

CLEAN-UP

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tant young evangelist, who has been conducting his meetings in the heart of the theatrical district every evening for the past few months, the people seem at last to have found that leader for which they have searched so long. Harlem certainly needs and is ready for the clean-up which he has been so bold as to propose.

CHAPTER VI

Ace Hinds pressed a tiny ivory button on his desk with his good hand and the heavily-re-enforced door of his office slowly swung open. Three men, striding heavily, entered. The Ace offered them cigars from an open box on the desk and waved them to chairs.

These three men, together with the Ace, might have been said to represent the real government of Harlem. Certainly they had proved themselves of greater strength than the indifferent municipal government of the city of New York.

There was, first of all, Scar Short, numbers king, and perhaps the most powerful of them all because of the vast territory which he covered and the thoroughness of his control over the vast organization which he had built up. A dark, heavy-set man of, perhaps, fifty years or more, he took his pseudonym from the fact that a jagged, livid scar, relic of some unforgettable battle of his earlier days, ran all the way from his elbow down the back of his hand, marking him for life. It was this scar which he hated more than anything else, for it rendered absolutely useless any disguise which he might attempt to assume.



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There was Rod Johnson, Harlem's most famous beer baron, the young man who, at twenty-three, had made three million from the liquor traffic alone. Young, handsome, debonaire, he was just a playful bad boy who had gotten a break and taken full advantage of it. No one ever knew how many men had fallen before his smoking guns; when it came to proof, nobody, it seemed, had anything on him. There was always some ironclad alibi to pull him through. Long ago the police had given up the task of trying to convict him. Crooked lawyers, hung juries, fixed judges, all combined to pull him through the many crises of his life.

There was Big Joe Wilson, czar of Harlem's racketeering faction who, as head of the Harlem Protective and Benevolent Association, exacted a heavy toll each month from more than five thousand places of business in the metropolitan area. Those businesses which failed to pay off to Big Joe's organization usually didn't last very long. The organization maintained a small army of experienced wreckers to see that its mandates were carried out.

Then there was the Ace himself, whose control over theatrical bookings out of New York City made him a practical boss in the show business. Scarcely an act was booked in any part of the country that the Ace didn't have some hand in it. And from each he collected a commission, a very sizeable commission. You either paid it or you didn't, and if you didn't, you suddenly found yourself unable to obtain work on any circuit in the country. The Ace also had a controlling interest in nearly every night club and cabaret in Harlem, and the bad turn business had taken in the past few weeks had turned him sour.

"All of you guys know what's happening," he said now, bitterly. "If we let this evangelist guy go on with what he's started, everybody's going in the hole. Why, business in the Tom-Tom has dropped forty per cent in the last two weeks because the folks prefer to hang out in that 'Gospel Tent' and listen to that mug preach to 'em about their sins. He's even got Linda Allen and Al Collins, who used to be my star come-ons at the Tom-Tom, over there drawing 'em in for him. And that radio is spreading his stuff like wildfire. People are actually staying home and repenting these days instead of going out to the theatre. That can't go on!"

"It's the same with the numbers game," Scar Short put in. "I dropped five grand week before last and ten last week because the folks ain't playing like they used to. I sort of thought it'd pass over, but it's taking a mighty long time."

Rod Johnson and Big Joe Wilson added their testimony. They, too, had been noticing a fall-off in their pickings. "I give 'em beer at ten cents a glass," Rod stated, "and still they don't appreciate it. Can you beat that?"

"Well," said the Ace, "What're we gonna do?" Big Joe Wilson laughed gruffly. The others looked at him. "I thought you guys were men," he said. "Here I find you letting some little southern black boy get you all het up over nothing at all. I admit he's got a pretty powerful line of talk there, and I admit he's got a crowd of Harlem Negroes backing him up. But are you gonna let little things like that worry you? All you got to do is to get him outa the way; then you're all set. Without a leader these people are just like a flock of sheep; they'll all drift right back to you without no trouble. So get rid of him now! Rub him out! That's all you got to do."

To this his three listeners nodded agreement. "Then it's settled," Big Joe concluded. "Mr. Fred Harris is slated to take a nice long ride some time very soon—say tomorrow night, rather late. Won't all of you gentlemen come along? I'll donate my car for the job..."

What will be Fred's fate when these hoodlums of gangland descend upon him? Don't fail to read next week's thrilling installment.

Embarrassing Moments

OVERHEARD

My friend and I decided to go for a walk. Passing the home of my relatives, I realized that I hadn't been there for a month and suggested that we go in. As we walked around a path bordered by high bushes and trees, I stopped short, for I remembered the inquisitiveness of my aunt and said to my friend: "Help me to make up some stories about what I've been doing during the past month."

We planned to say that I had been working and sewing most of the time, and swimming once in awhile. "That," my friend said, "will make a good impression on her."

Imagine our embarrassment when from the partly hidden porch behind the bushes appeared the amused face of my aunt who said, half-jokingly: "We tried to catch what you were saying," but from the tone of her voice we knew she had heard every word. You can picture the uncomfortable predicament we were in for the remainder of our visit. J. P.

