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Helena was addressing the warden

"He's not been to the station,

Florin. Unless he's here, he must

"His lordship's not here, my lady

And the Adelaide postern was open

I drove the Rolls under the arch-

way and into the small courtyard.

As the leaves were closed be

lights, but stay in his lodge. He

is to open to no one, until you re-

turn. Mark that. To no one at

all. And in five minutes' time you

and all the night-watchmen will

"If your ladyship pleases," said

Helena left the car, and I fol-

As I closed the library door, my

lady took off her hat, pitched it

on to a sofa and moved to the

"What are you going to tell

For a moment she did not an-

"That the man that murdered

young Florin is coming to the castle

swer, but stood with her eyes on

lowed her up the stairs. . . .

come to the library."

the flames. Then-

which shows that he went that

have gone somewhere by car."

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way."

side

Florin.

hearth.

them?"

et." said Helena.

It was twenty minutes later, on the skirts of Annabel village, that Barley stood by the Rolls and told us his tale.

We dared not return to the castle before ten minutes past one, for Lass was 12 miles from Yorick. We had, therefore, ten minutes to spare-much against our will, for that Pharaoh was racing for Yorick we had not a shadow of doubt. Still, to be uneasy was foolish; that day I had done the journey as Pharaoh was doing it now. If Pharaoh had the luck of the devil, we might expect to see him at half-past one.

So, as we had time to spare, Barley stood by the Rolls and told us his tale.

"A wire come on Monday, sir, a little later than usual, about ten o'clock. 'Return at once,' it said and it bore your name. Well, we left as sharp as we could-for Villach, of course; but when we gets out at Villach, there ain't no car to meet us, let alone no Rolls. 'That's queer,' says Mr. Bohun. 'I don't understand it,' he says. 'If Mr. Spencer could wire, he could send a car. It may be all right, but we'd better go careful, Barley, from this time on.' Well, we 'ired a car at Villach, and stopped four miles from the farm. Then we enters the woods on foot. It was just about half-past four when we sights the tonight; that three hours ago he house. Everything looks as usual- did his best to kill you, because sleepy an' peaceful, you know, sir, he knows you can prove that he an' no one about. But Mr. Bohun's took young Florin's life; that they uneasy. 'Mustn't rush in,' he says. know him as 'Captain Faning,' but 'You stay an' watch out,' he says, that I know him as 'Pharaoh'-a "while I go round to the back. He very dangerous felon, who is wanthadn't hardly spoken before Rush ed for at least four murders in comes out on the apron, as bold as England alone." She turned to set brass.

her hands on my shoulders. "You "I give you my word, sir, that must forgive me, darling, for playshook us. We made sure they'd ing this hand alone. But now you got you all right. But of course we must stay in the background until couldn't do nothing until it was we're through. They must not bedark. Then we crept in and 'ad a gin to believe that I'm acting on you close-up." He drew in his breath. advice. Tomorrow-this afternoon you'll stand on another footing, for everyone in the castle will know I'm to be your wife."

he was never challenged or-" "I found a postern open," said ble, I entered by that."

"He should have been seen," said Helena, "crossing the bridge." The warden looked greatly concerned.

"There is something amiss," said Helena. "Double the watchmen, Florin, and stop all leave. Two porters are to stay in the lodge and be opened without permission from when I came in?" "By his lordship's orders, my

lady.' "Those orders are canceled-until his lordship returns. And now

rouse his lordship's valet and let him prepare the room in the east-Mr. Spencer will sleep there to- to inside." night. And rouse Rachel, as well. She will make my room ready and

wait till I come. One thing more.' She drew out her master key. "Here is my key, Florin. You may as well keep it for me until I need it again."

The warden bowed and took it. hind us, "Out of sight of the wickthe men?" Helena turned to the warden,

who had opened the door by her "Not tonight. I've changed my mind. But please see that they do

"The porter is to put out the their duty. I've a definite feeling



"That's So Much Bluff," Said I. of danger-very pressing danger,

Florin; so please beware." "Rest assured, my lady, nothing I desire your parole-the parole of that I can do shall be left undone." you both."

