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box appears in the rifled safe and, return- "Craig," Lenora said firmly. ing the diamonds a second time, the accompanying note tells him he has no

chance against the inherited cunning of Craig," Sanford Quest agreed. SEVENTH INSTALLMENT

THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY. CHAPTER XVI.

had the air of being prepared for The inspector nodded approvingly. watched, inspector?"

the house in which Lenora here was it's not a bad neighborhood." confined is being watched closely."

"that the young lady should have so little to tell us about her incarcera-Lenora shivered for a moment.

What could there be to tell," she asked, "except that it was all horrible, and that I felt things-felt dangerswhich I couldn't describe." The professor gave vent to an impatient little exclamation.

"I am not speaking for fancies," he persisted. "You had food brought to you, for instance. Could you never! see the hand which placed it inside your room? Could you hear nothing of the footsteps of the person who brought it? Could you not even surmise whether it were a man or a

woman?" Lenora answered him with an evident effort. She had barely, as yet, recovered from the shock of those awful hours.

"The person who brought me the food," she said, "came at night-never FIS'H AND POULTRY in the daytime. I never heard anything. The most I ever saw was once -I happened to be looking toward the door and I saw a pair of handsnothing more—setting down a tray. shrieked and called out. I think that I almost fainted. When I found courage enough to look, there was nothing

there but the tray upon the floor." The professor sighed as he turned It is evident, I am afraid," he said, "that Miss Lenora's evidence will help no one. As an expert in these affairs, MILTON Mr. Quest, does it not seem to you that her imprisonment was just a little purposeless? There seems to have

been no attempt to harm her in any "Whoever took the risk of abducting her." Quest pointed out grimly, "did it for a purpose. That purpose would probably have been developed in course of time. However we The Whole Staircase Suddenly Began look at it, Mr. Ashleigh, there was only one man who must have been anxious to get her out of the way, and that man was Craig. Here comes our your ten minutes out some. Mr. that if you wait here I may be able to "Speak up," French insisted. friend French. I have an idea that he French."

has something to tell us." They glanced expectantly towards stairs by Laura's side. the door as French entered. The in- "Couldn't help it," he confided, minute contemplatively at a large but motortruck with one or two queer- be off in a few minutes. You'll hear ing ourselves. and well brushed, wished them a gen- information in about that house I which stood open, and tapped lightly the avenue there for the last ten min- to move down." eral good-morning. His eyes rested couldn't quite size up. You're looking with his foreigner upon the back part utes. I'd just made up my mind to Quest led the way quickly to the Now is the time to prove ourselves seemed, however, unconscious of his "Say, who are you guying!" she re- and, drawing out his revolver, delib to when Jim, who was on the other small tug there, the crew of which the Granary of the Empire

We are all ready to follow you any "It won't be to the end of the world, as a judge of millinery!" MILTON ING MONEY for you to go elsewhere to anyway; the inspector remarked, as Lenora turned and looked at them is shaking with fear, was wholly

> "Back to that house?" Lenora ex- "No need to give me away like that," claimed with a grimace. "We have had those boys at the you are ready."



seen an anthropoid age skeleton and a livling inhuman creature, half monkey, half thin, pale, and after running a man, destroyed by fire. In his room have short distance he put his hand to containing diamonds torn from a lovely his heart, as though out of breath the a pair of armless, threatening of the hove thought his nose was obvious that he knew what was com
They both turned quickly toward hesitated. He suddenly saw the part of the band of the standard of the band of the ba throat by a pair of armiess, threatening hands, both with sarcastic, threatening one of the boys thought his nose was notes signed by the inscrutable hands. He a little hooked, and they both removed that although "Some years ago," the professor "Some years ago," the professor " is arrested for the murder of his valet. Ross Brown, and a Miss Quigg, in his rooms. Laura and Lenora, his assistants. he shouted after them, he used no suspect Craig, the professor's valet. Less wear words, but simply tried to in
"Some years ago," the professor continued, "I bought this house and bloodhounds!" he cried—"you, for a small black box! He laid it on the first of the steamers coming down in the middle. They'll have to chuck it."

