THE FRONTIER, O'NEILL, NEBRASKA.

and I was afraid to hit hard lest

My cousin heard it-I saw him,

He had his back to the inn, and

and he was making some adjust-

was in his pocket and a pistol was

"Take the wheel," said Geoffrey,

As I flung myself into the Rolls,

and back her the way we came.

"Quick," cried my cousin.

Before I could speak-

"Yes, but-"



SYNOPSIS

John Spencer and his cousin, Geoffrey Bohun, are vacationing in Austria. Geoffrey is a gifted portrait painter but prefers to paint landscapes. While strolling in the forest, John hears English voices and de-cides to investigate. From safe cover he finds four men burying a man in green livery who, evidently, had been murdered. Pharaoh is the leader of the gang; the others are Dew-drop, Rush and Bugle. Unfortunately, John makes himself known to the assassins by dropping a letter with his name and address on it. He tells Geoffrey and his chauffeur, Barley, of his adventure. Geoffrey, realizing that John's life is in danger, declares he must vanish.

CHAPTER I-Continued -2-

For more than an hour I wandered the curious streets, crossing much quieter place. Besides, you and stopping and idling and turning must hear my story." back, but I never set eyes upon any one of the four or on anyone else that I could fairly suspect; and at last I decided to rest and drink before making my way to St. Jacques'.

I was sitting in a cafe, drinking my liquor when I saw a car going by on the opposite side of the square.

For a moment I sat spell-bound. Then I was up and was running as hard as I could.

The car was a cabriolet, very long and handsome and painted green. Its hood was raised, so that whoever was in it was not to be seen but in front were sitting two chauffeurs-in curious livery. In a word, they were wearing green tunics, exactly like that of the man whom I had seen lying that morning, awaiting his grave.

The car was gathering speed when I flung myself on to the step. As someone within exclaimed, I thrust my head over the door.

"Forgive me," I said, using German, "but I have most urgent news. smother a sob. Of the very gravest import. I don't "I'm most dreadfully sorry," I

hearsed this meeting and I guess l went off half-cocked. I'd better just

tell you my tale." "One moment-where shall I take vou?"

"If you please, to the church of St. Jacques'."

As the car moved off-"I'm Helena Yorick," said the girl, "and Yorick is the name of my home, some seven miles off." I gave her my name at once and then, without waiting longer. plunged into my tale. When I had done-

"Are you sure you weren't followed?" she said.

"I'm sure I wasn't," said I. With my words the car stopped at the church.

"Well, you can't get out here," said the girl. "We must find a

She gave some direction to the chauffeur and then sat back in her seat.

"My father died last November, leaving my brother and me. We're Austrians, you know; but my mother taught me English-she was American. My brother is younger than I am, and he's away just now: so I run the castle, although, of course, he's the Count. This duty takes me to Salzburg once a month. I made the journey by car four days ago. On the way an attempt was made to waylay me, and when I got through-I was driving-they chased me for thirty miles. I had a man with me called Florin. Three generations of Florins have served our house. His father's my warden -has charge of all the keys. Well,

six men act as night watchmen, taking the duty by turns. Old Florin chooses the men, and his son was one of the six. He was on duty last night, and this morning he couldn't be found." Her voice began to quaver, and I heard her

ach, and there we shall pick him up der the jaw and leaped for the as soon as it's dusk." door. The hall below us was flagged

"You're taking no chances," said I." "D'you blame me, John? I mean, he should topple backwards and

the return of your letter was pretty split his skull on the stone. And good work. Talk about a riposte, so, though the blow was heavy, it . . And you may have been seen was not heavy enough. Lay hold with my lady; in which case, as of me he could not, for his balance she observed, the job, whatever it was gone, but as I gained the foreis, will go by the board, and court his piercing whistle rang out. Pharaoh and Co.'s one idea will be to do you in." It was long past noon when we the bonnet of the Rolls was open stole into Annabel.

