And that is what they did. Seated in a comfortable drawing-room, and looking out at the dusky shadows stealing over the incomparable woodland of the New Forest, Phyllis and Arthur recited the strange events of lookhead, now——"

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interested auditors.

But Mrs. Wood, with a woman's tive, was not to be repressed. 'It's all like an exciting movie,' she vowed, "only some of the explanatory bits are missing. Are you two really engaged?"

granted, Arthur," said the girl.

asked you to marry me."
"But that was absurd, then."



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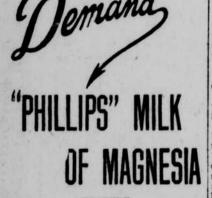
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jbling Block!" cackled Prideaux, lift-|primed him (Peters) with all the infor-

and events which I had forgotten. Naturally, as his cousin and I are such pals, I have had this thing a good deal on my mind during the last 10 days. If I had to rewrite that 10 days are rewrited out of the cardroom, 10 days and I want that girl 10 days and thought I had half a chance, I would never have flung Massum legs, long slim arms, and a long that 10 days. If I had to rewrite that 10 days are rewrited to marry Miss Phyllis Dauhit at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days, and thought at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days, and thought I had half a chance, I would never have flung Massum legs, long slim arms, and a long that 10 days are rewrited to marry Miss Phyllis Dauhit at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days are rewrited to marry Miss Phyllis Dauhit at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days are rewrited to marry Miss Phyllis Dauhit at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days are rewrited to marry Miss Phyllis Dauhit at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days are rewrited to marry Miss Phyllis Dauhit at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days are rewrited to marry Miss Phyllis Dauhit at a very early date, and I want that girl 10 days are ferently now." In what way?"

"Ah! In what way?" and may be even more so tomor "Well, first of all, I would point If we can stage a first-rate row out that a man who wished to make ertain of his facts would look up all sorts of available data, and stock his "Sir Arthur knows, of course, that memory with them. Let's take a hythey brought about Miss Daunt's dispothetical case. Suppose a fellow appearance?"
whose identity was not questioned at "Why, certainly, Didn't I make whose identity was not used to fas an all wished to palm himself off as an that clear. The first thing 'Vaquero' Etonian of 1907 or 1907—where's the did when his prize was safe in Berners insuperable difficulty? The Eton Street was to hurry to a call office. The school records are there. By merely mixing outcome. But the alarm had been given with men of his own or approximate years he would pick up some of the slang and house stories. No, if you want an infallible line as to Sir Arwant an infallible line as to Sir Arthur Pelham's personality you ought to get hold of someone who served with him in the guards during the first two years of the war. Scores of things happened then, either in the first two the course, which no man who had not shared the other fellow's course, denied central pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. Soffutt, have taken prompt steps to learn definitely whether the body of course, denied sending any telegram, or the ownership of a car. She, the first two years of the war. Scores of things happened then, either in the field or in rest camps, which no man who had not shared the other fellow's care to still the care therefore the care that the care there in the first two years of the war. Scores of the war. Scores of the war. Scores of the war. Scores of the war to still the care therefore the care that the care therefore the care therefore the care therefore the care that the care therefore the care that the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of the car, whereupon Mrs. State of the pants of who had not shared the other fellow's onet advised?"

omers. "Excuse me, but such a thing could not happen." protested Jameson.
"Yet it undoubtedly did happen." "Don't misunderstand me.

tain that it is a sheer impossibility for the 26 officers who crossed the channel with French on the nights of the 12th and 13th of August, 1914, to be serving in the battalion at Loos in 1916. Some men were wounded, some were transferred, some must have been found more suitable for training troops at home or elsewhere. I'll make a bet with both of you that not six out of the 26 were at Mons and Loos with the same crowd." "You seem to have undergone a re-markable mental development in 10

days," snapped Prideaux.
Then Jameson saw that his hosts were, so to speak, trying him out, and had long ago reached the same conlusions he was now putting forth so

"Sorry!" he laughed, "but I was eally trying to make clear some of the doubts which have shot holes in that memorandum."

"You appreciate our dilemma, how-ever," said Somers. "When our deever," said Somers. "When our de-partment takes up an inquiry it tries to preserve an open mind. No one is deemed either guilty or innocent until many little rills of evidence, flowing from different directions, be-gin to swell into a river of proof." Prideaux shaded his eyes with a hand, as though to ward off a bril-

liant light which shone round his chief's head, but Somers ignored him and served a dish of sole with absoand served a dish of sole with the impartiality.

"It's a surprising thing," he went on placidly, "but a little hop o' me thumb like Prideaux often eats as much as a big chap like me. He pretends that fish is brain food, but wait with the poussin."

"Try, however, not to hear our worthy superintendent," added Pri-

"That's a base libel—one quite un-worthy of your boasted wit." cried omers indignantly.
"Very well. In the circumstances

advise Captain Jameson to attend o his own bird." "I wish you would tell me just what occurred today," said Jameson. "I suppose those blighters in Berners street ran off with the lady so as to bring pressure to bear on the baronet. But how did they manage it? I may want to pull off a stunt like that on my own account one of these days,

and the wrinkle may be useful."
Pelham's guess-work when asked the same question by Phyllis was so literally accurate that the details need ing, sought the acquaintance of Peters, the gardener at Cedar Lodge, and Phyllis's staunch adherent, they

