

"I Have Not Forgotten-Anything."



SYNOPSIS.

Lawrence Blakeley, lawyer, goes to Wreck, I think he is crazy about her. Bronson case to get the deposition of In fact, I am sure of it. He thinks he John Gilmore, millionaire. In the latter's has locked his secret in the caves of you, Rich, that, having given her my home he is attracted by a picture of a young girl, whom the milhonaire explains his soul, but I call you to witness that word, I couldn't tell you?" Blakeley to buy her a Puliman ticket. He gives her lower cleven and retains lower ten. He finds a diamical man in lower ten and retires in lower nine. He awa-kens in lower seven and finds his clothes and bug missing. The man in lower ten is found murdered. Circumstantial exidence points to both Blakeley and the traknown from who had exchanged clothes with him. Blakeley becomes interested in a girl in blac. The train is wrecked. Plateley is rescued from the burning car by the girl in blue. His arm is broken, you are five against one." by the girl in blue. His arm is broken. They go to the Carter place for breakfast. The girl proves to be Alison West, his partner's sweetheart. Her peculiar actions mystify the lawyer. She drops let gold bag and blakely puts it in his pecket. Blakely returns home. He finds that he is under surveillance. Moving pictures of the train taken just before the what became of the murdered man, wreck reveal to Blakeley a man leaping from the train with his stolen grip.

Mr. Blakeley?"

## CHAPTER XVI.

## The Shadow of a Girl.

Certain things about the dinner at the Dallas house will always be obscure to me. Dallas was something in the fish commission, and I remember his reeling off fish eggs in billions while we ate our caviar. He had some particular stunt he had been urging hung heavy on the hostess' hands. the government to for years-something about forbidding the establish- in September," she wailed. "There is ment of mills and factories on river- absolutely nebody in town. Six is a banks-it seems they kill the fish, dreadful number." either the smoke, or the noise, or something they pour into the water.

Mrs. Dallas was there, I think. Of course, I suppose she must have been; white, a sublimated young woman who was as brilliant as I was stupid. for for a week. who never by any chance looked di-

from salmon to roast, and the conversation had done the same thing-from against her white gown, and as it fish to scandal-the yellow gown swung sometimes the face was in the turned to me.

"We have been awfully good. haven't we, Mr. Blakeley?" she asked "Although I am crazy to hear, I have not said 'wreck' once. I'm sure you must feel like the survivor of Waterloo, or something of the sort."

"if you want me to tell you about the wreck," I said, glancing across the table, "I'm sorry to be disappointing.

but I don't remember anything." "You are fortunate to be able to

forget it." It was the first word Miss West had spoken directly to me, and it went to my head. There are some things I have not

forgotten," I said, over the candles. "I recall coming to myself some time after, and that a girl, a beautiful

"Ah!" said the lady in yellow, leaning forward breathlessly. Miss West was staring at me coldly, but, once started, I had to stumble on.

That a girl was trying to rouse me, and that she told me I had been on fire twice already." A shudder went around the table.

"But surely that isn't the end of the story," Mrs. Dallas put in aggrievedly, him. He wanted to put on the doors "Why, that's the most tantalizing of our offices, Blakeley and McKnight,

thing I ever heard. "I'm afraid that's all," I said. "She went her way and I went mine. If she he wealth of the girl beside me was recalls me at all, she probably thinks it single mental leap. From that of me as a weak-kneed individual who wealth to the grandfather who was faints like a woman when everything responsible for it was another.

asserted triumphantly. "He fainted, ather when I met you?" I said. did you hear? when everything was "You!" She was surprised.

said. "He never spouts until he osition that they were forged."

that same token, although he hasn't said much about the Lady of the

I squirmed miserably and tried to avoid the startled eyes of the girl across the table. I wanted to choke McKnight and murder the rest of the

"It isn't fair," I said as coolly as you are five against one."

