

CHAPTER IX-Continued \_12\_ After a while my cousin pushed

back his hat. "As a child," he said, "I never liked blindman's buff-boys and girls, I mean I liked it less. That

put his hands to his head. "I'd give a hell of a lot to know where Pharach is." I looked at him sharply. The last few words he had spoken half to himself, but his tone was the tone of a man who is worried to

moment my apathy fell away. "Pharaoh. Yes, where was Pharaoh? and what would Pharaoh

death. Because I was fond of

As I asked myself these questions, my newly awakened interest leaped into life. I saw that here to my hand was the very distraction I needed to drive my distemper away; the location and destination of Pharaoh and Pharaoh's

Yorick and its treasure be damned - I had my own quarrel with Pharaoh. Ten days ago he had murdered a fellow-man; I had knees." sworn to bring him to justice, and so I would. More-a hundred times more. My duty to Helena was over; the yoke that had cumbered my efforts was off my neck.

I began to think hard. Pharaoh would be close to the castle. Not, of course, at Plumage. If you'd been there. The old fathers, But Pharaoh would be close to the they wasn't half pleased. His lordcastle because he was up against Time.

I had no doubt at all that he meant to attack.

The position was formidable, for were its walls and sentries, when more than a million sovereigns were lying within? And since finesse had failed, Pharaoh was going to said. That was good enough for do what Pharaoh had done before. them. Four of them carried him off, He was going to commit burglary. Once within the castle, a gang of heat the irons. I only 'ope they four such men could have its own way. What were footmen and grooms and porters? Only troops could cope with the violence which these felons were ready to offer to gain their ends. Three or four writhing servants, and the Countess must open her cellar and bid them take what they would. Who knew better than Pharaoh that ruthlessness pays?

I remembered that Helena told me that when she went to Salzburg she carried a thousand sovereigns; that these were contained in two boxes; that each of these weighed nine pounds. Allowing for the weight of the boxes, I reckoned that the Rolls could carry at least pit, by the side of a fall. fifty thousand sovereigns in canvas bags. And fifty thousand sovereigns meant seventy thousand pounds.

The calculation bore fruit. Before I had finished my sum, I knew where Pharaoh would be. And that was as close to the castle as he could bring the Rolls.

A moment's reflection assured me that Pharaoh would make no use

too dangerous. I was ready to wager a fortune that the Rolls was now standing

in Starlight-the lovely coppice less than two miles from Yorick. And at a wayside inn. The fare was where the Rolls was, was Pharaoh: her way was his line of advance and | most rude; but I think we were all | back and he let in the clutch. his line of retreat. The thing stood four thankful to break our fast. out. In the woods between Starlight and Yorick-somewhere there a good deal more thankful than Pharaoh would be.

would enter the castle. If Rush could knew when and where I should eat reach a postern. . . . But how could again. they cross the bridge?

dust. Then I saw that this was a seat. matter in which I must use my doubt my good faith. I began to think how to deceive him.

"This home-coming stunt," I said. "Won't Pharaoh be there to receive us-at the mouth of the entrance drive?"

heard or saw Lady Helena leave the castle, he'll never imagine that either of you are outside. So he ondamned uneasy. I can sympathize I know very well what they'd do. Barley the slip.

get out of the car. If we meet the fellow on foot, we're damned well done. Will you go with her in her

"No," said I. "I won't. I'll follow with Barley behind."

"All right," said Geoffrey, "all dislike I have never lost," He right. But Barley's the better shot, so you'd better drive."

> I thought before replying. "Incidentally," I said, "I haven't

a pistol to fire-or any sort of weapon, for the matter of that," "You won't need one, if you drive."

"I'd rather have something," I said. "I've been caught bending Geoffrey, the instinct to share his trouble lifted its head, and in that once through being being unarmed." "Perhaps you're right," said Geof-

frey. He put his hand to his side and unfastened a hunting knife. 'Knives seem to be your portion, but except my pistol, I haven't anything else."

The blade was sheathed, and 1 slid the knife into my pocket without a word.

"And allow me to add," said my cousin, "that I am immensely relieved to see you showing some signs of taking thought for yourself. I take off my hat to valor, but to valor plus discretion I go on my

And at that moment we heard the drone of a car.

Two minutes later Barley drew up beside us in a smother of dust. "O. K.?" said Geoffrey, shortly.

