'Fresh from the gardens'

THE KESTREL HOUSE **MYSTERY**

By T. C. H. JACOBS

the yard like a couple of hounds hot

"Nothing doing, chief, he got

The detective sergeant nodded; he

had already formed his own cpinion

about the owner of this particular

"Mr. Percival Pyecroft's, I'd say, Chief."

"And he's a very lucky man. Two shots

went clean through and lifted it off

"Yes, but pity it wasn't better,"

g owled the weary sergeant. "Talking about that, it's time you had that

ear of yours dressed. How did it hap

retailed the story of his fight.
"Pity you didn't give me the wire,"

commented Trotter. "By the wa

criss-cross lines, but on the steel guard above the blade there's a clear print

Serve to identify Pyecroft, I reckon."
"I'll get that off to H.Q. first thing in the morning."

"What about getting a few more blokes down, too?" asked Trotter, and a second later wished he hadn't asked

the question. His senior officer gave him such a look of withering scorn

I'll bear in mind your suggestion."
But for all his confident words the

chief inspector was a very perplexed

puzzled than ever when he received the Record Office's report on the finger print upon the knife hilt.

CHAPTER XVII.

will be more-er-kind and-gracio

ing his words, hesitating for the exact expression which he felt would best

convey his meaning. It was a little trick of speech which Muriel had found added charm to his courteous tones

and old-world manner; but this morn

In that mysterious way in which

news travels on Dartmoor, be it ever so

secret, she had learned from Mary

Jane the object of Barnard's inter

view with Pyecroft. She knew that

the man who had won her so complete

hand would be turned But the knowl

edge roused in her no revulsion of

the most fleeting moment did she be-lieve him guilty of this foul murder,

however strangely he may have acted

when charged by the police officer Hers was the faith that is steadfast

and true against overwhelming odds.

With a little gesture of impatience

she turned to Holt, watching her

somewhat curiously, seeking to read

"Why are you so tremendously keen

ing it irritated her.

"Hayden may be coming over this orning, my dear, and I hope that you

was destined to be more

"Quite, it is," replied Barnard.

circumstance

tive about hats."

presently.

SYNOPSIS

farm. Hous account farm. House have the street House, desires that Muriet many, his nephew. Hayden Mercer, whom she dislikes.

A series of mysterious disappearances has been alarming the neighborhood.

Another bearder at the farm, Fercival Pyecroft, and his vallet, Flack discover a secret underground passage to Cestrel House. Pyecroft and Flack sandbag Holt and extract a parcel from his specime case. Pyecroft afterwards finds the tilen parcel has disappeared. Inspector Harnard steals into Kestrel House and runs into a crook, Slick Samuels, who gives them some interesting information. Ten hours later Samuels is found stabbed to death. Barnard arrests Pyecroft, who effects an escape. When Barnard retires that night he is assaulted by a masked man.

CHAPTER XVI.—(Cont'd.)

Clinging grimly to his opponent's wrist he tried time and again to drive which would settle the mat-ter, but every effort was countered with amazing swiftness. Vainly he strove to rip the mask which covered the other's face, but his fingers could sleeping in the next room, but in-stantly suppressed it. No man had ever yet beaten him in physical comspecimen.
"Even a bowler hat may have some

Slowly his fingers worked round to the back of his opponent's hand and, exerting all his strength, he forced it inwards with a steady pressure im-possible to resist. Desperately the other strove to break free but he was it. the grip of a stronger man than himself. He writhed and rolled, leshing savagely with his feet, but the terrible pressure increased until, at last, with a stifled seb of agony. his numbed fingers loosed their hold upon the haft. Barnard was a split second too late in twisting his head aside The knife fell point downwards, its razor edge slashed his temple, pierced his ear and stuck quivering in the