"And to think that there was a murder on that very train," broke in the lady in yellow. "It was a perfect crescendo of horrors, wasn't it? And

McKnight had the sense to jump into the conversation and save my re-

"They say good Pittsburgers go to Atlantic City when they die," he said. gentleman did not go to the sea-

The meal was over at last, and once in the drawing room it was clear we "It is so hard to get people for bridge

"It's a good poker number," her husband suggested.

The matter settled itself, however. I was hopeless, save as a dummy; and there was a woman in yellow: I Miss West said it was too hot for took her in to dinner, and I remember | cards, and went out on a balcony that | had-it seemed presumption beyond she loosened my clams for me so I overlooked the Mall. With obvious could get them. But the only real per- relief Mrs. Dallas had the card table son at the table was a girl across in brought, and-I was face to face with the minute I had dreaded and hoped

Now it had come, it was more difrectly at me, and who appeared and ficult than I had anticipated. I do not disappeared across the candles and know if there was a moon, but there orchids in a sort of halo of radiance. was the urban substitute for it-the When the dinner had progressed are light. It threw the shadow of the balcony railing in long black bars light. I drew a chair close so that I could watch her

"Do you know," I said, when she made no effort at speech, "that you are a much more formidable person to-night, in that gown, than you were the last time I saw you?"

The light swung on her face; she was smiling faintly.

"The hat with the green ribbons!" she said. "I must take it back; I had gentleman does." almost forzotten. "I have not forgotten-anything." I

pulled myself up short. This was hardly loyalty to Richey. His voice came through the window just then, and perhaps I was wrong, but I thought she raised her head to listen. "Look at this hand," he was saying. Regular pianola; you could play

it with your feet." "He's a dear, isn't he?" Alison said unexpectedly. "No matter how depressed and downhearted I am, I al-

ways cheer up when I see Richey.' "He's more than that," I returned warmly. "He is the most honorable feliow I know. If he wasn't so much that way, he would have a career before

From my comparative poverty to

"I wonder if you know that I had "What did I tell you?" Mrs. Dallas been to Pittsburg to see your grand-

'In that bag!" she cried. 'Oh, why didn't you teit me that before? Oh, it's so ridiculous, so-so hopeless. you remember the day the Washing-Why, I could-"

"Now fire away," he said.

when the first section passed?"

"I was."

sight.

"In the first place," I began, "do

ten Flier was wrecked below here?"

"Do I!" he said. "Did Ionah re-

"Were you on the platform here

"Do you recall seeing a man hang-

"There was no one hanging there

"Did you see anything that morning

of a man about my size, carrying a

small grip, and wearing dark clothes

McKnight was trying to look uncon-

cerned, but I was frankly anxious. It

was clear that the man bad jumped

somewhere in the mile of track just

his throat. "When the smash came

the operator at MX sent word along

the wire, both ways. I got it here,

and I was pretty near crazy, though I

"I was standing on the track look-

ing down, for I couldn't leave the of-

fice, when a young fellow with light

hair hmped up to me and asked me

"That's what's left of the Washing-

"'Do you mean the first section?"

" That's what I mean,' I said; 'split

to'kindling wood because Rafferty, on

the second section, didn't want to be

"He put his hand out in front of

"I got him into the station and he

ankle, and when he got a little better

"That's all-or, no, there's some-

"I reckon I've forgot the name, but

the message was that this fellow-

and if the man had escaped from the

"He wouldn't have sent that mes-

"Do You Recall Seeing a Man Hang-

sage to me," I said to McKnight, rath-

er crestfallen. "He'd have every ob-

There might be reasons," Mc-

Knight observed judicially. "He

might not have found the papers

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Russian Wheat Production.

been grown in Russia this year, plac-

ing that land for the first time at the

head of wheat-growing countries. Its

harvest of 783,000,000 bushels exceeds

that of the United States by 26,000,000

bushels. The development of wheat

growing has been most rapid along

proportion to population, this has

made Russia one of the great sources

of supply for the rest of the world.

France consumes much of the wheat

that it grows. The present price of

wheat in the United States, when

claced against the surplus product of

country to hold its place as an ex-

Helps Poor Girls.

