THE CIRCULAR STAIRCASE MERICAN

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SYNOPSIS.

dier shot and Armold Armstrong dark at the foot of the circular star

CHAPTER XXI-Continued.

"Grossmutter," he said. And I saw Jumieson's eyebrows go up. German," he commented "Well, oung man, you don't seem to know much about yourself."

The tried it all the week. Mrs. Tate broke in "The boys knows a ord or two of German, but he doesn't Inov where he lived, or anything about himself

Mr Jamieson wrote something on a card and gave it to ber.

Mrs. Tate," he said, "I want you to do something. Here is some money for the telephone call. The instant the buy's mother appears here, call up that number and ask for the person whose name is there. You can run ross to the drug store on an errand and do it quietly. Just say. The lady

The lady has come," repeated is. Tate. "Very well, sir, and I hope will be soon. The milk bill alone almost double what it was." 'How much is the child's board?" I

Three dollars a week, including his washing.

Very well," I said. "Now, Mrs. Tate, I am going to pay last week's mard and a week in advance. If the mother comes she is to know nothing this visit-absolutely not a word, and in return for your silence, you may use this money for-something your own children."

Her tired, faded face lighted up, and

we went back Mr. de only one remark; I think he

are" be asked

Not especially.

The plot thickens," he said with is ready smile. "There are four women named Wallace at King's, none of them married, and none over 20, 1 hink I shall go up to the city to-night. want to go to the Children's hospital. ut before I go, Miss Innes, I wish you would be more frank with me than in the tulip bed."

So be kad known all along: somitted, corpered at last, "but I cannot show it to you. It is not in my

CHAPTER XXII.

A Ladder Out of Place.

ending a man out in his place for a soap-suds ouple of days, but Haisey was certain there would be nothing more, and felt that he and Alex could man- tell me the soap is out." age the situation. The detective went "No, ma'am, Miss Innes." She had back to town early in the evening, and a nervous habit of looking first at my by nine o'clock Halsey, who had been one eye and then at the other, her playing golf—as a man does anything own optics shifting ceaselessly, right to take his mind away from trouble- eye, left eye, right eye, until I found was sleeping soundly on the big leath- myself doing the same thing. "No.

The what?" I screeched, and was to do their utmost to get sunburned have resisted all attempts to pass dered out into the startight. As some sorry the next minute. Seeing her "Workers in city offices," he says, without giving warning. It consists as I was satisfied that she had gone, suspicions were verified. Mary Anne "who go into the country or to the of a curtain or portiere, wired with however, I went out cautiously. I had had gone white, and stood with her no intention of eaves-dropping, but I eyes shifting more wildly than ever, wanted to be certain that it was Jack There's a ladder up the clothes the blazing sun, so that they may this is drawn across the door or win-Hadel she was meeting. Too many chute, Miss Innes," she said. "It's come back looking brown and healthy dow, or around the safe, the slightest things had occurred in which Ger- up that tight I can't move it, and I As often as not this practice will send disturbance throws the knobs out of trude was of appeared to be involved, didn't like to ask for help until I spoke them home far less fit for work than contact and breaks the electric cirto allow anything to be left in ques- to you."

ed the hedge to a break not far from the ladder had no business to be the lodge, and found myself on the there. I did the best I could, how- will cause dizziness, headache, nausea Cutting the material or interfering open road. Perhaps 100 feet to the ever. I put her on the defensive at left the path led across the valley to once. the Country club, and only a little "Then you didn't lock the laundry way off was the foot-bridge over Cas- last night?" anova creek. But just as I was about to turn down the path I heard steps in the kitchen on its nail." coming toward me, and I shrank into "Very well, then you forgot a winthe husben. It was Gertrude, going dow," back quickly toward the house