His attention momentarily detract ed, he let go the other's wrist. With lightning speed the man shot backwards along the floor, crashed into the ancient washstand, somehow slipped around it as it toppled over and, still on his hands and knows, slid like a lin a few short sentences Barnard on his hands and knees, slid like a

shadow from the room. With a bellow of mingled pain and chagrin Barnard wrenched the knife there's a useful finger print on the guard of that knife. The handle is all from the boards, leaned to his feet, sprang over the washstand and, roaring for Treiter, ran swifting down

Scarcely had he disappeared when the masked figure stepped from the shadows of an alcove, sped lightly along the corridor, opened the door of a bedroom which he knew to be unoccupied, slipped across the room, noiselessly threw up the window and dropped silently upon the stable roof.

Detective Sergeant Trotter, roused that even the thick-skinned sergeant from a dreamless slumber by the crash of the washstand, sat up in his bed wondering what had awakened lim. Suddenly Barnard's bellows shattered the peace of the night and Trotter was instantly wide awake. Trotter was instantly wide awake.

"Coming, Chief!" he yelled, crossing the room in two leaps. He met his senior officer at the bottom of the stairs, wildly dishevel-led, blood upon his face and pyjama

"After him, Trotter, he's gone the other way. Search the rooms while I

get some clothes on." Anxious faces were peering from several of the bedrooms and the landcame forward, a double-barrelled

to him. He is passionately fond of you." Henry Holt had a way of choossporting gun in his hands. "What's the matter, sir?" he ex-claimed, in consternation, at the sight

"Burglars," snapped the inspector "stand by your window, landlord, and

if you see a single thing move in the The 'andlord was a true son of the moor, where passions are primitive He had none of the scruples which

might have checked a city man, and he knew that he was within his rights to shoot at a burglar. Such an opportunity was not to be missed, and no ly was a fugitive from justice, a felor against whom every honest man' hastened eagerly to obey the inspector's command. Barnard crammed on his clothes

and thrust his feet into a pair of slipfeeling, no horror of the terrible pers. Trotter shouted to him as he crime, her only fear was for his came out of his room.

"Here you are, Chief, this is the way he went, out of this window on to the stable roof."

She had penetrated the mask which cloaked the true man. Whatever he was, whatever he might have been was, whatever he might have been the way. "All right, Trotter, get some clothes she loved him with all the strength of her warm, loyal nature. Not for

on and follow me. But Trotter contented himself with his boots and was with his chief before he had opened the big door below As they came out into the yard the landlord's gun crashed above their heads and for a fleeting second they caught sight of a movement by the

"There he goes, sir," shouted the excited landlord, "I winged him." Barnard and Trotter sprinted across on me marrying Hayden Mercer?" she demanded. "I don't even like the man -he frightens me."

Henry Holt's round, pleasant ace

assumed an expression of hurt sur-prise, and he raised one plump hand BY ANNEBELLE WORTHINGTON Fruits, Vegetables and Milk

Tut, tut, my dear," Le expostulated Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Fur idly, "that is not a very nice thing misked With Every Pattern mildly, "that is not a very nice thing to say about Hayden. For such a wealthy young man I think that he is singularly free from the vices and fads of the modern youths. He is one of the most industrious, houset men I know, and—and—my lear, you would seek a very long while to meet his equal. In marriage love is not every

(To be continued.)

STEEDS SEEDS SEESS SWimmers Should Adopt "Safety First" As Their Motto

Almost every paper now carries the story of some child or grown-up who has met a watery grave. As a matter of fact very few drownings are entirely accidental, many times z person on a dare, or as a stunt, tries to swim be-youd his strength, or perhaps does not realize that the water is celd, or that the current is swift, or as toe often happens, uses a treacherous, tippy or Henry Holt and his ward. Muriel Malawaring, are staying at a Dartmost of any living creature. A grey felt Kestrel House, desires that Muriel marry hat lay in the read, but its owner had dislikes.

