REALADI



CHAPTER VIII.

through the open doorway of the hut until the men had carried in all five

"Come," he said to the woman, "ae

have time to delay."

Perhaps half a mile away, guarded

by a clump of funeral trees, a small farm might be seen. The woman was

ner companion's arm, silent and fret-

The farm appeared to be deserted

They crossed a weed-grown courtyard

Jo Lung unlocked the door of a broken

ful. Jo Lung walked behind.

"straight to headquarters."

it's valueless as evidence."

But these clues, or wha

-a horrifying glimpse in you rooms, of the murderer of Norwick

But, as you have pointed out, my de-

"You have seen the medical repor

on Norwich? The doctors agreed that

he was bitten by long, curved teeth. So far, no one has been able to iden-

tify an animal possessing quite such

"In short, the establishment of Jo

base, and that some hired killer o

there no longer!"
"That horrible laughter I heard

Lung's on Friday night."
"I'm almost certain," Haig snapped

He sighed, knocking ash from his

"The remote possibility that he may

himself be joining the ship at Mar-

couraging. It merely consisted

drugs, which may have been

about there under our very

table.

cigarette.

otes-

from a ghost to a wild animal!"

cealed again:

danked by coarse sea grass, a la

Fresh from

YU'AN HEE SEE LAUGHS by Sax Rohmer

SYNOPSIS.

Matt Kearney sees his sister Elleen aloand the Wailaroo, bound for Colombo, belief the Wailaroo, and william Dawson Isais, who had also said goweine to Elleen meets Matt and tells him that he had traced a shipment of opium to the Wailaroo, but it was unloaded before detectives were able to search the ship. Dawson is recalled to Scotland Yard and asks Nearney to search King's warehouse, which adjoins Jo Lung's warehouse, which adjoins Jo Lung's place, whom they suspect. As they are leaving Matt picks up a notebook, and is surprised at the presence of a woman, who quickly disappears. As Haigensleavors to translate entries made in Yu'an Hee See's notebook a monstrous creature snatches it and escapes. Yu'an and his woman companion get through the picker of the presence of the presenc embarked. Yu'an Hee See stood staring

CHAPTER VII.-(Cont'd.)

Eileen, a light sleeper, was awak ened by the revolutions of the screw of the Wallaroo. She sat up with a start. Dim grey light was shining brough the slatted shutter over her stateroom window. She jumped out of bed and peeped out across a de serted deck. That dreary panorama of the Lower Thames was slipping by, a drab and desolate picture.

ed the shutter with a bang and turn-The expensive-looking box of cig

arettes which Dawson Haig had brought lay in a net rack above her head. Eileen took out a cigarette and lighted it. She sat on the side of the bed

hands clasping one upraised knee. The panic of waking alone in that grey morning had left her. As she sat there smoking and reflecting upon a hundred and one things, but chiefly upon the problem of whether she should write to Dawson Haig as she had said she would do, or whether peaked cap.
"Paris," said Yu'an Hee See she should wait to see if there was a letter from him at Marseilles, she came aware of something

Someone—someone who had a regular, heavy tread—was pacing the decl on which her statercom opened. As this promenader passed and repassed, she experienced 2-ising curiosity re specting his id ntity. No doubt a felow passenger, unreasonably awak-ened, as she had been, and who, des-airing of further sleep, had gone out

Presently she heard his returning footsteps approaching from the after end. She turned off the light, pushed the shutter aside and peeped out. She saw the promenader—a big

man in a double-breasted blue overceat; a man who were a bowler hat, and who glanced aside with what seemed like definite curiosity as he passed her door. He was fresh comand had blue eyes-very fr endiv-looking blue eyes.

There was nothing in the least de-

gree alarming about him, except that he seemed to be interested in her Also she had not noticed him among the passengers who had come

ahoard at the King George Dock.

Eileen reclosed the shutter and turned in. And Detective Sergeant Durham, noting that her light had cone out again, passed along B deck to another cabin which interested him. He stood near the porthole filling his pipe, and then moved on.