Geoffrey berthed the car in the ment, spanner in hand. For an inshade of some limes which grew stant he stared. And then the bonfifty yards from the inn, on the net was shut, and the spanner opposite side of the way. "You go in," he said, "and have in his hand. a look at the rooms. I imagine they're quite all right, but you never

can tell." I left him filling his pipe and There's a corner a hundred yards walked to The Reaping Hook.

back. Turn her around there and This was a pleasant inn, stand- wait. Is that their car?" ing back from the road. As I entered the great, stone tap-

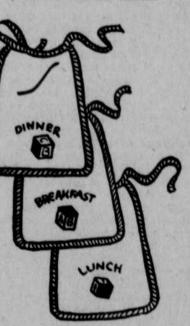
room, it was clear that all was not well.

brawl or other had lately disor- fired, the fellow turned and doubled. dered the house and I began to dodging from side to side. wonder whether the host was absent because he had suffered some running and I let in the clutch. hurt. The poor woman's state, how- Then I lifted the car towards Geof-

ever, forbade my questioning her, frey across the road. and indeed as soon as she saw me, she threw her apron over her head the forecourt beside the door of I, therefore, turned to the scullion | hind it my cousin fired again. and asked him where his master



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Asked Him Where His Master

Might Be.

I saw Dewdrop, running towards It now seemed clear that some us, stop in his tracks. As Geoffrey The engine of the Rolls was

A closed car was standing in and abandoned herself to her grief. the inn. As Dewdrop whipped be-

Pharaoh was standing in the might be, but the man seemed dull doorway, with a hand to his hip; of comprehension and I had to as he drew arms, Rush thrust out from behind him and sent him against the jamb. I shall always believe that this blunder saved Geof-

frey's life. I had never stopped the Rolls and as Geoffrey leaped for the step I let her go. In an instant two shots were fired, and a bullet went by my face to splinter the driving mirror. And then we were flashing through the village.

Geoffrey was speaking. "I'm much obliged, my son, But another time you simply must do as I say. It's you they're after, not me. And now please put her along, I've holed their petrol-tank, so I hardly think they'll start: all the same I believe in distance."

Twenty minutes later we glided out of a by-road on a grass-grown track where this curled into a thicket, I threw out the clutch.

"My God," said Geoffrey, and wiped the sweat from his face. "And after all that trouble to cover our tracks. Fate beats the band sometimes. And now tell me exactly what happened."

I told him the truth. "Colossal," says he. "Colossal. There's no other word. However, there's no harm done." He pulled out a map. "And now let's see

fine quality heavy sheeting. Binding and thread are not included. The embroidery is in simple outline stitch. girl who sold matches and struck Send 15 cents to our stamped goods the last three or four she had to try department and receive this set by mail.