Poston banker, is interested in a num-

the girl's bowl shop. In the spare

ucation. Mrs. Storrow has a girls' li-

brary club, and every summer she

Mrs. James J. Storrow, wife of the

porter of that cereal.

try, 14 at a time.

An enormous crop of wheat has

ject in keeping out of my way."

ing to the Platform of the Last

wreck would he come to see him."

"To whom?" I asked eagerly.

right on the track in a heap.

in Washington."

"'My God!' he said, and dropped

ton Flier.' I said, 'and I guess there's

what that smoke was over there.

souls going up in that smoke.'

knew it wasn't any fault of mine.

"Well, yes, I did." The agent cleared

and a derby hat?" I asked eagerly.

when she passed here," he said with

She stopped suddenly and sat down again. "I do not know that I am sor. member the whale?" ry, after all," she said after a pause. Mr. Bronson was a friend of my father's. I-I suppose it was a bad

thing for you, losing the papers?" "Well, it was not a good thing," I ing to the platform of the last car?" conceded. "While we are on the subject of losing things, do you remember-do you know that I still have conviction. "I watched her out of

your gold purse?" She did not reply at once. The shadow of a column was over her face.

but I guessed that she was staring at "You have it!" She almost whis-

pered "I picked it up in the street car." I said, with a cheerfulness I did not feel. "It looks like a very opulent lit-

Why didn't she speak about the necklace? For just a careless word to make me sane again! "You!" she repeated, horror-strick-

en. And then I produced the purse and held it out on my palm. "I should have sent it to you before, I suppose, but, as you know, I

have been laid up since the wreck." We both saw McKnight at the same moment. He had pulled the curtains aside and was standing looking out at us. The tableau of give and take was unmistakable; the gold purse, her out- he said, getting kind of greenish-yelstretched hand, my own attitude. It low. was over in a second; then he came out and lounged on the balcony rail-

"They're mad at me in there," he late. said airily, "so I came out. I suppose the reason they call it bridge is be- him, and the satchel fell with a bang. cause so many people get cross over

The heat broke up the card group oon after, and they all came out for came around, but he kept on groaning the night breeze. I had no more words something awful. He'd sprained his

I went back to the incubator for I drove him over in Carter's milk wagthe night. We said almost nothing on on to the Carter place, and I reckon the way home; there was a constraint he stayed there a spell." between us for the first time that I "That's all, is it?" I asked. could remember. It was too early for bed, and so we smoked in the living thing else. About noon that day one room and tried to talk of trivial of the Carter twins came down with things. After a time even those failed, a note from him asking me to send and we sat silent. It was McKnight a long-distance message to some one who finally broached the subject. "And so she wasn't at Seal Harbor

"No." "Do you know where she was, Lol- Sullivan was his name-was at M-

"Somewhere near Cresson."

at all."

"And that was the purse-her purse with the broken necklace in it?" "Yes, it was. You understand, don't

he has it nailed to his face. Look at | "I understand a lot of said, without bitterness. We sat for some time and smoked. Then Richey got up and stretched

himself. "I'm off to bed, old man," he said. "Need any help with that game arm of yours?" "No, thanks," I returned. I heard him go into his room and

lock the door. It was a bad hour for me. The first shadow between us, and the shadow of a girl at that.

### CHAPTER XVII.

At the Farm House Again. McKnight is always a sympathizer with the early worm. It was late when he appeared. Perhaps, like myself, he had not slept well. But he was apparently cheerful enough, and "So-we are reasonably certain the he made a better breakfast than I did. It was one o'clock before we got to Baltimore. After a half hour's wait we took a local for M---, the station near which the cinematograph

picture had been taken. We passed the scene of the wreck, McKnight with curiosity, I with a sickening sense of horror. Back in the fields was the little farm house where Alison West and I had intended getting coffee, and winding away from the track, maple trees shading it on each side, was the lane where we had stopped to rest, and where I belief now-where I had tried to com-

fort her by patting her hand. We got out at M---, a small bushels, and is greater than its own place with two or three houses and a previous record by about 100,000,000 general store. The station was a oneroomed affair, with a railed-off place at the end, where a scale, a telegraph the line of the Trans-Siberian railway. instrument and a chair constituted the As the home consumption is small in entire furnishing.

