite early went over to the laboratory. Kennedy, as was his custom, plunged

straightway into his work and appeared absorbed by it, while I wrote. "There is something queer going on, Walter," he remarked. "This thing regliters some kind of wireless rays-infrared, I think-something like those that

they say that Italian scientist. Ulivi, claims he has discovered and called the "How do you know" I asked, looking

up from my work. "What's the instrument you are wing?" 'A bolometer, invented by the late Prof.

Langley." he replied, his attention riv-An I moved over to look at the bolo-

motor I happened to glance into the busybody and saw that a crowd was rapidly collecting on the sidewalk.

"Look, Craig." I called hastily. He hurried over to me and locked. We could both see in the busybody mirror a group of excited passersby bending over a man lying prestrate on the aldewalk. He had evidently been standing on the curbatone outside the laboratory and had auddenly put his band to his forehead. Then he had literally crumpled up into a heap, as he sank to the ground.

The excited crowd lifted him up and bore aim away and I turned in surprise to Craig. He was looking at his watch. It was now only a few minutes past 9

a clock Fome time later our door was excitedly flung open and Elaine and Perry Ben- and loaded our baggage, which was connett arrived.

"I've just heard of the accident," she cried, tearfully. "Isn't it terrible! What had we better do?"

For a lew moments no one said a word. Then Kennedy began carefully examluing the bolometer and some other re-

cording instruments he had, while the word, just of us watched, fascinated. into it from time to time as Kennedy

worked. citement when again I saw the same beard.

seens enacted on the sidewalk before the. In spite of her pleadings, however, Kenwatch. Is was 10 o'clock! "Craig!" I cried. "Another!"

We watched, almost stunned by the

his face set in tense lines.

morrow for South America."

Everything you read here today | the shock of his words coming so soo you can see in the fascinating Pathe after the terrible occurrence outside. She

It happened that Kennedy had some day another chapter of "The Exploits artificial flowers on the stand, which he had been using long before in the study of synthetic coloring materials. Before Elaine could recover her tongue he seized them and stuck them into a tall beaker, like's vase. Then he deliberately walked to the window and placed the beaker on the ledge in a most prominent position. Elaine and Rennett, to say nothing of

> myself, gazed at him, awe-struck. render?" she asked.

Kennedy mournfully shook his head.

Nothing that any of us could say, not even the pleadings of Elaine herself, could move him. The thought that at Il o'clock a third innocent passerby might lie powerfully.

When, at Il o'clock, nothing happened, Walter." as it had at the other two hours, he was even more confirmed in his purpose. Enthat his purpose was irrevocable.

morrow, when he had decided to sail, I pause at the window, speaking back into He had been looking now and then at the

Elaine, choking back her emotion and finding it impossible to go on.

"But-perhaps-when this trouble blows they were too late. The gangplank was

He paused, unable to go on, turned and shook his head. Then with a forced gaiety he bade Elaine and Perry Bennett adieu, saying that perhaps a trip might do him

They had scarcely gone out, and Kennedy closed the door carefully, when he turned and went directly to the instrument which I had seen him observing so

interestedly. Plainly I could see that it was register-

ing something. "What's the matter?" I asked, nonplussed. "Just a moment, Walter," he replied,

He walked fairly close to the window this time, keeping well out of the direct wise a pedestrian will drop dead outside line of it, however, and there stood gaz-A glint, as if of the sun shining on a a window across the street.

"We are being watched," he said, slowly place a vase of flowers on his laboratory turning and looking at me fixedly, "but I don't dare investigate lest it cost the lives of more unfortunates." He stood for a moment in deep thought.

Then he pulled out a suitcase and began silently to pack it. Although we had not dared to investigate, we knew that from a building across

the street emissaries of the Ciutching Hand were watching for our signal of at the ship. aurrender. The fact was, as we found out later,

that in a poorly furnished room, much after the fashion of that which, with the help of the authorities, we had onceraided in the suburbs, there were at that moment two crooks. One of them was the famous, or rather

infamous, Prof. Le Croix, with whom, in a disguise as a doctor, we had already had some experience when he stole from the Hillside sanitarium the twilight sleep drugs. The other was the young secretary of the Clutching Hand who had given the warning at the suburban headquarters at the time when they were endeavoring to transfuse Elaine Dodge's she had shot.