"To whom?" Quest asked quickly. I have followed all over the world. "Unless I am very much mistaken," "To my servant Craig," the profes- whom I have served faithfully with he said, "it is another communication, sor admitted with a grean. Lenora gave a little cry. She turned last drop of blood in my veins! You "Impossible!" the professor ex-"It is a very accurate discription of

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The professor looked troubled, also had escaped me," the professor con- The professor shook his head sor- nora cried. a little perplexed. He said nothing, tinued sorrowfully. "I remember that rowfully.

Something in the nature of a con- transpire to help us. Of course, my mother, who are since both dead, Craig seemed to sway for a moment ture—the clenched hands! Quest The number of lines to be reckoned by the space occupied, measured by a scale of the professor was there, seat- we brought Miss Lenora away, but me in a list of suitable residences. hall, saw that he was fitting his right. In the great scheme of things, the

left him alone for a few moments pect to have something to report very half a dozen of my best men in the other set of stairs, identical to the mured.

The professor repeated the address revealed no traces of habitation. guard. A moment later, however, he motortruck, professor—river pirates? The professor glanced across to to himself softly. For a moment he There was still the broken skylight called to Laura and pressed his re- And a lifebuoy! Wait." ward the table before which Lenora stood quite still. His manner showed in the room which Lenora had occu- volver into her hand. they moved towards the door, "sug-stairs, called to them. They trooped dangerous."

revolved, disclosing a small cup-side, already half covered by falling French! I've got an idea. Can you board fitted with a telephone instru- bricks and masonry. He dragged her come round here at once and bring the tarpaulin." he announced

marked, pointing to it, "in an unoccu-claimed. "Don't ask me," he groaned.

rest and called up the exchange. announced. "Kindly tell me what is devi!'s house." the number of the telephone from They supported her up the steps after all."

another question. ment was last used? . . When? gave a little exclamation. Thank you!"

them dryly, "is Brown. The number know it because there was a crack on She'll be starting from somewhere the Durham and been anchered was is not entered in the book, by re- the fourth stair. When we rushed about number twenty-eight dock, a empty. Alroady, half a mile down quest. The telephone was used an down the cellar after him, he swung long way down Come along, gentle- the river, with a trail of light behind nection was established. That is to walked out of the front door. Damn They hurried out to the automobile was standing out seawards. telephone."

house at the present moment." "Without a doubt," the inspector "What's wrong?" French demand- ever, and hurried through the shed

to Revolve.

replied promptly. "You've stretched anything else," said Quest. "I think the slip," show you something directly." others pass on, and descended the tered a wholly unfurnished room on the front door. He must have come lying. the left-hand side. He looked for a out through that. There's been a "There she is," he replied. "She'll In serving the Empire we are serv-

"Walk out of the room," Quest or-

dered, "in front of me-so! Now

No need to give me away like that, turn to the right and go down the be muttered, as they reached the hall stairs."

Now then, ladles and gentlemen, if They all gave a little cry as they what had apparently been a very their journey. Quest stood with his and prices with any and all others. What more can you more can we say? What more can you need them carefully it seems need the picked up the ball neared the vicinity of Gayson avenue descend the states beginning to and Alberta, fully two-thirds are rea man came out of the side entrance the professor began to show slem of to the banktors, chart resided on long? ise near uneasiness. When they drew the landing shove, his revolver in his Quest glanced at the clock Tenoral meaning and should stand out as outside the noise he say.

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the last breath of my body and the from our mysterious friend." ption of triumphantly towards the inspector. have brought them here—tracked me claimed hoarsely.

"Under these circumstances," the ing been with me for some fifteen the best servant man ever had. If Around the outside edge was a very inspector continued, "I have had the years that I decided to show him you are innocent of these crimes you clever pen and ink sketch of a life-

ed in the most comfortable easy that wasn't anything of a search to This, alas! was the one I purchased." foot into what seemed to be a leath- Supreme Ruler of the universe dichair, smoking without relish one of count, if the place really has become Quest glanced around the place.