	know who you are, but you're deep-	"I'm most dreadfully sorry," I said. "And if you'll let me help	shake him by the shoulder before	where we are. We ran through a		
4	ly concerned." A girl was regarding me as though	you, we'll bring the blackguards to	at last he muttered that the host was upstairs.	village called Wagen some four		
	I were loss than the dust	book. But you see my cousin was right. Florin was nothing to them,	I made my way to the staircase	miles back." We were twenty-two miles from		
6	now can your news concern me,	but he got in their way."	which rose from the hall, and a	Plumage, and the hour was just		
	if you don't know who I am?" The words were spoken in Eng-	"Yes," said the girl, "that's clear.	moment later had gained a fine, broad passage which ran the length			
	lish, with the faintest American	The night watchman got in their way." With a sudden movement		"Tea with the goddess," he said, "at five o'clock. What could be		
	touch, and the tone was less cold than imperious.	she turned. "But you must keep	was opened, and the maid who had	better? But I don't want to wait		i da ser
	"I recognized your livery," I said.	out of this. Can't you go home?"	passed me came out, wide-eyed and breathless.	till then. Besides, we must find a lodging."		
The second	"Hasn't one of your men disap-	"I'm not going home," said I, "till I've seen this through."	"What's the matter?" I cried.			
	peared?" The girl never moved, but her	"Don't be foolish," she said. "This	"Where's your master?"	from the high road. The farm was		
	eyes looked straight into mine.	quarrel is mine-not yours. Young	She pointed to the room she had left and fled downstairs.	set on the floor of a fair-sized val- ley that ran due west. The dwell-		
	"What do you know," she added,	Florin was not your man." "The point is this," said I. "That		ing itself was handsome, white and		
	"of one of my men?" "I know that he's dead," said I.	you don't want to fight them with	man must be dead for he was a	gray and low, with shutters of olive		
	I saw her start at the word, and	me is natural enough. I've given	mild old fellow and not at all the sort that drinks himself into a fury			The second of the second s
Section	a hand went up to her mouth.	you information which it was right you should have, and that, I frank-	and puts his household in fear. I	lence and as I brought the car to		MININ OD GNOTH
	"And I know who killed him," I said, "and I'll help you to rope	ly admit, is the end of my duty	walked to the door and stood lis-			MUD OR SNOW
	thom in They didn't bill him for	to you: but I owe that dead man a	tening before I knocked.	of the house and behind her a great Alsatian, a very beautiful hound.		
	nothing. I mean, I rather think	duty, and I'm going to do it." I broke off to mop my face. "My	tened, but heard no sound, and		SELF-	WITHOUT CHAINS
	there's a good deal behind the crime."	cousin's with me," I added, "and	my hand was raised, ready to	how truly lovely she was.		
	The girl looked at me curiously.	so is his man."	knock, when somebody spoke-and before he had spoken three words,		CLEANING	THIS new tire solves winter
	Then she sat back on the cushions	"I wish," said the girl, "I could have a word with your cousin. Do	I knew why the house was disor-	"I know your work," she said.		I HIS new tire solves winter
	and glanced at her watch. "I expect the police," she said	you think he could meet me this	dered and why I had not been re-	"You painted my mother's brother		driving problems for farmers. When
	coldly, "will be glad to hear any	evening at—at a farm that I know?" "I'll bring him with me," said I,	ceived: I knew why the maid was trembling and why the housewife	six years ago." "In Philadelphia," Geoffrey said.	FOR CARS	arrying problems for farmers. when
	facts. The station is in the next	"wherever you please."		"He carried his head as you do	4.40/4.50/4.75-21\$ 7.85	you equip your car and truck with
	street." My speech was impetuous, I know,	Lady Helena looked away.	they never so pleasing, the rooms at The Reaping Hook were not for	and he had the same blue-black	4.75/5.00-19	
	and never would have been spoken	"You can come if you like," she said. "But I want to see him."	Geoffrey and me for the voice		4.50/4.75/5.00-20 8.35	Firestone Ground Grip Tires you
	if I had but a moment to choose my words.	Then she took up a large-scale	was the voice of Pharaoh, who was	mother's American home.	5.25/5.50-17 10.55	
	"On the other hand," I said	map and showed me the farm. This went by the name of Plumage, and	recommending the landlord to do as he said.	"Plumage," said Geoffrey, "de- serves its beautiful name. Will you	5.25/5.50-18 10.65 6.00-16 11.95	can get through unimproved roads
	thickly, "the police may agree with	lay some four miles from Annabel,	Charles and the second s	let me paint it one day, when the	HEAVY DUTY	in any weather. These remarkable
	"Agree with me—what do you	quite by itself.	CHAPTER II	battle is done?" Lady Helena laughed.	4.40/4.50/4.75-21\$ 9.80	in any weather. These remarkable