Le Croix gleefully patted a peculiar ina combination of powerful electric arcs, it with eyes filled by tears. the rays of which were shot through a funnel-like arrangement into a converter or, rather, a sort of concentration apparatus from which the dread power could be released through a tube-like affair at one end. It was his infra-red heat wave, F-ray, engine.

"I told you-it would work!" cried Le Croix.

I did not argue any further with Craig about his sudden resolution to go away. But it is a very solemn proceeding to Jennings, "to be delivered in private." pack up and admit defeat after such a He was unshakable, however, and the door and drew together the portiers. next morning we closed the laboratory

siderable, on a taxicab. Neither of us said much, but I saw a to call for help or not. quick look of appreciation on Craig's face as we pulled up at the wharf and saw

that Elaine's car was already there. He beard. seemed deeply moved that Elaine should come at such an early hour to have a last startled Our car stopped and Kennedy moved Somehow that "busybody" seemed to over toward her car, directing two por-

attract me. I could not resist looking ters, whom I noticed that he chose with oughly enjoying her face. care, to wait at one side. One of them was an old Irishman with a limp; the I was scarcely able to control my ex- other a wiry Frenchman with a pointed

laboratory. Hurriedly I looked at my nedy held to his purpose, and as we shook that Craig took in selecting the porters hands for the last time I thought Elaine would almost break down. Near the gangplank, in the crowd, I our traveling clothes had a deep-laid pur-

suddenness of the thing, until finally noticed a couple of sinister faces watch- pose. without a word. Kennedy turned away, ing the ship's officers and the passengers going abourd. Kennedy's quick eye "It's no use," he muttered, as we gath-spotted them, too, but he did not show ered about him. "We're beaten. I can't in any way that he noticed anything as, spotted them, too, but he did not show stand this sort of thing. I will leave to- followed by our two porters, we quickly climbed the gangplank.



Kennedy Fearing He Will Never Return

turned the salute feelingly. I paused at chin. the rall, too, speculating how we were to get the rest of our baggege aboard | think you'd"in time, for we had taken several min-

utes saying goodby. "In there," pointed Kennedy quickly to entered and a deep blush crimsoned her stricken on the street seemed to move him the porters, indicating our stateroom, face, which was an outside room. "Come,

I followed him in with a heavy heart. Outside could be seen the two sinister treaties had no effect, and late in the faces in the crowd watching intently. morning he succeeded in convincing us all with eyes fixed on the stateroom. Finally one of the crooks boarded the ship As we stood at the door, mournfully hastily, while the other watched the two bidding our visitors farewell until the porters come out of the stateroom and

could see that he was eager to be alone, the room as though answering commands. Then the porters quickly ran along the pecuitar instrument which he had been deck and down the plank to get the rest studying earlier in the day, and I could of the luggage. As they approached see on his face a sort of subtle intent- the Dodge car, Elaine, Aunt Josephine and Perry Bennett were straining their

"I'm so sorry-Craig," murmured eyes to catch a last glimpse of us, The porters took a small, but very heavy box, and, lugging and tugging, "So am I, Elaine," he answered, tensely hastened toward the boat with it. But mark,

being hauled in. They shouted, but the ship's officers

waved them back. "Too late!" one of the deckhands shouted, a little pleased that some one would be inconvenienced for tardiness. The porters argued. But it was no use. All they could do was to carry the box

back to the Dodge car. Miss Dodge was just getting in as they returned. "What shall we do with this and the

other stuff?" asked the Irish porter. She looked at the rest of the tagged luggage and the box which was marked: SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS, VALUABLE.

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"Here-pile them in there." she said, indicating the taxicab, "Til take care of them. Meanwhile one of our sinister-faced

friends had just had time to regain the shore after following us aboard ship and strolling past the window of our stateroom He paused long enough to observe one of the occupants studying a map, while the other was opening a bag. "They're gone!" he said to the other, as

he rejoined him on the dock, giving a nod of his head and a jerk of his thumb

"Yes," added the other crook, "and lost most of their baggage, too." Slowly the car proceeded through the streets up from the river front, followed by the taxicab, until at last the Dodge

mansion was reached. There Elaine and Aunt Josephine got out, and Bennett stood talking with them a moment. Finally ne excused himself reluctantly, for it was now late, even for a lawyer, to get to his office.