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had demanded far more time and close attention than can possibly be done justice to in this bare record of events. But the party cheered considerably when Pucci himself announced that despite a busy day in the restaurant, sole Margery and netits poussins had been reserved spenaltis poussins had been reserved by the care to extradite them visioners in the visioners in the visioners in the care to extradite them visioners in the care to extradite them visioners in the care to extradite them visioners in the care to extradit t give a night's thought to matters. ter Arthur at her head. As it is, un-Sir Arthur, of course, was enraged, less he is a bigger fool than I take Laurel le

> tween them we may learn something really useful." "Sir Arthur knows, of course, that

outcome. But the alarm had been giv-en already. The doorman at the hotel

-ine Umana pec. . week Linforth and 'Vaquero' were after him cured the first innings. That is imhe heard from the men who carried off his flancee as a hostage for his

"Do these rotters want money?" "Yes, yet they are not common blackmallers. They sought revenge

Jameson was invited to dine late at pucci's. There he met two weary men, it in addition to the mystery centering in Cedar Lodge, which, in itself, had demanded far more time and close attention than can possibly be considered and the silent for once. The soldier probably crime of conspiring to commit a fellong. There he met two weary men, did not realize that these two men were united by bonds of steel. At some future date, theirs may figure as one of the world's historic friendships. Of their lives on charges connected with the war, or have them shot at close attention than can possibly be considered to in this bare record of lives on the construction of the world's historic friendships. Of the "Yard." When they left the close attention than can possibly be considered to in this bare record of lives on the world's historic friendships. Of their lives on charges connected with the war, or have them shot at Vincennes'if we care to extradite them boy, isn't he?" inquired Prideaux under the little man remained silent for once. The soldier probably crime of conspiring to commit a fellong. "I asked him to ring up at the Reg' about luncheon time. "Reg' about luncheon time. "He won't, but I may. The existence of their lives on charges connected with the war, or have them shot at Vincennes'if we care to extradite them boy, isn't he?" inquired Prideaux under the chairs. Laurel liked to sit and listen to what the women talked with the chairs. Laurel liked to sit and the chairs. Laurel liked

and may be even more so tomorrow him for, they were engaged before their train reached Farnborough!" Jameson checked up that prophecy later, and Prideaux was right, as

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Offutts Await

Casper Y. Offutt, brother, and Mrs. Charles Offutt, mother of Lieut. Jar-

STELLA DALLAS

By Olive Higgins Prouty.

blockhead, now—"
"Prideaux prides himself on using the right word invariably," put in Somers. "His was a delicate allusion to the memorandum you sent us with reference to your school boy association with Sir Arthur Pelham."
"I believe nothing. I'm a confirmation with Sir Arthur Pelham."
"It told you just what happened, and my immediate impressions."
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"Of course. That was the devil of "Of course. That was the devil of "Some in the plunder." It was the devil of the plunder."
"Vaquero" and "Matador" lived. Interplant to share the plunder."
"Great Scott! Do you actually be the plunder."
"She wore it in a long smooth bang in foot, which reached nearly to her eyebrows, and in long smooth curls book, and tucking it under her arm to the big chair. She curled skeptic. If you want to hear some mad theorizing, tackle Prideaux. I often tell him he could earn a princely in the plunder."
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"I wonder," site thought, "if we didn't dress quite so well, people

Laurel leaned up against one of the

pillars in the hotel foyer and gazed about her. The place was wrapped in its usual mid-afternoon lifelessness -a few idle bellboys on the bench at the foot of the broad staircase, a couple of idle elevators; a solitary nahogany desk; dozens upon dozens of empty armchairs: in one of them an old man, with a King Orange nose,

Information sound asleep; in a far corner four women playing silent bridge.
She slid into the deep-seated lap of an enormous leather armchair near Through the big front doors she could catch a glimpse of a group of girls about her own age, seated on said he is expecting news from Washafterwards."

The detectives smiled. A waiter came in to lay the table, so the discussion could not be carried on. But the point cropped up again later.

"The trouble is that every other officer of Sir Arthur's battalion was killed either at or after Loos," said

"I dunno."

"That she was to keep quiet, and say nothing to the police. He was cortain Miss Phyllis would come to no harm, and he would arrange for her speedy return. Altogether, he has received some remarkable 'phone messages since 5:15 today. In fact, Mrs.

"I dunno."

"That she was to keep quiet, and say nothing to the police. He was body of her son, an aviator, to rest in France. If it should be conclusively in France. If it should be conclusively proved that this is her son's body, it chair and wandered over to the glass covered case of candies; stared at them for a minute or two: turned to call, "Come, dear, I think you'd better come in now," to their children was body of her son, an aviator, to rest in France. If it should be conclusively proved that this is her son's body, it chair and wandered over to the glass ages since 5:15 today. In fact, Mrs.

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bedroom now. It was after 6 o'clock, she emerged from the shabbiness of and by this time, she calculated, the ironing sheet and forbidden electric iron would be safely tucked out of sight in the bottom of her mother's long stretcher of soft carpet springy

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had slanting walls, and a single cur- | women with bare necks, and shoulders tainless window. Its furniture was powdered as white as gardenias, much too big for it—made it look sick and shrunken, like a child in cast-off clothes many sizes too large. The iron bed, white enamel once but half wayacross the window-pane; and "Do these rotters want money?"
"Yes, yet they are not common blackmailers. They sought revenge first, I think. Now they want to share ings, and seal brown shoes, and a series of cardrooms to a little plnk dently, a shabby affair which, shut up

insisted on details.

"It seems to be quite certain that you were not engaged when you left use on how did Mr. Prideaux know you would be when you reached brows.

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Laurel took the elevator up to that a wand was waved over her, too, when trunk.

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