Here's Captain Faning returned, but cause you have scruples you are weighed clean out of this race. You see, I am not so embarrassed-I Pharaoh. "To save the porter trou- never am. Now take tonight. Placed as you were, once I was back in the

castle, nothing this side of hell would have got me out. Yet the Count would have disappeared. Now there's a little problem-which I made if it is dampened before using.

will resolve. I assume he was drunk-forgive me, but he usually is by ten. Well, they say blood's thicker than water, but I never to keep a list of all persons that found it so. I should have dropped use the bridge. No postern is to him gently into the meat. . . . Per- pint of water. haps you think I'm bluffing. Let me me. Why were the servants abed tell you what happened tonight. I wanted a car-badly, and I took

> the first that came by. Well, that was against the law. By taking that car I offended the law and or-

der-two inconvenient gods. They therefore had to be sidetracked. . . What is left of that car is lying on its side in a gully, it's still ern tower-the room above mine. burning-with the man it belonged

> This recital was dreadful enough, but Pharaoh lent it a horror that made my blood run cold.

dear, a quarter to two. It's far too late to discuss my mission tonight. If you'll promise me one or two

things-well, I daresay your room "Will your ladyship speak to is ready-" he raised his eyes to the ceiling "-and the room above

yours." "You insolent swine!" I roared. "If you think-"

The sentence ended in a manner which I should like to forget. I yelped with pain, leaped from my seat on the table and swung about, smarting and furious, to face Dewdrop's leveled pistol some three feet away. The Jew had pricked my buttock

with the blade of his knife.

I hesitated, trembling with rage and desperately weighing the chances of an immediate attack. Fire upon me they dared not.

Helena's arm was about my shoulders, and her cool, slim hand on my wrist. "Not that way, my darling, I beg

you. Let me play the hand." "I entirely agree," said Pharaoh. "All right," I said thickly. "You play it. I'll manage to bide my

time." The clasp on my shoulders tightened, but that was all.

"What terms," said Helena, quietly, "do you suggest?"

"Your word that you will do nothing before midday. That at that hour you two will be here, to take up the same positions you now lay down. That you will give no 'orders and make no sort of statement which might correct the impression that I am your guest. In a word,

"That's good enough," said Pha-

raoh. "Allow me to wish you good

door. "Come, Dewdrop," he said.

Half an hour had gone by, and

I was sitting, brooding, on the side

of my bed. I was clad in the

Count's pajamas and was wear

ing his dressing-gown. I had

cleansed myself in the bathroom

and staunched my wound. This, of

course, was nothing, but because it

was deep, it had bled a deal more

freely than I had supposed. It cer-

tainly ached a little, but I was

I needed food very badly-to help

me, body and soul. Sleep was out

of the question. Besides, I did not

I wondered how Helena was far-

ing. I had handed her over to Ra-

chel, herself again; but we had ar-

ranged no meeting and she had not

so much as spoken, except to bid

me good night and advise me to bar

I began to see the secret of Pha-

raoh's success. Once it was known

that to call his bluff was fatal, the

It had come from the direction

For a moment I stood still, listen-

ing. And then I was proving the

paneling close to the bathroom door.

The sound came from behind the

In vain I sought for some handle.

of the bathroom. Perhaps, if I

The tapping began again.

more hungry than hurt.

feel tired. . . .

my door.

ceased.

waited-

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. . .



Twine will tie bundles much tighter and will not slip when knots are

. . . Iodine stains may be removed from white cotton or linen if stains are soaked in a solution of ammonia and water, a teaspoon of ammonia to a

If fruit cake becomes very hard it can be wrapped in a cloth saturated with orange or spiced peach juice and stored in an air-tight box. . . .

. . .