As he hurried over to the subway, Elaine nodded to the porters in the taxicab, "Take that stuff in the house. We'll have to send it by the next boat." Then she followed Aunt Josephine while

the porters unloaded the boxes and bags. A moment later Aunt Josephine left her blood to save the life of the crook whom and Elaine went into the library and over to a table. She stood there an instant, then sank down into a chair, takstrument beside him. Apparently it was ing up Kennedy's picture and gazing at

Just then Jennings came into the room ushering the two porters laden with the boxes and bags. "Where shall I have them put these things, Miss Elaine?" he inquired.

"Oh, anywhere," she answered hurriedly replacing the picture. Jennings paused. As he did so one of the porters limped forward.

"I've a message for you, miss," he said in a rich Irish brogue with a look at Elaine glanced at him surprised. Then brilliant succession of cases as had been she nodded to Jennings, who disappeared. his until we met this master criminal. As he did so the Irishman limped to the

Then he came back closer to Elaine. A moment she looked at him, not quite again. knowing from his strange actions whether At a motion from Kennedy as he pulled

looked at us transformed-

"Wh-what"-she stammered. "Oh-I'm so glad. How"-Kennedy said nothing. He was ther-

"Don't you understand?" I explained, laughing merrily. "I admit that I didn't, until that last minute in the stateroom on the boat when we didn't come back to wave a last good-bye. But all the care was the result of work he did yesterday. and the insistence with which he chose

She said nothing, and I continued. "The change was made quickly in the it he took out the platinum-asbestos stateroom. Kennedy's man threw on the coat and hat he wore, while Craig denned invention. He held it up, and in pantothe rough clothes of the porter and added mime showed me just how it would cut a limp and a wig. The same cort of ex- the deadly rays. I thought Elaine Dodge would faint at A moment Craig paused by the rall and change of clothes was made by me, and

"Is-is there no other way but to sur- waved to Elaine and Bennett, who re- | Craig clapped a Van Dyck beard on my

"I-I'm so glad," she repeated. "I didn't

She cut the sentence short, remembering her eyes and the photograph as we

"Mum's the word," cautioned Kennedy. "You must smuggle us out of the

house some way.' Kennedy lost no time in confirming the suspicions of his bolomoter as to the cause of the death of the two innocent

victims of the macilinations of the Clutching Hand. Both of them, he had learned, had been removed to a nearby undertaking shop, awaiting the verdict of the coroner. We sought out this shop and prevailed on the undertaker to let us see the bodies. As Kennedy pulled down the shroud from the face of the first victim he disclosed on the forehead a round dark spot about the size of a small coin. Quickly he moved to the next coffin and, un-

covering the face, disclosed a similar "What is it?" I asked awestruck. "Why," he said, "I've heard of a certain Viennese, one LeCroix, I believe, who has discovered, or perfected, an infrared ray instrument which shoots its power a great distance with extreme accuracy and leaves a mark like these."

"Yes, I believe he is." Kennedy seemed indisposed to answer nore until he knew more, and I saw that he would prefer not being questioned for the present.

"Is he in New York?" I inquired anx-

iougly.

We thanked the undertaker for his courtesy and went out. Meanwhile Elaine had called up Perry had told the truth. Kennedy was stand-"Mr. Bennett," she exclaimed over the

wire, "just guess who called on me?" "Who?" he answered; "I give it up," "Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Jameson," she called back. "Is that so?" he returned. "Isn't that

fine? I didn't think he was the kind to run away like that. How did it happen?" Elaine quickly told the story as I had told her. Had she known it, however, Bennett's valet, Thomas, was at that very moment

listening at the portieres intensely interested. It was not long afterward that a knock sounded at the door of the new headquarters of the Clutching Hand. Le-

Croix and the secretary were there, as well as a couple of others. "The Chief!" exclaimed one. The secretary opened the door, and, sure enough, the Clutching Hand entered. Well, how did your infra-red rays

work?" he asked LeCroix. "And they're gone?" "Yes. The flowers were in the window

yesterday. Two of our men saw them on the boat." There came another knock. This time, as the door opened it was Thomas, Bennett's faithless valet, who entered. "Say," blurted out the informer, "do you know Kennedy and Jameson are

