

MARAKA'S METHOD

"If you think they gave me the you persist in prying into matters which He moved off counting his steps chance to ask them to show me their do not concern you. Penalities must be His calculations brought him to a point best parlour tricks," said Higg sourly, paid, and this you will soon know if you midway between the line of the spruit "you're mistaken. They were on me take one more step in your new-found and Van Stellen's house, where greyish- indicate in a most emphatic manner before I knew what had happened, and pastime. This applies also to your green bushes grew between patches of that we are following sound principles were away again as suddenly. What friend, but the penalty may be made bare flat rock. Scarching and probing

were?" persisted Malcom, "and how final message." they stopped you?"

the attack more coherently.

a more sober tone, "until we were about him striking the receiver. fifty yards from that spruit. Then the horses seemed to slow down. I joggled shouting; then at last getting some opening; moreover its presence in that buggy hardly went faster. I looked be- Bloemfontein as quick as you can, and cealed the mouth of a comparatively has been maintained. hind. We were just going down into find out who was speaking to me and wide passage that sloped gently tothe spruk then, and I saw that there from where. It's a police matter." were two natives holding something against the buggy wheels, like brakes! | leapt from his seat and joined him.

"I leant forward," continued Higg, "my eyes still on the blighter at the colm reached him. "From a public call back, to get the whip and give 'em one; but just then my own boy here, let out a vell which made me look in fronttwo more were at the horses' heads and threat from that gang!" the buggy had stopped. That seemed of hounds. It was then that I shouted. The first to speak. I was pretty wild, but frightened, and I don't know what went wrong or right, but someone let out that owl call and thia." the whole caboodle bolted-down the getaway.

"Take my tip, Green," went on Higg, now showing some sign of his usual spirits, "and when you buy land, come ! to my part of the world. You'll be murabout Recoulle's district."

him further on the attack, but he could will stick at nothing. I'll tell you what give them no other details, and eventuallly they separated.

"By gad," Malcom exclaimed as they resumed their drive, "it's the same present." Malcolm finally assented. gang! Remember that owl?"

"Do I not!" recalled the owls hoot when they first and what he found difficult was to desaw the river signals, and then when cide on what to do first. Then he Sam had been killed. And now there thought of what Maraka had told him. was Higg's story.

Adhemar was waiting for them, readabout Higg's experience.

"But where did you meet him?" questioned Adhemar.

"At Jone's where we picked up your potatoes, Father."

"My polatoes?" asked Adhemar. "Which potatoes?"

at each other.

, a half bag of pctatces? We've brought there was only one hiding-place-Van

them back. "I sent Maraka after you?" replied search. Adhemar incredulously. "No, I sent no one. I know nothing about potatoes. I bought a bag form Higg when he passed this morning, going to Brandfon- davel and set out at once again for the

each other again, and in that brief glance they understood each other. the attack on Higg had obviously been meant for them, and whatever happened Adhemar must be spared the anxiety of sharing that knowledge, even if it meant that Maraka must receive a severe talking to for the admirable service he had rendered them.

"Well, I'm dashed!" said Malcom, and burst out laughing.

"Maraka's getting coo big for his cages boots, Father," Corneille said with assumed heat, "just think of the needless night."

"I'll certainly talk to him," said Adhemar seriously, "and even if the potatoes were finished, he shouldn't have ginning to resign himself to failure. ordered more without asking me. didn't even know that he had gone into sage he was in had come, as usual, to a Brandfontein without a pass."

They said good night and Malcolm ready searched, a narrow opening ros and Corneille went out to find Maraka, but only Jani was there, rubbing down lator shaft, and as he sent the explorthe horses in the stable. Maraka, he ing beam of his torch up to it, the light told them, had already gone home. CHAPTER XXII

THREAT BY 'PHONE

about his hold-up, with the result that the police increased the attention they were already bestowing on the district. | sparrow!" They had made searching, if fruitless, inquiries about Cynthia's abcuction, not downwards, but up and away vanand now they persuaded Channing to ishing into the darkness far above. For employ a native constable as a farm hand for a month, so as to pursue their grasp what it meant; then as realizainvestigations less obviously.

These measures were effective in continuing his search inside the cave bringing much needed calm to the district, and only Malcom and Corneille | find the opening where the beast got knew that the calm but marked a lull out." in the storm of crime and tragedy.

one afternoon to see his brother Joseph, journey, and counting every step, he and Malcom and Corneille had just made his way back to the cave, race finished supper when Corneille was out of it, and up out of the spruit to a programme is one that will delight the ed to take every advantage of an op-

called to the telephone to take a "per- directly above the cave. sonal service call" from Bloemfontein. THE FOLLOWER FOLLOWED "Corneille Recoulle," said a calm Now," he muttered, "the passage ed from members of the Sons of Scot- bush fires, wet seasons and lake and voice, "you have had one warning of went straight, and then turned to the land and members of the Pipe Band. learly frosts, but still they carry on

what will happen to one you love if |left. worse by being applied through those under every bush he found, at last, cured and we are thoroughly justified

Higg at last condescended to describe became "dead" and as Corneille realized thirty feet below. Without hesitation whose interests are involved in its that the speaker had rung off, he was he scrambled in. "Everything was O. K.," he said in galvanized into action. Malcom heard | This time his search was brief.

