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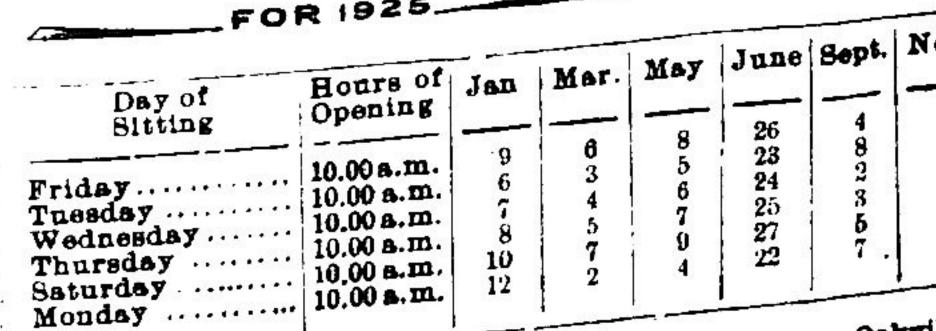
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chaplain recognized a straphanger as The light streamed in through the pended on the answer.

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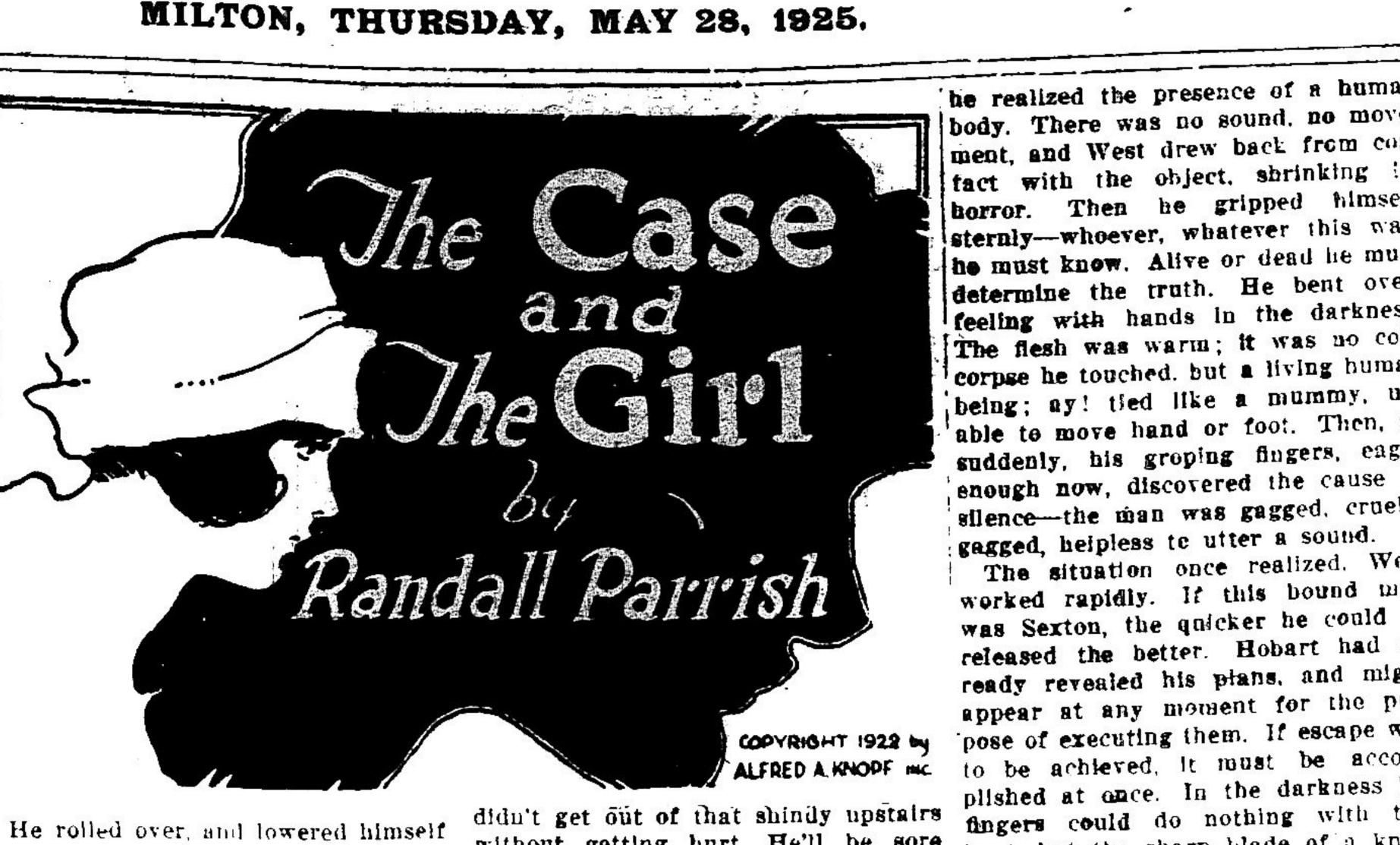
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Then as he turned phone for a taxi, don't dare to risk to the some streets, borderards. He sin't got the goods on you, has abruptly, his foot came in contact street car, we both look too tough."

