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By Process of Exclusion

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PART III.

down the driveway, regardless of the As briefly as possible, I told her all half scornful, half anxious calls of the that I have here set down. other reporters as I dashed by them. "Yes," she replied yawning.

carriages.

running for my boat.

up to me as I passed down the gang- man's Club." plank.

"Isn't this Mr. Burton?" he asked. It was Bob Nocton, one of the best detectives on Hallam's force.

"Hello," said I. "Anything new?" "Well, I'm on the same case as you are."

"The Pardoe affair?"

"Yes."

"Why, did you come up with me? you." I didn't see you."

and I'm going home."

"Tell me what it is, Nocton." He smiled.

"I don't see why I shouldn't, seeing

the wrong woman."

pinch Miss Packer."

living soul."

"But what motive did she have?" He leaned over and tapped me confidentially on the shoulder, marking off his points a tap at a time.

old Pardoe had first written and then, know is who did it?" changing his mind, had got from her and put in his desk in the library. he was abroad last year. They were find out." promises of marriage. The gay old boy had made love to her, and then sending away the first parts of their had thrown her over. She either went to steal the letters and was caught, or else she just killed the fellow for revenge, and then took the letters so as to leave no trace of a reason for her killing him. Oh, I tell you, my boy, you've got to look for a motive in a case like this-and when you've got the motive you've got the criminal!"

The general truth of this proposition I was willing to admit, but here, I declared, was the exception which proved the rule-and so I continued door. my way to the apartments of Frances Baird.

"In trouble again, Sammy?" she

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asked as I bounced in upon her. and For ten minutes we talked it over, interrupted her reading of "The but time was precious then and I was Faerie Queen"-the favorite amusesoon out of the house and running ment of this strange young woman.

I jumped into one of their many know nearly all of that-except about the double life of the housekeeper. I out of his chair, but before either I "To the station," said I. And half even had a mind to take a try at that an hour later was in Jersey City and ten thousand, but I did want to finish Frank had him by the throat and, the tenth book before to-morrow A tall, quiet man, whom I had half night, when I have to lecture on observed as I got off my train, came Spenser before the Rochester Wo-

sake, help me out! This woman is the warrant." innocent!"

"Of course she is." "What? You think so?"

"I'm certain."

"Then save her, Frank-"

ting child. "I'll go down there with witnesses.

"And what makes you so certain?" to rest on her. I asked.

that the boss has told all the other papermen, even though you wrote it, you a hint as to the motive?" Come on; I'm ready if you are."

"But the motive," I began.

"I found some letters in her trunk dark eyes snapping at last with the struggle showed that there had been to-day. Those were the letters which zest of the chase. "What we want to a fight; in a fight the housekeeper

"Well, who did?"

The reporters had disappeared, all stories so as to be back on the scene for late developments. And this I noticed with satisfaction, for I knew that the crisis was at hand.

then we rang the bell. Several re- of the mysterious "Page Millions." marks had been exchanged, but I had In 1543 Henry VIII. granted the heard only the one to the effect that manor of Wembley to persons who the arrest of Miss Packer had been sold it the same year to one Richard postponed until morning.

As before, the Irishman opened the name, held it in 1795.

Frank's face was all smiles.

"We must see Mr. Pardoe at once, values the estate at \$150,000,000. please," she said.

"Ye can't," began the blustering fellow, and then stopped short.

Miss Baird had calmly presented a revolver and was backing him against the wall.

"Now, then, my man," she whispered, "tell us what room your master's With nothin' else at all to do

in, and don't be long about it!" The frightened Irishman pointed But soon a man sat on that rock,

silently to the parlor, and we entered. Mr. Pardoe had been sitting at a An' then a girl sat down on him table in the rear of the room, trying to read by the strong light of a large | They said and said such funny things piano-lamp. His business-like face was even more altered from its ac- That rock jest rocked with laughin' customed calm than when I had first seen it. He looked at us in astonish-

ment, and started to rise. "Pray, don't bother to get up, Mr. Pardoe," said Frank sweetly. "We won't keep you any lonlger than is necessary."

Pardoe fidgeted . "Well, well, what is it?" he de-

manded. "I am Frances Baird," pursued Frank. "I am a detective. I have read in the papers that you have offered ten thousand dollars reward for the arrest of the murderer of Mr. Emerson Pardoe in this house on the night of July 5. Am I correctly in-

formed, Mr. George Pardoe?-that is

your name, I believe?" "That is my name, and you have been correctly informed."

"And you will really pay this amount of money upon the arrest of the murderer?"

"Certainly." "Mr. Pardoe, have you got a cheque-book about you?" At that Mr. Pardoe began to blus-

"Preposterous!" he thundered. "Am I not a reliable business man, and hasn't my own brother been murder-

Frank reached over with her left hand and grasped the man's lapel. He started visibly.

"Mr. Pardoe," she said, quietly, but meaningly, and fixing him with her eyes the while, "if you don't make out that cheque, I'll begin to think you killed him yourself!"

Suddenly, with a hurried mumble, and in a last effort to carry through his bluff, he fumbled in his pockets, produced a cheque book and a fountain pen and, in a trembling hand, made out a cheque for ten thousand dollars "to bearer."