I was surprised. I waited until she had had time to get almost to the I locked them all, but there was one house before I started. And then I open this morning. l went out of the room and down have given a death rate of from one pay me at the party to-night, and The reason why Gertrude had not the hall, followed by Mary Anne. The to 20 per cent., against 20 to 40 per which I had decided to give to you to The season why Gerirode had not defined scientist, in the land decided to give to you to go shopping with, but I am really too course of an exhaustive study of the tinguished three colors—red, green the upper abdomen, splitting the tired to go out; guess I'll let it go this evolution of the sense of color, discov and blue—and was able sometimes to meetical, and smoking a pipe, was I saw the evidence of the woman's stomach open and turning it wrong time." Alex, the gardener. I could have story. A pruning ladder had been side out, searching for cancers and the gardeser. I come many thing you wanted to do you would that it was at first thought from where it had lain operation often followed by great to in a minute but when it is reading the torn note where he against the stable and now stood up- operation, often followed by great go in a minute, but when it is some of one color. To Homer, he says, the "a thousand dazzling colors, which the the torn note where he says, the could cheerfully right in the clothes shaft, its end rest cures and benefits, and is largely an thing for your wife you are too tired! callbow seemed purple white. At a eye cannot distinguish separately."

But there was no help for it: I I turned to Mary. turned and followed Gertrude slowly "This is due to your carelessness," back to the house.

had effectually prevented any relaxa- fault." She shivered. "Now, not a tion after dusk. We had redoubled our word of this through the house, and vigilance as to bolts and window- send Alex to me." locks, but, as Mr. Jamieson had suggested, we allowed the door at the east entry to remain as before, locked one possible entrance for the invader, and to keep a constant guard in the harder. The harder was awakened by dark at the foot of the circular stair-

In the absence of the detective, stupidity was excusable. Alex and Halsey arranged to change off. Halsey to be on any from two until six.

Interest of bolding back endeave. He
seed an introde in an empty room.

Ench man was armed, and, as an additional precaution, the one off duty off, Halsey to be on duty from ten to open to be ready for emergency.

I said. "If we had all been murdered The frequent invasions of the house in our beds it would have been your

apoplectic with rage, and with it all I Liddy said with dignity. fancied there was an element of satis- had come through what I have, you faction. As I look back, so many would be a bundle of nerves, too. Miss dark at the foot of the circular stair known now, and yet the whole thing be going to my sister's." was so remarkable that perhaps my

Alex leaned down the chute and examined the ladder carefully.

"It is caught." he said with a grim ditional precaution, the one off duty smile. "The fools, to have left a sister's," I went on. "Five children, slept in a room near the head of the warning like that! The only trouble hasn't she?" circular staircase and kept his door is. Miss Innes, they won't be apt to come back for a while."



Mary Anne Had Gone White.

These arrangements were carefully | "I shouldn't regard that in the light her glance at the little Tates' kept from the servants, who were only of a calamity." I replied. who retired, one and all, with barred Alex worked at

as latering under the weight of a day night it was almost a week since a deadly enemy, intent on my destruc-Louise had encountered some one on tion. Engs a children's outfitting the stairs, and it was four days since I was growing more and more nerv- free sweep of her strong, round arms. the discovery of the hole in the trunk. Ous. Liddy had given up all pretense room wall. Armold Armstrong and at bravery, and slept regularly in my Louise are in the village." she called. his father rested side by side in the dressing room on the couch, with a Casanova churchyard, and at the Zion prayer-book and a game knife from you hear it?" at to the telephone as soon as we African church, on the hill, a new the kitchen under her pillow, thus prebome, and called up King & Co. in mound marked the last resting-place paring for both the natural and the day, the doctor's daughter, and she

When Mr. Jamieson bung up thanks to me, we had heard nothing struggle. from her. Dr. Walker had taken up his practice again, and we saw him now and then flying along the road. always at top speed. The murder of Arnold Armstrong was still unavenged. and I remained firm in the position I came into the living room and rethe thing was at least partly cleared.

you have been yet. I want you to Wednesday night that perhaps the And yet, for all its quiet, it was on boldest attempt was made to enter the house. On Thursday afternoon it was a revolver, Mr Jamieson - I the laundress sent word she would like to speak to me, and I saw her in my private sitting room, a small room beyond the dressing room.