Opening a heavy door he stepped left into another running forward and aft. Peering curiously at the door and aft. Peering curiously at the door tirely undisturbed by Scotland Yard!" one stateroom, which was on the nook, he proceeded further to another. Some passengers on the night cross Channel steamer from Boulogne no ijced a grey motor cruiser which extraordinary turn of speed excited their curiosity

They must have been even more my department only two nights ago my department only two nights ago Not to add that a consignment of They must have been even more arrival of this mysterious craft

Stealing through the haze of a grey and cheerless dawn, the mystery boat but, you may take my word for it, is edged in, point by point, to where a lazy swell played idly upon a shelving beach beyond which lay desolate sand would certainly point to the fact that dunes stretchin in the direction of Yu'an Hee See in person was at Jo

Stern on to the flat beach they lay, Stern on to the showing no lights, their propellers showing no lights, their propellers turning lazily. Presently a boat came out from a shadowy inlet, the entrance to which was invisible in that trance to which was invisible in that through the gates just before I spoke to you! That was his car ahead of use the failed to overtake him in the fog. He drove straight to Jo Lung's!

Those five small square cases which had come from Limehouse were transferred from the motor cruiser Orange Blossom then steppe gingerly into the little craft, support d by Yu'an Hee See, who followed her. Finally came Jo Lung. As the boat swung away:

will receive -vour orders to morrow," said Yu'an Hee See rapidly

A yellow face surmounted by voolen cap peered down from the dec

of the cruiser, and: "I hear, my lord," the man replied and disappeared. There came a whirr of powerfu

"One of which is Eileen's!" "I know," Haig groaned, "and I can't get that fact out of my mind. I have checked the curious entry relating to 'Suleiman Bey's.' Paris no-fified us this morning that there is engines, a deep forceful churning, and the grey streak shot away southwest swiftly to be swallowed up in the morning mist. The two rowers bent a certain restaurant of that name near the Moulin Galette. It's never come under police notice, however

All the same, I'm going across this afternoor. I should like to locate Jo Lung. The inquiry is at a standstill

Mad summers of a million years ago Are bringing me the mildness of this Some distance up the little creek

room; I tend the radiator as a groom

stage projected, and beyond might be seen the roof of a wooden hut. At this landing stage the party disslow.
At work. In fiame-lit chambers fa

Black oil and coal from some earthhidden tomb

boxes. "They must stay here for the present," he said, pointing to the may know.

glassed.

golden-skied
And dead. The buried years are dim and rast.

Both brain and body feed upon the

past. -Gerald Raftery in the New York Sun.

Survive Age of Steam,

gleaming silver plate, appeared a large French touring car. Jo Lung disappeared into the gloomy shadows 'air, while the others made themselves comfortable in the car, the Chinaman solicitiously spreading a fur rug over his companion's knees When Jo Lung returned, he wore a blue and whte uniform with a smart fer the sail to steam.

friend Jo Lung with the murder! If that tell the story of famous clip we could have produced the notabook per ships of the years preceding steam
—fleet, graceful vessels which, with it might have proved to be a hanging matter for somebody. But, legally, lofty spars and clouds of spreading sail, vied with each other in "clipping days" of the run to regular ports of Kearney nodded. They had just finished lunch in a Strand grillroom. He sipped his coffee thoughtfully. Two

According to Mr. A. J. Tryrer, as sistant director of the bureau, the old clippers often exceeded the speed of the early steamships, with pas-sages of 300 and 400 miles a day scription might be that of anything common achievements during the Kearney laughed. "That's true enough," he admitted. nineteenth century.

Two Stories in the Paper There were two stories in the pape recently, each dealing with yo men, or perhaps it would correct to say the stories told how different people dealt with young men, writes the Stratford Beacon

Lung, with valuable property stolen from all over the world, with its socalled burglar alarms, and other novel Montreal, was arrested and the rea-son was that he had induced three He looked up, his keen blue eyes young men in Montreal to pay him gleaming savagely across the little for securing positions for Cornwall. He asked \$50 from each "In spite of the fact that one of one, but the funds of the three the most dangerous criminals in the bined amounted to \$44, and tha world used the place as his London amount was taken. There were, of South African Girl ccurse, no positions for them. his murdered one of the best men in idea was to take the money from the

oll. It is better; much better, Leon ard Battley, youthful West Oxford farm boy, had been saving money for st Oxford ways say is 'Where are you from?'
money for and when I answer 'South Africa,'
home to there is quite a sensation. So far thousand pounds, was lying four years to take a trip home to England. He went into Ingersell, England. He went into Ingersoll, only one person has said that he albought his licket and had \$67 left. It ways thought South Africans were was in a wallet and he lost it. Mrs. Daniel Kidd found the money and took it to the newspaper office to seek the owner. The youth had it returned to him, and now he is away or, his long-planned trip home.

