

By MA-ROBERTS RINEHART ILLUSTRATIONS BY Roy WALTERY

SYNOPSIS.

Miss Innes, spinster and guardian o extrude and Hidsey, established summer indeparters at Suppyside. Amidet as mericas diff. licked up for the su-by a dark figure en-Was place veranda. His prised a terr which was filled with analy version was filed with unaverily notices. In the morning Miss inner found a strange link cuff-betton in a clothes hamper. Gertrade and Balsey arrived with Jack Balley. The bouse was awak-ened by a resoluter shot. A strange man was found along to denth in the hall If proved to be the body of Armold Arm-front, where having further out of the strong, whose hanner father owned the country house. Miss innes found Hal-sey's revoluer on the laws. He and Jack had disappeared! Halles had disappeared

CHAPTER IV .-- Continued.

"Repectally what?" Especially since Jack Balley and Arnold Armstrong were notoriously tad friends. It was Bailey who got Arnold into trouble inst springsomething about the bank. And then, 100

"Go on," I said. "If there is any thing more, I ought to know."

"There's nothing more," he said evasively. "There's just one thing we may bank on. Miss Innes. Any court in the country will acquit a man who kills an intruder in his house at night. If Halsey-'

"Why, you don't think Halsey did it!" I exclaimed. There was a queer what to tell. I had taken the house partly out, and a cigarette which had teeling of physical nauses coming over me.

"No, no, not at all," he said with forced cheerfulness. "Come, Miss In- strange noises-I cited Thomas-noth- you any idea what it was that made 1 am going to help you upstairs and call your maid. This has been too much for you."

About six o'clock Gertrude came in. She was fully dressed, and I sat up nervously

"Poor Aunty!" she said. "What a shocking night you have had!" She came over and sat down on the bed. and 1 saw she looked very tired and worn.

"Is there anything new?" I asked antiously.

"Nothing. The car is gone, but Warner"-he is the chauffeur-"Warner is at the lodge and knows nothing about it.

"Well," I said, "if I ever get my hands on Halsey innes I shall not let go until I have told him a few things. When we get this cleared up, I am going back to the city to be quiet. One more night like the last two will end me. The peace of the countryfiddlesticks!

Whereupon 1 told Gertrude of the noises the night before, and the figure on the veranda in the east wing. As an afterthought I brought out the pearl cuff-link.

"I have no doubt now," I said, "that it was Arnold Armstrong the night

packed it the day before and put it on t "No-yes. "Didn't he have a guest with him? his shaving stand, and there could be no mistake. His name was on a small Another man?" silver plate on the handle.

"He brought a friend with him to I seemed to see a network closing stay over Sunday, a Mr. Bailey." around my boy, innocent as I knew he "Mr. John Bailey, the cashier of the was. The revolver-I am afraid of them, Traders' bank, I believe." And I knew but anxiety gave me courage to look that some one at the Greenwood club through the barrel-the revolver had had told. "When did they leave?"

still two bullets in it. I could only "Very early-I don't know at just breathe a prayer of thankfulness that | what time." I had found the revolver before any Mr. Jamieson turned suddenly and sharp-eyed detective had come around. looked at me.

I decided to keep what clues I had. "Please try to be more explicit," he the cuff-link, the golf stick and the resaid. "You say your nephew and Mr. volver, in a secure place until I could Bailey were in the house last night, see some reason for displaying them. and yet you and your niece, with some The cuff-link had been dropped into women servants, found the body. Where was your nephew?" a little filigree box on my toilet table.

I opened the box and felt around for I was entirely desperate by that it. The box was empty-the cuff-link time "I do not know," I cried, "but be

CHAPTER V.

