SYNOPSIS.

Giles Dudley arrived in San Francisco join his friend and distant relative Henry Wilton, whom he was to assist in an important and mysterious task, and accompanied Dudley on the boat trip into the city. The remarkable resemblance of the two men is noted and commented on by passengers on the ferry. They see a man with, snake eyes, which sends a thrill through Dudley, Wilton postpones an explanation of the strange errand Dudley is to perform, but occurrences cause him to know it is one of no ordinary meaning. Dudley is summoned to the morgue and there finds the dead body of his friend, Henry Wilton. And thus Wilton dies without ever explaining to Dudley the puzzling work he was to perform in San Francisco. In order to discover the seeret mission his friend had entrusted to him. Dudiey continues his disguise and permits himself to be known as Henry Wilton. He learns that there is a boy whom he is charged with secreting and protecting. Dudley, mistaken for Wilton, is employed by Knapp to assist in a stock brokerage deal. Giles Dudley himself closeted in a room with Morther Borton who makes a confidant of him. He can learn nothing about the raysterious boy further than that it is Tim Terrill and Darby Meeker who are after him. Dudley visits the Knapp and is stricken by the beauty of his daughter. Slumming tou through Chinatown is planned. The trip to Chinatown Giles Dudley learns that the party is being shadowed by Terrill. Lucila and Dudley are cut off from the rest of the party and imprisoned in a hallway behind an iron-bound law. door. Three Chinese ruffians approach the imprisoned couple. A battle ensues. One knocked down. Giles begins firing. Tim Terrill is seen in the mob. A newly ed mob is checked by shots from Giles revolver. Policeman Corson breaks down the door with an ax and the couple is rescued. Luella thanks Giles Dudley for saving her life. Knapp appears at the office with no traces of the previous night's debauch. Following his instructions Dudley has a notable day in the Stock Exchange, selling Crown Diamond and buying Omega, the object being to crush Decker, Knapp's hated rival. Dudley discovers that he loves Luclia Knapp. Mother Borton tells Glies Dudley that

they've discovered where 'the boy' is. CHAPTER XXI.-Continued. "Send six men to 8 o'clock boat. Come with one in hack to courtyard of the Palace Hotel at 7:40."

Mother Borton's face changed not

a whit at the reading, but at the end she nodded. "She knows," she said.

"What does it mean?" I asked. "What is to happen?"

"Don't go, dearie-you won't will you?"

"Yes," I said. "I must go."

"Oh," she wailed; "you may be killed. You may never come back." "Nonsense," said I. "In broad daylight, at the Palace Hotel? I'm much more likely to be killed before I get home to-night."

Her earnestness impressed me, but my resolution was not shaken. Mother Borton rested her head on the table in despair at my obstinacy.

"Well, if you will, you will," she said at last; "and an old woman's warnings are nothing to you. But if you will put your head in the traps I'll do my best to make it safe after you git it there. You jist sit still, honey." And she took the candle and went to a corner, where she seated herself at a stand.

Mother Borton appeared to have some difficulty in arranging her words to her liking. She seemed to be writing, but the pen did not flow smoothly. At last she was done, and sealing her work in an envelope she brought the

flickering light once more to the table. "Take that," she said, thrusting the envelope into my hand. "If you find a one-eyed man when you git into trouble give him that letter I've writ ye, and it may do ye some good. It's the best I can do fer ye. You'd better go now and git some sleep. You may need it."

I thanked Mother Borton and pressed her hand, and she held the candle as I tiptoed down the stairs. joining my waiting guards and went out into the night.

"Where are Barkhouse and Phillips?" I asked, as we turned our faces toward the west.

Porter gave a low whistle, and as this failed to bring an answer, followed it with one louder and more prolonged. We listened, but no response

"We'd better get out of here," said Wilson. "There's no telling what may happen when they hear that whistle." "Hist! What's that?" said Porter, drawing me back into a doorway. There were running steps on the

block above us, and I thought a shadow darted from one side of the street to the other.

"There seem to be friends waiting for us," said I. "Just get a good grip of your clubs, boys, and keep your revolvers handy in case they think they have a call to stop us.

"Hold on." said Porter. "There's a gang of 'em there. I see a dozen of 'em, and if we're the ones they're after

we had better cut for it." "I believe you are right," said I, peering into the darkness. I could see | young.'

a confused mass, but whether of men or boxes I could only guess. "We'll go up there, and you can cut

around the other way," said Porter. carefully. Now good-by." "There's no need for you to risk it." it. We'll cut together." "This way then," said Wilson. "I

you do. Run on your toes." And he ket street, rolling over the rough cob- durned skunk and ought to be shown kindly smile as she approached. She darted past Borton's and plunged into bles toward the bay. an alley that led toward the north. Porter and I followed as quietly as possible through the dark and noisome cut-off to Pacific street. Wilson turned toward the bay, and crossing the street at the next corner followed the ket street and straightened its course main thoroughfare to Broadway.

