Murder at Bridge

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SYNOPSIS.

In State of Lydia, Nita tells her to Hamilton.

In a note to Lydia, Nita tells her to dress her for cremation in a velvet dress life of 12 years old, which Dundee suspects is a wedding dress. He learns tha Nita went out with Imlph Hammond The night she made the will she say Dexter Sprague, who left her upsel Dundee asks Miles if he saw Halph a Nita's house when he called that morning.

CHAPTER XXIII.

"Unusual?" Miles repeated, frowning. "He was a little short with me because he was busy, and, I suspect, a little jealous because I'd come calling on Nita—" He broke off abruptly, in obvious distress. "Look ere, Dundeed to the stairs, ficke it on, and found I suppose you'll find out sooner or litter— Well, ne tact is, the whole crowl knows Ralph Hammond was absolutely mad about Nita Selim. Want to marry her, and made no secret of it, though we all thought or hoped ed to marry her, and made no secret its fight choose a perfect tarof it, though we all thought or hoped
it would be little Penny Crain. He's
get, Dundee opened the unpainted door
the house a comfortable and restful
heen devoted to Penny for years, and
and found himself in the dark, mustyhome. leen devoted to Penny for years, and since Roger Crain made a mess of trings and skipped out, leaving Penny and her peer mother high and dry, we've all done our best to thror Penny agreen cord ending in a cheap, clear-are finding it is a good and useful class hulb. But its light was sufficient to the state of the same o Leen devoted to Penny for years, and

Dundee cut in, rather curtly, for he had a curious distrste for hearing Penny Crain discussed in this man-

"Sometimes we were sure she was," Miles answered. "Sh. flirted with all of us men—had a way with her of making every man she talked to think le was the only peoble on the beach. But there was something special in the second Crain family. the way she loored at Ralph. . Yes, I think she as in love with him! But then again," he frowned, "she would treat him like a dog. Seemed to want to drive him away from her—but she always called him back- Oh, Lord!" he interrupted himself with a groam Now I suppose I have out my foot You've got the damnedest way of making a chap tell everything he would cut out his toague rather than spill, Dundee! But just because a young man's in love, and happens not to show up at a party, is no reason to think he sneaked up to the house and killed the woman he loved and wanted to marry. For I'm not so dumb that I haven't seen the drift of your damnable questions, Dundee! . . . Do you knew Ralph Hammond, by any chance?" he conclude: his round face red with anger.

and across the attic. And then he remembered. . . R. lph Hammond's footore needed. . R. lph Hammond's footor rints, of course, made that morning as he went about his legitimate bust-ress of measuring and estimating for the job of turning the storeroom into lidd the woman he loved and wanted to marry. For I'm not so dumb that I haven't seen the drift of your damnable questions, Dundee! . . . Do you knew Ralph Hammond, by any chance?" he conclude his round face red with anger. of making a chap tell everything he red with anger.

"No-but I should like to meet him," Dundce retorted. "He seems cate hard to locate this evening."

"Well, when you find him," Tracey Miles began violently, his blue eyes blazing with anger, "you'll soon find you've been barking up the wrong tree! There's not a cleaner, finer,

'In fact, he is a friend of yours Liles," Dundee answered soothingly, "and I respect you for every word you've said. . . By the way, did all of you go to the Country Club for dinner after you left here?"

Somewhat mollified, Miles answer

coming to look after the kids!"

From behind the black veil which Laped her ugly black hat and hid her rearred face, Lydia answered in the dull, harsh voice that was characteristic of her:

"Thank you, sir. I'll do my best." She made no protest when Dundee with a word of embarrassed apology went rapidly through the heavy suitcase the had brought up from the be sement with her. And when he had finished his fruitless search, she knelt silently smoothed the coarse. utilitarian garments he had disar-

Five minutes later Dundce was alone in the house where murder had

bec. committed under such strange ' Laffling circumstances that afternoon. He was not nervous, but again made a tour of inspection of the first floor and basement, looking into elesets, testing windows to make sure they were all locked. Everywhere there were evidences of the thoroughness of the police detectives who had searched for the weapon with which Nita Selim had been murdered. In the basement, as he had subconsciously noted on his headlont dash to ques-tion Lydia Carr, the furnace doors awang open, and the lids of the laundry tubs had been left propped up, r the unavailing search.

ter the unavailing search. . . . He plodded wearily up the basement stairs and on into the kitchen. Perhaps the ice box hal something fit to eat in it—the fruit intended for Nita's and Lydia's Sunday breakfast. Those enter and anchovy sandwiches had certainly not stuck with him long. . . He was making his way toward the

electric refrigerator when he stopped as suddenly as if he had been shot. The kitchen door, which he had taken especial pains to assure himself was locked, when he had made the rounds immediately after the departure of Captain Strawn and his men, was standing slightly ajar!