"Every time, sir," said Barley. "It couldn't have gone more easy ship come to his senses as we was gettin' him out, but I don't think he cared what happened-his head was too bad. An' when he saw the monks an' the gateway, I think he Yorick was up in arms. But what thought he was dead. I gave them your note and I showed them the 'punctured wound.' I'd made it with my trousers' buckle, same as you an' two of the others rushed off to don't take the leg off."

My cousin strove to steady his

"Hush," he said. "Her ladyship knows quite enough." I turned to see Helena approach-

"All's well," said Geoffrey, "Your brother is safely bestowed. I think we'll all be the better for breaking

bread." Helena nodded.

"I'll sit with Barley," she said. "I've got to try and show him the way to my car."

Ten minutes later we sighted a good looking coupe, tucked under a rock that looked like a leaning pul-

As Barley slowed down-"And now," said Helena.

"May I come with you?" said my cousin. "I'd like you to drive." "Very well. But Barley must lead. I don't know the way."

This was not at all to my liking,

but happily Goefrey stepped in. "Barley shall lead," he said, "till we've eaten and drunk. After that, of the entrance drive, That was I'd like to go first. Please do as I sav."

Helena hesitated. Then-

"All right," she said. After some 14 miles we stopped fastest car." rough and all the appointments Though they did not know it, I was on my face in the road. I began to wonder how Pharaoh plenty at Yorick, but God only into his wake.

Here, with a shock of dismay, I cars should take, and when our flicked out of sight. remembered that I was unarmed, meal was over, the coupe was un-For a moment my hopes seemed der way before I had taken my

Quick as a flash-

wits. My cousin would arm me, if I could show him good cause. This I said. "You haven't heard, but MY SIX-MILE walk to Starlight goriller, if you ask me. An' wot did me a world of good. It 'arm 'ad I done? 'Ow would he like would not be difficult. I was so sim- Dewdrop stuck me last night. I seemed to limber my muscles and ple a fool that he would never think he found a muscle or some- steady my wits; the darkness sething. I'm stiff."

took the wheel,

A mile or two later-"As like as not," said my cousin. that you're driving, I'd better have the woods for the next half-mile. "The only thing is that unless he it is case. I suppose you can guess I believed it was that that saved

who's got mine."

won't be ready. But we'll have, "Her ladyship did tell me some- ister three-way spot. to go by all out. All the same, I'm thing. Fancy Dewdrop stabbin' you." I was now well armed; but, rack | minute before he arrived. with detectives who are answer- my brains as I would, I could think | For a moment my heart stood able for the safety of royalty. And of no way in which I could give still, and then I saw that if Helena

burg and put a guard on her room." to alight as close as I could to frey into a service he knew. He gave his head to the air. "I'm Yorick, yet not at the castle gate. He found me seated a little way tempted to go by Plumage, but, to Some spot in the entrance drive up the track. tell you the truth, I'm afraid to would have suited my purpose well. In a flash I had him by the col-

the last three miles should be cov- his neck. ered as fast as ever they could. Un- "Sabre," I breathed, "Sabre, don't seen retreating, and Geoffrey and lar, I got to my feet. light. . . .

Happening to glance at the mirthe great Alsatian crouched on the by standing still. hinder seat. It occurred to me that the dog was there to watch me. My decision to cheat this surveillance hardened into a stony and radiator was cold. vicious resolve.

One thing was in my favor-dusk fallen by the time we came to the this. presence that hoisted the flag peril my quarry down. . . . and made it essential that we should omit no endeavor to keep her person safe.

Again, it would have been worse to have been in the leading car. rather tighter - but that was all. Then he moved past the Rolls, led

In this state of mind I spent the into the rolling park. next fifty minutes, smarting. And then at last, a mile from the en- Dewdrop. "Thath what he thaid." trance drive, the tail-light bore to the way.

chance had come.

"I'll see what they want," I said, and slipped out of the car. As I came to the door of the

"Look here, my son," said Geoffrey, "Lady Helena wants you to lead. I don't think it really matters, and so I have given way. From don't take it up again till you're over the bridge."

"Whatever happens," said Helena. My blood was boiling.

"Is that an order?" I said. the same." "All right," I said. "I don't care."

I made my way back to Barey and opened my door. "I've got to leave you," I said.



After Some 14 Miles We Stopped at a Wayside Inn.

You're to go first now and don't lift your foot till you get to the was takin' that dog." castle gate. You'll be keeping them back as it is, for the coupe's the

"Very good, sir," said Barley. I slammed the door and stood haven't come back."

As the car leaped forward I fell I watched him pass the coupe-

anyone else; the others would find and, a moment later, the coupe drew In a savage triumph I watched

its tail-light diminish. Then the No more was said of the order the road bent round to the left and it won't like that, he won't."

