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GREEN

FANCY

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ly in the chair he pulled out for her.

"I never touch it," she said. "I'm all

right. My legs wabble a little but-

Sit down Mr. Barnes. I've got some-

thing to say to you and I'd better say

it now, because it may come in pretty

handy for you later on. Don't let

"This afternoon I walked up in the

woods back of the tavern to go over

some lines in a new piece we are to do

later on-God knows when! I could

once in awhile he would turn to Paul,

who stood beside him with a notebook,

and say something to him. Paul wrote

It down. Then he would look again,

turning the glasses this way and that.

Suddenly my eyes almost popped out

of my head. Paul had gone away

fresh cartridges. Just as I was about

to start down to the house-it was a

little after six o'clock, and getting

awfully dark and overcast-Roon took

up the glasses again. He seemed to

be excited and called his companion.

Paul grabbed the glasses and looked

down the road. They both became

very much excited, pointing and ges-

"About six o'clock, you say?" said

"It was a quarter after six when A

he believed they were German spies,

up to some kind of mischief along the

Barnes held up his hand for silence.

will tell you who they were looking

hour later you came to the tavern.

back to the house. I spoke to Mr.

ticulating, and taking turn about with

Barnes, greatly interested.

the glasses."

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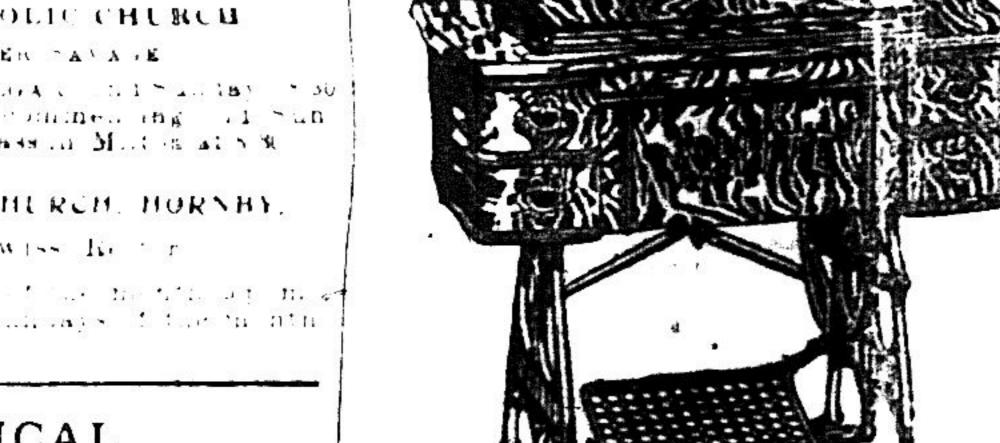
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Sleeping cars on night trains and from the window. He came back and Parlor Car on principal Day Trains. Full information from all Grand hands. They stood there for a few department at home before venturing Trunk Ticket Agents or C. E. Horn- minutes carefully examining the into unknown and perhaps unfriendly ing, District Passenger Agent, To- weapons and reloading them with

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stairs and listen to your conversation with Jones when you registered. That gave me an idea. It was you they were watching the road for." "Listen," he said in a low voice. ""

As briefly as possible he reroads. "From the beginning I have Repairs, letc.

connected this tragedy with the place called Green Fancy. I'll stake my last penny that they have been hanging around here waiting for the arrival of that young woman. They knew she, was coming and they doubtless knew, -- Insure Your Autmobile-- what she was bringing with her. What do you know about Green Fancy?" He was vastly excited. His active

The PROVIDENT ASSURANCE CO. imagination was creating all sorts of possibilities and complications. dations and intrigues. Bacon was the one who answered People live up there and since we've

with a couple of 'em day before yester-WM. PANTON, Agent, MILTON day. They were out for a horseback ride and stopped here for a mug of "Were they foreigners?" inquired