It is not necessary to drape such incidents with much comment. They represent the motives of two different classes of people, (1) those who have such a desire for money that they wil ride routhshod over all with whom hey deal, and (2) those splendid folk to whom honesty and kindness are daily companions

seilles, I have dealt with, as you know. Durham is on board. But my first message was admittedly not en the words 'Nothing to report.' I take this to mean that there is nothing suspicious about the occupants of the cabins mentioned in those mysterious

the Gardens

(To be continued.)

Heating Plant Service duties must be supplied with

Might watch a dinoszur, immense and

Are giving up the sun-strength locked in gloom. From lost and splendid summers non-

The wind and rain are battering ou

noor.

A board was quickly prized up by one of the two. Its removal enabled a larger section of the floor, a concealed trap, to be lifted. Rough While here I sit, securily walled and cealed trap, to be lifted. Rough wooden steps led down into darkness. The Chinaman watched the lox-s bend warmed by long-gone summers

ing stowed in their hidden celiar. When the work was completed and and though I hunt the future in my all traces of this hiding place cou-

ill-shod for the journey, and clung to Forty Clipper Ships

Oil and Electricity Washington, -Romantic survivors of a long-past era, 40 Yankee clipper ships still sail the seas from Amerian ports to many distant lands.

The Commerce Department's B

down barn.

There, a vision of blue enamel and The Commerce Department's Bur eau of Navigation and Steamboa Inspection has found, also that no fewer than 1,227 sailing ships, in-cluding the 40 clipper-rigged vessels, are still operating under the American flag, manned by hardy salts who pre-

These sailing ships, masted schoor ers and sloops form but a tiny fleet, however, in comparison with the more than 20,000 vessels of more than 4,500,-000 gross tons that comprised the "The fact remains," said Dawson neak of the clipper ship era.

Haig, "there isn't a scrap of evidence to connect the establishment of our In the files of the bureau are hun-dreds of faded marine documents

There may be found records of the famous clippers built by Donald Mc-Kay, whom the bureau calls Ameridays had elapsed, and little or nothing Dawson Haig lit another cig-ette. "That it contained valuable clues is proved by the steps taken to ca's master ellpper shipbuilder-the Flying Cloud, the Flying Fish, the Sovereign of the Seas, Westward Ho! they take as long as four. hours to Great Republic, Lightning, Glory of pass any given point. the Seas, and many other which poinyou and I can remember of them, frankly convey very little. In the next place, I certainly had a glimpse ted the way for the American Mer

In Cornwall John H. Hartman, of

The other story comes from Inger

ot of 'King Kong' fame. ...
"Next time I see a passionate kiss on the films I shall know that at east 60 people are looking on, who break into a loud guffaw when it is break into a loud guffaw when it is over." Then she listened to United States Congress in session—"it was better than any cinema." Later she

has him hopelessly sutclassed.

FAKE

Told in Brief

Women's fashions cost Great Brit

ain something like £200,000,000

The first fatal accident in connec

Only 2,950 muskrats have bee

MUSIC IN THE TAXL

If Great Britain continues plantin

forest trees at the present rate, it will

take 180 years to make up for those cut down during war years, when four-fifths of the forests were de-

Fatal cases of influenza in Grea

Britain have been much fewer ths year than in 1932, medical authorities

Statistics show that, where stree

A new record is set up by a giant ray recently landed off the coast of New Jersey. Measuring 20 feet in length and weighing 6,000 lb., it is perhaps the largest fish ever caught.

Officers from thirteen foreign coun

tries, including France, Japan, China, Persia, and Mexico, have visited Eng-land at different times, to study the

ystem of instruction which prevails

FRANCE IS TOO EXPENSIVE!

French hotel-keepers are muc!

of British tourists; they are not even

taying in Paris on the way from or

Farmers and graziers headed the

list of people in Great Britain who went bankrupt last year. They were

followed by grocers, builders, millin-ers and dressmakers, drapers and

haberdashers, garage proprietors and

Thousands upon thousands of gees

the largest flock of birds in the world

leave Quebec each winter for summer

when on the move in mass formation

In and Out

And know not why;

We stay a while

To laugh and sigh

A space we play; Grev clouds or sun.