"Somcome had entered this house!"

Dundee stared blankly at the door,

we've all done our best to throw renny a green coru enging in a cheap, clear are finding it is a good and useful and Ralph together. But since Nita glass bulb. But its light was sufficent to renerate even the farthest clear to present to town—"

"Was Nita ir love with Ralph?" low nocks made by the three gables. The Christian Science Monitor.

nothing human was concealed behind

Big feotprints on the thick dus-which coated the fleor showed him that he was being no more therough than Captain Strawn's brace of plain-clothes detectives had been much

With an exclamation he discovered has existed and all or part of the a smaller, narrow pair of prints and followed their winding trail all around and across the attic. And then he rewith the outer with the outer

forgot the possibility of incriminating tunately drowning results.

fingerprints which riight easily be obliterated—he discovered a light have had ear trouble is:

witch near the door frame.
The instant illumination from a eiling cluster revealed a large bedroom, and, less clearly, another and smaller room beyond it, facing as the house faced—toward the south. Knees and hards steady again, he investigat-Somewhat mollified, Miles anomaded: "All of us but Clive Hammond. I and hands steady again, he investigated to the said he was going to have a look ed the finished portion of the gabled around for Ralph himself. Scened to storey swiftly. A charming ayout, he told bimself. Had Penny Crain once the store when the might find him. And, oh, yes, Sprague disappeared in the scramble. He hasn't a car and nebody thought of offering him a lift. Guess he took a bus into Hamilton. Ah, here's Lydia! . . . Hello, Lydia!" he called heartily to the won was standing, tall and gaunt, man who was standing to the won the sloping row window overlooked and the provincial government towards the whose high narrow window overlooked and the provincial government towards the whose high narrow window overlooked and the provincial government towards the whose high narrow window overlooked and the provincial government towards the whose high narrow window overlooked and the provincial government towards the unkeep of hospitals. But the act did not define what was meant by a meal.

> With these rooms going to waste, of a purchase came to 35 cents. Fin-why—he suddenly asked himself—had ally the Treasury Department decided Nita Selim coaxed Judge Marshall to have the unfinished half of the gabled attic turned into bed come and baths.? 'faithful and beloved maid"?

through the three rooms, like a blood-dicated, a motorist who stops on the hound on the scent, Dundee collected highway at 3.30 in the afternoon, goes the few but sufficient proofs to back into a restaurant and orders a glass up his intuitive conviction. A copy of of beer, and a sandwich priced at 35 The Hamilton Evening Sun, left in an cents is not eating a meal, but is merearmchair in the litting room. All win- ly satisfying what might be a false dows raised about six inches from the bettom, so that the night breede stirred the hand-blecked linen drapes. Cordingly dismissed. That scens to have been a sensible finding—The Toint but unmistakable oder of cigaret ronto Mail & Empire.
smeke. Finally, with blewery of triumph, Bonnie Dundee flung back the hand-blocked linen spread which covered the three-quarter sized bed and

ade! . . . Who was the man who had miles. slept in this bed last night? (To be continued.)

Wheat 3,500 Years Old Found More than half a pint of wheat be- of the four companies in 1931 being lieved to be 3,500 years old, was found £102,000,000, as compared with £47. during excavations at Hembury Fort, 600,000 in pre-war years. England. .

to a large extent, upon diet.

Jack and Jill House

Jack builds, Jill decorates. At least tion of a saleable house, but this is the from of a same house, but the first time the girls have participated keen, first time the girls have participated by decorating and furnishing its intense, and frugal, apt for all affairs,

The trim English cottage, stardily constructed, artistically landscape! and stastefully furnished, which the Dunder stared blankly: the door, and dastetuny formissed, which was equipped with a modern testimony of their capabilities. Aclock Someone with a key. But cording to the American Home Maga why had the door been left ajar? To make except easier? The the Dunder thouse is, in every way, as make except easier? why had the door been sent alart. To make excape easier?