"I guess we're all right now," he gasped, as we turned again to the west, "but we'd best keep to the middle of the street."

of the house of mystery which fronted, and runs." forbidding and gloomy as ever, on "I didn't see him," I said, "Keep the Montgomery street, and I was soon in child between us, and shoot anybods my room and in bed for what sleep who tries to stop us or to climb into I could snatch.

I was once mer astir, but half-re-making the child comfortable between difference," said the artist, most urfreshed by my part and broken rest, us. and made my is taltions for the day. I fore open the cavelope and drew | fer. gentlemen?

There was a rattle of wagons and a

telry. glance. Neither woman nor man of Market street as the gateway to San all the hurrying crowd had a thought | Francisco, through which the tide of

I glanced at the clock that ticked den City.

ordered Porter, Fitzhugh, Brown, Wilson, Lockhart and Abrams to wait make friends with the child, but refor me at the Oakland ferry. Trent, flecting that I might be supposed to who was still weak from his wound, I know all about it I was silent. Wainput in charge of the home guard, with wrigth's efforts to get the child to Owens, Phillips and Larson as his speak were without success. The litcompanions, and gave instructions to tle thing might from its size have been look for Barkhouse, in case he did five years old, but it was dumbnot return. Wainwright I took with frightened, as I supposed, by the me, and hailing a hack drove to the strangeness of the situation, and Palace Hotel.

would speak no word. Why was he put thus in my charge? bustle of departing guests as we drove What was I to do with him? Whither into the courtyard of the famous hos- was I to carry him? I reproached myself that I had not stopped the Un-I stepped out of the back and looked known to ask more questions, to get about me anxiously. Was I to meet the more light on the duties that were ex-Unknown? or was I to take orders pected of me. But the hack on a from some emissary of my hidden em- sudden pulled up, and I saw that we ployer? No answering eye met mine were before the long, low, ugly woodas I searched the place with eager en building that sat square across

miliar, firm, yet delicate handwriting,

"Take the train with your men for

Livermore. Await orders at the hotel. Protect the boy at all hazards."

Irclosed in the sheet were gold

notes to the value of \$500—a thought-

ful detail for which I was grateful

at the outset of such an expedition. I

thrust the money into my pocket and

pendered upon the letter, wondering

where Livermore might be. My knowl-

edge of the geography of California

was exceedingly scant, and Livermore

I had some thought of questioning

Wainwright, who was busy trying to

was no where to be found in my geo-

and read the words:

graphical memory.

the seconds in the office of the hotel Look out on both sides, Wain

travel must pass to and from the Gol-



TWO WOMEN STOOD BEFORE ME, LEADING A CHILD. .

it was even now but 20 minutes to the boy and I'll shoot if there's any trou-

The minute hand had not swept past

One of the women was young, the of the hack. other older—perhaps middle-aged. Both were tall and well-made. I looked eagerly upon them, for one of them must be the Unknown, the hidden employer whose task had carried Henry Wilton to his death, who held my life in her hands and who fought the desperate battle with the power and hatred of Doddridge Knapp. It was to the younger that I turned as the more likely to have the spirit of contest, but it was the older who spoke.

"Here is your charge, Mr. Wilton, "she said in a low, agitated voice. As she spoke I felt the faint suggestion of the peculiar perfume that had greeted me from the brief letters of the Unknown.

"I am ready for orders," I said with

"Your orders are in this envelope." said the Unknown, hurriedly thrusting a paper into my hand. "Drive for the boat and read them on the way. You have no time to lose." The younger woman placed the

child in the back. "Climb in, Wainwright," said I, eyeing the youngster unfavorably. "Will

"He'll go all right," said the elder woman with some agitation. "He knows that he must. But treat him

"Oakland ferry, driver," 1 cried as There's no need for any one to risk I stepped into the back and slammed the door. And in a moment we were dashing out into New Montgomery gasped the alderman. "But I do. Yes, stop her, but the judge waved them know this part of town better than street, and with a turn were on Mar- sir, an even \$1,500." "Then he's a aside and held out his hand with a

CHAPTER XXII. Trailed.