The station agent was a young man with a shrewd face. He stopped hammering a piece of wood over a hole in the floor to ask where we wanted to

"We're not going," said McKnight, we're coming. Have a cigar?" The agent took it with an inquiring glance, first at it and then at us.

"We want to ask you a few questions," began McKnight, perching himself or the railing and kicking the chair forward for me. "Or, rather, this ber of charities, among them being

"Wait a minute," said the agent time which the girls have, they make glancing through the window. "There pottery articles, which they sell, the is a hen in that crate choking herself money to be used for purposes of ed-

the was back in a minute, and took up his position near a sawdust-filled sends a number of girls to the counbox that did duty as a cuspidor.

# Taxes in the Olden Time

2. B. H., which is Poor But Honest." In the Reign of George the Third One Could Not Even Escape Them by Dying.

For taxes out of the common one must turn back to the days of George III. For in the reign of that monarch one was almost forced to "die beyond one's means." The army and the revenue. For beards were, at vaover! He hasn't begun to tell it." "Yes. And you remember the alli. the navy were in urgent need of rious times, taxed in England. Henry I would have given a lot by that gator bag that I told you was ex- money and the chancellor was at his VIII. graduated his levy according to time if I had not mentioned the girl. changed for the one you cut off my wits' end. He thought of the dead the status of the wearer, the sheriff But McKnight took it up there and arm?" She nodded expectantly, "Well, and gravely suggested a tax on cof- of Canterbury, for instance, having to in that valise were the forged Andy fins. Which proposal recalls the day pay three shillings four pence for his "Blakeley is a regular geyser," he Bronson notes, and Mr. Gilmore's dep- when one could not be born without beard, and Elizabeth fixed the same involving a proud parent in a tax. A sum for every beard of over a fortreaches the boiling point. And by She was on her feet in an instant, graduated tax. The birth of an eldest night's growth.

son, for instance, cost a duke as much as £30, whereas a cottager was forced to pay only two shillings. To be born with a silver spoon in the mouth cost money in those days!

Not only was there once a tax on hair powder, but hair itself has been called upon to pay its de share to



just issued a certificate of perfect atendance to Catherine Mohr of Boone county, school district No. 60. The certificate is awarded to her for having been neither absent nor tardy for five consecutive school years. Under a system adopted a number of years ago small certificates are issued by the teachers in the grades to the pupils who are neither absent nor tardy during a school month. When the pupil accumulates a given number of these, the county superintenlent issues a larger certificate for perlect attendance, and if the pupil accumulates certificates to show that he has been neither absent nor tardy for a period of five years the larger certificate is issued directly from the office of the state superintendent, Only a very limited number of these lead, so that ivery mon that came to are issued each year.

### Need Not File Petitions.

Candidates for the legislature who desire to get positions on the ticket by petition need not file petitions with the secretary of state. This is the ruling made by Secretary of State Junkin. He says the law plainly provides that where a candidate for either branch of the legislature desires to go on a ballot by petition he shall file his petition with the county elerk. If the district in which he desires to be a candidate comprises more than one county, the candidate shall file by petition with each county clerk in the district. Mr. Junkin further states that the law places no clants." limit on the time of the filing by petition and that such candidates can file my time before the county clerks have placed the printing of the ballot in the hands of the printer. As long as the county clerk will receive filings by petition, such filings are legal. No political party name can be used.

### Judge Dean Withdraws.

The democratic committee of the Sixth congressional district, having received the declination of J. R. Dean to run for congress on the democratic ticket, has notified the secretary of state that the committee held a meeting and nominated W. J. Paylor of Omaha to fill the vacancy. The committee's nomination is certified to by Chairman R. G. Moore and Secretary H. J. Shinn. On the face of the re turns, Judge Dean received the demoratic nomination by a majority of ive votes over Taylor, but Taylor received the populist nomination. Taylor asked for a recount and later the compromise was effected whereby Judge Dean withdrew.