Quest glanced around the place.

er loop hanging from the banisters, vided an inheritance amongst his nervous impatience the closed door. "What about the ownership of the sor's statement now removes any from the lips of all of them, followed another strength, to another beauty, Laura and Lenora were seated at the house?" Quest asked, as he took up doubt as to Craig's guilt. You are by a moment of stupefied wonder, but to his favorite he gave cunning. sure the house has been closely The whole staircase suddenly began. They all looked at one another. some excursion. Quest, realizing the "I am making a few inquiries in "Since I received certain informa- banisters, disappeared. In a moment gasped. professor's highly strung state, had that direction," he announced. "I ex- tion," French replied, "I have had or two there was a fresh click. An-. "A lifebuoy!" the professor mur-

The latter, however, was too ill at The professor stood drawing on one has entered or left it during the "The cellar!" Quest shouted, as he mained silent, chewing hard at the "gave you no clue, I suppose, as to the "Tell me again," he begged, "the steps and entered by the front door, door and hurried down the dark steps half to himself, "has had some sigdirection in which his investigations name of the avenue in which this res- The house was an ordinary frame- into the gloomy, unlit cellar. The nificance. What does this mean—a Quest glanced up from the map. "Gayson avenue," the inspector repair, and showing signs of great negative with partial stood in the was silent for a moment. Then "None at all. I know, however, that plied. "It's a bit out of the way, but lect. The rooms were barely furthe corner. At the farther end was he turned suddenly to the professor. nished and their first cursory search a door. Quest rushed for it and stood, "What did you call those men in the

signs of growing anxiety. He seemed pied, and the bed upon which she had "Stand there," he ordered. "Shoot desk and returned with a list in his "It seems strange," he continued, to be trying to remember something, slept was still crumpled. French, him if he tries to run out. I'll search hand. He ran his finger down it, "The name," he admitted finally, as who had been tapping the walls down- in the packing cases. He might be stopped and glanced at the date. gests to me, I must confess—we are down into the hall. The inspector The professor, out of breath, was cotton, destination Southampton, sails going to see the house inspector?" was standing before what appeared to leaning against one of the pillars, at high tide on the 16th Lenora, is

that is if the young ladies are will- "Look here," he said, glancing out Lenora, with Quest and French: "It's the 16th, Mr. Quest," she aning?" he added, glancing at Laura. of the corner of his eye to be sure searched hastily amongst the packing swered. "We've been waiting here with our that Laura was there, "let me show cases. Suddenly there was a loud. Quest crossed the room to the telehats on for the last half hour," Laura you what I have just discovered." | crack, the sound of falling masonry, phone. He felt with his thumb for a spring, followed by a scream from Laura. "I want number one, central," he In a moment or two a portion of the French, with a roar of anger, rushed said. "Thank you! Put me through manded. wall, about two feet in extent, slowly toward her. She was lying on her to Mr. French's office. . . . Hello,

> "A telephone," the inspector re- "My God, she's fainted!" he ex- to the docks—not where the passenpied house and a concealed cup- "I haven't," Laura faltered, trying , board. What do you think of that?" to open her eyes, "and I'm not going Quest hung up the receiver.

The professor shook his head. to but I think my arm's broken, and "See here, professor," he continued, my side hurts." French took the receiver from its "The fellow's not down here, any this message if he weren't pretty sure up, you blackguard!" "Inspector French speaking," he upstairs and get her out of this plans beforehand, but it's my belief

which I am speaking, and who is the and found a chair for her in the hall. Presently the heard the automobile He listened to the reply and asked phone cupboard and called for an am- "Anything doing?" he asked. bulance. Then Quest, who had been Quest showed him the card and the "Can you tell me when this instru- examining the staircase, suddenly sailing list. "He's done us:" he cried. "Look

The inspector hung up the receiver, here, French, this is the original stair. "Then we've got to make tracks," "The subscriber's name," he told case. There's the leather loop. I he declared, "and pretty quick, too. inspector's arm. The place where

They hurried outside. French blew latter part of their journey was ac-"Then if your men have maintained his whistle. One of the plain-clothes complished under difficulties, for the their search properly, that someone," men came running up from the ave-street was packed with drays and Quest said slowly, "must be in the nue. He was looking a little sheep heavy vehicles. They reached dock

"I am going to search the front "He's gone off," was the unwilling of a steamer there. room on the first floor before we do reply. "I guess that chap's given us "Where's the Durham?" Quest can.

erately fired into the floor, a few side, shouted out. A man jumped up were just making her fast for the We have the soil, we have the re-"Now, then, French," Quest began, "I mean it," the inspector persisted inches inside. There was a half into it and they made off at once." night. as he returned his greeting, "take a "That hat seems to suit you." stifled cry, The false back suddenly The inspector's rubicund counter Fifty dollars if you'll take us out use them to the greatest advantage.