With an obstacle on the floor For an around nere.

With an obstacle on the floor For an around nere. Weich "No, he ain't got the goods, out with a thrill of horror, which way we went, or how long we'll polished handle. There was none, not let dead wise to some things, and he it was; then, with a thrill of horror, which way we went, or how long we'll polished handle. There was none, not and private properties in the last rew he?" years, the great majority of which

came back from Ainse.



the passage-way blocked by a litter,

some difficulty, and more than ever

conscious of his weakness, and the

pain of bruises, he managed to crawl

lover this pile of debits, and crouch

down finally in the intense blackness

(within. He felt like a trapped rat.

Yet his retreat lad been none too

apid. The silence above was broken

gleam of light finding entrance

through the open cellar-way. West,

startled, crept back into a corner.

every nerve alert at approaching peril.

quivering from exertion

down into the opining, locating the half-dozen broken and rotted steps with his feet. He made no attempt to

picked up, if this guy gets the harness bulls to take a look around here." won't spiel anything to the cops about : this row. He's an ex-soldier, a capshe gave him upstairs. I'm half inbe he is the kind that sticks. That's maybe. I'm mighty stiff and numb. why I don't take any chances just sir,"

get away-see?" "Sure; she gave him some straight restore the circulation. stuff, hey?" that he's out of it."

cape was clear. He had not learned sir?" to increase his convictions that a serious crime was being consummated. as obscure as ever; rendered even more doubtful indeed, by the active

participation of Natalle Coolidge. This was what puzzled and confused He could no longer out the free testimony of the men this fact was sufficiently clear. Sue liad deliberately lied to him, attempted fellow bullged down the steps from . deceit, and then, when he refused to All makes of cars Repaired and Over- Stormed. My Child man, he dived to Mobilet and the time and the time.

't was manifestly impossible for him to believe in her any longer. Yet what "No, I sin't sir. I been lyin' here could it all mean? how could she hope about half dead, I guess, an' I don't to benefit by seich an association? seem to have known anything after Why could she thus shield the mur. that until those fellows come down

here in these loxes. Ah, there's the Turner's voice, hourse and rumbling. tough, and exhibiting marks of a the stairs cautiously, and surveyed affected a fierce determination to learn "There ain't nothin' up here. Jim. & CO.

"Nervy: craze and make the building above was occupied to suffer with the rest; his own duty something. The bird is lying about difficult to explain through any other. Yo doubt lights were huming within. on something. The bird is lying about difficult to explain through any other No doubt lights were burning within was clear. here somewhere. Tou make sure he The two exhibits searched thor-, ing memory of that earlier Natalle made instant decision.

who the stiff dropped down into this reliar-way, Let's take a

same conege, I suppose. Saw the lantern thrust forward, and students? Well, I sha'n't be coming a face behind it heering in the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. The fellow did not advance of the shad-back to see you for some time, I ows. hope."

I call that Art with a big into the room, but Hobart did. press-expected victim had escaped safely, income his way roughly next and stand-but med. "Now I can that Art with a big ing his way roughly past, and stand- but made no further effort to search A," comments the enaplain in I went in the glow of light, the yard. West, confident at last that anxiously. though everybody could hear every staring about into the dim shadows. the way was clear, wriggled out from though everybody could near every status and the cole way was clear, wriggled out from the other took it impatiently.

The other took it impatiently.