Gertrude's Engagement.

nocent man guilty." At ten o'clock the Casanova hack "Sit down," he said, pushing for- lay in mine was burning with fever. brought up three men. They intro | ward a chair. "There are some things duced themselves as the coroner of I have to tell you, and, in return, the county and two detectives from please tell me all you know. Believe the city. The coroner led the way at me, things always come out. In the once to the locked wing, and with the first place, Mr. Armstrong was shot aid of one of the detectives examined from above. The bullet was fired at the light, I remembered something I the rooms and the body. The other close range, entered below the shoul- had left in the billiard room, and I detective, after a short scrutiny of the der and came out, after passing felt my way back there through the dead man, busied himself with the through the heart, well down the darkness." outside of the house. It was only aft- back. In other words, I believe the er they had got a fair idea of things murderer stood on the stairs and fired as they were that they sent for me. down. In the second place, I found I received them in the living room, on the edge of the billiard table a and I had made up my mind exactly charred cigar which had burned itself at once-

for the summer, I said, while the Arm- consumed itself to the cork tip. Neithstrongs were in California. In spite er one had been more than lighted, of a rumor among the servants about then put down and forgotten. Have

nes, you're a ghost of yourself, and ing had occurred the first two nights. your nephew and Mr. Bailey leave



plied, and I could see Mr. Jamieson's

eyes snap, as if he had made a discovery. As for myself, during the whole recital I had been plunged into the deepest amazement.

"Will you pardon me for a personal question?" The detective was a youngish man, and I thought he was somewhat embarrassed. "What are your-your relations with Mr. Bailey?" Gertrude hesitated. Then she came

over and put her hand lovingly in mine. "I am engaged to marry him," she

sure of this: Halsey knows nothing said simply. of this thing, and no amount of cir-I had grown so accustomed to surcumstantial evidence can make an in- prises that I could only gasp again, and as for Gertrude, the hand that

"And-after that," Mr. Jamieson went on, "you went directly to bed?" Gertrude hesitated.

"No," she said finally. "I-I am not nervous, and after I had extinguished

"Will you tell me what it was you had forgotten?"

"I cannot tell you," she said slowly. "I-I did not leave the billiard room in reach of almost every farmer in the keep.

"Why?" The detective's tone was imperative. "This is very important, say good colts, for it is just as easy to Miss Innes."

"I was crying," Gertrude said in a low tone. "When the French clock in horses as good cattle or good sheep or

up and then-I heard a step on the poor ones-leave that for the other east porch, just outside the cardroom. fellow. The farmers that raise good he had carried a key for it ever since. The door opened and I was about to with terror and shock. I ran through the drawing room and got upstairs-I scarcely remember how."

She dropped into a chair, and I thought Mr. Jamieson must have finished. But he was not through.

"You certainly clear your brother and Mr. Bailey admirably," he said. 'The testimony is invaluable, especialer and Mr. Armstrong had, I believe, quarreled rather seriously some itme ago.'

"Nonsense," I broke in. "Things are bad enough, Mr. Jamieson, without in. of the same breed. venting bad feeling where it doesn't he?

But Mr. Jamieson was sure of his ground.

PROFITABLE BUSINESS

Practical Breeder Gives Some Good, Sound Reasons Why Farmers Should Pay More Attention to Them.



draft-bred horse. He is the horse that can be raised by the common farmer country. It is a profitable business on the farm to raise a few good colts. I

raise good ones as poor ones. It is just as easy to raise good the drawing room struck three I got good hogs. It does not pay to raise dam one or the other of the several pure breeds and stick to the breed of their

> If it is Angus or Herefords, the recattle and sheep, it is certainly true is the matured horse to be considered. draft horses-Percheron, Shire or Bel- is all in the breeding. gian-it matters but little which breed.

dam the better the result. Always horse-breeding business. breed their produce to a pure-bred sire

In a short time your mares are all tion of a broncho in one and the trot- condition. ting horse in the other, but you will

(By J. D. DUMIRE.) The horse for the farmer is the work. A good mare with proper care will do just as much service on the farm and raise a colt as will a geldwith little trouble and expense. He is ing, and you have the colts for the

Never allow the colt to follow the dam when in harness at work, as the colt will do much better if left in the barn, and the dam will be better off without the colt. Give the little fellow some oats and bran in its trough; it will soon learn to eat and forget its