Then there are those un leaky boat. Then there are those un flamwaring, are staying at a Dartmost of any living creature. A grey felt kestrel House, desires that Muriel marry hat lay in the read, but its owner had dislikes. leaky boat. Then there are those un-accustomed to small craft who by standing up or by changing seats, capreasonably safe.

"Go that way," ordered Barnard, snatching up the hat and throwing it about water to be mindful of its daninto the yard before he set off in the Many people do not know enough ing his life in the water who has pre An hour later, weary and worn, he returned to the Blue Boar, where he found an equally weary Trotter, still clad only in pyjamas, awaiting him "Well?" he demanded.

Barnard sank into a chair and lit a cigarette, a sure sign of his feelings, for the chief inspector rarely smoked except under the most trying circumstances.

"Where the hear" he demanded the most trying circumstances of winter Get a good dark tan, if you wear, there's gingh un checks, poglins, "The proper amount and the proper kind of exercise are just as essential Barnard sank into a chair and lit

presently.

Trotter lifted the grey felt from burn.
the floor beside him and passed it wh across. Barnard set it upon the table When learning to swim, keep inthe other's face, but his fingers could get no grip on the taut silk. Except for their heavy breathing, no sound broke the tense silence. Once Barnard last, "there's something very distinct time and the silence of the sound broke the tense silence of the sound broke the tense silence. Once Barnard last, "there's something very distinctive about hats."

When we sound to swim, keep in sound to swim, keep in sound to swim that there are long the water, be sure that there are long the sound to the season as well as to the requirements of the individual, taking into a swim well. Do not be foolhardy of 39 inch materials with ½ yard of consideration also his vocation, should be sought. Constant automobile rid-Everyone should know how to at-

tempt resuscitation of a person who has been taken out of the water, per haps apparently dead. Time is precious. Send for a doctor, but don't wait very distinctive characteristics, hard as it is, but a soft hat like that is for him, also don't wait for a pulcomparatively easy to identify—if you know the owner."

Trotter nodded again and grinned. "Which we do, ch?"

Barnard glanced up sharply.
"Whose is it?" he demanded.
"Mr. Personal Processor of the body unless artificial response to move the m

their children to swim rather than ad- His rounded shoulders hot beneath th monish them to keep away from the water. Teach them to respect the dan gers of water as well as how to swim and row. The out of door exercise will make them stronger and healthier, and his head. If he himself was hit it was not sufficiently serious to stop him. Good shooting in the dark, Trot-



Farmer-"You don't suppose we take boarders because we need the

Visitor—"I had some such idea." Farmer—"Not at all. We just get these people out from town to mosquitoes from devotin' all their attention to our home circle."

"The physique, clothing, and cleaniness of the children are at least a Golden dreams must swift depart; hundredfold better than they were thirty years ago, and at least fifty per cent. better than they were eleven years ago," said an expert, Golden sunset silent wane speaking about the Whitechapel children recently. He added that the infantile death-rate has by one-half since 1900.

'Tis always morning somewhere in Entrance at the Golden Gates. the world .- Richard Horne.

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ing deep,—
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dering dreams
Of far-off homeland, long forgotten things.

He's just a lad with happy laughing And no concern that down a city street A lumbering wagon, loose in all its

seams, Bears on its swinging seat, head hang-

An old day-laborer driving in his sleep, With reins wound round the long-since useless whip,

The while the faithful horse goes plot ding slow.

-Elizabeth Challis Adams, in "The Street car and the Star."