Mary Anne was embarrassed. She had rolled down her sleeves and tried a white apron around her waist, and she stood making folds in it with fin-At dinner Mr. Jamieson suggested gers that were red and shiny from her

"Well, Mary," I said encouragingly. "what's the matter? Don't dare to

er davemport in the living room. ma'am I was askin did you want the demns emphatically the form of vani-I sat and knitted, pretending not to ladder left up the clothes chute?"

It was useless to dissemble; Mary I went slowly across the lawn, skir. Anne knew now as well as I did that

I locked it tight, and put the key

Mary Anne besitated. "Yes'm," she said at last, "I thought

have cheeked Alex to death for his ing against the wall between the first American specialty. — New York You will go to that poker party to tater period Xenophon saw in it "a But the tricolor division persisted up

CHAPTER XXIII.

While the Stables Burned.

About nine o'clock that night Liddy around the corner of the stable. Ger able to walk." trude had been sitting staring in front I lay and thought over some of she turned on Liddy pettishly.

and I called to him. "Halsey," I said when he sauntered duced to its lowest terms. in, "is there a policeman in Casanova "

"Constable," he said laconically.

"Very well," I said, to her evident

"You'll have a nice time at your

"That's it." Liddy said, suddenly

bursting into tears. "Send me away,

shawl only half done, and nobody

knowin' how to fix the water for your

own bath." I was knitting compla-

get along for an hour without the oth-

I grew more and more anxious. Hal-

Liddy's face was really funny.

the noon train."

bath.

shoulders.

early.

And I told him what Liddy had said. ornamented dwellings of old. outside of the house to-night?"

"We might get Sam Bohannon from the club," he said thoughtfully. "It of home planning. and his shirt-front covered, you could-

n't see him a yard off in the dark." the result, in an hour, was Sam. His instructions were simple. There had been numerous attempts to break into the house; it was the intention, not to drive intruders away, but to capture them. If Sam saw anything suspicious outside, he was to tap at the east entry, where Alex and Halsey were to alternate in keeping watch through the night.

As before, Halsey watched the east entry from ten until two. He had an feet. Shoes, I divined the feet commencing to sleep at night, and Until late that evening Halsey and eye to comfort, and he kept vigil in a They heavy oak chair, very large and deen. doors and lamps that burned full until forced down the ladder at last, and We went upstairs rather early, and put a new bolt on the door. As for through the open door Gertrude and I The house was quiet again Wednes- myself, I sat and wondered if I had kept up a running fire of conversation. trude was doing her own, with a long "Did you know Mrs. Armstrong and

"No," I replied, startled. "How did

"I met the oldest Stewart girl tosupernatural. That was the way told me they had not gone back to the dining room and kitchen be sep things does not burden our minds furnished for the summer."

can't imagine Fanny Armstrong in such a place."

"It's true, nevertheless. Ella Stewhad taken-to stay at Sunnyside until ported that one of the housemaids de art says Mrs. Armstrong has aged terclared she had seen two men slip ribly, and looks as if she is hardly

> tric lights went out then, fading sloware a bundle of nerves. What if Eliza to be seen in the bulbs, and then even house. This is a beautiful room, with the same way, and departs. At the did see some men around the stable? that died away and we were embarked It may have been Warner and Alex." on the darkness of another night.
> "Warner is in the kitchen, miss," (TO BE CONTINUED.)



Condemns Sunshine Fad. A well-known medical man condays. There are ways of avoiding the unable to enter the premises having more serious effects of the sun, but this apparently trifling protection personally 1 would advise the city without giving notice. dweller who must have a brown face to stain it with walnut juice and wear a broad-brimmed hat like a sane and sensible individual."

