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(Continued from Page Three.) addressed in straggling, irregular characters, very unlike Holmes' usual precise

Efrige's Farm, East Ruston, Norfolk. I think, inspector," Holmes remarked, "that you would do well to telegraph for an escort, as, if my calculations prove to

rapidly to a close." information should be given as to her con- sented by A dition, but he was to be shown at store for us. The doctor had departed to

hour in an interesting and profitable mancorded the antics of the dancing men. shortly recapitulated the facts which have symbols SAF stand respectively for N. already been recorded. "I have here in V and R. SAF already been recorded. "I have here in

Return of Sherlock Holmes they are the mere random sketches of children.

"Having once recognized, however, that the symbols stood for letters, and having applied the rules which guide us in all forms of secret writings, the solution was hand. It was consigned to Mr. Abe Slaney, easy enough. The first message submitted to me was so short that it was impossible for me to do more than to say, w with some confidence, that the symbol A stood for E. As you are aware, E is the be correct, you may have a particularly most common letter in the English alphabet dangerous prisoner to convey to the county and it predominates to so marked an ex-The boy who takes this note could tent that even in a short sentence one no doubt forward your telegram. If there would expect to find it most often. Out of is an afternoon train to town, Watson, I fifteen symbols in the first message four think we should do well to take it, as I were the same, so it was reasonable to set have a chemical analysis of some interest this down as E. It is true that in some finish, and this investigation draws cases the figure was bearing a flag, and in some cases not, but it was probable, from When the youth had been dispatched with the way in which the flags were distributed, the note. Sherlock Helmes gave his instruc- that they were used to break the sentence tions to the servants. If any visitor were up into words. I accepted this as a hypoto call, asking for Mrs. Hilton Cubitt, no thesis, and 'a noted that E was repre-

"But now came the real difficulty of the once into the drawingroom. He impressed inquiry. The order of the English letters these points upon them with the utmost after E is by no means well marked, and carnestness. Finally he led the way into any preponderance which may be shown in Here I could only make sense by putting rouse his suspicions and cause him to fly?" the drawing room, with the remark that an average of a printed sheet may be rethe business was now out of our hands, and versed in a single short sentence. Speaking that we must while away the time as best roughly, T. A. O. I. N. S. H. R. D and L. we might until we could see what was in are the numerical order in which letters occur; but T, A, O and I are very nearly his patients, and only the inspector and my- abreast of each other and it would be an endless task to try each combination until I think that I can help you to pass an a meaning was arrived at. I therefore walted for fresh material. In my second inner," said Holmes, drawing his chair up to terview with Mr. Hilton Cubitt he was able the table, and spreading out in front of him to give me two other short sentences and inspector. the various papers upon which were re- one message, which appeared-since there "As was no flag-to be a single word. Here are to you, friend Watson, I owe you every the symbols. Now, in the single word I atonement for having allowed your natural have already got the two Es coming second curlosity to remain so long unsatisfied. To and fourth in a word of five letters. It you, inspector, the whole incident may ap- might be 'sever,' or 'lever,' or 'never.' There peal as a remarkable professional study. I can be no question that the latter as a must tell you, first of all, the interesting reply to an appeal is far the most probable, circumstances connected with the previous and the circumstances pointed to its being consultations which Mr. Hilton Cubitt has a reply written by the lady. Accepting it as had with me in Baker street." He then correct, we are now able to say that the

front of me these singular productions, at "Even new I was in consider-which one might smile, had they not proved put me in possession of several themselves to be the forerunners of so ter- able difficulty, but a happy thought Here is his reply: rible a tragedy. I am fairly familiar with other letters. It occurred to me that if crook in Chicago. all forms of secret writings, and am my- these appeals came, as I expected, from upon which I had his answer Hitton Cubitt self the author of a triffing monograph some one who had been intimate with the sent me the last message from Slaney. upon the subject, in which I analyse 160 woman in her early life, a combination Working with known letters, it took this separate ciphers, but I confess that this is which contained two E's with three letters form:

all other four letters ending in E, but already occurred." could find none to fit the case. So now I was in possession of C. O and M. and I was ated with in a position to attack the first message once more, dividing it into words and putting dots for each symbol which was still

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M . ERE . . E SL . NE. "Now the first letter can only be A, which no fewer than three times in this short trouble." sentence, and the H is also apparent in the second word. Now it becomes AM HERE A. E SLANE.

Or, filling in the obvious vacancies in the AM HERE ABE SLANEY.

I had so many letters now that I could proceed with considerable confidence to the message, which worked out in this A. ELRI. ES.