Golden Deeds

Golden love may leave the heart;

Golden hair will turn to grey; Golden summer pass away; Golden sunset silent wane; Golden riches leave no trace: Golden thoughts to black give place While these vanish day by day, Golden deeds shall live for aye;

And through them for all awaits

Eat Light Meals In Hot Weather

Favored by Health Bureau

A good rule to follow in hot weather says the United States Public Health Service, is to rtop eating when the stomach is satisfied. Other suggestitions for the Sunneer are that the food should be light, nutritious and easily digestible. However, it is most essential that a behanced diet be maintained at all times, and this is especially true during the hot months, when an abundance of fresh vegetables and fruits are said to be especially desirable as a hot weather food. Going on, the service says:

"The proper selection of clothing is equally important. We must remember that dark clothes absorb the sun's rays and are therefore cool in hot weather. So, as far as possible, we should choose white clothing of cotton of linem material. Generally speaking, Summer clothing should be light in weight and color and porous in texture. Summer clothing should be light in weight and color and porous in texture. Summer clothing permits evaporation and allows air to reach the skin readily. Frequent changes of clothing, particut.

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It is during this season that the hody requires an appearance of the state of the

body requires an unusually large amount of fluids, and the question of what to drink is equally as important as what to eat. When thirst becomes oppressive we are prone to grow care-less as to what and how we drink, and a basis for many variations.

For instance, there's the original model in red and white printed batiste with plain white yoke and cuffs as it is quite effective in quenching with red batter than the printed batter than the water for a short time, even for a few minutes, survive.

Every person should learn to swim and the younger the better. It is good healthful sport, affording the best of muscular exercise and recreation. The minutes is a short time, as it is quite effective in quenching the sand—and believe me—they; were certainly terrible. We caught the surface of nautical influence. This one is weather drinks, being high in food value. Fruit judices are also excellent bot a few fish—but they were very muscular exercise and recreation. The fetching in white linen with yoke and value and effective in quenching thirst. The culfs in racht blue linen with time An abundance of water, both internal-line depends one of the finest of the finest

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"To be comfortable during hot weath er, live sensibly, acquire regular habits of living, get plenty of rest and, above all, try to acquire a cheerful and philo sophical outlook on life."

Method Is Devised To Keep Ice Off

Wings of Plane Ithaca, N. Y .,-Dr. Merit Scott, Cornell physicist, has discovered that enough heat is disspated by airplane enough heat is disspated by airplane "You SAID have a swim, master,

"There has been a general opinion," the middle for an eager, expectant Dr. Scott says, "that the heat dissipated by the aviation engines is un-

That the opinion is mistaken he found in a year's experiments and cal-found in a year's experiments and cal-culations in a laboratory at Cornell the top of yonder tree. "Wuf, wuf,"

wings. In these wings, along the leading edges were pipes carrying bet air equivalent to the exhaust gases from an aviation engine. The pipes kept cue. On which a large blackbird flies the surface of the leading edges above off scolding and the game recomfreezing.

Back pressure produced upon the engine by using the exhaust gases afternoon ramble in Richmond Park, in this manner, Dr. Scott says, may we once perpetrated the following: be relieved by discharging the gases into the air at a point on the wing All the rabbits in Richmond Park where the pressure is below that of Wiggle their ears when they hear him

the atmosphere.
"The propeller also may be pro tected from ice formation," he states. Bruce is coming to play to-day." may be accomplished by conducting the hot gases to the interior All the squirerls and all the deer of a hollow metallic propeller by a Gather together from far and near; sliding valve and allowing them to Fellows, what do you think?" the discharge from exit ports near the tips. Although no practical tests of these methods of preventing ice formation have been made, the practicability and simplicity of these means seem available when occasion necessitates."

True Liberty

This is true liberty-when free-born men, Having to advise the public, may

speak out; Which he who can and will, deserve high praise; Who neither can nor will, may hold

What can be juster in a state than this?

Eating at the House of Commons is growing in favor, the meals served during 1930 numbering more than ed during 1930 numbering more than 193 000, an increase of 62,000 over the previous year. Teas were most popular, with 110,000 customers,

The Adventures of CAPTAIN MMY and his Dog SCOTTIE



world. Sometimes we'd find our the fog-selves whispering-why 1 don't Then in know-for we could have shouted all

know—for we could have shouted and day at the top of our voices and no one would have heard us.