Marvels of Modern Surgery. Knife operations on the stomach

The simple burglar alarm that has ty that leads people on their holidays ties in Dresden and Berlin seems to seashore for only one or two weeks fine conductors connected at certain will deliberately sit about hatless in places with metal knobs, and when they were when the y started, for cuit. The alarm may be signalled even if one escapes sunstroke the ef- by a series of bells, lights, or other fects of the sun's rays upon the un- electric appliances, either on the covered head are very bad. They premises or at the police station. and loss of appetite and will often up with it in the slightest degree, has inset the digestive system for many stant effect, and the wiliest burglar is

Ingenious Burglar Alarm.

Making Him Go. "I don't think I shall go poker party to-night." "That's one of the truest thinks you

have done for quite awhile." "Jinx owes me \$5 which be was to

night or you will hear from me!"



faction. As I look back, so many things are plain to me that I wonder I could not see at the time. It is all known now, and yet the whole thing be going to my sister's."

Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the be going to my sister's."

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It is one of the healthful signs of present day building that the interior arrangement of a house is given more attention and is considered more important than is its exterior appearafter all these years, and your new ance. Home builders have outgrown that period when matters of design were regulated by what the neighbors would think. "It's time I learned to prepare my

A generation ago every house had cently. But Gertrude got up and put to have its front and back parior; the her arms around Liddy's shaking former preferably garnished with a round tower bay window arrangement "You are two big babies," she said on the corner and the exterior elabsoothingly. "Neither one of you could orately supplied with fancy ornaments, if the building was to command any distinction at all in the er. So stop quarreling and be good. Liddy, go right up and lay out aunty's community; and all of this was to night things. She is going to bed the general detriment of the home in-

A modern house, on the other hand, After Liddy had gone I began to think about the men at the stable, and is designed to meet the needs of the family life, providing rooms that are sey was aimlessly knocking the bil- well lighted, well ventilated, of liard balls around in the billiard room. Proper size and so arranged that the

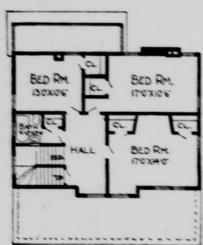
and lets the exterior appearance large of attractive color schemes are feasly take care of itself. Yet, in spite ible for its use; cream color for the veteran of the war, one arm; in of. of this, the modern houses planned cement plaster and brown for the fice to conciliate the G. A. R. element. in this way are more attractive in wood trim around the doors and wintheir general exterior appearance dows being perhaps as good as any. "Recause I am uneasy tonight." than were the pretentious, over-

"Is there any one you can think of Simplicity and directness are the at \$4,000. who could be relied on to watch the two first requirements for successful design-elements which come strongly into play in this present-day idea FUSSY ABOUT THE CHANGE

smart darky, and with his mouth shut most important consideration was to have the first floor so planned that an impression of spaciousness be Halsey conferred with Alex, and gained upon entering the front door; at the same time it was desired that these days of the high cost of most

The arrangement of the kitchen and

On the second floor three large bedrooms and a bathroom are provided. There are five clothes closets; also a nice space for a sewing room in the is awful. well-lighted upper hall. The exterior of this house is very simple, yet it is highly attractive. It is a modern



work of house keeping may be re adapatation of the Dutch coionial style. Cement plaster on metal lath The architect draws his floor plans is employed for the walls. A number The roof is of slate.

The cost of this house is estimated

wouldn't be a bad scheme. He's a In the accompanying design the Man, Unlike Woman, Does Not Like the Way It Usually is Given to Him.

To be sure, the change we receive in



town and they talked for some town and, beyond a polite note of when I myself took a hand in the rectly to that little yellow house next times, when a certain privacy there like to receive the little that is coming fishing in this vicinity. to Dr. Walker's, and are apparently is desired. This is a very frequent to us in a more orderly arrangement settled there. They took the house requirement; yet, it is surprising how than is customary in the smaller busi-

A giance at the first-floor plan will change is shot back in a little metal show an arrangement which accomplishes the purpose very successfully in this case. Entrance is had at the center in front into a spacious square hall: to the left the stairway asof her, jumping at every sound. Now these things until midnight. The electright through the column archway is cends to the second floor; to the the large living room, 14 by 25 feet, and good, for she stuffs the ball into "I declare, Liddy," she said. "you ly until there was only a red-hot loop occupying the entire left side of the her bag or pocketbook in very much