"Did you see him?" asked Wainwright, as the back lurched into Marfor the ferry. "Who?"

big pillar near the arch there. I saw he was known to fame to paint the him just as the old lady spoke to you, And a little later we were in sight but before I catches your eye, he cuts

the hack. I must read my orders." At the earliest light of the morning "All right, s'-," said Wainwright

I saw that I had been early, and that wright," I cautioned. "You carry the

ble. See that you keep him safe." "There was nearly 10 minutes before the figure VIII when the door opened, the boat left, but the hurry for tickets, there was a hurried step and two the rush to check baggage, the shouts women stood before me leading a of hackmen and expressmen, the ratchild between them. Both women were the and confusion of the coming and closely veiled, and the child was muf- departing street cars that centered at fled and swathed till its features could the ferry made us inconspicuous among the throng as we stepped out

"Here Fitzhugh, Brown," I said.

WAS TOO EASILY PERSUADED.

One of the Troubles That Beset Honest Man in Politics.

I knew that a certain alderman in a certain town on Long Island was bitterly opposed to granting a franchise Oyer and Terminer when Josephine heard that the franchise had been granted and that he had voted for it, I hands and feet with kisses. met him on the train and said: "Then you changed your mind about that franchise?" "Yes, I had to," he replied. "Any particular influence

I have been told on good authority," escape from the gallows. continued after a bit, "that the comsuade with." "You don't mean it!" pocket! That's what a man gets for being honest!"-St. Louis Globe-Demo-

Could Have Their Choice.

Frederick Sandys, described by Ruskin as the greatest of English "Tom Terrill. He was behind that draughtsmen, was once asked before portrait of the mayor of a town, a most estimable procer. The spokesman of the deputation said that the committee was prepared to pay as aigh as \$50 for a good portrait, but on seeing the artist's face grow long, addGIRL KISSES JUDGE'S FEET.

Receiving Light Sentence for Serious Offense, Prisoner Is Overcome.

Philadelphia, Pa.-A remarkable scene was witnessed in the court of to an electric line, and soon after I Darmska, a girl of 19, prostrated herself before the judge and covered his

slaughter for causing the death of her newly born infant on May 24, and Judge Von Moschzisker had imposed brought to bear?" "Yes. My wife the lightest sentence possible, which persuaded me into it." "And who per- meant only five months' imprisonsuaded you wife?" "Her brother." ment. Throughout the day the girl "And was he persuaded?" "Yes, a had cowered in the dock, a wretched he travel with us, ma'am? He's rather lawyer persuaded him." "And the figure. She is little more than a child lawyer?" "Well, I reckon it was the in size, and evidently was in fear of president of the company that per- a verdict of death, having been insuaded him. I stood out and stood dicted for murder in the first degree. out, but the persuasion was too great." She was, therefore, overjoyed by her

> As she passed the banch on her way pany gave the lawyer \$1,500 to per- to prison she turned and ascended the steps. Two court of cers rushed to up. He persuaded the whole family seized and kissed it, and then, taking of us for \$350 and put the rest in his the other, also kissed that reverently. When the girl dropped on her knees a court official took her by the arm, but, bursting into tears, she threw herself on the floor and kissed the judge's feet. This done she arose,

> > House Fly a Common Enemy.

smiling, and went to prison.

LEST HE FORGET.

"I haven't," said Fitzhugh, "but Thorn of Suggestion. Abrams thought he saw Dotty Ferguson over by the Fair Wind saloon

fore the rest of us caught sight of ing Harold under the somewhat unhim-so maybe Abrams was off his turned the jutting corner of the building and came under shelter by the ticket office. "But keep a close

> have any lasting effect. Her voyage was more or less dislurbed by these doubts, but before she landed on the other side she had determined on a course of action. Like all small boys, Harold is most covetous of picture postcards and had looked forward to a harvest from his

the sheds and on to the ferry boat. I saw no sign of the enemy, and breathed freer as the last belated passenger leaped aboard, the folding which failed of this introduction: gangulank was raised and the steamer. with a prolonged blast of the whistle, brush your teeth." slid out into the yellow-green water

of the bay. "Keep together, boys," I cautioned my retainers. "Has any one seen signs of the other gang?" There was a general murmur in the

"get close about. Have you seen any-

there. Said he cut up Clay street be-

"Quite likely," I admitted as we

The other four retainers were in

the passageway, and I called to the

ticket seller for the tickets to Liver-

more. By the price I decided that

Livermore must be somewhere within

50 miles, and marshaling my troop

about the boy, marched into the wait-

ing room, past the doorkeeper, through

thing—any signs of the enemy?"

forth the scented paper with its fa- catching sight of two of my retainers,

watch."