CHAPTER X

Pharaoh's Way.

"Very good, sir," said Barley, and freshed me, the silence rested my talk about losing the car." mind.

A furlong before I reached the "Where's your pistol?" I said. "I place, I was careful to leave the don't anticipate trouble, but now road and to make my way through

As Barley surrendered the weap- half an hour later Geoffrey and Barley and Sabre came down that sin-I heard the Alsatian coming a

was not with him I ought to be able They'd take her straight to Salz- The position was this. I wished to charm him from his duty to Geof-

It had been arranged, however, that lar and had flung an arm around

less, therefore, I left the car be let me down. Stay with me, Sabre. fore we approached the mouth of I'll be glad to have you. I'm on a the entrance drive, I should have good thing, Sabre. And you can to wait until we had crossed the help me, old fellow, to pull it off." drawbridge, and that would be the | So we stayed for five minutes.

end of my effort, for I should be Then, with my hand on his col-Barley would follow and spoil my I am sure the dog knew that game. It looked as though I should the business on which I was bent

have to enter the castle and leave was perilous stuff. From that time by some window or other as Pha- on, no man could have been more raoh had done. But then there was sagacious, more swift to make always the drawbridge, flooded with report, more scrupulous to obey. And, well as I saw, his sight was better than mine, for he saw the ror-the car was closed-I noticed Rolls before I did, and checked me

The car had been backed up the track and so stood ready to leave. No one at all was with her. Her

For a moment I hesitated, wondering whether or no to make some had come in. And since Helena was disconnection and so disable the not hastening, night would have car. And then I decided against The outlook was too uncerdrive. So my cousin had ordered, tain; before now I had wanted a for though I think we all knew that car, and wanted it quick. I took the risk of encountering Pharaoh my knife from its sheath and turned was very slight, it was Helena's to the delicate business of running

And here for the first time I saw that Sabre alone was going to save my venture from becoming as abject a failure as ever was seen.

As though I had told him my The net might have been drawn plight, I felt Sabre lower his head, My chances seemed desperately me up a sweet-smelling bank and presently out of the coppice and "When the lighth go out," said

"That's right," said Bugle. "That's the right and the coupe slowed 'ow we done that villa down in the down and stopped by the side of souf of France. That was a show, that was. You never see such pre-At once we did the same-and, cautions against a poor thief; 'ouse somehow or other, I felt that my like a prison turned inside out-an' 'alf a packet of candles between two 'undred rooms, Ally Sloper was in that with Pharaoh. I can hear him laughin' now as he opened the garden-door. 'Dear brothers,' he says,' 'I'm afraid there's some bandits inside. So don't you go for to cross them by showin' a light. Just as we makes the ballroom, a flunkey now on put down your foot and comes bustlin' in with a candle in each of his hands. 'All lights out,' says Pharaoh, and shoots him dead. Talk about panic. We well helped ourselves."

"But the stuff was there," said "You gave it that name," said Rush. "That's what gets me. Pan-Geoffrey. "But we're going to do ic's all right, but we don't know the way to the gold."

> "Pharaoh's fly," said Bugle. "It ain't only the keys you can make wot can open doors."

There was a little silence. The three were sitting in the meadows, just clear of the woodsnot between the castle and Starlight, but close to the entrance drive. The lights of Yorick were showing a furlong away. I was crouching directly behind

them, against the trunk of a tree. Sabre, beside me, was standing still as a rock. I could, I believe, have killed two-perhaps all three. But it was Pharaoh I wanted, and Pharaoh was not there. I could not follow their reasoning.

Why should the lights go out? In the ordinary way the lights were put out at midnight-perhaps before. But now the case was altered: the drawbridge had to be watched. And then this talk of panic. . . . Had Pharaoh suborned some servant to do his will?

Rush lifted his cuff from his wrist. "Twenty past eleven," he said. 'Gawd, wot a-day."

"When the lighth go out," said Dewdrop. "Unlehth of courthe, he thould happen to talke before."

I felt more confounded than ever. Dewdrop's final sentence did not make sense. Rush led me back on to ground

on which I could stand. "I'd like to know where those two

"Dogs is all right," said Bugle. "You bet," said Rush, warmly. "But that ain't the point. I'd like

to know wot they're up to; they "We've left no trail," said Bugle, "We never got out of the car."

"We're out of it now," said Rush. "An' I don't want no more surprises -not after las' night."