Too short for one.

For one too long:

And yet for all

We learn a lot.

We wander out

And know not where If wise fools talk,

Why should we care?

A South African girl writing home

from the Naval Academy, Annapolis Md., says: "The first thing they al-

She tells, too, of "great excitement

in Annapolis—a movie company filming 'Anchor's Aweigh.' "The com-

our actors, the rest consisting of

wear horn-rimmed spectacles, white

socks, and they rush about in shirt

sleeves and bow ties. Ther heroine is

extraordinary pretty - Betty Furness. a new star, and the hero, Bruce Ca-

Writes of Life in U. S.

Are wine and song

We wander in,

Banfishire Journal.

ands. So numerous are they that

notor engineers, and publicans.

to other countries. One expert blame

he heavy taxation on visitors.

in the Royal Air Force.

giving the credit for this to the wor

derfully sunny summer.

about 20s. each.

else in England.

1913.

By Richard M. H. Dicker

In Stockton-on-Tees, it is stated, foodstuffs are cheaper than anywhere Leonard Conway at the age of fortyfive was the trusted head clerk of a small but wealthy firm of city mer-More than \$200,000,000 is invested in the gas industry in the United ly since he left school as a lad of fiin the gas industry in the United teen. He began working for a few shillings a week, and during his long Parachutes have saved more than service this wage had been grudgingly 900 airmen's lives since 1926, some added to each year until it had reached the munificent weekly sum of four 120 of these being in Great Britain.

ounds. For thirty years he had served willtion with the Central Flying School of the Royal Air Force occurred in ingly, content to see the "Old Man," as they called Julius Hoskins, take his month's annual holiday abroad, or perhaps a sea trip or, as on one occasion Only 2,950 muskrats have been a lightning trip round the world; concaptured in Great Britain during the tent to see him leave early on Friday past twenty months, at a cost of afternoon for a golfing or yachting week-end, or to enjoy himself in an of the hundred and one ways in which Britain is one of the thirty-two a rich man can. countries in which pilots flying on

But during the last few years the discontent of a thwarted ambition had rent into Convar's mind and predom nated his thoughts; he came to env the Old Man his wealth and all that it motor-cabs plying for hire in New Man, did the work. He used his brain, York; there will presently be 5,000 of these "super" vehicles.

Old Man.

It grew to be an obsession. And after months of brooding he decided to demand a better salary in view of his responsibility.
Conway could never quite remembe

what was said at that interview-ex cept that Julius Hoskins had withered alm with his contempt and his almost savage refusal. Temptation came as he walked slow

of the rain pouring down on him, with hatred and bitterness in his heart. own the streets and byeways, their bills proclaiming yet another hold-up

Statistics show that, where street accidents are concerned, Liverpool is the most dangerous city in England and, after Marseilles, perhaps the of Road Bandits."

"Armed Robbers' £500 Getaway." "Clerk Victim of Road Bandits." Conway eyed, his brain busy. wonder if he really was robbed?" he

nused, "or—." The possibilities of an idea opened hefore him. It was quite possible that man could fake a highway robbery

he pondered. "And if one man can o it, why can't I?" At first, the thought of being dis honest appalled him, and then he assured himself that it would mean prac-

tically nothing to the Old Man, who could well afford a loss. For months he turned the idea over in his mind until he knew by heart every step of the scheme he had planned, and waited only for the oppor tunity to carry it out.

His chance came when the Old Man asked him to take £250 in cash to his

on who was on a business mission in Dorset; he suggested that Conway should use his car for the journey. Conway had undertaken simila: journeys on many occasions in this fashion, and he knew the exact place to suit his scheme. He would go, not

known route through the New Forest Here, he would stage the "robbery."