Word, no one could tell what the cole serenists for his value was angre hereal and about the cole was angre hereal. Wife: "The servant has thrown up looks like the fellow maybe did get degree serious. The darkness was so article carelessly into his pocket. Wife: "The servant has thrown up loves not the the tentow major and act wegree serious. The darkness was so where are you going?" Sexton had found in the alley.

The position because you were so, sin't no place now for us to look but ward, saxious to make no noise which panted, endeavoring to keep heads.

The position because you were so, sin't no place now for us to look but ward, saxious to make no noise which panted, endeavoring to keep heads.

sudden, I'm telling you. With that somewhat further back before he first. There is sure to be an all-night lady might carry, a rather strange suggen, I'm tening you. The somewhat turther back before he man, there is sure to be an all-night many might carry, a rather strang, and located the exact position of restaurant somewhere in sight. Teles thing to be discovered in a dirt alley proved home. those outer steps. Then as he turned phone for a taxi, don't dare to risk a back of Wray street. The incongruity

ment, and West drew back from con- street, we'll be safe enough." It was considerably past midnight, he gripped himself when the two men finally reached the sternly—whoever, whatever this was, University club; they had lunched at he must know. Alive or dead he must an all-night restaurant, washed and determine the truth. He bent over, made themselves as presentable as feeling with hands in the darkness. possible, yet were hardly recognizable The flesh was warm; it was no coul as they entered the club lobby. Neithcorpse he touched, but a living human er possessed a hat; Sexton was in his being; ay! tied like a mummy, un- shirt sleeves, while West's coat clung able to move hand or foot. Then, as to him in rags. Without waiting to exsuddenly, his groping fingers, eager plain anything to the servant in enough now, discovered the cause of charge, except to state briefly that sllence—the man was gagged, cruelly Sexton would be his guest for the

worked rapidly. If this bound man his companion, ascended to his apartwas Sexton, the quicker he could be ment above. ready revealed his plans, and might of the evening left Sexton dull and released the better. Hobart had alappear at any moment for the pur drowsy once he felt secure from any, COPYRIGHT 1922 by pose of executing them. If escape was possible danger. His only desire was ALFRED A KNOPF mc to be achieved, it must be accom to lie quiet, and forget. Stretched plished at once. In the darkness his out on a comfortable lounge, he fell an inscription of any kind, but he didn't get out of that shindy upstairs fingers could do nothing with the asleep almost instantly, making no etchoted that the single slepther had the slepther had the slepther had the single slepther had the slepther had th ** knot, but the sharp blade of a knife fort even to remove his clothes. West not fit closely down into he can. It's safer to keep out of the was instantly removed from the gag was instantly between the clenched teeth. The man sible. His only desire was to think, of tightly folded paper. "An' what about that other buck, moaned, breathing heavily, but made plan, decide upon some future course have been the charter to be been to be been the course of course plan, decide upon some future course of the course of t Hobart? It won't do to have him no other sound while West slashed of action. With mind busy, forgetful no other sound while West slashed of action. With mind busy, forgetful at the cords lashing his limbs, finally of the very presence of his companion, freeing them entirely. Not until this he indulged in a bath, again dressed "That ain't his style, Shorty; he had been accomplished did he pause himself, and, lighting a cigar, settled. All West's indifference varieties in the constance of the constanc

long enough to ask questions. "There: that's the last. New, who whole out alone with himself. why he dipped into this mess—trying are you—Sexton?"

The injunction of solution than quired a moment in which to straight to save her—see? Maybe he won't he "Yes, sir," weakly, and in a mere peared more difficult of solution than quired a moment in which to straight to save her—see? Maybe he won't he to save her—see? Maybe he won't be so keen now, after the song and dance she gave him unstairs. I'm half in
"Yes, sir," weakly, and in a mere peared more unucun in solution dance unucun in solut "It was a bit of luck; but we'll talk lidge had been murdered; that the so faint, and mitrate, he one not that over later. Now we've got to get act had been committed either by Ho really decipher them in A he made out of here. Can you walk?" "I don't know, sir; after a fashion.