With the two of his shoe Dundes pushed the door to, heard the click of pushed the door to, heard the click of the lock, then, all thought of food routed from his mind, mall a quick but almost silent dash into the dining room to secure one of the pair of tall mon sense, would do credit to a professional deporator.

Zine, the house is, in every way, as finished as though mature architect. South South Make subterraneous music, like the noise of the satisfic, quiet atmosphere which the girls have achieved with little money, but with good taste and company to pers. Which, in their silver feesional deporator.

wax tapers, which, in their silver fessional decorator.
candicaticks, served as ernaments for The "Jack and Jill" house is an attractive six-room English cottage, with

Drowning From Dizziness

Dr. Samuel Zwerling of Brooklyn, people used to horses often use the New York, writes to The Digest of Texas bowline, lumbermen and truck-a cause of drowning that is little men the timber hitch, physicians the known to the general public. He says: surgeons' knot, farmers the Tom Drowning can be put down to many Fool's knot, and seamen use several causes, but a cause little known and distinctive ties. less understood by the laity is the These and many others are care-contact of the cold water with the fully tabulated and placed on exhibit wall of the internal ear in those pa-tients who are suffering from a chron-ic ear discharge; or in those patients bundlo wrappings or knots used to clothes detectives had been much where the ear discharge has ceased bind victims.

earlier that evening. Two pairs of and a perforation remains in the In one case, where nearly all the

The direct contact of the cold water this unlikely by showing the knots with the outer wall of the internal used to the te victim's feet were the

the biff-tinted plastered wall. With surprise and some armsement, he became aware that his hands were trembling, and that his knets had a curious tendency to buckle.

The fact that the coor directly in front of him was open about two is ches served, for some odd reason, to steady his nerves. Pushing the door wide open with his foot—for he never forgot the possibility of incriminating tunately drowning results.

1. Keep your head out of the water and so avoid not only dizziness, but recurrence of a previous ear discharge. 2. Do not dive or swim under water because you may become dizzy and

'Hot Dogs Not a Meal"

Why couldn't Lydia have elept up cents, but the hotelkeeper did not col-here, if Nita thought so much of her lect the tax and was therefore summoned to court.

"Haithful and beloved maid"?

But even is he asked himself the question Dundee realized that the answer to it had been struggling to attract his attention.

Moned to court.

After consulting many dictionaries, English and French, Judge Cusson was of opinion that the legislation did not affect an edd glass of beer, a sand-These rooms had not been wasted! wich or even a hot dog. He conciud-someone had been occupying them as ed that a meal is food taken by a per-late as last nigl.t! Weaving swiftly son at regular hours. Hence, he adju-And, clinging to these drapes, the have been a sensible finding.—The To-

Accuracy of Maps Increased

The greatest improvement in the accuracy of maps has been achieved discovered that the sheets and pillow in the last 250 years with the modernicases, though clean, l.ad, beyond the shadow of a doubt, born slept upon.

Bending so that his nose almost cuched a pillow-case he sniffed. Pomaverage error of only one foot in forty

Labour costs represent two-thirds of the annual expenditure of British railways, the total wages and salaries bill

American children are cating penny Intelligence upon children depends, candies at the rate of 195,000,000 pounds a year.

Upon the forest-side in Grasmere Vale There dwelt a Shepherd, Michael was Jack builds, Jill decorates. At least the first and the procedure in the house his name; ballt and decorated by a high school An old man, stout of heart, and class in Illinois. In previous years the boys have translated their theoretical His bodily frame had been from youth to age then the actual construction of a calcular boys have translated their theoretical this bodily frame had been from youth to age the behavior by the first of the off an unusual strength; his mind was

Of an unusual strength: his mind was keen.