Place a hot water bottle in the clothes basket when hanging out and taking in clothes in cold weather. It will keep the hands warm.

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When maple sirup becomes cloudy set it over the fire until it boils, then take it off the fire and let cool.

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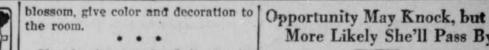
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Always use canned pineapple in gelatin mixtures. If fresh pineapple is used the mixture will not congeal. . . .

A few bright colored flower pots, whi a narcissus bulb planted in each, set on the window sill in the living room will, when the bulbs

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More Likely She'll Pass By It is a dangerous thing to wait for opportunities until it becomes a habit. Energy and inclination for hard work ooze out in the waiting. Opportunity becomes invisible to

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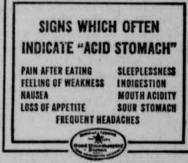
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He glanced at his watch. "Dear,

"Those two-Rush and Buglethey're simple, that's what they are They're like a turn on the 'alls. You could walk right in between them, before they'd know you were there. For 'alf an hour that evening we listened to what they said. and of course we very soon knew that Pharaoh'd got his foot in the castle and you was away.

"Well, we had to have quarters somewhere, so Mr. Bohun comes here. "The last place they'll look, he says, 'and the best I know.' Then we starts in watchin' the castle and visitin' Plumage at night. And that was all we could do, for to look for you was hopeless-we didn't know where to begin. But we knew where Pharaoh was, and we made up our minds to get him, for once he was out of the way, all roads were these things are absurdly light." clear."

Barley closed his eyes and pushed back his hat.

"D'you think we could get that man, sir? We could have had the others time and again. Bugle, and Rush, I mean-though we could have had Dewdrop, too. But Mr. Bohun says, 'No, Bugle and Rush,' he says, 'is our information bureau. So we won't do them in,' he says; 'if there's any news goin' they'll have it.' But you wouldn'! believe how we've laid an' laid for Pharaoh-and missed him every time. Look at tonight, sir. I'd been lyin' there where I met you since half-past six. Keepin' observation, I was, for Mr. Bohun's at Salzburg -I've told you that. To beat up his quarters, he said, in case you'd called. Well, I thought I had got him tonight, when the Rolls slowed down. I was ready to blow his head off-an' then it turns out that it's you. I don't believe in charmed lives, but if ever a blackguard had one, Pharaoh's him."

"You wait, Barley," said I, and got into the car. "When d'you expect Mr. Bohun?"

"Tomorrow morning, sir. About seven o'clock."

"What could be better?" said I. "Tell him to expect me for breakfast at about a quarter to nine. And that after that, if he likes, we'll run along to Plumage and close the information bureau."

As I let in the clutch-

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"Good-by, Barley," cried Helena. " Do what you can for his lordship and ask Mr. Bohun to forgive me for making free with his room." But Barley made no answer.] think he was incapable of speech. We were back at the castle within a quarter of an hour. As the warden stepped out on the wicket, Helena spoke. "Has anyone entered the castle

since I've been here?" The porter replied: "No one at all, my lady."

I could not answer her, but I put my arms around her and kissed her lips.

And then the light in her face went out.

The lips I had kissed were mov ing, but no word came . . , and her little hands were trembling . . . and the blood was out of her face. She was looking over my shoulder-not so much with horror as dully, as though the battle were hopeless and she was tired. As I let her go and swung round-"Don't move, Mr. Spencer," said

"This thing" was an automatic pistol, pointing in my direction, about six paces away.

CHAPTER VIII

I Bear a Message.

CONFESS that I was dumb founded, and several seconds the misfortune of so many people went by before I could find my tongue.

"That's so much bluff," said I 'This isn't the forester's cottage. I you fire on me here-"

"I most frankly admit," said Pha raoh, "that the feelings with which I should kill you would be extreme ly mixed. To be still more frank I don't want you to force my hand. Not that I value your life. In fact, you're rather a nuisance. But if I were to-er-abate you, I should probably have to withdraw-and ing the Count." that would suit my book even less. And so, if you move, I shall fire."