Dewdrop shifted uneasily. "Ith very awkward," he said, "your lothin' that car. Pharaoh

"Well, he'll have to lump it," said Rush. "I wish he'd been there. I tell you, I never saw nothing; there weren't no scrap. We don't even know who took it. Some performin' to be wiped off one of them benches on to them flags? Backwards, too. cured me, the cool night air re- I dunno why I'm not dead. An' you

> "It wasn't your fault," said Bugle. (TO BE CONTINUED)

Noddy and Sooty Terns

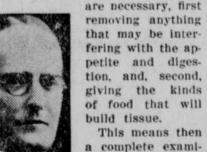
In appearance and habits there me, for as I shall presently show, the noddy and sooty terns. Both are graceful birds from 15 to 17 inches long. Both are remarkably strong of wing, have long black hills and are expert fishermen. While the sooty tern is black with distinctive white markings and white breast, the "noddies" run more to inconspicuous grays and browns in coloring. The latter are notable, however, for their curious habit of bowing repeatedly, in apparent salutation upon coming face to face with others of their kind.

Weight in Middle Age

THILE insurance companies would sooner have their middle-aged policyholders weigh a few pounds less than normal rather than a few pounds more, nevertheless if the individual has been of normal weight and has lost a number of pounds they like to see this weight regained.

For instance colds that "hang on," the after-results of the flu, the presence of infected teeth or tonsils for months or years, all have a "wearing" effect upon the body tissues, also interfere with the appe tite so that less food is wanted. Added to this is the fact that in this "run down" condition the individnal has less desire to go out, or move about, which also lessens the need and the desire for food.

In order then to build or to fatten up these thin individuals, two things



nation by the family physician and dentist so that infected teeth and tonsils may be removed, and slow acting liver and intestine stimulat-

ed into activity by very small doses of epsom salts daily for a few weeks, and the use of bending exercises with knees straight.

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thus increasing the demand for

more food. The building up diet means that more food than seems to be needed

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should be taken daily, and it should be "rich" food. The diet should include plenty of milk, eggs, fresh animal proteins, and cereals-vegetable proteins, as the principal work of the proteins is building tissue. The daily use of foods rich in minerals-lime, iron, phosphorus, and iodine, and also rich in vitamins, is also very necessary for building up the body tissues.

The "rich" foods used for body building are butter, cream, fat meat, eggs, salad dressings, bacon, cereals, bread, sugar, cream soups, peas and beans, nuts, dried fruitsthe exact foods that are "forbidden" to those wishing to reduce

Of course any of the above foods -fat meats, pastries or rich sauces which may have a tendency to "disagree" with the thin individual must be avoided or used in very small quantities.

The best proteins are meat, milk, and eggs, but even eggs disagree with a considerable number and

even milk with a few. Foods Rich in Minerals.

Fruit and vegetables are not only rich in the minerals and vitamins, but the roughage or fiber in them gently irritates the lining of the large intestine and stimulates the movement of wastes, preventing

constinution. Many thin individuals actually have small stomachs or the stomach may hang low due to lack of fat supporting the abdominal organs. This means that rich foods in small bulk would be best if they do not

disagree. Thus an extra square of butter at each meal, plenty of cream, bacon and salad dressings, with olive oil after each meal are simple but effective methods of getting 20 to 30 per cent more food calories eaten

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Simolean-Maybe that's true, but I

hate to think what fools your grand-

parents must have been.-Pathfinder

Peggy - Nickels. - Washington

Any Kid Knows Teacher-Who knows what the five senses are?

Magazine.

Help! Help! "What's your idea of civilization?" "It's a good idea. Somebody ought to start it."-Tit-Bits Magazine.

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"Oh, splendid! I feel awful this morning."-Tit-Bits Magazine.

Foolish Risk Teacher-Robert, if you are always very kind and polite to all your playmates, what will they think of

Robert-Some of 'em would think acy could lick me!-Chicago Daily

Doubling Up

"And so," said the magistrate, severely, "this is the fifth person you have knocked down this year?" "Pardon me," said the girl motor-

ist, with dignity, "the fourth. One

of them was the same person twice." -London Tatler.

In His Steps Prisoner (to jailer)—As a special favor, I wish you would put me in cell No. 38.

Prisoner-It's the one that my fa-

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Jailer-Why so?



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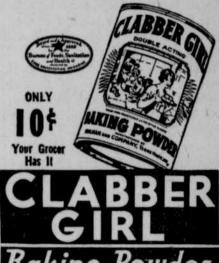
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