The only doubt left was what to do with the money, and he finally decided o leave it in his lodgings. The Fates his plans, his landlady announced that she was going to Woolwich for the dust and enlarging his own prints. day to see her sister, but would be Next he turned his attention

back in time to get dinner. "Well, Conway," said the Old Man. "Here's the money, and don't be away longer than you can help." Conway put the packet into his pocket and walked out of the office

his heart thumping with fear and excitement. He walked quickly to the garage and started the car up. He drove slowly through the suburbs—he did not want to get home too early in it were soon fixed up, and then concase his landlady had not left—and way scattered cords and papers from about a quarter of a mile from home he parked the car in a lonely lane, making the rest of the detour on foot. house, and he noted with satisfaction look as though he had put up som that no one saw him enter. He crept sort of a fight. His hat he left in the netairs and out the notes under a pile of handkerchiefs in his drawer, and the would explain later. then left the house as secretly as he Assured that everyth had entered it.

hopeful of success than before, and planning what he would do with his haul, even though it was only two hundred and fifty pounds. -But there was one thing he could

do. His late holiday was about due, and he would have a holiday such as arrival, he decided it was time to re more dismal "digs" somewhere in a South Coast resort for him this time. He shuddered reminiscently. No, this time it would be the Scuth of France, Italy or, perhaps, the Basque country So engaged was he with his thought that he was surprised to find himself

at the scene of the "robbery." way found himself rather enjoying the adventure. This was not stealing in the proper sense of the word, argued-merely getting a little o what was due to him; paying an over

pany was staying at Carvel Hall (the original house of Winston Churchill's 'Carvel Hall' still stands). There are He stopped the car and, having made sure that no one was in sight made his preparations with careful directors and 'technicians,' who look just as they ought to look. They deliberation. No mo .. ideal spot coul have been chosen for the pseudo-rob linen plus-fours, blue and white check bery. The road ran through the very heart of the forest, the trees an bushes on either side providing ample

cover for any bandit There had recently been a number of hold-ups in the forest, and the des-cription of a wanted man had been freely circulated. Conway had noted that description well, for, as the plan had gradually grown, he had foreseen had gradually grown, he had for the possible necessity of making use of the real bandit.

was asked to act as an extra in a ling the stage. He forced his way through the busies, and trampled down the bracken, to give the spot the ber the girls by three to one, they appearance of being hear way. Conway made an artistic job of setdown the bracken, to give the spot the borney the girls by three to one, they appearance of having been used as a have a system called 'cutting in,' waiting place by t'e bandit. He made whereby any man in the ballroom is a gap in the bushes, and a pathway and the ballroom is a gap in the bushes, and a pathway and the ballroom is a gap in the bushes, and a pathway and the ballroom is a gap in the bushes. whereby any man in the ballroom is a gap in the bushes, and a pathway entitled to touch your partner on the through the long, rank grass edging arm, get introduced, and dance with the road, and in the sandy dust at the you until someone else does the roadside he left footprints, making them bigger than his own by the simble to be the broke down and sobbed.

Mrs. Day?"

"The thieves!" she cried. "While I was out they got in and robbed the house. Every room turned inside out and all my little savings gone." She broke down and sobbed.

The Royal Bank of Canada

General Statement 30th November, 1933 LIABILITIES

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Liabilities not included in the foregoing.

Letters of Credit Outstanding.

ASSETS Gold and Subsidiary Coin on hand.
Dominion Notes on hand.
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves.
United States and other Foreign Currencies. \$14,117,540.37 48,922,334,75 3,600,000.00 21,713,836.55 \$87,754,0 N.11 Notes of other Canadian Banks
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Call and Short (not exceeding thirty days) Leans in Canada on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks and other Securities of a sufficient marketable value to cover. 24,198,873,90 11,970,905.82 25,771,273.71 to cover.

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Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund.
Other Assets not included in the foregoing.

NOTE—The Royal Bank of Canada (France) has been incorporated under the laws of France to conduct the business of the Bank in Paris, and the assets and liabilities of The Royal Bank of Canada (France) are included in the above General Statement. M. W. WILSON, General Manage

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

OTHE SHAREHOLDERS, THE ROYAL BANK OF CANDAI.
We have examined the above Stratement of Lishilidie and Assets at 50th November, 1833, with the resulting the stratement of the stabilidies and the course of the stabilidies and the course of the stabilidies and which the certified returns from the branches. We have verified the cash and at the course of the Bank's facal year, and during the year we counted the cash and examined the securities at several of the important branches.

We have obtained all the information and explanations that we have required, and in our opinion the transactions of the Bank, which have come under our notice, have been within the powers of the Bank. The above statement is in our opinion properly drawn up so ats oldsclose the true condition of the Bank as at 30th November, 1933, and it is as shown by the books of the transaction of the Bank as at 30th November, 1933, and it is as shown by the books of the orimbure set inner early to the transaction of the Bank and to provide reserves which they consider adequate for future condigencies.