With his words a knock fell upon the door. . . "Ah," said Pharaoh. "The trusty warden, no doubt. 'With his white simple addition sum. As it's very hair unbonneted, the stout old short, I'll do it over again. . . sheriff comes; behind him march You left the castle as I was ap the halberdiers. . . .' I think you were going to tell him something. Lady Helen. Well, do have him in. But perhaps I ought to remind the wicket, before he re-entered the

you that Mr. Spencer's life will de lodge. That's why he didn't see pend upon what you say." The pistol slid into his pocket but though he withdrew his left

hand, his right hand stayed where it was. Again the warden knocked, and

Helena raised her voice and cried fool, Lady Helena. . . . I was stil to him to come in. The warden entered the room. As his eyes lit upon Pharaoh,

he started, as though in surprise; then he closed the door behind that the Count of Yorick was miss. him and turned to where Helena ing, the sum came out." He unstood.

My lady moistened her lips. with the watch that is being kept. that, if for no other reason, be- the North Atlantic.

"I give it," said Helena, quietly nodded and Helena smiled and "And Mr. Spencer?" said Phathe warden bowed low, and left the room. "I congratulate you," said raoh "I pledge his word," said Helena.

Pharaoh, "upon your quickness of wit. I had to give you some rope and you used it all." night." He bowed and turned to the Helena took her seat in a highbacked chair.

"I rather fancy," she said, "you'd have done the same." "I don't know that I should have."

Pharaoh said, wrinkling his brow. "I believe in a margin of safety. Pharaoh fingered his chin. "Dewdrdp," he said quietly.

One of the curtains swayed and Dewdrop stepped out. "Concentrate on that warden, Dewdrop. You heard what her lady-Pharaoh. "The triggers they give ship said. If he seems to be getting ideas, you must act for the

best. The situation is delicate, Dewdrop, for what are we among so many? And now cover Mr. Spencer. I want to talk." Pharaoh was looking at Helena,

smiling an insolent smile. "I'm afraid it's clear," h drawled, "that you didn't expect me so soon." He sighed. "That's been

I've known. Some of them are still living. You see, a car came by, and its owner gave me a lift. You

man could win game after game know, I can't help feeling you with the acme of ease. ought to have thought of that." Some one was knocking-tap-

"I agree," said Helena, shortly ping, but not on the door. "That was a bad mistake." As I started up, the sound

"But the only one," said Pharaoh. "Indeed, if I may say so, I'm much impressed. Mr. Spencer's quite a good chauffeur-I'm sure of that, but only a brain in a thousand would have thought of abduct-

Helena stared. "Are you being humorous?"

"No," said Pharaoh, quietly. "I'm woodwork. simply giving you the answer to a while little bursts of tapping de manded an answer that I was not ready to give

Suddenly I thought of the bathproaching the bridge. In fact, 1 room was able to cross it while Hubert -the faithful Hubert-was closing

(TO BE CONTINUED)

France's North American Claims

The only territorial possessions me. But that's by the way. . . of France in North America are St. Well, I found your departure as Pierre and Miquelon, two small tounding. I mean, on the face of it rocky islands about ten miles off once you had gained the castle the southern coast of Newfoundto deliberately leave it was the These islands which are and. act of a fool. But you are n surrounded by a number of islets, are the sole remnant of the colonial considering this paradox, when I empire France once had in Canfound the postern ajar. I confess ada. Their aggregate area is less that helped me a lot-in more ways than a hundred square miles and than one. And the moment I heard they are inhabited by only a few thousand sturdy fisherfolk of Breton and Norman stock. The proxcrossed his legs and leaned for- imity of the islands to the Great ward. "Let me put some cards Banks makes them an important "I'm not at all satisfied, Florin, on the table. I want you to see center for French cod fisheries in

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