At Corneille's last words Malcolm | Malcolm entered it. "There!" Corneille exclaimed as Mal-

box? No, nothing more that's all " He hung up the receiver.

Blankly they gazed at each other to be the signal for the others to jump | while the full import of the message out. They were around me like a pack sank into their minds. Malcolm was

> "This fixes you all right, old lad," he of rough arch. said. "You'll have to think of Cyn-

"What utter nonsense! Do you spruit and in all directions-a complete | imagine that a low threat like that is going to put me off?"

But there was a note of anxiety in to a rubble of large stones, and as he Corneille's protestation.

"It's quite true," he admitted, "they've got me. It isn't as if she were dered or left without labour, if you hang here and I could keep an eye on her. ing. He switched off his corch, and I'll have to stop, and I think you should Malcom and Corneille questioned chuck it, too, Malcolm. These devils darkness. A few seconds more and his ary practice has been followed by set--let's wait till Cynthia comes back, and branch of a bush. He crawled under policy dividends earned to the policy then we'll have a crack at them."

"Right!-I'll chuck it, too, for the And then he saw where he was. Once in bed that night, he preceeded to think out his course of action. It There was a short silence while both was a case of playing a lone hand again the Campsie cave. He turned to look

Left-handed Maraka had pointed cut, just emerged, but could see only a bush must have a secure hiring-place close ing in bed, and they at once told him to where Mortimer and Japie had been trapped-so close that if Japie had been killed, he could have been hidden away before Triplaar's arrival at the house brought old Van Stellen out. And why should Cynthia have been carried two miles along the road to the spruit? A senseless, difficult under-Malcom and Corneille looked blankly taking unless they knew that the further they carried her the nearer pulses racing. It came again; a faint "But, Father, didn't you send Maraka | they were to safety. Close to Van Stelafter me, to tell me t coall at Jone's for len's house, and close to the spruit of a man came out of the cave, barely Stellen's cave. That was the place to!

Having made up his mind, he wasted sible even to guess at the identity of no time in getting to work. The very that blanketed figure. And the next next night he slipped out of his roncave. But on this expedition his torch Malcom and Corneille were looking at was not his only weapon. He had every reason to believe that, if they met Left-hand would not hesitate to put the threat conveyed in his message into execution, and Malcolm resolved that if he was to be the next victim, he would not like Mortimer and Japie, go alone. The revolver he carried would account for one, at least of the gang before he himself was disposed of.

Once in the cave, he made straight for the well-remembered maze of pas-

"Method is the only hope here," he decided. "I'll start with the one on work the mares have been put to, to- the right and work them off one by one. So here goes!"

But passage after passage ended abruptly in solid rock, and he was be-I when luck came to his aid. The pasdead end; but unlike those he had alabove it almost vertically, like a ventrevealed the hind quarters of an anima -a large animal. "A roof Kat!" exclaimed Malcolm, who had seen phot-Higg duly reported to the authorities graphs of one of those lynx-like creatures shot by Corneille. "A rooi kat where there isn't perching room for a

> At that moment the animal sprang; a moment Malcolm was too surprised to tion came, he gave up all thought o

"Out you go, my lad," he said, "and

Old Adhemar had gone to Basutoland idea of the direction of his rourn

London Life Co. Shows Solid Growth

and Stability Fully Maintained.

A record of solid growth is indicated by the reports submitted at the Sixty-Fourth annual meeting of the London Life Insurance Company which was held last week. The company has fully maintained its traditions, with substantial gains being registered in all departments during 1938. Increases were reported in new insurance, total of insurance in force, resources and surplus funds for the protection of policyholders.

Summing up the position of the Company, Edward E. Reid, Vice-president and Managing Director, said, "The results of the year-on all counts Policyholders' interests are fully se-"Can't you say how many there you are fond of. This is the only and what he was looking for-a crack in the in viewing the future with assurance rock about two feet wide that tapered that the Company's progress will con-There was a sharp click and the line away to a narrow fissure twenty or tinue to afford gracification to all welfare."