"There," he said, regaining confidence. "And if you are as big a detective as you say you are, I will add another cheque for five thousand as a

"Thank you," said Frances Baird, "but I am not greedy. I claim the reward"

"What?" "I claim the reward. I have found the murderer."

At the word, George Pardoe started or the constable could interfere, with her revolver at his temple, had forced him again into his seat.

"George Pardoe," she said, "I arrest you for the murder of your bro-"Frank," I appealed, "for Heaven's ther, Emerson Pardoe. Officer, read

And that was the end of it. Of course, he blustered and fought and squirmed and lied, but she had him tight, and within five minutes he was in such a collapse out of pure fright "All right, all right!" she replied that she had secured a verbal confesin the tone in which one quiets a fret- sion to which the constable and I were

For George Pardoe had also been in She had risen languidly and was love with Jane Haughten and had kill-"I saw you, anyhow. Yes, there is putting on her coat. I took up the ed his brother in a quarrel about her. something new. In fact, there is so little black hand-bag which she al- He had found some of her letters in much new that the thing's about over ways kept packed for emergency his brother's desk, and to be revenged on the woman, had allowed suspicion

"But how on earth did you ever "The small fact which you news- guess it?" I asked. "What ever gave

fellows by this time. We're going to seem to have overlooked: Emerson "My boy," she answered-looking, Pardoe was a heavy, strong man, by the way, five years my junior-"Oh, I heard that! But you've got weighing 200 pounds; this house- "how often must I tell you that motive keeper (by the way, you're not in love is not a thing to be regarded in this "Think so? Well, there's where you with her, are you, Sammy? That's particular class of murder case? I'd get another guess. Who else had a good) is a frail woman with virtually never have got him if I'd looked for motive to do this thing? Not another no strength and weighing not 110. one. There were only two people who And yet whoever killed Pardoe strug- could have committed that murder, gled with him-had to fight to do it. because the doors and windows were locked, and there were only two people besides the victim in the house-"Hang the motive," said she, her this man and the housekeeper. The couldn't have stood up against that chap for one minute. That let her "Just you apply my little rule-the out. Only one other person remain-They were love-letters, written while law of logical exclusion, and you'll ed, so I got a warrant and arrested

(The End.)

The Page Millions.

Wembley's sudden leap into fame from a rather obscure suburb of Lon-There was a whispered consultation | don to a sort of central magnet of Emwith the policeman at the door and pire has revived interest in the story

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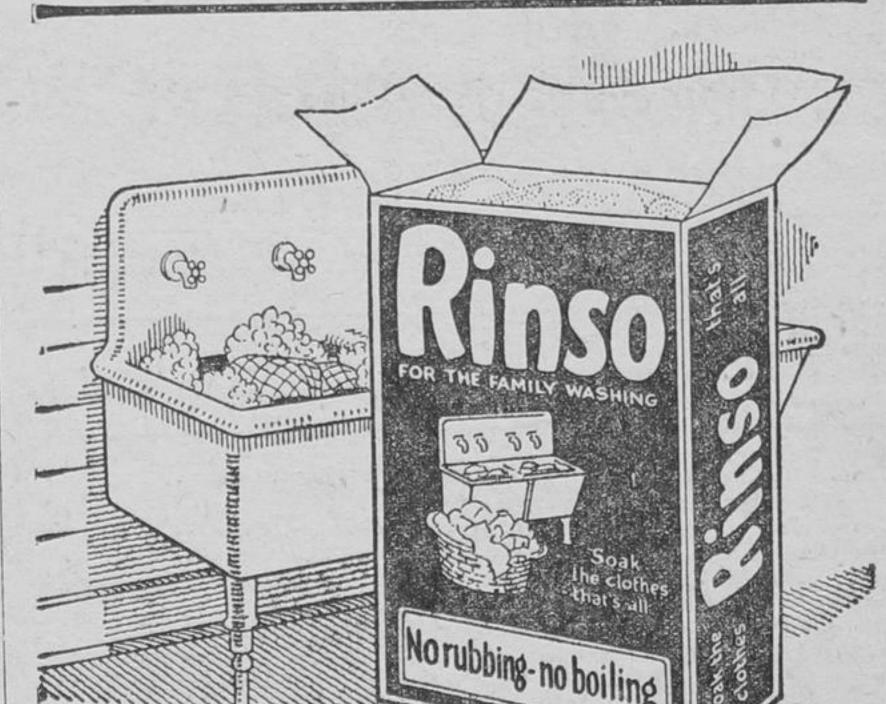
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-Frederick Moxon.

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-Horatius Bonar

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Six-year-old Freddy, a city-bred youngster, was on his first visit to his uncle's farm. At breakfast he heard that his uncle's Jersey cow had been stolen during the night.

"That's a good joke on the man who stole her," was Freddy's comment. "Why?" asked his uncle.

"Why, just before supper last night the hired man took all the milk out of

Canada's National Song.

A Canadian writer has been telling, recently, how Canada's national song, "The Maple Leaf," came to be written. The composer, Alexander Muir, who was also the author of the words, was walking one day in his garden, when a leaf fell on his coat. Despite his brushing of it, the leaf stuck to his coat, a fact which led him to think of the lines he aterwards wrote. And when they were written he went to a music store to look for music likely to fit them, but could not find any, so he sat down and wrote his own tune to them. The song became popular at once, and has remained so. ---

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