

personal negotiations." "What negotiations?" bluntly asked Kelsey.

"In this case, with Miss Marion Norman Van Stratten, so-called, the star of 'Maiden Effort.' "

"That ought to be simple enough. She has her contract, I suppose." "I do not refer to her contractual relations with my client, but to oth-

ers, more compromising." Kelsey scowled. "That's no affair of mine."

"It was bad enough." pursued the

"Same here."

"What of?"

"Think she'll crawl?"

him-"

self."

when she returned, bringing Kelsey

along. The effect was rather that

of a schoolmarm, leading a recalci-

trant pupil to the rostrum of retri-

"We all want an explanation."

"This." She thrust the bank book

"Ashamed?" Marne's small chin

went up. "What of, I'd like to know!" With lips set in the classic

line of disdain, she made a military exit. Gloria winked at Martin. "I doubt it. But I feel like it my-

There was no suggestion of abase-

36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46 and 48. Size 36 per cent; crushed by falling tree, "You've snooted him the worst. requires 4¾ yards of 35-inch ma- 4 per cent; all others, 13 per cent. Of course, if you're ashamed to face



lawyer, with pursed lips, "to have him squander upon her emeralds worth a king's ransom. You have doubtless seen her flaunting them. I perceive that you have. I should be glad to hear from you-for a suitable consideration, of courseother information relevant to my inquiry."

Kelsey leaned forward. His gaze, somber and contemplative.

"Do you know what I'm thinking?" said he.

"I do not."

"That I should very much like to push in your elderly and unattractive face.'

"An ill-advised threat," returned the lawyer imperturbably. "If I have inadvertently trodden upon your toes, I regret it. Perhaps you, yourself, have a sentimental interest in the young lady. In that event-"

"Don't be a fool," said Kelsey violently. "I have no more interest in her than I have in you."

"Very good. Then I may tell you that Miss Van Stratten is in process of blackmailing my client."

"I think you're crazy," returned the young man contemptuously. "Whatever else may be going on, you can't make me believe that she's that kind."

The lawyer wagged his head. "A dangerous type, Mr. Sayles. A formidable type. She has enticed Mr. Snydacker, who is specially susceptible to feminine charms, into a liaison, and now proposes to make him pay through the nose. Wait a moment; no interruption, if you please. I speak by the book. She has, herself, admitted the relationship with Mr. Snydacker and even indicated, perhaps to re-enforce her extortionate demands, that there might be consequences of a sort which I can announced. only describe as disastrous. Disastrous, Mr. Sayles."

"Do you know what you're talking about? Because if you don't."

"I beg that you will control yourself, Mr. Sayles," said the lawyer rising hastily and placing himself placatingly beside Kelsey. "Miss Van Stratten made the admission to me personally, within three days, at Maiden Effort Headquarters. Are you prepared to doubt my word?"

"I suppose not," muttered the young man dully.

"Then we may proceed to the matter of terms.'

Kelsey suddenly felt strangely listless. "Terms? Terms for what?" "The minor services which I in-

dicated." "Oh, yes. I see. That's the way I look to you, is it? Well, if I ever | tor. look that way to myself, I'll cut my throat. You'll have to excuse me,

if you don't mind." Observing inwardly that this queer young man looked as if he away." might carry out his self-destructive threat at any moment, Mr. Gormine departed, merely stating that he was remaining until the evening pile of dishes to the door, turned train.

"I beg that you will control yourself." they were living in an isolated with an alarming sound of objects being hurled about. The girls went world

Not isolated, however, from A. Leon Snydacker. Telegrams of instruction, inquiry, and command, emanating from the New York offices, followed one another in quick succession over the local telephone, to be consigned to the fireplace by common consent, until a couple of poles collapsed, putting the wire out of commission and blessedly cutting off further communication.

Early one morning Marne woke up, feeling her bed shift and sway beneath her as if from the undulations of an earthquake. She mentioned it at the breakfast table. Gloria, too, had had her slumbers disturbed.

"Foundations settling, probably," volunteered Kelsey, addressing no one in particular. No one addressed him, except of necessity, these days. Lines of anxiety appeared between vency. Chuck it." Martin Holmes' eyes. "You're an architect," he said brusquely. 'What about it?" once, weren't you!" Kelsey grunted and answered the "Not that I remember."

owner's question. "It's a good, solid building." "But is it safe?"