"Back?" cried the crooks. "Yes-they didn't go. Changed clothes with the porters. I just heard Miss Dodge telling Mr. Bennett." Clutching Hand eyed him keenly, then

he seemed to burst into an ungovernable Quickly he began volleying orders at the valet and the others. Then, with the secretary and two of the other crooks, he

eft by another door from that by which he had sent the valet forth. Leaving the undertakers, Kennedy and made our way, keeping off thoroughfares, to police headquarters, where, after making ourselves known, Craig made ar-

rangements for a raid on the house across

the street from the laboratory, where we had seen the opera glass reflection. Then, as secretly as we had come, we went out again, letting ourselves into the laboratory, stealthily looking up and down the street. We entered by a basement door, which Kennedy carefully locked

Kennedy went over to a cabinet, and from it took out a notebook and a small box. Opening the notebook on the laboraoff his wig I pulled off the little false tory table he rapidly turned the pages. 'Here, Walter," he remarked. will answer your question about the mysterious deadly ray." I moved over to the table, eager to

satisfy my curiosity, and read the notes which he indicated with his finger,

which he indicated with his finzer,
INFRA-RED RAY NOTES.
The pure infra-red which has been developed by LeCroix from the experiments of the Italian scientist, Ulivi, causes, when concentrated by an apparatus perfected by LeCroix, an instantaneous combustion of nonreflecting surfaces. It is particularly deadly in its effect on the brain centers.

It can be diverted, it is said, however, by a shield composed of platinum backed by asbestos.

Next Kennedy opened the case which

mirror, which was something of his own He had not finished even that when

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he had taken out of the cabinet, and from

asbestos-platinum shield into his pocket. seek as you have ever seen." Though we had not realized it, our return had been anticipated.

cared behind us.

"Ah!" he exclaimed with mock politeness, "so you thought you'd fool me, did you? Welt!"

Just then two other crooks, who had let themselves in by the skeleton key through the basement, jumped into the ons through that door covering us. We started to our feet, but in an in-

stant found ourselves sprawling on the In the cabinet, beneath the laboratory table, another crook had been hidden, and he directed Le Croix and the rest to work he tackled us with all the skill of an old foot ball player, against whom we

had no defense. Four of them were upon us instantly. At the same time Thomas, the faithless valet of Bennett, had been dispatched by Clutching Hand to commandeer his master's roadster in his absence, and, carrying out the instructions, he had driven up before Elaine's house at the very moment when she was going out for

a walk Thomas jumped out of the car and

touched his hat deferentially. "A message from Mr. Bennett, ma'am," he explained. "Mr. Kennedy and Mr. Bennett have sent me to ask you to come

ver to the laboratory." Unsuspecting, Elaine stepped into 'he

ar and drove off. Instead, however, of turning and pulling up on the laboratory side of the street, Thomas stopped opposite it. He got out, and Elaine, thinking that perhaps it was to save time that he had not

turned the car around, followed. But when the valet, instead of crossing the street, then went up to a door of a louse and rang the bell, she began to uspect that all was not as it should be. "What are you going there for, Thomas?" she asked. "There's the labor-

atory there." "But, Miss Dodge," he apologized, "Mr.

Kennedy and Mr. Bennett are here. They told me they'd be here." The door was opened quickly by a lookout of the Clutching Hand, and the valet asked if Craig and Elaine's lawyer were in. Of course the lookout replied that they were and before Elaine knew it

she was jostled into the dark hallway

and the door was banged shut. Resistance was useless now, and she was hurled along until another door was opened. There she saw LeCroix and the other

And, as the door slammed, she caught sight of the fearsome Clutching Hand himself. She drew back, but was too fright-

ened even to scream.

With a harsh, cruel laugh the supercriminal beckoned to her to follow him and look down through a small trap Unable now to resist, she did so. There she saw LeCroix and the other

ing in deep thought, while I sat on an old box smoking a cigaret-very miser- flight of iron steps. Kennedy's clever ruse, I was wondering. door would hold only a few seconds, but

of port? escape surged through my head I hap-ray at us. Elaine actod instantly. With pened to look up and caught a glance of all her strength she rushed forward, horror on Craig's face. I followed his overturning the machine. eyes. There, above us, was Elaine!

"I will now show you, my dear young | Just then the door yielded and a police-

peculiar noise in the laboratory itself; lady." almost hissed the Clutching Hand, man stuck his head and shoulders

magazine gun, and before we could move was not that which we had to fear, but rushed in.

exorably. Clutching Hand was now holding

help seeing, laughing diabolically, while trap which was hidden in the stiffe. the infra-red ray apparatus. "Please-oh, please-stop!"