	mean?"	"At five o'clock, then?" says she. I nodded.	Plumage.	"I see," she said, "that you have	4.75/5.00-19 10.60	tires make their own road, and give
	"That it's none of my business," said I.	"We shall be there."	A S I STOLE away from that		4.50/4.75/5.00-20 10.35	
	With that, I made her a bow and	"And now," she said, "I shall drop you. Please don't stand still	A door, I know that my knees were loose. So often as I remem-	For a moment I stared. Then- "This isn't Yorick?" I cried.	5.25/5.50-17 12.50 5.25/5.50-18 12.75	you super-traction in mud, snow or
	sauntered back to my cafe.	when you're out: start walking at	ber that my hand was raised, ready	"No," said Geoffrey. "But it's on	6.00-16	losse somth They are self closeling
1 Silver	As I gained the pavement, I heard a step at my side.	once. And thank you very much	to knock, the sweat will start upon my forehead.	the Yorick estate. Yorick itself is three miles beyond these woods."	Other Sizes Priced Proportionately Low	loose earth. They are self-cleaning
Nº ST	Then a chauffeur was speaking,	for doing your duty to me. And— and don't forget that that's ended."	I passed down the passage a-tip-	"And six miles from Annabel,"		and they do not clog up.
	hat in hand. "Her ladyship, sir, would be glad	As I took her slim hand, her	toe, as well I might.	said Lady Helena, "Remembering	FOR TRUCKS	and they do not dog up.
A.L.	of your name and address."	steady eyes met mine. "True," said I. "But my duty	I was halfway down the stairs, which rose in two flights, and the	that, Mr. Bohun, do you still pro- pose to stay there?"	32x6 Truck Type\$27.65	
	"Tell her ladyship this: My name	to Florin remains; and I'm not so	doorway of the inn was before me,	"No," said Geoffrey, "we don't.	32x6 H.D	No farmer can afford to be
1	does not matter, and my address is this cafe—until I have finished my	sure as I was that he called upon	when there came to my ears the slam of the door of a car. I be-		6.50-20	11
	beer."	me for vengeance." "What else?" said the girl.	lieve that I stopped instinctively,	"I'm glad to hear it," said the girl. "Mr. Spencer is rather head-	7.00-20 29.10	without a set of these Ground Grip
4	The man withdrew, and, more en-	"He loved his mistress," I said.	but almost before I could think, a	strong, and he doesn't seem to con-	7.50-20	Tires-they are made with patented
~	raged than ever I sat myself down at my table and mopped my face.	"As he died, he may have been thinking that she would be short a	ngure was in the doorway—a little wiry figure — and was heading	sider that he's rather too young to	7.50-24	Thes-they are made with patented
	I had been used with contumely,		straight for the stairs.	Lady Helena then turned to the	8.25-24 54.75	features used in no other tire.
	as though I had been some peas-	And then I went out of the car			9.00-20 60.75	
	ant, the worse for drink. This by a girl whom I was seeking to serve.		Now I saw in a flash that unless of the four it was he that had been	"Let's thrash this out," she said. She took her seat in the middle	Other Sizes Priced Proportionately Low	
	At last I looked up, there was the	bucket, there seemed to be no one	lying in wait to identify me at	and we sat one on each side.		See your nearby Firestone Auto
	car before me with my lady's face framed in its window and the chauf-		Lass, I stood a very fair chance of being no more than suspected as	"You may take it from me," she said, "that this is no ordinary case.	FOR TRACTORS	Complement of Stand on Finantana
	feur standing beside the door.	As the Rolls swept over a cross-	I went by,	I know what these men are out for,	GROUND GRIP TYPE	Supply and Service Store or Firestone
		ing and on to the Salzburg road-		and they're not going to stand any	5.50-16\$11.05	Tire Dealer today and avoid winter
4	I can give you a lift." This unadorned apology acted on	"I'm almost sure," said Geoffrey, "that we've stolen a march on our	and since he was looking down, Dewdrop did not perceive me un-	rot. "They're after something which	7.50-18 17.45	The Dealer today and avoid whiter
	me as a charm. All my resentment	friends. Of course they may stick	til he was three steps off. And	isn't mine to give them and which	9.00-36	driving troubles.
		to Barley, but that I doubt. And in any event he'll give them the	then our eyes met—for an instant. His surprise was his undoing.	they will never get. (TO BE CONTINUED)	CHEVRON TYPE	
	the table and picked up my hat	slip at Salzburg."	As plain as though he had said		5.50-16	
	As I took my seat beside her-	"At Salzburg?" I cried.	so, I knew that he knew who I was	Hewn Out of Rock	7.50-18 14.85	Lines to the Voice of Einsteins fortuning Dishard
	"I'm to blame," I said, "and I've	"That's right," said my cousin.	and the second he spent in star-	The water reservoir of Gilbraltar	9.00-36 62.85	Listen to the Voice of Firestone featuring Richard Crooks or Nelson Eddy—with Margaret Speaks, Monday

nothing at all to forgive. I'm afraid "He'll be in that city tonight. To-I shook vou up. But I-I hadn't re-morrow he'll come back to Vill-flew to his mouth, I hit him un-9,000,000 gallons.

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