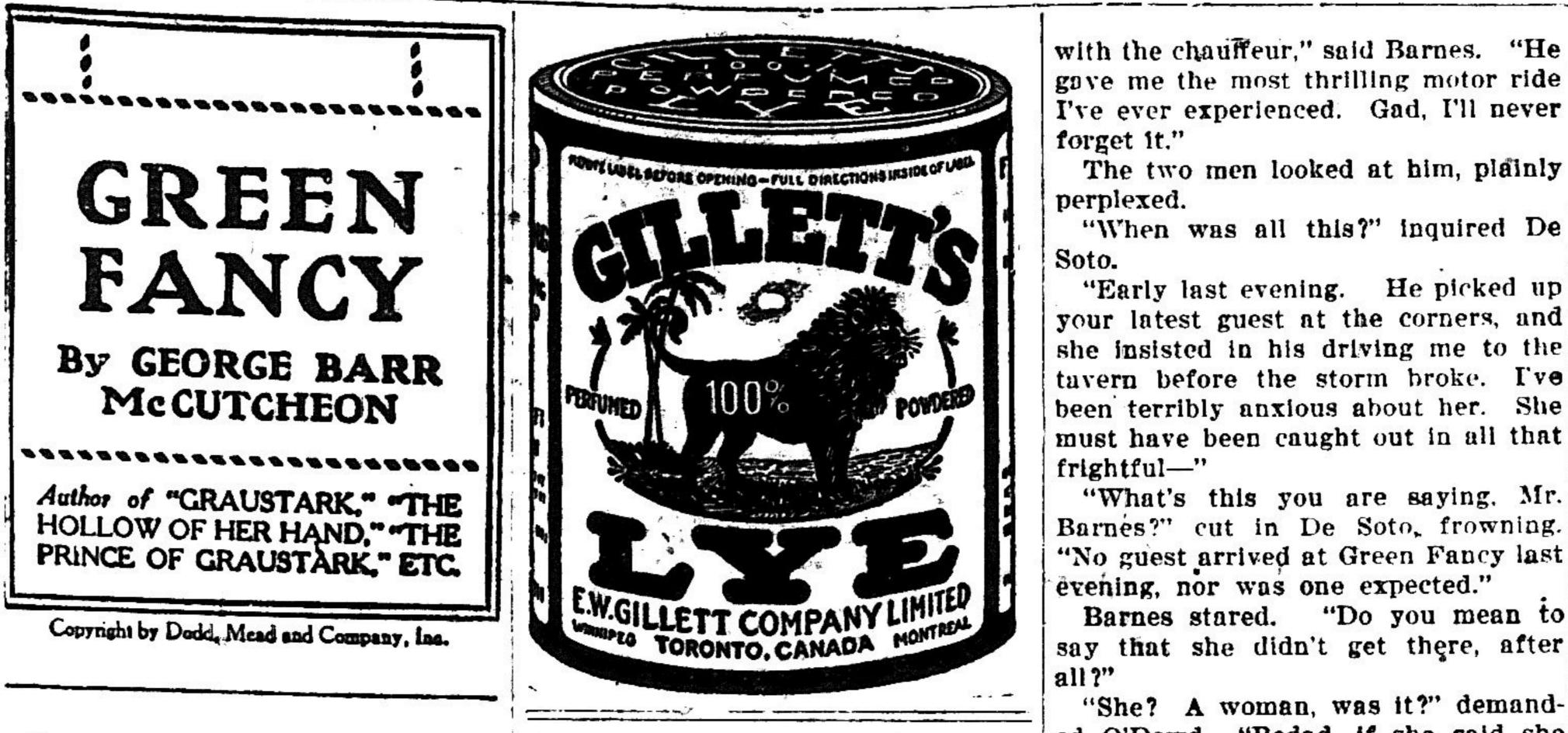
"If you want to call an Irishman a foreigner, I'll have to say one of them was. He had a beautiful brogue. The

other was an American, I'm sure. Yesterday they rode past here with a cou-MILTON. | ple of swell-looking women. I saw

way from the porch outside, claimed the attention of the quartette. Among Butcher & Live Stock Dealer them was the doctor who, they were soon to discover, was also the coroner thing, Mr. Barnes—something a long

> "All right," he responded. the prostrate form on the tables. As Washington over this, sure as any-"This is Mr. Barnes," said Putnam the shots up at Green Fancy?" ven-Jones, indicating the tall traveler with tured Barnes.

an hour ago."



Barnes unclasped the rigid fingers Sheriff. I know nothing whatever of of the man called Andrew Paul, and, this affair and I intend to continue shaking his head sadly, drew her on my way tomorrow morning." away from the improvised bler. He "Well, I guess not. You got to stay and the shivering Mr. Dillingford conhere till we are satisfied that you ducted her to the dining room, where don't know anything about this busia single kerosene lamp gave out a ness. That's all." "Am I to consider myself under ar-"Would you like a little brandy?"

"I wouldn't go so far as to say that. You just stick around here, that's all I got to say. If you're all right, we'll soon find it out. What's more, if you are all right you'll be willin' to stay. Do you get me?"

"I certainly do. And I can now assure you, Mr. Sheriff, that I'd like nothing better than to stick around here, as you put it. I'd like to help clear this matter up. In the meantime, you may readlly find out who I am and why I am here by telegraphing to the mayor of New York city. see the house from where I was sit- This document, which experience has ting. Roon's windows were plainly taught me to carry for just such an emergency as this, may have some window looking toward the cross-roads weight with you." He opened his bill with a pair of field-glasses. Every folder and drew forth a neatly creased! sheet of paper. "Read it, please, and note the date, the signature, the official seal of the New York police department, and also the rather interesting silver print pasted in the lower left hand corner. I think you will agree that it is a good likeness of me. Each year I take the precaution of he had a couple of revolvers in his having myself certified by the police

> "Yes," said the sheriff dubiously; "but how do I know it ain't a forgery?" "You don't know, of course. But in case it shouldn't be a forgery and I am subjected to the indignity of arrest or even detention, you would have a nasty time defending yourself in a civil suit for damages. I shall remain here, as you suggest, but only for the "You must have an unusually clear purpose of aiding you in getting to the bottom of this affair."