### Organized Farmers' Congress.

Forty-one Nebraskans who were delegates to the Farmers' National congress met at the Commercial club and organized the Nebraska Farmers' conquestions affecting farming interests within the state just as the national organization handles these questions in a national way. Stock breeders, hog raisers, plain farmers, horticulturists and others were represented. The charter member list also shows a wide scatering of delegates, almost every part of the state being represented.

For the murder of his sister-in-law, Bert M. Taylor of Minden is to be hanged at the penitentiary on the afternoon of October 28. The supreme court overruled Taylor's motion for a rehearing. This finally disposes of the case in court and nothing except the intervention or the governor or a hear ing to determine insanity, granted by a judge of the district in which the conviction took place, can save Taylor from the gallows. It is said by attorneys that neither relief will be grant-

The board has been buying 15-cent coffee for use in state institutions, excepted from the use of such grade. Russia, makes it more difficult for this but now it has been informed that at least 4 cents a pound more will be isked for this coffee by jobbers.

Though Attorney General Thompon has been sworn in as solicitor of the treasury department at Washington, he has not yet severed his connection with the legal department of the state. When he left Mr. Thompson expected to return to Lincoln some time in October and wind up some cases in which the state is a party. He probably will not resign until after election.

The report of Warden Smith for the month of September at the penitentiary shows a lower population than for several months. The number is now down to 425. One man escaped during the month. The receipts for the month were \$1,761.91.

No tobacco advertisements are to be carried in the Dally Nebraskan, the daily paper of the university students. At a recent meeting of the board of publication, the business manager was ordered to refuse future copy of this nature.

braska national guard, of Crete, has been ordered out. The reasons given in the order from the office of the adjutant general are distinctly plain. Members of the company are charged with desertion at Fort Riley, some members failed to go and gave no excuses and the company generally is censured for failure to keep up to the required standard of efficiency and discipline. The property of the company is ordered sent into headquarters, all shortages to be deducted from the state pay due the men.



newspaper man, who put in several For Perfect Attendance. years at Sunday school. "Who'd fu State Superintendent Bishop has suppose?" "Well," observed the man at the other end in an annoyed tone, "doggon if I ain't gone and made a fool o' myself. Course it was Cain, now that you mention it, but I made a two to one bet with a fellow that 'twas Goliath, and now I'll have to go without a new overcoat, I reckon, this next winter."-Cleveland Plain Dealer. Experience Teaches. "Sure, and Oi t'ink it pays to be honest, afther all," said Pat. "Oi troied that phoneyweight business in

Queer Questions.

my grocery sthore lasht year, and Oi

"How so? Did you get found out?"

"No. sorr." returned Pat. "Ol made

the mistake of fillin' me weights wid

me for wan pound of sugar got twinty-

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asked his friend.

Weekly.

"Why?"

him the other day:

## Will Not Interfere.

The state board of purchase and supplies has been notified of an increase in the price of coffee. The board has been somewhat wedded to coffee that costs 15 cents a pound. the officers of such institutions being

Company H, Fifth regiment, Ne-

### Queer questions come over the tele-Four Pellets of hone to the newspaper offices. Here was one that the man who chanced to answer the phone had put up to "Say." began the unknown seeker after the truth, "do you-do you remember who it was that killed Abel?" "Why, Cain, of course," replied the formaclis and relieve distress

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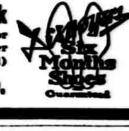
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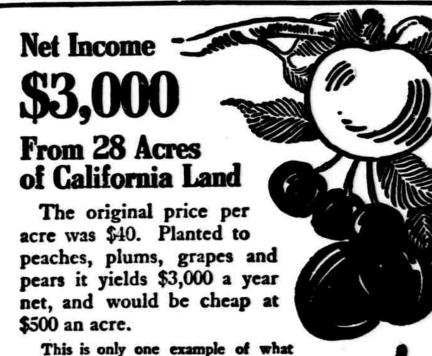
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