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SYNOPSIS

An Insane genius in New York comone, John Sprigg is shot through the

Mrs. Drukker and her son Adolph. Mrs.

CHAPTER XXII.

As we walked slowly toward the

fore of every person connected in any way with this gruesome drama.

"We must be careful, however, to drop no hint of what befell Mrs. citedly. head with a bullet. District Attorney Drukker," warned Vance. "Our midnight bishop-bearer did not intend that we should learn of his call. He be- lously and, going to the tool-chest, "After dinner last night. I ran

Drukker is mentally unbalanced and her Markham, "that you're attaching too handled .32. The Sergeant's eyes that this information did not square much importance to the episode."

other's shoulders. "You're much too at the end of the barrel. You don't feel-you are no child of ed, with satisfaction. "And it's been go out of your sight. Is that right, nature. The poetry of your soul has shot off recently. . . . This oughta get Miss Dillard?"

run to prose. Now I, on the other us somewhere." He wrapped the re-Dillard house it was decided that im- hand, give my imagination full sway; volver tenderly in a handkerchief and mediate inquiries should be made re- and I tell you that the leaving of that placed it in his coat pocket. "I'll get garding the whereabout the night be- bishop at Mrs. Drukker's door was no Dubois busy on this for fingerprints;

> wipe a bow and arrow clean and then avant-courier; or shall we storm the camp in a regular stampede. As we leave his digital monogram on a re- citadel unannounced?"

professor and Mr. Arnesson. But Pyne. And I might suggest that it there's also a matter we'd like to would do Mrs. Drukker no end of good speak about to you. We understand if you'd pay her a visit." you have a key to the rear door of the With a troubled smile and a lite. Drukker house."

She gave him a puzzled nod.

key to the Drukkers'?" "Why-I suppose so." She was ob- about noises on the range, and inti-

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act of a desperate man. It was meant know about it." as a warning."

"You think she knows something?" "I think she saw Robin's body plac- were outsiders present?" something else-something she would cific instance." give her life not to have seen."

In silence we moved on. It was our intention to pass through the wall gate into 75th Street and present ourselves at the Dillards' front door; but as we passed the archery-room the basement door opened, and Belle Dillard confronted us anxiously.

she said, with troubled eagerness, ad- do you ask me about it?" dressing her words to Markham. "For "It's very important that we know leaped a dark form. A heavy blow over an hour I've been waiting to get who had access to the Drukker house," landed on my head, and I knew no office. . . . Her manner became agi- could question him further, he asked: pened. Oh, it may not mean any- possession last night-that is, could thing . . . but when I came through it have been extracted from your bag the archeryroom here this morning, without your knowledge?" intending to call on Lady Mae, some impulse made me go to the tool-chest again and look in the drawer--it seemed so queer that the little revolver should have been stolen. . . And thing for you to worry about. We're there it lay-in plain sight-beside the other pistol!" She caught her breath. "Mr. Markham, some one returned it

to the drawer last night!" This information acted electrically on Heath.

"Why-no. . . ." He brushed past her unceremon- the key?"

lieved that the poor lady would be too yanked open the drawer. There, beside over to see how Lady Mae was and the larger automatic that we had seen to say good-night." "I'm inclined to think," objected the day before, lay a small pearl- Vance frowned slightly. I could see glistened as he ran his pencil through with some theory he had formed.

and I'll have Cap Hagedorn check up thoughtfully.

Mr. Vance," returned Heath surlily. Drive. "So I'm going ahead doing the things that oughta be done." "You're quite right.' Vance smiled sity

with good-natured admiration at the | "No; but he'll be here for lunch. other's dogged thoroughness. "Forgive He has no classes Tuesday afterme for try ng to damp your zeal." He turned to Belle Dillard.

"Yes; I've had one for years. I run back and forth so much; and it Beedle and Pyne and brought them to are applied in sculpture to rock or saves Lady Mae a lot of bother. . . ." the drawing-room, where Vance ques. stone in its native or original position that it might have been used by some night. No information, however, was which has beer quarried. The Lion

it in my handbar." "Is it generally known you have a heard Miss Dillard when she returned

viously perplexed. "I've never made mated that the screen-porch door of

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Hallowe'en prank, but the desperate a secret of it. The family certainly "And you may perhaps have mentioned or revealed the fact when there

ed on the range. And I think she saw "Yes-though I can't recall any spe-

She gave Vance a startled look, and without a word picked up a small wicker table. Opening it she felt and they are cautiously approaching, swiftly in one of its inner compart-