A. B. BRODIE, CA.

A. B. BRODIE, C.A.,
of Price, Waterbouse & Co.
JAS. G. ROSS, C.A.,
of P. S. ROSS & SONS. Montreal, Canada, 23rd December, 1933.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November. Profits for the year ended 30th November, 1933..... 15,667,604,18

APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS: Dividend No. 183 at 10% per annum Dividend No. 183 at 8% per annum Dividend No. 183 at 8% per annum Dividend No. 184 at 8% per annum Dividend No. 185 at 8% per annum \$\$75,060.60 760,000.00 760,000.60 760,000.00 \$2,975,000.00 200,000.00 290,000.00 310,000.60 1,383,664.18 Contribution to Officers' Pension Fund..... Appropriation for Bank Premises. Reserve for Dominion Government Taxes Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward... \$5,668,664.18

H. S. HOLT. Montreal, 23rd December, 1933.

ole method of working his feet in the

Next he turned his attention t the car. In stopping, he had purposel applied his brakes suddenly and pulle up sharply, and the tyre tracks in the dusty road showed this plainly. A lever touch that, thought Conway.

bandit would naturally jump out sud-denly, forcing a car to stop abruptly. A slurred footmark on the runnin oard and a dent where the "bandit book itself he dropped in the grass e parkeu the car in a toner) making the rest of the detour on foot. He disarranged his collar and tie and All was well. Mrs. Day had left the ruffled his hair, in order to make it sort of a fight. His hat he left in the road—"knocked off in the struggle,"

Returning to the car, he set off for orset, feeling more confident and peful of success than before Assured that everything was pro ticulars without seeming to doubt the story, and after Conway had wired to

turn to London. As he neared town he fou: d it was later than he had thought; too late in fact) to go and see the Old Man. He was not sorry, for he was exhausted now that the tremendous thing wa

all over; the strain had been far greater than he had anticipated. He put the Old Man out of his mind. He would go home and change, have his dinner in the West-end, and then he would treat himself to a theatre He had ot done that for ages.

He took the car back to the garage which was splashing the news that another daring highway robbery had taken place. He smiled to imself, Thinking ho

clever he had been. As he neared home he was surprised to see lights in every room. The front door was wide open, a most unusual sight, but when he turned in at the gate his heart almost stopped beating for a policeman stood in the hall. Had

they found him out already? Had he bungled things after all? He hesitated. He almost turned to run when Mrs. Day came into the hall and saw him.

Conways heart stood still. "Have you got any valuables, sir?" the policeman asked.
"No, no—I've nothing of much value

M. W. WILSON. General Manage

in my room," stammered Conway "But I'll go and see if anything is He tried to assume a careless air but he imagined there was a puzzled look on the face of the policeman. He went miserably upstairs, wishing

ie had never attempted the robber and realizing too late how stupid he had been. He stood gazing in bewilderment at the jumble which met his eyes. Everything had been turned out of the drawers and cupboards. And the notes

were gone.

While he was looking around franti cally he heard a shout, the noise of scuffling and great excitement down stairs, and then Mrs. Day calling to

"Oh, Mr. Conway! Come down they've caught the burglar." A small, dishevelled man was in the way recognized him as a man who cleaned the window. The policemen were busy searching the thief when one of them produced

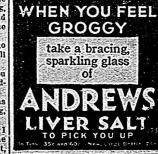
th roll of notes "Here, where did you get this For a moment the little man did not reply, and then he pointed to Conwa "I got 'em from 'is room." he said. All eyes were turned on Conway.

"That's a lie," he almost shouted "I've never had all that money in my "Nor 'as e, sir," said Mrs. Day, wh would have sworn by her lodger's in

the magistrates when this man is charged." said the constable. dread pulling at the nerves of hi stomach, watched the constable put the incriminating money in his pocket and lead the captive away.—London

I tremble to think what some admir able screen artists would be like or the stage.—Mr. C. B. Cochran.

"Tit-Bits."



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Secrets of Old Inn Revealed in Diary

What "Mine Host" Thought of His Guests Recorded in Diary Written One Hundred Years Ago

Many of the lords and ladies who balted to make merry or sitep the night at the stately old country towns of Dunstable (Eng.) a hundred years ago would turn in their graves if they as the contents of an account book which has just been found at a hos-

telry in that town.