T and G for the missing letters, and sup-

posing that the name was that of some house or inn at which the writer was stay-Inspector Martin and I had listened with the utmost interest to the full and clear account of how my friend had produced led to the door. He was a tall, handsome, results which had led to so complete a command over our difficulties.

"What did you do then, sir?" asked the "I had every reason to suppose that this Abe Slaney was an American, since Abe is an American contraction, and since a letter from America had been the starting point of all the trouble. I had also every cause to think that there was some crim inal secret in the matter. The woman's allusion to her past and her refusal to

take her husband into her confidence. pointed in that direction. I therefore cabled to my friend, Wilson Hargreave of the New York police bureau, who has more than once made use of my knowledge of London crime. I asked him whether the The most dangerous On the very evening

peal to 'Elsie.' In this way I had got my cago prepared me to find that he might for me?" L, S and I. But what appeal could it be? very rapidly put his words into action. I There were only four letters in the word at once came to Norfolk with my friend which preceded 'Elsie,' and it ended in E. and colleague, Dr. Watson, but, unhappily, Surely the word must be 'COME.' I tried only in time to find that the worst had is a privilege to be associ-

the handling you in of a case," said the inspector, warmly. "You will excuse me, however, if I speak frankly to you. You are only answerable unknown. So treated, it worked out in this to yourself, but I have to answer to my superiors. If this Abe Slaney, living at Elrige's, is indeed the murderer, and if he has made his escape while I am seated is a most useful discovery, since it occurs here, I should certainly get into serious

"You need not be uneasy. He will not try to escape." "How do you know?"

"To fly would be a confession of guilt." "Then let us go to arrest him." 'I expect him here every instant." 'But why should he come?"

"Because I have written and asked him." "But this is incredible, Mr. Holmes! Why should he come because you have asked him? Would not such a request rather "I think I have known how to frame the letter," said Sherlock Holmes. "In fact, if I am not very much mistaken, here is the gentleman himself coming up the

A man was striding up the path which swarthy fellow, clad in a suit of grey with a Panama hat, a bristling black beard, and a great, aggressive hooked nose, and flourishing a cane as he walked. He swaggered up the path as if the place belonged to him, and we heard his loud, confident peal at the bell. think, gentlemen," said Holmes. quietly, "that we had best take up our

position behind the door. Every precaution necessary when dealing with such a fellow. You will need your handcuffs, inspector. You can leave the talking to me.' We waited in silence for a minute-one get. Then the door opened and the man stepped in. In an instant Holmes clapped a pistol to his head, and Martin slipped the handcuffs over his wrists. It was all done so swiftly and deftly that the fellow was helpless before he knew that he was attacked. He glared from one to the other of us with a pair of blazing black eyes.

Then he burst into a bitter laugh. Well, gentlemen, you have the drop on entirely new to me. The object of those between might very well stand for the ELSIN. RE. ARE TO MEET THY GO, me this time. I seem to have knocked up who invented the system has apparently name 'ELSIE.' On examination I found The addition of a P and D completed a against something hard. But I came here been to conceal that these characters con- that such a combination formed the ter- message which showed me that the rascal in answer to a letter from Mrs. Hilton vey a message, and to give the idea that mination of the message which was three was proceeding from persuasion to threats. Cubits. Don't tell me that she is in this? coming to convey you to Norwich. Mr. window. At that moment in rushed the

"Mrs. Hilton Cubitt was seriously injured, and is at death's door."

The man gave a hoarse cry of grief, which rang through the house. 'You're crazy!" he cried, fiercely. was he that was hurt, not she. Who would have hurt little Elsie? I may have threatened her-God forgive me!-but I would not have touched a hair of her pretty head. Take it back-you! Say that she is not

hurt! "She was found, badly wounded, by the can. "I guess the very best case I can side of her dead husband." He sank with a deep groan on to the settee, and buried his face in his manacled

For five minutes he was silent. Then he raised his face once more, and spoke with the cold composure of despair. "I have nothing to hide from you, gentlemen," said he. "If I shot the man he had his shot at me, and there's no murder in that. But if you think I could have hurt that woman, then you don't know either me or her. I tell you, there was never a man in this world loved a woman more than I loved her. had a right to her. She was pledged to me years ago. Who was this Englishman that he should come between us? I tell you that I had the first right to her, and that I was only claiming my own."