A colt is easily weaned, and if proper care is taken it will not stop growing until it is matured. Breed in this way and in a very short time it will be almost impossible to raise a poor colt. Look at the farmer who breeds one year to a draft horse and years' breeding are no better than when he began. The price of service sults are the same. If this is true of | fees should hardly be considered. It

of the horse. Fellow farmers, select a It costs as much to raise a low-priced sire from one of the pure breeds of horse as to raise a high-priced one. It Always use a pure-bred draft sire-

a better individual than the dam-and It is only a matter of choice to the then you are sure of gaining. Select ly in view of the fact that your broth- breeder himself. Be sure that the sire one breed or the other and stick to it is a good individual. Breed just such and you will come out ahead and be mares as you have. The better the on the right road to success in the

Fight Flies and Save Money.

Cows and horses that are kept busy exist. Gertrude, I don't think Halsey alike and of the same type and dispo- fighting flies require more food to keep knew the-the murdered man, did sition, all bearing a family resem- them in condition, and, indeed, it is blance. You will not have the disposi- impossible to keep them in proper

Advantage should be taken of the

Description of a Mountain. "Jimmy," said the teacher, "what is a cape?'

"A cape is land extending into the water.'

"Correct. William, define a gulf." "A gulf is water extending into the land."

"Good. Christopher," to a small, eager-looking boy, "what is a mountain?"

Christopher shot up from his seat so suddenly as to startle the teacher, and promptly responded: "A mountain is land extending into the air."

CUT THIS OUT

And mail to the A. H. Lewis Medicine Co., St Louis, Mo., and they will send you free a 19 day treatment of NATURE'S REMEa 10 day treatment of NATURES READEDY (NR tablets) Guaranteed for Rheu-matism, Constipation, Sick Headache, Liv-er, Kidney and Blood Diseases, Sold by all Druggists. Better than Pills for Liver Hils, It's free to you. Write today.

Desire tor Information.

"Mrs. Gaddington wants to know all about everybody's business."

"Yes," replied Miss Cayenne. "She regards matrimony as a failure because she didn't marry a census taker."

Constipation causes and aggravates many serious diseases. It is thoroughly cured by Dr. Pierce's Pieasant Pellets. The fav. rite family larative. Pierce's

The man who bets on the wrong horse is apt to have a race prejudice.

Lewis' Single Binder gives the smoker rich, mellow-tasting 5c cigar.

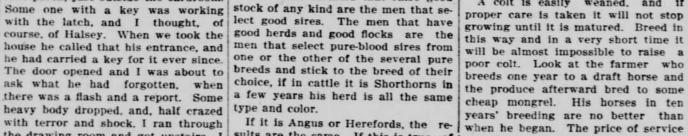
Some men put on hotel airs on a boarding house salary.

Are You Dieting

And thereby hoping to cure vourself of that annoving stomach distress? If so, we want you to try a better plan-take Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. It tones the entire digestive system and prevents any after-eating distress, such as Gas on Stomach, Sour Risings, Belching, Indigestion, Heartburn, Costiveness, Biliousness and Malaria. Always ask for







last, too. He had a key, no doubt, but why he should steal into his father's house I cannot imagine. He could have come with my permission easily enough. Anyhow, whoever it was that night left this little souvenir.

Gertrude took one look at the cufflink and went as white as the pearls. in it; she clutched at the foot of the bed and stood staring. As for me, I was quite as astonished as she was.

"Where did-you-find it?" she asked finally, with a desperate effort at calm. And while I told her she stood looking out of the window with a look I could not fathom on her face. It was a relief when Mrs. Watson tapped at the door and brought me some ten and tonst. The cook was in bed, completely demoralized, she rethe lips, and she had one hand tied vestigated. The house had been morning?" up. She said she had fallen down- locked in the morning and apparent- "I don't know," I said, "but depend stairs in her excitement. It was natur- ly undisturbed. al, of course, that the thing would Then, as clearly as I could, I related back himself to explain everything." shock her, having been the Arm- how, the night before, a shot had strongs' housekeeper for several years roused us; that my niece and I had Innes, has it occurred to you that Mr. better than that of Thackeray. It and knowing Mr. Arnold well.

