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THE AVENGER

by Walter Forster

The story opens with a scene in an American music hall. "MYSTICUS" is the name of the artist who is the subject of the story. He is a British artist with a great gift for stage "magic," as he is called. In his dressing-room he finds awaiting him his young brother, who is in the act of leaving for a racket in which he has got himself involved. He is a young man of about 25, who, producing pistols, demands that the younger man come away with him. He refuses and the other brother intervenes with the result that both are about to be arrested.

Several years later, and it is now changed to an old house, Owen's name is changed to "MYSTICUS." He has been bequeathed by an eccentric man to his nephew, FRANK DIGBY, who, on taking possession of the neglected place, is almost scared out of his wits by what seem to be psychic happenings.

On the first evening of Hunter's stay in the house there are unaccountable noises and ringing of bells, and uncanny things happen to an ancient picture on the wall. Presently the steps are heard outside the library.

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The man if he was that Digby's started gasp, he was dressed like a monk or padre, wearing a black hooded robe, and he held a book in his hands. He looked at Digby with a vacant stare and then turned to go.

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Urges Canadian Nursing Service

Commission A Plan Whereby Association Places Before Rowell

Nursing needs of both urban and rural areas in Canada could be largely met by a form of health insurance in which provision for nursing service was incorporated as an integral part of medical care, the Canadian Nurses' Association submitted in a presentation to the Royal Commission on Dominion-Provincial Relations.

At present, 50 per cent of the trained nursing service is readily obtainable in a geographical sense by only about 46 per cent of the population. The majority of rural communities being practically without skilled nursing care, the commission was instructed to study the present number of registered nurses, estimated at more than 29,900 was "probably" insufficient to meet the demand.

Only 24 per cent of urban communities with a population of more than 1,000 had a visiting nursing service, the commission reported. It was generally recognized that "a large percentage of ill people can be satisfied by a visiting nurse service."

The association said that less than 35 per cent of patients in the average Canadian community who needed nursing care were actually receiving it.

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PICNIC Preparations

Hundred and thousands of Canadian families will be taking to the roads of the 24th of May. Some may be just going for a drive, others visiting friends, and many are going to a grassy slope or a shady grove where they can spread out their picnic food and lie in the sun and enjoy the weather.

This will probably be the first picnic of the season for most of us, so let's make it one of the best. The outdoors seems to what appetites and picknickers are ready to eat anything by the time the food is served. Don't let that be a reason, however, for not preparing the most attractive and appetizing lunch possible.

Nothing Cooler or Smarter Than This Laura Wheeler Crochet

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Cleaning Hints For Springtime

Follow These Suggestions And You'll Find Your Floors Are Greatly Lightened

CHROMIUM — Rub with a soft cloth wrung out in w. soapy water, which should remove most marks. Finish polishing with a soft, dry duster. Do not use any strong chemicals which may injure the surface of the chromium.

PARQUET LAMPSHADES — Remove dust by rubbing with soft tissue paper, and clean by rubbing very lightly with a soft cloth.

BOLIVIA Potato Salad — 2 cups cold boiled potatoes, cut in 1/2 inch cubes. 2 tablespoons pimiento, chopped. 1/2 teaspoon onion or chives, finely minced. 1 hard-boiled egg, chopped. 1/2 teaspoon mayonnaise. 1/2 teaspoon vinegar. 1/2 Dash of white pepper.

Travel Made Him Constipated

Salesman Says Kruschen Keeps Him "On His Feet"

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Sunday School Lesson

LESSON IX MAINTAINING PERSONAL EFFICIENCY (A Personal Aspect of Temperance)

Golden Text — Every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. — I Corinthians 9:25.

THE LESSON IN ITS SETTING Time — Daniel was carried to Babylon 605 or 607 B.C. The apostle Paul was his first disciple to the church at Corinth before A.D. 59.

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These Open Air Plays Celebrate Shakespeare's Birthday

Presenting Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" in the open air, these amateur players celebrate the Bard of Avon's birthday, in London, England.

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Is Your Problem Among Those Dealt With Here?

By LAWRENCE HIBBERT (Graphologist and Psychologist)

A girl of 17 writes: "I am sending you the writing of a friend of mine. He is nearly 40, but I am very fond of him. He is a very good friend, but I cannot give him up. What do you advise?"

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STEEDEMAN'S HOT-PLATE Cook with 16 at a Time

For FREE sample and booklet "Hints to Mothers," write John Steedman, 150 St. Gabriel St., Montreal.

World's Champion Needle-Threader

Passing a camel through the eye of a needle is a feat comparable with those performed by Mr. J. Serrelli, who proclaims himself the needle-threading champion of the world. Not long ago an American girl read of his skill, so she threaded 224 needles in an instant. But most of them were not long as a challenge. He sent one look at it, sneered, said another 274 threads through and dispatched it by return post.

CASA LOMA

Golden Mile, Pelhampton station, Toronto, now open to the public. Its training domestic or Indian trials is so effective that few become repeaters. Only 21 of the 500 horses in 12 years have violated their probation.

CUNARD WHITE STAR

Apply to your local travel agent

As King Opens Fair

Harry Gus's horse, dragged at a pulling wagon, walked right through a stop sign. Gus was halted into court. "He knows a red light when he sees one," Gus told Judge Thomas Fisher. "But those signs don't mean a thing to him."

Designated First President in Ireland

On February 16, 1918, Lithuania was declared an independent republic. Today it consists of the old Russian Governorate of Kovno and portions of the Suwalki and Vilna Governments.