"Nothing's safe against hydraufifteen dollars." ic pressure when it gets too heavy.' Martin ground out his cigarette. riod, two small fat ciphers. What 'I think you girls had better pack d'you make of that?" your duds and go." "And leave you two here?" que

ried Gloria. "To cut one another's throats?"

added Marne. "It's my house," pointed out Mar-

tin. Gloria moved over to him. "I'll

go when you go," she resolutely

Marne whistled softly. "So it's that way," she commented. There was just a touch of wistfulness to her smile. "Well, I'm not going to leave a pal alone and unprotected here. It wouldn't be proper."

"Nor safe," chuckled the beauty girl. "I haven't received my daily hint

to leave yet," observed Kelsey mild-"Nobody expects you to cheat

yourself out of your remaining week, rent paid," jibed Marne. He cast an appraising glance at the flood. "The building ought to be good for another week at least. Unless, of course, the water rises faster than it has been."

"And then?" asked the proprie-Kelsey shrugged. "Hope you've

got flood insurance. Anyway it'll in 1763. hardly come so suddenly but what we'll have plenty of time to get

"And it can't rain forever," said the optimistic Holmes to the others. The man-of-all-work, bearing a

in. They found him standing bebution. fore his work-desk, despair upon his "Good morning, Judge," said Kelgaunt features and assorted docusey impartially. "What's the ments on all sides of him. charge?"

"You sit down," ordered Gloria, assuming command of the chaos. "I'll sort out. Marne'll tie up." They fell to work. Piles of manu-

beneath his nose. script were neatly arranged. Books He shied back. "Oh, hell! I were segregated. All the utensils thought I'd hidden that." of the writer's trade were made "You did. Why?" ready for transportation. Rummag-"I was in a hole," he muttered. ing in a lower drawer, the boss of "You put yourself in it, then," re-

the job came upon a small, limp torted the accuser, "by not coming booklet bearing the written inscripout in the open and telling us you'd tion. "Martin Holmes." with a numturned the money for the story over ber beneath the name. to the real author. That's what you "What'll I do with this?" did. isn't it?" "Throw it out the window."

"Yes." "Better take a look. It's a record of some sort." "Then why didn't you come out with it?" "Bank book. Obsolete. Extinct.

"I tried to. You all had your Relic of my long-past days of solminds made up beforehand." "Gee!" commented Gloria, peer-"That's right," confirmed Gloria. "So you got sore," pursued ing within. "You were a rich guy

Marne, "and sulked. Just like a bad kid." Looking the part thus ruthlessly "Fifteen thousand dollars in one ascribed to him, Kelsey mumbled

something about it's being enough to make anybody sore. "All the time you were making

monkeys of us," accused Marne hotly, "and a martyr of yourself. Instead of coming out squarely-" (TO BE CONTINUED)

## Bones of Last King of Poland Carried Home: Transfer Made Unceremoniously

In the dead of night, recently, | this was a king's homecoming. For Soviet railwaymen at the Polish borit was here that Stanislas Augustus der heaved on to the shoulders of was born in 1732.

their Polish colleagues a wooden box that had come by train from Moscow.

matic seals.

lump is what I call rich."

"Let me see it."

"You're feverish, my child. It's

"One, five, three tall ciphers, pe-

Martin studied the bank book, his

Unconcernedly, the Polish customs men shifted the box about. Little did they know that they were handling the remains of the last king of Poland, Stanislas Augustus

Russian Empress Catherine II, of tragic memory, through whose influence he was elected king of Poland after the death of Augustus III

Without ceremony, the box was shipped off to Wolczyn, a village near Brest-Litovsk, and again without ceremony it was placed in a niche behind the altar in the local

church. None but the parish priest and the and barked once before he vanished. local police chief were aware that was they said in those days.

It had been known that diplomatic negotiations had been taking place

in Moscow to have the Polish king's It was just a plain six-foot deal body brought to Poland for interment, but the fact that the transfer was made so unceremoniously hurt public feeling considerably. The general opinion was that a king of

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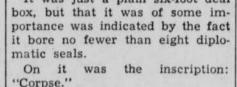
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