The total life insurance in force i \$607,621294, excluding all annuities and few feet below the surface he was sat-"Exchange! Exchange!" he was isfied that he had found the rooi kat's re-insurance ceded. On this basis the increase for the year was \$36,902,538. the whip in the whip-socket and they response from the operator: "Quick-its narrow passage was easily explained. An unbroken record for growth jumped forward right enough, but the most important! Ring through to A bulge in one side of the crack con- throughout the past forty-seven years

The purchases of new insurance from the London Life excluding annuities. wards the spruit. With soaring hopes averaged a policy for every minute f the working day, and totalled \$90,786,-

"The tunnel! I've found it," he mur-

He had to crawl on all fours, for the

tunnel was low. If this was the safe

passage whose uneven walls sloped up-

wards to meet above his head in a sort

He were on searching as he walked

but the tunnel had no more secrets to

reveal. Then just as he was beginning

rock and darkness, the floor changed

ing an opening. The ground was ris-

and a great grey boulder.

was someone in the cave.

fresh night air, but checked in the

the sheltering branches, he waited, his

discernible against the dark sky as it

stood for a moment on the terrace. In

that momentary glimpse it was impos-

moment the man had dropped from

the terrace to the ground below, and

Ten seconds' grace Malcolm gave him,

whoever he was, and then he was after

him crawling stealthily from under the

bush and setting off in noiseless pur-

suit. The figure ahead was no more

quite enough for Malcolm. He had no

be sure of him once and for all. His

bathway through the populars when he

realized that he had made a mistake.

For a few seconds he had been trying

movements of the man ahead and some

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Event Under Joint Ausipces

Burns Banquet to

lse was following him.

Pipe Band.

incention of striking too soon.

sight of his unsuspecting quarry.

was moving away towards the trees.

The assets now amount to \$126,476,-113, an increase for the year of \$9,030. 429. Each separate item in the portplace of which Maraka had spoken, and 'D'you know what that was, Malcolm? A if Mortimer had really been taken folio of investment has been carefully away through this tunnel, it must have selected and carefully scrutinized. The sum of \$401,176 was written off securbeen a grim journey. Then, to his relief, the tunnel opened out into a wider ity values and a specific investment reserve of \$4,500,000 is maintained.

No credit is taken in the financial statement for the excess of market value over book value in the case of bonds that have appreciated, which would amount to approximately \$3,000,-

to feel the opression of never-ending 000. The rate of interest earned on the Epsom salts or other purgatives to get invested assets was 4.93 p.c. The mortality experieince was again very fav- the bowel and the use of heat and reached them a sudden breath of fresh

air warned him that he was approach- orable. The liabilities of the Company have been determined on the same exacting gazing upwards saw at last a fainter basis as in former years. The customoutstreched hand brushed against the ting up in 1938 the funds to pay all anniversary in 1939, which requires a lief from pain and other symptoms. it and was, ance more in the open. sum of \$4,814,690. After making full But if the part manufacturing the pois-It was quite obvious, now, why Joseph provision for all obligations, the free surplus and reserves beyond legal reand Channing had failed to discover the reputed cunnel. Its entrance was quirements have shown the largest increase in the company's history (\$1,not in the cave, but outside it:for he 337,257), and now amount to \$15,477,011, was just below the rock terrace before which sum does not include items men- fore, the factory making the poison at the entrance from which he had tioned above. This strong position affords maximum security to policyhold- could be spent in getting the products growing between the face of the terrace ers of the London Life and the con- of the factory-poison-off the shelves tinuance of its outstanding record for of the body by means of small doses of He drew in a great breath of the low cost insurance.

The annual meeting was presided middle of it, holding his breath. There over by J. Edgar Jeffery, K.C., President, who reviewed the general invest-How he got under that bush again, ment situation, and presented facts Malcolm never knew. Prone in the which clearly indicated that the Comtunnel entrance, peering out through pany had made exceptional progress. The year 1939 will mark the 65th anniversary of the founding of the

Courses Popular With the Settlers

Young Men Show Earnestness and Enterprise at Porquis Junction.

According to a despatch last week from Toronto the appointment of another agricultural representative for than a shadow in the darkness, reveal- this part of the large district of Cochane is aleady showing good results. ed only by movement. But that was Hon. P. M. Dewar, Minister of Agriculture, last week commented on the classes at Porquis Junction, saying that would track that man to his home and Northern Ontario is taking its agriculcure seriously. The despatch says that job for the moment was just to keep in a short course being conducted at Por-But they had hardly reached the quis Junction by L. H. Hanlan, agricultural representative for South Cochrane, was expected to enroll a total of 20 students in its month of operation, o distinguish between the quiet steady | but Hanlan reports 14 students are enrolling daily. Students attending are walking as much as 14 miles a day to other sound, faint but insistent. And attend the course, the minister said, hen the sharp snap of a broken twig while some come by train. Others walk inded any doubt. He was following three and four miles to catch trains he blanketed figure. But someone from their homes, and repeat the journey from the station home.