"She broke away from your influence when she found the man that you are," said Holmes, sternly. "She fled from America to avoid you, and she married an honorable gentleman in England. You another profession, but she would have dogged her and followed her and made her life a misery to her, in order to induce her to abandon the husband whom Englishman that I was able to find out she loved and respected in order to fly with where she was. I wrote to her, but got whom she feared and hated. have ended by bringing about the death of as letters were no use. I put my messages a noble man and driving his wife to sui- where she could read them. cide. That is your record in this business, Mr. Abe Slaney, and you will answer for

it to the law." "If Elsie dies, I care nothing what be- get in and out every night, and no one comes of me," said the American. He the wiser. I tried all I could to coax Eiste opened one of his hands, and looked at a away. I knew that she read the messages note crumpled up in his palm. "See here, for once she wrote an answer under one of mister," he cried, with a gleam of sus- them. Then my temper got the better of picion in his eyes, "you're not trying to me, and I began to threaten her. She sent scare me over this, are you? If the woman me a letter then, imploring me to go away. is hurt as bad as you say, who was it that and saying that it would break her heart wrote this note? He tossed it forward if any scandal should come upon her hus-

"I wrote it, to bring you here." "You wrote it? There was no one on morning, and speak with me through the earth outside the Joint who knew the se- end window, if I would go away afterward cret of the dancing men. How came you

"What one man can invent another can me to go. This made me mad, and I caught discover," said Holmes. "There is a cab her arm and tried to pull her through the

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responsible for his tragic end.'

be used against you," cried the inspector,

with the magnificent fair play of the Brit-

"I'll chance that," said he. "First of

all, I want you gentlemen to understand

that I have known this woman since she

was a child. There were seven of us in a

gang in Chicago, and Elsie's father was

the boss of the Joint. He was a clever

man, was old Patrick. It was he who in-

vented that writing, which would pass as

a child's scrawl unless you just happened

to have the key to it. Well, Elsie learned

some of our ways, but she couldn't stand

the business, and she had a bit of honest

money of her own, so she gave us all the

slip and got away to London. She had

been engaged to me, and she would have

married me, I believe, if I had taken over

nothing to do with anything on the cross.

no answer. After that I came over, and,

"Well, I have been here a month

now. I lived in that farm, where !

had a room down below, and could

when her busband was asleep at 3 in the

brought money with her, trying to bribe

It was only after her marriage to

Slaney shrugged his shoulders.

truth.

ish criminal law.

new goods. Our Art Dept. will interest you.

band, and that it was only my presence

make some small reparation for the injury Elsie had sunk down upon the floor, and we you have wrought. Are you aware that were face to face. I was heeled also, and I Mrs. Hilton Cubitt has herself lain under held up my gun to scare him off and let me grave suspicion of the murder of her hus- get away. He fired and missed me. I pulled off almost at the some instant, and down here, and the knowledge which I happened he dropped. I made away across the garto possess, which has saved her from the den, and as I went I heard the window shut accusation? The least that you owe her behind me. That's God's truth, gentlemen, is to make it clear to the whole world that every word of it; and I heard no more she was in no way, directly or indirectly, about it until that lad came riding up with a note which made me walk in here, like a 'I ask nothing better," said the Amerijay, and give myself into your hands." A cab had driven up whilst the American make for myself is the absolute naked

had been talking. Two uniformed policemen sat inside. Inspector Martin rose and "It is my duty to warn you that it will touched his prisoner on the shoulder. "It is time for us to go." "Can I see her first?"

"No, she is not conscious. Mr. Sherlock Holmes, I only hope that, if ever again I have an important case, I shall have the good fortune to have you by my side." We stood at the window and watched the cab drive away. As I turned back my eye caught the pellet of paper which the prisner had tossed upon the table. It was the note with which Holmes had decoyed him.

"See if you can read it. Watson," said he, with a smile. It contained no word, but this little line of dancing men:

"If you use the code which I have explained," said Holmes, "you will find that it simply means 'Come here at once.' I was onvinced that it was an invitation which he would not refuse, since he could never imagine that it could come from any one but the lady. And so, my dear Watson, we have ended by turning the dancing men to good when they have so often been the agents of evil, and I think that I have fulfilled my promise of giving you something nusual for your notebook. Three-forty is our train, and I fancy we should be back

in Baker street for dinner. Only one word of epilogue. The American-Abe Slaney, was condemned to death at the winter assizes at Norwich, but his penalty, was changed to penal servitude in coy sideration of mitigating circumstances, the certainty that Ifilian Cubitt had fit first shot. Of Mrs. Hilton Cubitt I know that I have heard she recovered know that I have heard she recovered tirely, and that she still remains a wide devoting her whole life to the care of the soor and to the administration of her husband's estate.

150 Men in Orchestra.

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