now. Things sin't quite ripe for a "Take it easy; work your legs up and down like that; good, that will;

have you been lying here?" as she is good looking. It somehow strengthening, "I must have been hit, don't strike me this guy is going to the way my head aches. The first bother her any more. I'm figuring thing I knew after I went into that room with you, I was lyin' here i. the dark. I couldn't move or speak. "Oh, we'll leave him somewhere sir, an' it was so black, I kind of got propped up against a door. Likely, it into my head maybe I was dead and he'll never know what happened to buried. If it hadn't been for my hearhim, or where. He ain't nothing to ing things-voices talking, and all be afraid of-just a butler with a that-I guess I would have gone clear. cracked head. It's the other guy who batty. Maybe I didn't get everything. has got the brains. Come on; let's straight, sir, but one o' them fellows! was Hobart, wasn't he?" Their shadows vanished up the "Yes; we walked right into his trap.

stairs, the glow of light disappearing. The fellow who came over to the table and leaving the cellar in impenetrable and talked to us was Jim Hobart. He West did not venture to knew me at first sight, and easily move, however, content to wait until guessed what we were there for." thoroughly assured the way for est "And was Miss Coolidge here, too, much from this conversation, except; "Yes, she was; I had a talk with her that has mixed me all up, Sexton.

The full nature of this conspirary was these fellows. But how did you sussomewhere, sir, soon after I come to along putside. Sounded like he was makin' her go with him. I couldn't ret much of what was said, but he; ture talked awful rough, an' she " reemed to be pleadin' with him. They wasn't there but just a minute, an then, a little later, I heard an automo-

BOWNEY, Dut it bears to look but ward, saxious to make no noise which him "Have you anything planted between the article forth curiously, him "Have you anything planted. "An' if he aim t there:

"An' if he aim t there:

"Then we'll hop this dump mighty sense of direction failed, taking him | "Not very much; Milwaukee avenue silver-handled penknife, such as a street we'll hop this dump mighty sense of direction failed, taking him | "Not very much; Milwaukee avenue silver-handled penknife, such as a sma.

The situation once realized. West waiting elevator, and accompanied by

The reaction from the excitement

The mystery confronting him ap- neath the closed blade, and it re-

Coolidge? Or did he hold any special sudden hope born of desperation. He the girl? Here was by far the deeper plete: "Please no by police to search mystery, the one that troubled him Seminole quick." most. The others seemed possible of West read this declared the word, 'explanation, but the sudden change in again and again, Vol.35 and fromean? Natalie Coolidge was beyond all un- Did it mean another. Had a any

"I heard her voice, sir; up there

"You have no idea how long ago

truth. All his hope, all his future, de the only street lamp visible. Sexton vealed either sooner or later. "Oh, yes, sir," was the reply; get West, drawing minisque secure, on the lantern enabled West to trace Sexton stumbled, but arose almost in stake, why not endeavor to learn is startly to his feet again, grasning the lantern thrust forward, and their progress up the alley, and then ting on all right. 100 is the protection of the progress up the alley, and then stantly to his feet again, grasping whose trust it was being held, and students? Well, I sha'n't be coming saw the lantern thrust forward, and back again. They returned in no something which gleamed like sliver something which gleamed like sliver and the same time, I shall not advance pleasant human completed that their

"Hardly; they will have no idea some mark of identification on the

CHAPTER XI

What the Telepholie Told. so closely had it beer wedged in he-

bart himself, or under his direction, use of a magnifying plass bond on He possessed no proof, however, nor the desk. A woman's babel using a could be figure out a motive for the pencil, had hastily sine siles. The crime. Who was this Jir Hobart! words on a scrap of common paget, Was he in any way personally inter- apparently term from some looks the ested in the fortune left by Stephen Inspiration of an instant, perhaps 3 relationship with the murdered man? fairly had to dig the words our letter More important still, what peculiar by letter, copylig them on an all en-'nfluence dld the fellow exert over velope until he had the hassage com-

> possible connection with the case in (which he was interested): There was no signature, nota ter to grade him; The state of the state of the state \mathbf{d} real, was a cry of distress a appeal I meaning, yet how and the loon lying there is she as an Kir nay great length of time sairs. In the pollshed shiver was on the caspica-I writer so believed at soc the message had apparently be nearly. ten. Es shoul sharp courts has mke urgent need, the conscious oss of hisminent peril. Pharity who arder had used the only nouns are harm in a hurried desperate of the to the assist-

to the police? Why so the commute 'I'll Be Just Behind You."

now directly to Crosspill Them help solve is the feet to At first Except in face, form, dress, outward West besimind to the moment's appearance, she no longer seemed to thought convince and a sold be west as being the same woman he the logical course to an appearing the same woman he the logical course to an appearing the same woman he the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to an appearing to the police by the logical course to appear the same woman he the logical course to appear the police by the police by the logical course to appear the police by the police by the logical course to appear the police by t It was an injective to institute, a section and where whole affair when we are safely away cerity and truth. Beyond all question found this note, a blood at an about the termination of the contribution of t from this place. How is it? Do you she was openly playing an important ley in the north our socion of the the gay is stark anywhere on the roof.