The book reveals an intimate picture of coaching days on the London-Holyhead highway as viewed from be-hind the scenes at the Old Sugar Loaf Hotel, one of the oldest and most famous of Bedfordshire inns. A maidservant came across this

mique record while turning out the contents of a forgotten drawer. It night have been thrown away, but a waiter charced to peep inside its anent pages. He was the first man to

open the lock for a hundred wars.

Who the innkeeper was who kepi it is something of a mystery, but his comments on arrival and departures at the hostelry make the book a gein of a tiquity. Almost every page provides a laugh. Some of the allusions are unprintable.

"A CROSS OLD LADY." Little did a certain Mrs. Stanleythe paid £5 14s 1d for one night's

stay in the hotel on December 2nd, 1833—realize what a snocking impres-sion she left behind her. In putting 'paid' on her account mine host rec-"A cross old lady. She scolded my

wife terribly. I should have liked to have kicked her." Here is another tell-tale reference

dated June 20, 1831: "Gentlemen beonging to the Bishop of Lincoln iVstation; 27 dined with the Lishop; dinner enough for 40." The bill came to £16 13s 11d.

On June 4, 1834, it is recorded in black and white that "the Bishop of Lincoln's Visitation" again called at the hotel, "32 dined upstairs and two below. Bill, £16 10s," and underneath is written, "A great deal too much dinner job." Draw your own concluions!

TIMES HAVE CHANGED.

A real show-down for the Dun-stable and Woburn Bible students of those days is provided by the follow-Dunstable and Woburn Bible Meet-

Dunstable and Woburn Bible Meet-ing; 24 dined; 27 bottles of wine; fillet of veal; ham; quarter of lamb; three couples of ducks; pigeon pie; sandwiches; bread and butter; bottle of port and one of sherry; ale. es have certainly changed. A heartless man this innkeeper. Under December 7, 1828, he writes:

"Mr. and Mrs. Fulton and son, Hope Lodge, Newcastle, Staffordshire, were detained here on account of the lady's leg being hurt. It is an ill wind that blows that does not benefit some-one. Bill £8 11s 9d." SECRET PASSAGE.

Towards the end a few sombre pages are devoted to details of notable funeral processions that rested he night in the Old Sugar Loaf. This s how one stay is described: "March 11, 1833. To a room for the corpse, 10s 6d; Refreshments to sitters-up, 5s 6d; Fire and lights all night, 2s 6d; Dinners, 14s; Ale, 1s; Brandy, 9d; Sherry, 12s; Oranges and biscuits, 1s 6d; Teas, 6s; Beds, 8s; Fires, 6s 3d; Breakfasts, 9s; Cigars, 1s 4d."

C. J. Holt, the genial landlord of the Old Sugar Loaf, said that architects had declared the inn to be more than 500 years old. In the gathering dusk he led the way down into an eerio underground passage running to-wards Dunstable's famous old Priory Church. The passage became obstructed with fallen earth long ago, but the story goes that it once connected the inn with the church.

The Guest

Here's a Ben Franklin story with a chuckle in it: It is told by the Marquis de Barbe-Marbois, first French consul general to the United States, in his 150-year-old diary. From Balti-more the marquis wrote: more the marquis wrote:
"It is at the inn where we now are

that Dr. Franklin arrived one Win ter's day, covered with snow and half dead with cold. The family and sevno one inconvenienced himself for the 'Franklin sat down near a win-

dow as if to rest, and after several moments addressed the innkeeper and asked him if he had ovsters. 'Yes, excellent ones

"'Open them and take a dozen to

"'Just take them out and you will "Everybody got up to go and see the horse eat oysters. The children, the strangers, the servants went to the stable to witness such a novelty. Franklin, in their absence, established nimself near the fire, in the best place. Very soon they came back to tell him that the horse would not een look at the oysters.

In that case, Franklin replied, bring them to me and give him some

Increased Bacon -Exports Discussed

Guelph, Ont.—Opportunity for lar-ger bacon exports to the United lingdom provided the central theme ernment agricultural representatives Ontario at the Ontario Agricultural ollege. It was stated that the Gov ernment was anxious to have farm ers increase bacon production for the British market and the representa-tives were asked to carry the measage to farmers with whom they come into close contact

Light is the task when many share the toil.-Homer.