And watchful more than ordinary men

"The winds are now devising work for

fully preserved as finger prints by criminologists who have found that he type of knot often gives a clue o the identity of the criminal. This is due to the fact that different types of people, as well as people in various occupations, from force of habit tie particular types of Says Popular Mechanics (Chi-

Textile workers, for example, use the weavers' knot, cattlemen and one and his feet on the other, and people used to horses often use the then — in a horizontal position of Texas bowline, lumbermen and truck-

drum; or where a chronic suppuration evidence pointed to the theory that a seaman had been thrown to his death from a boat, an alert detective prove

Giant Frogs

The largest frog known is the giant Bull Frog of Africa. It weighs ten pounds. The smallest species of frog is found in Cuba. It is so tiny that its weight is hardly equal to that of three grains of wheat. It would take twenty housand Cuban frogs to equal the eight of one bull frog.

Reminiscences

Among the many good stories Geo

"One afternoon a year or so ago, chuckles Nathan, "our hero (Lewis) called me up and somewhat mysteri-And in his shepherds calling he was ously hinted that I had better be at his house in West Tenth Street (New York) at seren o'clock that evening Hence he had learned the meaning of if I didn't want to miss something all winds, good. Since he is generally as mysterious as a traffic cop, my curiosit; was aroused and at seven promptly was on the scene.

Three other male guests, as mys teriously summoned, they told me were already there ... After a cock tail or two, we were bidden to sit to dinner. In the middle of the meal, Dethought him, and he to himself our host arose and excused himself Returning a few minutes later, he in formed us that he had to have a min or operation performed and had just telephoned the surgeon to come over. the sideboard.

If the intruder was still in that trees. Inside, one finds the wall and unfinished half of the gabled top foor coverings harmonious, and the unfinished half of the gabled top chairs tables and oter furniture prace. being of no avail, we had to enter-tain Lewis while the surgical performance was in progress.

"Looking at you guys, gives me such a pain,' he observed, 'that the chts. other one in comparison won't seem From Wordsworth's poem, so bad."

> One night Nathan and Theodore Dreiser sat together "contemplating the literary scene." Presently they got around to George Bernard Shav

> "The old fellow makes a sad idio of himself grying to convince himself through other people that he's still young and spry. I had lunch with him in his flat when I was last in London and guess what he did!

"After each course, he jumped from the table, grabbed hold of two chairs, placed them some five and a alf feet apart, adjusted his chin on then — in a horizontal position chinned himself up and down them for a couple of minutes. When lunch was over, and I was safely out of the place, he probably had it go to bed and rest up for twelve hours from the exertion of having impressed me, as he believed, with his remarkable youthful vitality."

The saying, "putting on side" has an interesting origin. It seems that one of the first farm wagons had movable side boards. These side-boards were slid into place only when the driver had a good load, and then taken out again when the wagon was empty. But some of the less plos knightnood. That is to say the perous farmers tried to give the impression of taking great loads to Galsworthy instead of becoming Sir market when the yield was really John Galsworthy. It was quite a profession of taking great loads to Galsworthy. empty. But some of the less pros-From Here to Yonder":

or would chuckle.

That was shortened into "putting on side"—to describe an acquaintance to sound the person so to be honored. who is giving himself "airs" with noth- As a rule, it is unnecessary to do who is giving himself "airs" with nothing to warrant it.

In the days of my youth a visit to Sanger's Circus was three parts heaven and one part awe. Awe because the proprietor was "Lord" George

to how he came to take it.

It seems-according to "Seventy Years a Showman" (being the mem "Lord" George Sanger)-that he got into a legal conflict with Buffalo Bill, and that during the trial of the suit the constant reiteration of the phrase "The Honorable William Cody" got on his nerves. At last he

"Hang it! I can go one better than that, anyhow. If he's the Honorable



Evidently Doug. Jr. likes his dogs in large editions, Here we see him with his latest pet at his Hollywood home.

ORANGE PEKOE BLEND

TEA "Fresh from the Gardens"

What's Wrong Puzzle

HOI

There are from fifteen to twenty mistakes in each of the cartoons which will appear weekly on this page. See if you can find them and then compare with list which will be published next week.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle. Electric lights burning in daytime. Automobile parked on wrong side of

Automobile wheels are not alike. Wrong end of canoe is tipped up Man's newspaper is up-side down. Sun casts shadows in opposite di

Tree has two different Linds of

William Cody, then I'm Lord George Sanger from this on.' And so be was ever after.