Go on Weat are you afraid of; if the soft all right, because the was in no to his feet. He trembled and was so could not figure out to what end. Still derstand its me, way the sort of man to appeal to Nas, uncertain, as he attempted to grope the very mystery of it had its fascination.

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To West's judgment he was in no to his feet. He trembled and was so could not figure out to what end. Still derstand its me, way the sort of man to appeal to Nas, uncertain, as he attempted to grope the very mystery of it had its fascination. talle Coolidge. He was of a low, cun- forward, that West grasped him firm- tion. While he felt no longer any spe- sounded natural conditane Coonage. He was of a low, the liping him slowly toward the cial desire to serve her, to further risk

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When the distribution of the dis hypothesis. If West had not known but if so the shades must have been. Yet how could be begin action? What had occurred the scratched nypoinesis. It west and fifterent con- drawn closely, allowing no reflection What clew did he possess which could this off hastily, places it is a conspicain't up there, one in the joung woman and accepted this to escape. No better opportunity for be followed? Practically none. Bellious place, and sarrily departed, after the first in the second in th theory, and dismissed the whole mate evading notice could be hoped for fore morning, that saloun on Wray for extinguishing the Hell. He was theory, and dismissed the haunt- and West, aleit now to every chance street would unquestionably be deserted, except perhaps by its proper-pain of bruises, he some to

Coolidge, the mistress of Fairlawn. "They are all inside. Creep along efor, and Mike would simply deny learn the meaning of the new disoughly, the rate while Hobart save which would not permit his complete behind that pile of lumber to where everything. Two possibilities recovery, agedly cursed his companion, and re-sion agedly cursed his companion, and re-literated his helper that no man could iterated his helper that no man could his dream of wemanhood called for, just behind you. That's the way." Iterated his being, and escape undurt. Unconsciously, he had given her his. The narrow alley was much lighter favorite haunts, even be able to long. of the could crawl, but that would maybe he could crawl, but that would membrance from mind. There was movements, as they clung close to the not, the only hope remaining would something wrong; deeper shadows. Except for an old control of the could not tear the respect to the new probable hiding place. It membrance from mind. There was movements, as they clung close to the not, the only hope remaining would something wrong; deeper shadows. Except for an old control of the could not tear the respect to the new probable hiding place. It membrance from mind. There was movements, as they clung close to the not, the only hope remaining would something wrong; deeper shadows. be all. Why he went down head first; something wrong, terribly wrong; deeper shadows. Except for an old seem to be Natalie Coolidge. She I saw him go out the window, and what it was he had no means of know-cart it was unoccupied the surface and the surface what it was he had no means of know-cart it was unoccupied the surface with the surface w I saw nill at would daze a cat. Say, ing, yet, there in the dark, he determined he would know, would never be leave no trace of wheels. Ahead of and, by shadowing her, the wherecontent until he learned the whole them at the end of the block glowed abouts of Hobart would surely be rechaplain recognized a straphanger as

The light streamen in through the block options with the rotted steps. Some little while; the sound of their with West following from the immediate options with the rotted steps. by now largely recovered from his But possibly there was a quicker narrow opening, and mount strain goods and and strain by bled captionsly down the rotted steps. some little while; the sound of their with West following from the immeditumes seeking to find either. If it was bled captionsly down the rotted steps. some little while; the sound of their with West following from the immeditumes seeking to find either. If it was bled captionsly block voices ceased, but the distant flicker are neighborhood unseen. Suddenly "Got work, I see."

"Oh, yes, sir," was the reply; "get"Oh, yes, sir," was the reply; "get"Oh, yes, sir," was the reply; "get"Oh yes

> mined to take all three steps the first thing next day. West rested back comsuspicion for his voice was angry barrel, and stood erect. He felt build at course Come to the chair, already half a d-n sign here, Shorty. It vinced that his injuries were in no stand mooning there." He slipped the and as his fingers fumbled some object

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