Commenting on the matter The Sudbury Star says:-"In the operation of a short course

for farmers conducted at Porquis Junction, under the auspices of the provinbe Held Wednesday cial agricultural department, Hon. P. M. Dewan finds that the farmers of Northern Ontario are displaying marked interest and are taking the whole thing Sons of Scotland and the quite seriously. So intent are they upon gleaning all the information possible, that students are reported walk-The annual Burns banquet under the ing as much as 14 miles a day in order 'oint auspices of the Porcupine Dis- to attend, while others walk three and vict Pipe Band and Castle Douglas four miles to and from their homes to 'amp, Sons of Scotland, will be held catch trains that will take them to the n the Hollinger hall on Wednesday eve- school.

ning. Doors will open at 7.30 p.m., and "But the minister of agriculture need the supper will commence at 8 p.m. not exhibit surprise at the earnestness Straining every nerve to relain some prompt. A very pleasing programme of these men. The North is like that for the occasion has been arranged, in- The majority of settlers have started cluding toasts, vocal and instrumental out to make a success of their life on nusic, dancing and other numbers. The the land, and can therefore be expectheart of any Scot and please any of portunity to improve their lot. Some any nationality. Tickets may be secur- of them have suffered adverses through

with lots of courage and confidence. well to extend the practice of coaching the agriculturists in the North Country. Annual Reports Indicate settlers all over the North just as keen treatments pays a good dividend but to Traditions of Progress as those in the Porquis Junction area try first to have any point of infection to learn what there is to know about removed is just everyday common farming methods. The intelligent sense. clearing and tilling of the great clay belt is important for the North Land, and with the ever-increasing market ge" with reliable information regardin the mining centres, farmers will be

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heir knowledge in order to meet the demand and to more profitably culti-

ate the products of the field."

(by James W. Barton, M.D.)

Seek Cause of Symptoms - Then Use Heat or Other Measures for Relief I have always been a great believer in the application of heat to the body in any form-electric cabinet, diathermy, hot baths, electric blankets and other heat-giving methods. Heat stirs up congested parts, increases the circulation of the blood in the part and shortens the time for the removing of

I am also a believer in massage, the stretching of the joints of the spine and other joints. I believe that the medical profession as a whole would bring about quicker results for their patients by the use of these methods hemselves or, in perhaps the majority of cases, supervising or directing this kind of work as far as possible in the hands of others.

The most important thought however in the treatment of these congested conditions - rheumatism or archritis. sciatica, lumbago, myalgia or the oldfashioned muscular rheumatism-is not this heat and mechanical treatment, helpful as it is, but to cry to find the cause of the pain, stiffness and other symptoms.

There is no question but that taking rid of the products of infection from mechanics to the joints and muscles of the body to stimulate circulation and remove wastes is, as noted above, an excellent method of treatment. This treatment may be so effective in fact that despite infection being present, it can give the patient considerable reon- teeth, tonsils, gall bladder or other-were removed, then no more infection would get into the blood to be carried to the affected joint, muscle or other tissue. Thus, as mentioned bewould be closed and all time and effort a laxative daily, and the heat, massage,

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passive movements or exercise, stretch-"The Ontario government would do ings and other mechanical means now

The point then is that all time and The department will no doubt find money spent for heat and mechanical

Dr. Barton's booklet entitled "Scouring the two most dreaded social disound willing and anxious to improve eases - gonorrhoca and syphilis - is available. Know the facts, protect yourself, and save endless worry. Ad- | dress your request to Dr. Barton, 247 West 43rd St., New York, N.Y., in care of the Bell Library, enclosing 10 cents to cover cost of service and handling, and mention The Advance, Timmins. (Registered in accordance with the Copyright Act).

> Smith's Falls Record-News: "What exactly happens when the human body is immersed in warm water? asks a doctor. We'll bet that a number of Smith's Falls housewives would answer: "The phone or door bell rings."

> Globe and Mail: Homer Martin, President of the United Automobile Workers' International Union, appears to be having a bad time with his men, and may realize there was justification for what Ontario thought of the C.I.O.



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Assets \$126,476,113

and re-insurance ceded.

These resources are sufficient to meet all the obligations of the Company and to provide a wide margin of safety.

Surplus Funds \$15,477,011

The Company holds in Free Surplus and Reserves beyond legal requirements the sum of \$15,477,011, a gain of \$1,337,257 for the year. In addition it has a Specific Investment Reserve of \$4,500,000 and has followed its customary practice by setting up in 1938 the funds to pay all policy dividends earned to the policy anniversary in 1939.



This procedure affords maximum security to policyholders and the continuance of the London Life's outstanding record for low cost insurance.

Substantial gains were registered during the year 1938 in all departments.

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