"Well, Abrams, will you slip around and see if any of them got aboard? There's no such thing as being com-

fortable until we are sure." In the hurry and excitement of prep ration and departure the orders I had given and received, and the work that filled every moment, I had been conscious of the uneasy burden of a task lorgotten. I had surely neglected something. Yet for my life I could not see that we lacked anything. I had my seven retainers, the boy was safe with us, I had my purse, we were well irmed and every man had his ticket to Livermore. But at last the cause of my troubles came to my mind.

"Great Scott!" I thought. "It's Doddridge Knapp. That little engagement n the stock market is casting its shadow before."

It seemed likely indeed that the demands of my warring employers would clash here as well as in the conflict over the boy.

Yet with all the vengeful feeling that filled my heart as I looked on the child and called up the memory of my murdered friend, I could but feel a pang of regret at the prospect that Doddridge Knapp's fortune should be placed in hazard through any unfaithfulness of mine.

My uncomfortable reflections were broken by the clanging engine bells and the forward movement of the passengers as the steamboat passed into the slip at Long Wharf.

"Stand together, boys," I cautioned my men. "Keep back of the crowd. Wainwright will take the boy, and the rest of you see that nobody gets near him."

"All right," said Wainwright, lifting the child in his arms. "It will take a good man to get him away from me.' "Where's Abrams?" I asked, noting that only six of my men were at hand. "You sent him forward," said Lock-

hart. "Not for all day."

"Well, he hasn't been seen since you old him to find out who's aboard." "It's no use to wait for him," I growled. "But the next man that takes French leave had better look somewhere else for a job, for by the great horn spoon, he's no man of mine."

We marched off the boat in the rear of the crowd, I in no pleasant humor, and the men silent in reflection of my displeasure. And with some difficulty we found seats together in a forward coach.

The train was the east-bound overland, and it seemed hours before the baggage was taken aboard and the signal given to start. I grew uneasy. but as my watch assured me that only 10 minutes had passed when the engine gave the first gentle pull at the train, I suspected that I was losing the

gift of patience. (TO BE CONTINUED.)



The girl had been convicted of man-

Although the mosquito specializes on yellow fever and malaria and is universally recognized as an enemy to be fought outright, scientists have come to regard the common house fly as the more dangerous. The mosquito ed that they only wanted a half but the house fly's only specialty is length. "Oh, of course, that makes a filth. Typhoid germs, tuberculosis panely. "Which half would you pre that drops its load of refuse in the butter or milk.

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Harold's mother-we'll call him Harold-went abroad a month ago, leavsubstantial control of his elder sisters. In spite of the itemized directions with which even unto the moment of final leave-taking she had not ceased to bomberd him, Harold's mother was far from sure that her efforts would

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Nailing Him. He-It's jolly nice to kiss one you

She-(No answer). He-That is, of course, if she doesn't mind.

She-(No answer). He-If she gets mad it's altogether

another thing. She-(No answer). He-I'd like to steal a kiss now-

She-(No answer). He-If it would be quite safe. She-Have you finished?

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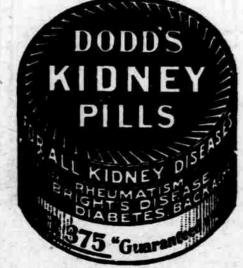
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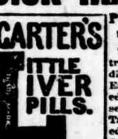
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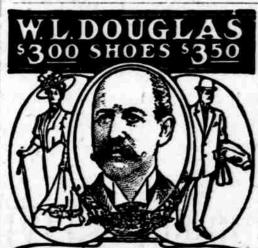
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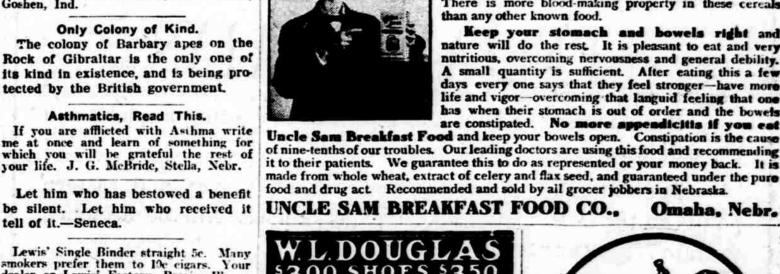
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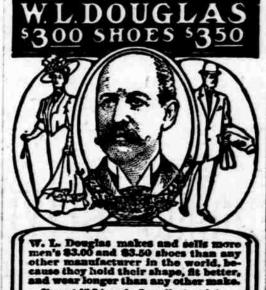
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