Standing on Jim Conley's front porch a little after sunrise. Barnes full stomach, that's what was the matmade the following declaration: "Everything goes to show that these never to eat again as long as I live. Bacon about what I'd seen and he said men were up here for one of two rea- A man who cannot govern his beastly sons. They were either trying to pre- appetite ought to defy it, if nothing vent or to enact a crime. The latter is 'else." 'Canadian border. Then about half an my belief. They were afraid of me. "I gather from that remark that you Why? Because they believed I was omitted breakfast this morning." saw Roon sneak out to the head of the trailing them and likely to spoil their game. Gentlemen, those fellows were implore you not to refer to anything here for the purpose of robbing the so disgusting as stewed prunes and

place you call Green Fancy." "What's that?" came a rich, mellow is-" voice from the outskirts of the crowd. A man pushed his way through and confronted Barnes. He was a tall, good-looking fellow of thirty-five, and it was apparent that he had dressed in strange young woman at the cross haste. "My name is O'Dowd, and I am a guest of Mr. Curtis at Green Fancy. Why do you think they meant to rob

"Well," began Barnes dryly, "it would seem that his place is the only one in the neighborhood that would bear robbing. My name is Barnes. Of course, Mr. O'Dowd, it is mere speculation on my part."

"But who shot the man?" demanded the Irishman. "He certainly wasn't winged by anyone from our place. Why, Lord love you, sir, there isn't a soul at Green Fancy who could shoot a thief if he saw one. This is Mr. De Soto, also a guest at Green Fancy. He will, I think, bear me out in upsetting .

A second man approached, shaking his head vigorously. He was a thin, pale man with a singularly scholastic face. Quite an unprepossessing, unsanguinary person, thought Barnes.

"Mr. Curtis' chauffeur, I think it was, said the killing occurred just above this house," said he, visibly excited. "Green Fancy is at least a mile from here, isn't it? You don't shoot "Bedad," Said O'Dowd, "It Beats the burglars a mile from the place they are planning to rob, do you?"

The arrival of four or five men, who only have been shot by some one who

Fresh, Salt and Cooked Meats of the county. A very officious deputy shot bigger than any of us suspects." Mr. Jones called out from the door- into a problem for Washington way: "Mr. Barnes, you're wanted in solve," said De Soto darkly. "Nothing

> ordered to stand back from the out to see what all the racket was ought to leave the stage, the dear tables. "Did you ever see this man be; about. The man, it seems, made such child. No more fitted to it than an a devil of a racket when he came Easter lily. Her place is in the home, "Not until he was carried in here home with the news that the whole the-" house was up in pajamas and peig-

WOOD'S PHOSPHODINE. his lips, "I mean to say this is a prop-osition that may also affect your ex-Tones and invigorates the whole cellent companions, Bacon and Dillinground here the we clear this business. Despondency, Loss of Energy, Palpitation of down from his room freshly shave.

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The two men looked at him, plainly "When was all this?" inquired De

"Early last evening. He picked up your latest guest at the corners, and she insisted in his driving me to the tavern before the storm broke. I've been terribly anxious about her. She must have been caught out in all that

"What's this you are saying. Mr. Barnes?" cut in De Soto, frowning. "No guest arrived at Green Fancy last evening, nor was one expected." Barnes stared. "Do you mean to say that she didn't get there, after

"She? A woman, was it?" demand-

ed O'Dowd. "Bedad, if she said she

was coming to Green Fancy she was spoofing you. Are you sure it was old Peter who gave you that jolly ride?" "No, I am not sure," said Barnes uneasily. "She was afoot, having walked from the station below. I met her at the corners and she asked me if knew how far it was to Green Fancy, or something like that. Said she was going there. Then along came the automobile, rattling down this very road-an ancient Panhard driven by an old codger. She seemed to think it was all right to hop in and trust herself to him, although she'd never seen him before."

"The antique Panhard fits in right," said O'Dowd, "but I'm hanged if the woman fits at all. No such per- lingford and Bacon as well. driver's face?" demanded De Soto. "It was almost too dark to see, but in our repast." he was old, hutchet-faced, and spoke "Delighted to have you with us, gen- claimed, "this transaction i with an accent."

right enough, but he is as big as the slaying of their fellow lodgers. Mr. said. side of a house, with a face like a full Rushcroft complained bitterly of the "You may believe it," he assure! moon, and he is Yankee to his toes, outrageous, high-handed action of the her. By gad, Barnes, the plot thickens! A coroner and sheriff in imposing upon "It isn't the usual course." It is a the usual course. woman has been added to the mystery. him and his company the same re- quietly, and her face brighte-Now, who the devil is she and what strictions that had been applied to are not like most men, Mr. 1 has become of her?"