Elaine. Clutching Hand only laughed with flendish delight and urged his men on. The thing was getting closer and closer Suddenly we heard a strange voice ring

out above us. "Police!"

'Where?" growled the Clutching Hand in fury. "Outside-a raid! Run! He's told them!" At that door a moment before the lookout suddenly had given a startled stare and a suppressed cry. Glancing down the street he had seen a police patrol in which were a score or more of the strongarm squad. They had jumped out, some carrying sledge-hammers, others axes. Almost before he could cry out and re-

treat to give a warning they had reached the door and the vast resounding blows had been struck. The lookout quickly had fled and drawn the bolts of a strong inner door, and the police began battering that impedient.

"Instantly Clutching Hand turned to Le Croix at the F-ray machine. "Finish them!" he shouted. We were now backed up against a small ell in the wall of the cellar. It was barely large enough to hold us, but by

crowding we were able to keep out of the reach of the ray. The ray shot past the ell and struck the wall a couple of inches from us. I looked. The cement began to crumble under the intense heat,

difficulty with the steel bolt-studded door. Still, it was yielding a bit. "Hurry!" shouted Clutching Hand to Le Croix. Kennedy had voluntarily placed himself

Meanwhile the police were having great

in front of me in the ell. Carefully to avoid the ray, he took the asbestosplatinum shield from his pocket and slid it forward as best he could over the wall to the spot where the ray struck. It deflected the ray. But so powerful was it that even that

before Kennedy could even move the shield, the wood burst into flames. Above us now smoke was pouring into the room where the deflected ray struck the floor and flames broke out. "Run!" shouted Clutching Hand, as they

opened a secret gate, disclosing a spiral A moment later all nad disappeared ex-Was this to be the sole outcome of cept Clutching Hand himself. The last Were we only to be shipwrecked in sight Clutching Hand was waiting to take advantage of even that. With a last fran-As the various ineffectual schemes for the effort he sought to direct the terrible

Clutching Hand uttered a growl and I saw her look from us to the Clutch- slowly raised his gun, taking aim with ing Hand in terror. But none of us ut- the butt for a well directed blow at her

listurbed him, and he hastily thrust the at length, "as pretty a game of hide and through. His revolver rang out and Clutching Hand's automatic flew out of As he said it another trap door near his grasp, giving him just enough time the infra-ray mechine was opened and a to dodge through and slam the secret

Suddenly, from a closet projected a beam of light burst through. I knew it door in the faces of the squad as they the Clutching Hand himself Blowly ap- the invisible rays that accompanied it. Back of the house Clutching Hand and the rays that had affected the bolometer. the other crooks were now passing Just then a spot of light showed near through a bricked passage. The fire my foot, moving about the cement floor had got so far beyond control by this until it fell on my shoe. Instantly the time that it drove the police back from leather charred even before I could move, their effort to open the secret door. Thus Kennedy and I leaped to our feet and the Clutching Hand had made good his drew back. The beam followed us. We escape through the passage which led

retreated further. Still it followed, in- out, as we later discovered, to the railroad tracks along the river. "Down there-Mr. Kennedy-and Mr. Elaine near the door where she could not Jameson," cried Elaine, pointing at the

The fire had gained terrific headway, but the police seized a ladder and stuck begged it down into the basement.

Choking and sputtering, half suffocated, we staggered up, "Are you hurt?" asked Elaine, anxously, taking Craig's arm. "Not a bit-thanks to you!" he replied,

forgetting all in meeting the eager ques-

tioning of her wonderful eyes. (To be Continued.)

Gardens in Palestine are found mainly in the environs of the larger towns and owe their existence to springs and fountains whose precious waters give life to the fruits and flowers, orchards, parks and pleasure grounds which enter into the oriental conception of Paradise. Where no running stream exists they depend for life upon capacious cisterns which "drink water from the rain of heaven." They are always carefully enclosed and protected by hedges, walls and ditches, and the traveler is surprised amid the heat and glare of the Syrian sun to enter their pleasant pathways and find retired and shady nooks under embowering greenery. Their secluded recesses have always been a favorite resort for purposes of devotion. They are often the gathering place of families and friends and the tokens of peace and security are when a man may sit in safety under his own vine and figtree.—The Christian Herald. The Oldest Old Oaken Bucket.



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