"I saw you coming down the range," "It's where I always keep it. . . Why we needed so badly would soon be donkey just butted him in the belt,

in touch with you-phoning your Vance told her. Then, before she more. "Something strange has hap- "Could the key possibly have left your

A look of fright came into her face. "Oh, what has happened-?" she began; but Vance interrupted her. "Please, Miss Dillard! There's nomerely striving to eliminate certain remote possibilities in connection with securely bound on two more. Numour investigation. Tell me: could any berless other donkeys loaded

one have taken your key last night?" bundles and boxes moved in single almost as helpless as a baby. "No one," she answered uneasily. file along a narrow rocky path, and "I went to the theatre at eight o'clock leading each, strode a wicked look-"Did you touch it?" he asked ex- and had my bag with me the entire ing ruffian, armed to the teeth. "When did you last make use

"Oh, my dear fellow!" Vance stop- the trigger-guard and lifted it ginger- "You made use of the key after ped short and put both hands on the ly. He held it to the light and sniffed dinner," he recapitulated, "and kept of short and put both hands on the ly. He held it to the light and sniffed dinner," he recapitulated, "and kept to the light and snifed dinner," he recapitulated dinner, "and kept to the light and effete-that's your great shortcomin'. "One empty chamber," he announc- of the evening, without letting it once it with you in your hand-bag the rest

"Really now, Sergeant," said Vance romance of the key. And now we're tain paradise. banteringly; "do you imagine that the going to bother your ancle again. Do gentleman we're looking for would you think you'd better act as our grass, rushed down toward the bandit

"I haven't got your imagination "He went for a walk along the ed out of the tents.

not yet returned from the univer-

"In the meantime, then, we'll con-"We came here primarily to see the fer with Beedle and the admirable

nod the girl passed out through the

Heath at once went in search of "Living stone" and "living rock" "Our only interest in the key is tioned them about the preceding as contrasted with marble or granite obtained from them. They had both "But that's impossible. I've sever gone to bed at ten o'clock. Their rooms lent it to any one. And I always keep were on the fourth floor at the side of the house; and they had not even Mountain in Georgia were all carved from the theatre. Vance asked them the Drukkers might have slammed shut at about midnight. But apparently both of them had been asleep at that hour. Finally they were dismissed with a warning not to mention

us, he greeted us amiably.

"For once, Markham, you've chosen an hour for your visit when I am not absorbed in work. More questions, I suppose. Well, come along to the library for the inquisition. It'll be more comfortable there." He led the way upstairs, and when we were seated he insisted that we join him in a glass of port which he himself served from the sideboard.

"Drukker should be here," he remarked. "He has a fondness for my 'Ninety-six,' though he'll drink it only on rare occasions. I tell him he should take more port; but he imagines ic's bad for him, and points to my gout. But there's no connection between gout and port-the notion is sheer superstition. Sound port is the most wholesome of wines. Gout is unknown in Oporto. A little physical stimulation of the right kind would be good for Drukker. If he had sufficient bodily energy to keep pace with his brain, he'd be one of the world's great physicists."

(To be continued.)

Song of the Optimists We are genial optimists, Our hearts are light and free: In times of storm or sunshine We work on cheerfully.

We are hopeful optimists. No time for gloom or doubt; If old depression calls on us, We swiftly turn him out.

We are smiling optimists, Our course is straight and clear; We think and act constructively, For us good times are here. -Grenville Kleiser.

There is this good thing about women-they share your riches just as

The ADVENTURES of "Are you sure you have the key

What came before: After many adven- us, and the children pelted us wi Captain Jimmy and Scottie get lost in Soft mud. But finally my turn came. the dark and land in enemy territory. A Suddenly I dug my toes into that lizard-skin hand-bag which lay on the freight train leaves supplies at a siding. burro and charged the mob. He

Quietly we approached the freight "Yes!" she announced, with relief. train. The food and gasoline which ours. Then, right out of the ground and he landed kerplunk on the side

Gradually I became conscious. Joit ahead the Colonel

and Fu Hsu were Chinese bandits had captured us. Jolt-jolt-jolt! Through the hills came back into my hands.

we went, while a great blazing sun

Everything must end sometime. Toward nightfall we came in sight of a rift in the mountains, where the sheer cliffs rose for hundreds of feet into the air. Here, indeed, was an ideal spot for a bandit camp. A few Vance regarded the hand-bag men could hold the defile against an army. Below stretched a beautiful "Well," he said lightly, "so ends the valley, green and fresh as a moun-