CHAPTER VI.

Charity Begins Far From Home, and that he and his party were in a posi- fellow, fortune is but to a Stroll in the Wildwood Follows. tion to depart when they pleased. It frowning upon me. In a fe Mr. Rushcroft was furious when he would have been difficult to imagine I shall be on my feet again arose at eleven o'clock on the morning that he was not actually rolling in along on the crest of the was I done after the double murder, having slept money instead of being absolutely say I can return the money like a top through all of the commo-penniless. tion. He boomed all over the place, vocal castigations falling right and left on the gullty and the innocent without distinction.

"I don't see how you managed to sleep through it," Barnes broke in. conscience, Mr. Rushcroft." "I haven't any conscience at all, sir roared the star. "I had an unusually ter with me. I take oath now, sir,

"Breakfast, sir? In God's name,



Devil." mean. I shall be delighted to join you. "Twelve-thirty, did you say?" "It would give me great pleasure if

you later on. I cannot make it, however, without consulting Miss Thack-"My dear fellow!" beamed Rushcroft, seizing the other's hand. "One

an nour ago.
"What's your business up here, Mr. noirs."
I think I have a slight acquaintance blurting out the words that leaped to armes?" At twelve-thirty sharp Barnes came,

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"Six per cent, sir, and we

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"You forget the dictator

Mr. Rusheroft," said Barne

"The variet!" barked M.

It was arranged that I

hired motor that afternoon.

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Rushcroft took the whole off ir with

Bacon were to go to He

judgment, pay the costs

the hotel to Hart's

relieved of her position

"Agreed. Get up and dance for -

it a year from date."

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son arrived at Green Fancy last night." "I took the liberty, old fellow," said Barnes?" Miss "Did you get a square look at the Rushcroft, addressing Barnes, "of ask- steadily." ing my excellent co-workers to join us; He started, catching her "My dear Miss Thackers

tween your father and me tlemen," said Barnes affably. "Then it couldn't have been Peter," The sole topic of conversation for have no other claim to prosect said De Soto positively. "He's old, the first half hour was the mysterious "I wish I could believe that." she Barnes. They were not to leave the "My dear child," county until the authorities gave the "you must leave this man; word. One would have thought, to friend and me. hear the star's indignant lamentations, honest man when I see him.

> Barnes had been immersed in his frown, as of reflection, darkened his pay any rate of eyes. Suddenly-perhaps impolitely- Six per cent, eight per cent. he interrupted Mr. Rushcroft's flow of

"Have you any objection, Mr. Rushcroft, to a more or less personal question concerning your own private—er | morrow!" misfortunes?" he asked, leaning for-For a moment one could have heard

pin drop. Mr. Rushcroft evidently held his breath. There could be no mistake about that. "It's rather delicate, but would you mind telling me just how much you were stuck up for by the-er-was a writ of attachment?'

'It was." said the star. "A wr

stitute. The act of a polluted, impecunious, parsimonious—what shall say? Well, I will be as simple as possible-hotel keeper. Ninety-seven dolamount he subjected me to-" "Well, that isn't so bad," said Barnes, vastly relieved. He was cov- guest. ertly watching Miss Thackeray's halfaverted face as he ventured upon the the most noteworthy complainty. He proposition he had decided to put be seemed to regard it as his in, or fore them. "I am prepared and wil- .nore properly speaking as

croft, and to take your personal note him to lend money to a personal him Rushcroft leaned back in his chair. "A thought has just con the line and stuck his thumbs in the armholes my dear fellow," he remark of his vest. He displayed no undue arose from table. "W elation. Instead he affected profound kind of backing calculations. His daughter shot a of the most stupendous the swift, searching look at the would-be ater has known in tifty ye

Samaritan. There was a heightened mind saying to youcolor in her cheeks. rather sub rosa—that I have vertical a "Moreover, I shall be happy to in- play-a four-act drama that we in the crease the amount of the loan suffi- the biggest house on Broadwin in the ciently to cover your return at once roof for as many months as a little to New York, if you so desire by to stay. Perhaps you will Barnes smiled as he added the to talk it over with your

"Extremely kind of you, my dear Egad, sir, I'll read the plant fingers through his hair. "Your faith best automobile sent in me is most gratifying. I-I really door as quickly as possible. don't know what to say to you, sir." of my men are going to Horn the to "May I inquire just how you ex fetch hither my-"

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