The professor roused himself from They swung around and commenced and material.

leed to ring me up immediately be of the steamer another the skot out -- Monetary Times.

hears anything." The professor sighed

as utterly and completely as Craig has done me, who is capable of such diabolical outrages, and who, when capture stares him in the face, is transactions and financially able to carry capable of an escape such as he made out any obligations made by his firm. today, is outside the laws of probability. Personally, I do not believe that I shall ever again see the face | Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally.

of my servant, any more than that acting directly upon the blood and muyou, Quest, will entirely solve the cous surfaces of the system. Testimonials mystery of these murders and the Sold by all Druggists. theft of the Rheinholdt Jewels. What Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. can we do against men who have revolving staircases and trolley-loads of river pirates waiting for them? away, turning back towards New You may be a scientific criminologist, York. Huddied up in the stern, half Quest, but that fellow Craig is a concealed in a tarpaulin, was a man scientific criminal, if ever there was little shout, recognized the man at

Quest crossed the room towards his the helm from his long, brown beard. cigar cabinet, and opened it. His little "That's one of those fellows who start was apparent to both of them.

Lenora laid down the bag which she had just lifted up. The professor him this time. Say, captain, it's that leaned forward in his chair.

"How can he have been here?" Le-

house watched, and I propose that we some substantial mark of my appre- can clear yourself. If you are guilty buoy, and inside the margin were now search it systematically. It is ciation. I knew that he was looking a dog's death is none too good for several sentences of clear handwrit-

an automobile? I want to get down ger steamers start from-lower down. Good! We'll wait."

way," Quest declared. "Let's help her of getting off. He's made all his we shall just get our hands upon him, clothes, but his face was the face of a The inspector swung open the tele-stop outside and French appeared.

The inspector glanced at the clock.

and started off for the docks. The number twenty-eight at last, how-

on to the wharf. There were no signs (asked one of the carters, who was just ' getting his team together. "The only place," the man went on. The man pointed out to the middle The inspector maneuvered to let the Quest ascended the stairs and en "we hadn't our eyes glued on was of river, where a small steamer was

cigar, make yourself comfortable in Laura laughed at the top of her swung open and a man rushed out. nance was white with fury. His head to the Durham and catch her before As we acquit ourselves at this Quest's revolver covered him, but kept turning in the direction of Laura, she sails," Quest shouted to the man crisis, so will be our prosperity and

move on their outward way.

"We'll make it all right," the cap-



Quest Stood on Guard. unnaturally large, boomed up the great bows of an ocean-going steamer The tag was swung round and they ran up alongside. The man with the beard leaned over "Say, what's your trouble?" he de-

The inspector stepped terward. "I want that man you've got under "Say, you ain't the river police" "I'm Inspector French from head-(quarters," was the curt reply The (sooner you hand him over, the better

"that fellow wouldn't dare to send other remarked turning around "Ge" stranger. As quick as lightning Quest swung round in his place "He's focled us again" he exclaimed. "Iread her round, captainback to the Darham'

The sailor shook his head "We've lost our charge gayner." the pointed out "Look" and her siren shrieking the Durham

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spector, who was looking very spruce lowering his tone a little. "Had some rather shallow cupboard, the door of looking chaps in it at the corner of the sirens directly when they begin Markets are not created, won and

nora, "the inspector here's setting up white as a piece of marble, even his "If I never take another job on as der and jumped on to the deck of the With more than half of productive he lit his cigar. "I am going to pro- both with an air of blank astonishpose a little excursion down Gayson ment. The inspector was a little em: "The inspec "Give it to her, Jim," the former or- ish Empire, will have to make up dered. "Now then, here goes! We'll hige deficiencies, both of foodstuffs

them. The boys had sense enough a sense enough a sense should be sense as a sense of the sense and the sense as a sense of the sense of the sense as a sense of the sense of th out on the search and he has promitte exclamation. From the other side rests upon the success of the farmer