Day after day we kept the smoke pillar rising into the sky—night after night we kindled a huge yellow blaze on the summit rock. We almost gave up hope of being rescu-ed. No doubt we were far from

the regular steamer channels. When we weren't gathering wood left on a desert island isn't half as much fun as we were taught to be-lieve when we were boys.

On the fifth night a dense cold fog came in from the sea. It smelled writing to "Captain Jimmy". 2010 like sea-weed and salt water and Star Bldg., Toronto, will receive his was so thick that you could scarce- signed photo free.



Then morning came again, and a strong wind blew up from the East. Soon



thick white curtain of the fog. Chung, to my surprise, lay down and prepared to go peacefully to

sleep. "Sloon we know-velly good-velly bad—no can tell," said the tranquil little Chinese. "Sleep always good all men samee when sleep. muchee worry."

(To be continued.)

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Portrait of a Gentleman

"Bruce, come here. HERE!" Too! ing a water-loving spaniel home with a dry skin. Curningly had we lured him by pond and ditch, much as one might a woman past a smart milliner's shop. Yet, as usually happened, there he was at the last, only his little black head visible above the surface of some

enough heat is disspated by airplane engines to warm the wings and prevent perils of ice formation.

There is even the possibility of heating the propeller, a part up to now lacking in any kind of protection well. I suppose I did," and the furner against ice. ther weakness of a ball thrown into

pated by the aviation engines is un-sufficient to maintain the necessary things, though. For him who will the exposed surfaces of the airplane at panopy and expense of—well, what we exposed surfaces of the airpining and panopy and expense of—well, what we or above the freezing point of water mean to say is that we achieve all the at ice-forming temperatures."

University, department of physics, replies Bruce, dashing excitedly off equipped under a grant from the Daniel Guggenheim Fund for the Proin answer to which a minute thing o In a refrigerating wind tunnel he drove glaze, sleet and subcooled water particles against small model plane a large twisted thorn tree, his gallant rings. In these wings, along the lead- attempts to climb which are attended

The heat generated at these edges a maximum of, may we say, slim-mak-! The heat generated at these edges a maximum of, may we say, sum-max.: Love is the purification of the flowed backwards over the wing sur- ing exercise on Bruce's part, a mini- heart from self; it strengthens and faces. It was pressed down there by mum of effort on that of his owner, ennobles the character, gives a high-the rush of the air past the wings. It and an afternoon's free fun for our er motive and a nobler aim to every formed a heat cushion between the feathered friends and others who, wing surface and the freezing water hold, enter as joyously into the spirit and woman strong, pitiful, and So much so that, returning from our

bark, Wriggle their noses and say "Hurray,

"Bruce is coming our way to-day."

Somewhere or other, his head hung Out of the window, there speeds a car "Step on it, master," his brief remark, "I've a date with the squirrels in Rich-

Much to my anxiety, this somewhat out one day when a small herd of deer persisted in following Bruce inquisi-tively around. Happily, he was in one of his angelic moods

Such lovely creatures, aren't they?" And, when we later passed a large buck, standing motionless and erect, the fuzz still on his beautiful new antconcede to such nobility and grace the happy freedom of brake and

sward. Be that as it may, coming upon were most Park Keeper on our way out, we could customers, not resist enquiring: "What would you while nearly 50,000 dinners were do if you were to catch my dog chas served.

"Well, begging your pardon, Sirsanguine perhaps, our hope of bring- he commenced, but I cut him short. "Exactly, we some of your deer have been chasing my little dog and I'll trouble you to take the name and address of that little fellow over there, please. Bruce, where are you? BRUCE!"

But too late.
"Here I am,' comes anxiously back from the middle of an adjacent pond.
"You did say—"—By a writer in



"If Kate told you her age, you can secretly figure out when she

was born." "Judging from what she told me her age was, I should say she was born on her fourteenth birthday."

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