Salads Topic of Food Expert

Just what to serve with salad depends on when and how you are serving it. If salad is to be the main course at luncheon or supper, something light and tasty in the bread and butter line is the proper gesture.

If it is to be a fruit salad served in place of dessert, crisp buttered crackers, wee sandwiches spread with a savory butter, minced nuts or a peppy cheese, buttered fingers of toast dusted with ground pecans, or toasted crackers served with cheese—any of these will make a pleasant contrast with the fruit.

When a vegetable salad is chosen as the main course at luncheon or informal supper, huskier sandwiches may accompany it. Toasted cheese or chopped salad meat make excellent fillers and add the needed protein to the meal. Small rolls or one-bite baking powder biscuits give still more variety.

For the formal meal, cheese straws or very small, crusty cheese croquettes dress up the salad. The straws require simply one-half cup of ground cheese blended with one cup of flaky pie dough.

Roll out, cut in narrow strips, twist, and bake in a hot oven until golden brown. Or prepare one-half a recipe of baking powder biscuit dough. Work in one-half cup of ground cheese and cut in small diamond shaped biscuits. Bake and serve hot.

More suggestions for salad complements run as follows: Cut red Edam cheese in small squares and serve it with lettuce and cucumber salad.

For a luncheon fruit salad, serve toast roll. Cut slices of white bread very thin, remove the crusts, spread with creamed butter, and sprinkle with shaved maple sugar and cinnamon. Roll and secure with a toothpick. Toast to a delicate brown on all sides. Remove toothpicks to serve.

Grind American cheese and moisten it with cream. Form into balls the size of cherries and dip in red fruit coloring. Add a small cherry stem or other stem to each and chill. Serve three "cherries" on each salad plate.

But the quintessence of delicacy comes in dainty cucumber rings for a cheese and fruit salad. Cut slices of white bread very thin, and then cut them in rounds the size of cucumber slices.

Spread each bread round with thousand island dressing, and put the two together with a thin slice of cucumber between. Roll the edges in finely minced parsley and serve.

That leftover of cottage cheese comes in most effectively, too, when moistened with cream, flavored with chopped sweet pickle and minced chives and rolled into smc balls. Serve on a sprig of watercress on the edge of the salad plate.

WHAT TO WEAR

By VALERIA

HAIR ORNAMENTS BACK IN VOGUE FOR EVENING

Hair ornaments are back in vogue for evening wear. Little jeweled clips are worn on one side of the coiffure, which is now being more closely molded to the head than last season.

Tiaras, fitted closely to the head are also being worn at the most formal functions.

GOWN OF BROCADED SATIN FROM CHANEL

The French fabric manufacturers have turned their backs on homely and rustic fabrics. Rich velvets and lustrous satins that are brocaded in beautiful patterns of flowers, dots,

and even stripes, are the kind that are being offered for next fall. They are the new fabrics that will fashion many of next season's smartest evening gowns, late afternoon frocks, and even blouses to go with velvet suits.

Many have been the discussions in the fabric world as to whether dull fabrics would continue to be more important than shiny, but the new brocades remain neutral. They combine both shiny and dull, whether the brocade be in satin, or velvet.

A midnight gown is made of thin, supple satin, in ivory white, it is brocaded in black, in a small pattern that alternates shiny with dull velvet. A gown, which is from Chanel, has an ankle length skirt. Sun ray bands trim the skirt below the waistline in front, these bands becoming gores below the hips. The bodice is draped into a knot at the center front. The sleeves have two deep flounces, starting from the elbows.

A scarf of the brocaded satin passes through a hole in the center front of the square neckline, twists around the neck, and hangs to the waistline in front. The back of the frock has tiny, ivory, satin colored buttons which are placed down the center to the waistline.

Household Hints

Rub shiny spots that are on cloth thoroughly with slices of raw potatoes and the shine will disappear.

A good way to make gasoline soap is to cut three bars of white laundry soap into a ten-pound pail filled with cold water. Set pail on the range until soap is dissolved. Remove, and when cool add one large cupful of gasoline and stir well.

ENGLISH

Words Often Misused

Do not say, "I was very angry at Charles." Say, "angry with Charles."

Words Often Misspelled

Pulverize; observe the er and the ize.

Words Often Mispronounced

Guardian. Pronounce gar-di-an, first a as in "arm," accent first syllable, and not gar-deen.

Synonyms

Truth, genuineness, correctness, veracity, verity.

Word Study

INDECOROUS; violating good manners; unbecoming; improper. "He was so indecorous as to talk during the sermon."

PRETERNATURAL; beyond, or different from, what is natural; extraordinary. "His face showed a preternatural paleness."

WEEK'S POEM

IF

If any little word of mine
May make a life the brighter
If any little song of mine
May make a heart the lighter,
God help me speak the little word,
And take my bit of singing,
And drop it in some lonely vale
To set the echoes ringing.

If any little love of mine
May make a life the sweeter,
If any little care of mine
May make a friend's the fleetier,
If any little lift of mine may ease
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