Gestrude had slipped out during my did not know who the murdered man this? talk with Mrs. Watson, and I dressed was until Mr. Jarvis from the club and the men from the club had gone night. I should have been glad to alback for more conventional clothing, low him entree there at any time.

I could hear Thomas in the pantry tokens that had procursed the murder. Mr. Armstrong was a burgalr, shot fore three." The house seemed to choke me, and, him in self-defense?" slipping a shawl around me, I went "I have no reason for thinking so." out on the drive. At the corner by I said quietly. the east wing I met Liddy. Her skirts

"Go right in and change your "I don't think I have a theory." I main entrance. I-was-there." sight, and at your age!

and she said she had found it on the cession, stealing in like a thief, when "Listen," she said. "At half-past lawa. There was nothing unusual he needed only to ask entrance to be two the downstairs telephone rang. I The Boer expressed his surprise at about it, but it occurred to me that a admitted." golf stick with a metal end might The coroner was a very silent man; Then I heard Halsey answer it, and saying he had acted strictly according have been the object that had scratch-ed the stairs near the cardroom. I seemed anxious to make the next knocked at my door. We-we talked the would not say another word took it from her, and sent her up for train back to town. He set the in- for a minute, then I put on my dress- if the Boer could justify his act from dry garments. Her daylight courage quest for the following Saturday, gave ing gown and slippers, and went down- the Bible. The Boer thereupon asked and self-importance, and her shud- Mr. Jamieson, the younger of the two stairs with him. Mr. Bailey was in for a Bible and, referring to Deut. dering delight in the mystery, irri- detectives, and the more intelligent the billiard room. We-we all talked 14:21, read as follows: tated me beyond words. After I left looking, a few instructions, and, after together for perhaps ten minutes. "Ye shall not eat of anything that her I made a circuit of the building. gravely shaking hands with me and Then it was decided that-that they dieth of itself; thou shalt give it to Nothing seemed to be disturbed; the regretting the unfortunate affair, took should both go away-" house looked as calm and peaceful in his departure, accompanied by the the morning sun as it had the day I other detective,

den death In one of the tulip beds back of the house an early blackbird was pecking alone. Miss Innes?" viciously at something that glittered in the light. I picked my way gingerly over through the dew and stooped your niece?" down; almost buried in the soft ground was a revolver! I scraped the my lips. earth of it with the tip of my shoe, "Oh, a nephew. I should like to and picking it up, slipped it into my see him, if he is here." pocket. Not until I had got into my "He is not here just now," I said as om and double-locked the door quietly as I could. "I expect himdid I venture to take it out and ex- at any time." amine it. One look was all I needed. "He was here yesterday evening, I It was Halsey's revolver. I had up believe?"

investigated and found a body: that I Bailey might know something of must be embarrassing, no doubt, to be

and went downstairs. The billiard informed me, and that I knew of no just as he spoke she came in. I saw you come to have such a name?" But and card rooms were locked until the reason why Mr. Arnold Armstrong her stop suddenly, as if she had been one Mr. Thackeray, whom Lord Melcoroner and the detectives got there, should steal into his father's house at struck.

"Your theory is that Mr. Armstrong and her hair was still in crimps. -- and shot as he entered the house?"-

is why Mr. Armstrong should enter She had a golf stick in her hand, his father's house two nights in suc- three-"

had been coerced into taking it. There I was just beginning to breathe away?" was nothing to show that inside had freely when Mr. Jamieson, who had been mystery and violence and sud- been standing by the window, came pened, not why it happened," she said over to me

"My niece is here," I said.

"There is no one but yourself and "My nephew." I had to moisten

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

King Arthur's Round Table. Although the work of excavating the abroad. Roman amphitheater popularly known as King Arthur's Round Table at Caer- and expense in looking after buyers; too dark. leon, Monmouthshire, has only been in the buyers are always looking after progress a few days, some very inter- this kind. If they get a wire-cut or esting discoveries have been made. The most striking undoubtedly is that of the two piers of the southern gateway through which the chariots passed into the arena.