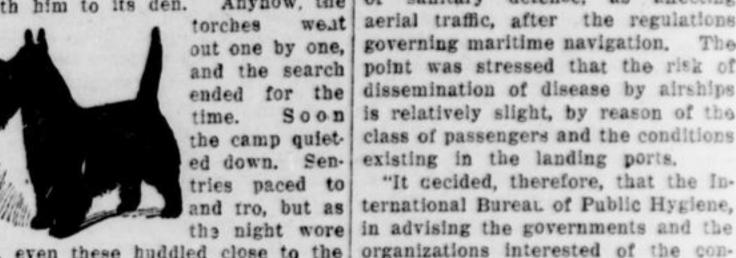
The burros, scenting the sweet approached, a miserable looking mob

They were a hard-bitten crowd, ward the tents. "And Mr. Arnesson, I suppose, has every one of them. They jeered at

ent the camp was in an uproar. One of a tent. After that we galloped off .into the night before anyone

Up the valley, I found a cliff with sharp edged rocks. Working close I to it, I began to rub the ropes which bound my wrists, on the rough surhere and there in the valley, as the lights came nearer, then, just as I had given up hope-they snapped their administration. A subcomand I was free!

scorched us with stifling heat. The near my hiding place Whenever a gulations adopted, such as they are, bandits had plenty of water, but for bandit's torch went out, he would will necessarily, at the start, be subus, never a drop. Between drinks make a dash for camp, so as not to ject to more or less complete revisions. stomachs, seeming to enjoy our ably he was afraid of a dragon jump-



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face. Then lights began to twinkle are rigorous," he continues. The torches. Five minutes, ten, fifteen, set of regulations that might serve as I rubbed those tough ropes, while the a model for all countries, in order that uniformity might characterize mittee was appointed and authorized My arms were so numb that I was to appeal for aid to the Commission Up Internationale de la Navigation Aeriand down the valley bobbed the enne. The subcommittee concluded by a man-hunter. I edged close into are subject to change from day to the cliff, while the feeling gradually day, it would be premature to try to establish a set of regulations or even Fortunately for me, no one came general principles, and that the re-

misery. Of Scottie I knew nothing, ing on his back, and flying away the danger of patterning regulations torches went aerial traffic, after the regulations out one by one, governing maritime navigation. The and the search point was stressed that the risk of ended for the dissemination of disease by airships Soon is relatively slight, by reason of the the camp quiet class of passengers and the conditions ed down. Sen- existing in the landing ports.

the night wore in advising the governments and the Just the idea, time for a raid! No tary regulation of aerial navigation "Uncle is out," she informed us, of men, women and children, swarm- suddenly attack a camp full of arm- principles adopted by the committee ed men. Cautiously I set out to. at its session last May; that is to say, (a) established landing fields; (b) medical examination on arrival; (c) sanitary 'surveillance' of persons coming from infected regions; (d) in special and exceptional cases rendering such measures necessary, strict isolation during the port calls. .. "To these it would be well to add two others: 1. The buildings, the occupants, and in general, the whole area of the airports, should be maintained in an absolutely sanitary condition, and the precautions, in the yellow fever regions, should include mosquito proofing and measures for the destruction of mosquitos. Wherever the need is felt, special arrangements should be made for the creation of a system of communication between the physicians of the airports located on the same route concerning infectious diseases It should be emphasized that these recommendations do not include the institution of a system of clearance papers such as is employed in maritime navigation; nor do they pro-

> "In this connection, in recent research, Pettit, Stefanopoulo and Roubaud showed that the Algerian monkey is highly susceptible to yellow fever. They ascertained that the species of Stegomyia in regions exempt from yellow fever are jus. as capable of transmitting the virus as are the species of Stegomyia found in endemic regions. Particularly, the species of Stegomyia found in Northern Africa is capable of being the vector of the virus. These facts are important for hygienists to know at this time, when airships may transport a yellow fever patient who is still infectious to a country

vide for the 'observation' of pas-

Paris Wears Gem Buttons As Distinctive Trimming

Paris .- Buttons have become par of the fashion world in Paris-the buttons set with jewels are of real value, Jewel buttons form a large part of the decoration on dresses, suits and coats shown by dressmak ing designers of the French capital, in their advance collections of Spring

More often than not, these new bangles serve as brooches rather than as the utilitarian button. Their button form makes them more satisfactory as well-designed decorations for the new dresses-once sewed in place, they are always in cor rect position, yet a few gestures will detach them from any frock.

Jeweled buttons set with gem-cut stones (that is, those that glisten with reflected light by means of several facets) are being used by many dress designers to replace the usual light spot of pique or linen near the neckline. One particularly original costume is with five gemmed buttons across the front of a high, square neckline.

Nature gives every man a character, but he must supply the reputation for himself.

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