Speaking of titles, some years ago John Galsworthy — his new novel "Flowering Wilderness" is due this month-was offered and refused a knighthood. That is to say, he pre-ferred to remain plain Mr. John light—says Marion Nicholl Rawson, in rarity for a man to refuse a proffered handle to his name, inasmuch "Hank's got his side-boards on and as it is tendered him in the name of the sovereign and thus takes the nature of a royal command. The usual procedure is for some one interested much sounding.

But in the case of Mr. Galsworthy some one blundered, for his nam actually appeared in the honors list the proprietor was "Lord" George Sanger.

Sanger.

It was not until years later that I discovered there was nothing in the "Lord" business. That it was a self-assumed, empty title. And I learned Kinling may have turned a deaf ear assumed, empty title. And I learned Kipling may have turned a deaf ear the truth from the "Lord" himself as to the voice of the charmer—at all events, it is generally believed so.

> Since the typewriter has almost lone away with handwritten manuscripts and collectors find them in-creasingly difficult to obtain, galley proofs of the works of modern authors corrected by them have acquired a considerable value. Not long ago a first corrected proof of an old Kipling hort story brought \$360 in a Nev York salesroom. Kipling, for one, has ong been aware of the commercial value attached to his handwriting and does not scatter it around promiscu-ously. I am told that his contracts contain a clause requiring the return to him of all manuscripts to which they relate, typed or otherwise.

Once when a group of Wall Street bankers asked the late Iver Kreug spectacular Swedish "Match King," a week-end party why he did not fall in love with some American girl — "a nudge prompted no doubt with ar eye to business as well as romance, says Earl Sparling (in "Kreuger's Billion Dollar Bubble")-he smiled and

"I prefer a Swedish match."

Kreuger was fond of performing little miracles," says Mr. Sparling for instance:

"He met some American women a luncheon in Stockholm one day. The spring had been late and cold. The American visitors spoke sadly of the of flowers on the countryside. absence of flowers on the country side.

Ah, said Kreuger, 'you have not been to the right places. You will come the right places. You will come with me to one of my country places pirm has many important uses. Read for tea this afternoon.' When they are rived at the country house that a ter age; and don't endure any needless noon they found the walks lined with osebushes in bloom. Between luncheon and tea time Kreuger had ransacked the hothouses of Stockholn o provide them."

Mr. Sparling who-as an American newspaper correspondent in Stock -knew Kreuger, quotes him as once saying:

success can be attributed to three things. One is silence. The second is more silence. The third is still

"I am often asked," adds Sparling —apropos Kreuger's reputation for si-lence and his shunning of publicity— "if a dislike of publicity, after one has ostensibly courted it, is a Viking inheritance, since it appears in individuals of Swedish ancestry from Lindbergh to Greta Garbo."

Man's pants legs do not match. Boy is standing on grass where sign

nys "keep off." Tree is growing out in the water. Chickens do not perch in bushes. Men are loafing where sign cays "no

Word "hear' mispelled on sign. Tree trunks are thinner near the ground than where they branch. Cat has wrong kind of tail.

American Negroes

Growing Lighter Color Negroes in America are becoming lighter in color, as a race, but a considerable range in duskiness of skin will always be found among them, says Science News Letter, a Science

Service publication (Washington). This conclusion, we are told, results rom a study of assortative mating for color among Negroes made by Dr. Irene Barnes Tacuber of Mount Holyke College, and presented before the Third International Congress of Eu-

genics. We read: Little new white blood is now en-tering the Negro racial mixture in America, Dr. Taeuber stated, Nevertheless the race as a whole is growing lighter, due to crossings with light er-colored stock already in existence. The unmixed Negroes are a dwindling group: their percentage among parents at present is 29, as against only 14 per cent. of pure-blooded Ne-

groes among the offspring.
"The American Negro population of the future will probably be more homogeneous as to ancestry," said Dr. Taeuber; "there will be a smaller percentage of unmixed Negroes, a larger percentage with half or more Negro ancestry, and a smaller percentage who pass as Negroes, but have more white than Negro ancestry. gregation process operative in the inheritance of pigmentation will prevent the development of a population of one uniform hue."

Peanut Exports Rise

More than 3,143,000 pounds of peauts were exported from the United States in the first seven months of this year, a gain of 2830,000 pounds over the same period of 1931.

paratively rare, as most so-called blue eyes contain a certain proportion of brownish-black or yellow pigment.

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