The gateway is nine feet six inches in width, and the walls are of characteristic Roman work, with massive tones still looking as if they would last for centuries. From the upper to the lower wall must have stretched beams of wood or connecting walls on which sloping lines of seats were built, there

One Mr. Thackeray.

In Accordance with Scripture.

The plaintiff in the theatrical libel

ported, and Liddy, brave with the day- On the third night I believed that their cigars and their game, take out being room, it is estimated, for 11 tiers light, was looking for footprints around some one had been in the house; I the automobile without calling the giving seating capacity for between the house. Mrs. Watson herself was had heard a crashing sound, but be chauffeur, and all that at-let me see 4,000 and 5,000 spectators .- London a wreck; she was blue-white around ing alone with one maid had not in- -certainly before three o'clock in the Evening Standard.

on it, Mr. Jamieson, Halsey will be

case explained that she adopted the "I sincerely hope so," he said. "Miss name of Walker because she liked it

in continued danger of the funny Gertrude had come downstairs and man's question, "How the Dickens do bourne, when his mind was becoming

"He does not," she said in a tone weak, met one day in a railway carthat was not her own. "Mr. Bailey and riage, must have had even stranger "Have you reason to believe, Miss my brother know nothing of this. reasons for wishing he had some other alternately walling for Mr. Arnold. Innes," the coroner asked, "that any The murder was committed at three. name. "Pray sir," asked Melbourne, as he called him, and citing the member of your household, imagining They left the house at a quarter be "are you the Mr. Thackeray who invented brass locks?" "No," said the "How do you know that?" Mr. Jam- stranger. "Are you the Mr. Thack-

ieson asked oddly. "Do you know at eray who wrote 'Vanity Fair'?" "No." what time they left?" "Then what the ---- Mr. Thackeray "I do," Gertrude answered firmly. are you?"-London Chronicle. were drazzled with dew to her knees was followed here by some enemy "At a quarter before three my brother and Mr. Bailey left the house, by the

clothes," I said sharply. "You're a said. "The thing that has puzzled me "Gertrude," I said excitedly, "you the carcass of an ox that had died are dreaming! Why, at a quarter to from lung sickness. The missionary

had not gone to sleep, and I heard it. such language from a missionary,

the stranger that is within thy gates. "Can't you be more explicit?" Mr. that he may eat it; or thou mayest

Jamieson asked. "Why did they go sell it unto an alien."

"I am only telling you what hap-A New Sun-Defying Cloth. A new cloth is being made in Calevenly. "Halsey went for the car, cutta, India, which is manufactured "The family consists of yourself and instead of bringing it to the house on scientific principles to conform to and rousing people, he went by the nature's plan of warding off the sun's lower road from the stable. Mr. rays, as exemplified in the color of the must study how to produce butter as Bailey was to meet him at the foot of skin and the pigments under the skin. cheaply as possible. Until consumers the lawn. Mr. Bailey left-" "Which way?" Mr. Jamieson asked of the chief reasons for the many prices they will turn to the substitute troubles and indigestion.

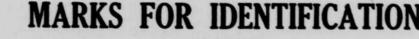
sharply. deaths recorded in hot weather is at about a certain price for real but-"By the main entrance. He left- that of improper clothing. The deter. it was a quarter to three. I know signers of what we must wear to be of the estimated that one pound of exactly."

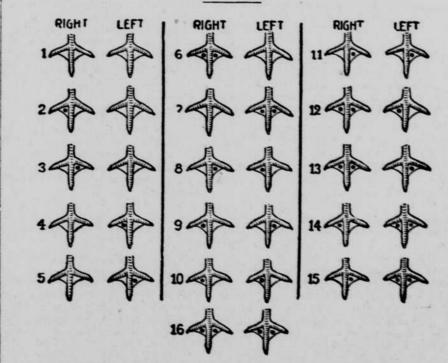
"The clock in the hall is stopped, Miss Innes," said Jamieson. Nothing vailing climatic conditions, and safety will consume in one week. It is also eemed to escape him. "He looked at his watch," she re- consequence.-Van Norden Magazine. estimated that for the \$5,000,000 peo-ple in this country we produce only good sod crop. seemed to escape him.

have a class of horses that are easily fact that flies constantly tend to seek handled, easily fitted for the market the light places. A stable need not be and an every-day market at home and absolutely dark in order to prevent an annoyance from fles, and in fact it is

You need not spend any extra time not thought best to keep the stables

Sows that are fed liberally must blemish they are the kind that are have exercise.