PORCH PUXTU LIVING RM 140 X250 LOCKET. First Floor Plan.

beamed ceiling and having a large brick fireplace at it; further end, face downward without discomfort or The dining room is in the center at confusion. She apparently puts it the rear, directly tack of the entrance away as it happens to come out of the hall. This room is reacned by way carrier; she certainly takes no cognizof a broad doorway from the side ance of these male peculiarities in the of the living room, double doors sepa- way in which she makes change. So rating the two when desired.

room are exceptionally well lighted, blocks up the passage, and is jostled. the three window groups being both We know that the bulk of the retail attractive in appearance and efficient trade of the country is carried on by for lighting and ventilation. It is women with women, who understand seldom that one finds so good an ar- each other even in this, but has mere rangement as this in a house of man no rights in the matter? Since square outline, which, of course, is society is so busy reforming everythe most economical to build. It is thing it happens to think of, can it not usually necessary, in order to secure start a movement for the orderly armble features mentioned, to rangement of our change

often our houses as they are built ness transactions of daily life, says the "Why, it's a bandbox," I said. "I fulfil but part of this requirement. New York Tribune. Usually our

> The clerk pulls the crumpled wad peppery. hastily apart to verify the amount. and stuffs it into our hand. That is the system.

end of the day's shopping she sits her down with a scrap of paper and a pencil, makes calculations that would bewilder a mathematical astronomer, talking to herself the while, pulls the wads apart, counts the bills, then, her account made up, stuffs them back again in very much the same disorderly condition. But with man it is different. He is

methodical, fussy even, about the money he carries around with him. He carries his bills neatly folded, usually once lengthwise and once across. He has a finicky way of arranging them face upward, with the demoninant in the upper right hand corner, and he keeps the bills of the same denomination together. The cashier in the wire cage of the retail business is not so particular. She-it usually is a shecan handle money upside down and bewildered man halts in the aisle, in-Both the living room and dining tent on bringing order from chaos,

The Colors in the Rainbow.

A learned German scientist, in the | Two centuries after this Aristotle disered that the rainbow has not looked see yellow between the red and green. "That is just like you! If it was the same to men in all ages. He found Three hundrd years after Aristotle ourple cloud, red and yellow green. | til the thirteenth century.

NOTHING DOING.

Tramp-Help me, kind sir. I have Mr. Jinks-So have I. This weather



When the digestion is bad you need something that will not only relieve but will strengthen the digestive organs and assist them back to their normal condition. This calls for the Bitters first of all. Try it.

STUNG BY BASE INGRATITUDE

Bowery Denizen Seemingly Had Right to Be Indignant at Old Friend's Attitude.

"You remember dat guy. Jim Burke?" asked an frate Bowery denizen. "He's dat stiff dat's doin' time up der river-Sing Sing-boiglaryten years. Well, you know all I done fer dat stiff. When he was pinched didn't I put up der coin for der lawyers? Didn't I pay der witnesses? Sure I did. De oder day I t'inks I'll just go an' see dat mutt just t' leave him know his frien's ain't tied de can on 'im. So I drives out to d' jail and goes into d' warden's office and he says I gotter send me card in. Me card! D'ye get dat? Well, anyway, I writes my name on a piece o' paper an' a guy takes it into Jim Burke, an' what d' you t'ink dat stiff tells guy to tell me?"

"I've no idea," said the listener. "He tells him," concluded the angry one, "t' tell me dat he ain't in!"-From Success Magazine.

The Stylish Fisherman.

One of the guests at a fashionable summer resort in West Virginia got himself up in his best "fishing togs" and started along a certain mountain

Meeting a native, he asked: "Here, Louise was with her mother in things stood that Thursday night, town after the funeral. They went di-

The native regarded him scornfully. "The fishin' ain't good," he finally said, "but I ain't informed as to how you values your time."-Lippincott's.

box via a miniature overhead railroad. in a salted mine is apt to make a man

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