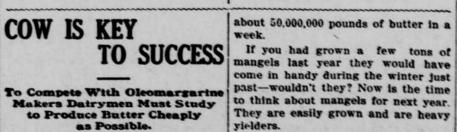
The above diagram shows method | banding, making it possible to posiof marking chicks so that 16 different tively identify many ages, flocks or flocks, ages or families may be identi- families. Chicks should be punchfied by absence of punch marks as in marked soon after hatching. Keep a No. 1, and by punch marks as shown | record of your chicks this season.

in Nos. 2 to 16, says Farm Press. A good chick-size poultry punch may be had at small expense. Newly hatched

as Possible.

COW IS KEY

Sheep in the World. There are about 580,000,000 sheep in chicks should always be punch- the world-Australia with \$8,000,000. marked and a record kept of the date Argentine with 67,000,000 and the remonstrated with him, and threat on which they were hatched; later the United States with 57,000,000 are the ened to report him to the authorities. marks can be supplemented by leg leading sheep countries.



Selling whole milk to a cheese factory is selling the fertility of the Liberal feeding does not produce farm out of a can. Feeding this milk profitable results unless the food is of to hogs, minus the butter fat, takes the proper kind. Successful dairying nothing from the farm, for a ton of depends on good cows and balanced butter fat is worth only about 75 cents Rooms from \$1.00 up single, 15 cents up double. as a fertilizer.

If dairymen expect to compete with the makers of oleomargarine they Contain Medicinal Virtues. Buttermilk is claimed to be a cure for many ills, among the number be It is the belief of physicians that one are educated to eat butter at high ing constipation, liver and kidney

> Asparagus benefits the kidneys. French beans and lentils give iron to the system.

Lettuce is good for tired nerves and often induces sleep.

Broom corn is considered to be a

STOCKERS & FEEDERS

Choice quality: reds and roans, bought on orders. Tens of Thou-sands to select from. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Correspondence Invi-ted. Come and see for yourself.

National Live Stock Com. Co. At either

Kansas City, Mo. St. Joseph, Mo. S. Omaha, Neb

MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS E FOR CHILDREN. A Certain Balieffor Feverishness. Constipation, Headaches Constipation, Headaches Trade Mark. Bon't accept Sample mailed FREE. Address. my substitute. A. S. OLMSTED, Le Poy, N. Y.

DAISY FLY KILLER placed anywhere, at

W.	Neal, clean, ornamen- tal, convenient, chrap.
	Lasts All Season. Nuce of metal.cannot spill or up over, will
WH THINKS OF MAN	not soil or injure any thing. Guaranteed of fective. Of all dealers
	ar sent prepaid for 20s. HAROLD SOMERS
and the second	150 DeKalb Ave.

TUN or Morphine Habit Treated. Free trial. Cases where other remedies have tailed, specially desired. Give patient, specially sired. Give particulars. 596, 400 W. 134 SL., New Tack

Nebraska Directory

John Deere Cultivators

ARE THE BEST ASK YOUR DEALER OR JOHN DEERE PLOW COMPANY, Omeha.

TYPEWRITERS LINCOLN TYPEWRITER EXCHANGE 122 North 11th Street Lincoln, Net

WELDING (AUTO GENOUS) By parts of machinery made good as new. Welds cast iron, cast steel, aluminum, copper, brass or nu other machi BERTSCHY MOTOR CO., Council Bluffs



by mail at cut prices. Send for free catalogue MYERS-DILLON DRUG CO., Omaha, Neb

KODAK FINISHING Mail ordered THE ROBERT DEMPSTER CO., Box 1197. Omaha, Neb.



MILLARD HOTEL 13th and American--\$2.00 per day and upwards. European -- \$1.00 per day and upwards.



GMANA Take Dodge Street Cer ROME MILLER