"Yes?"

"Birchall," was the reply.

in front of the fireplace.

you afraid of?"

"You can't come in yet-wait." The

speaker arranged the screen to his

satisfaction and then walked to the

manteliece. He pressed the higher of

When Philip Crane arrives in London on a holiday, through a coincidence of like names, he is taken for the crook Crane, who is a tool of a band ruled by a mysterious "Empress."

He rescues Margery Ferguson and learns that her father is held captive by "The Empress" in Mandling. Philip goes to Mandling and meets Charles Whittle, an American detective. When Crane is abducted Whittle calls in Scotland Yard. Margery goes to Mandling. Young Crane is imprisoned with Margery's father, who drops dead from exhaustion, Judith Felstead, an accomplice, realizes she has incurred the hatred of The Empress.

CHAPTER XXI.—(Cont'd.)

Judith realized that she had been a plied; "please remember that." fool to come. The bitter fate which, "Is that so?" drawled the other. to her own knowledge, had overtaken with a show of confidence he by no so many other people who had worked means felt; "well, nevertheless, I for that cruel mistress of crime who, think I must put one or two queries living in luxury in Mayfair, spread to you, Stevensson. Directly I got her net so wide that men and women back just now, friend Badoglio, the hundreds and even thousands of miles Big Cheese, spilled one or two whisaway shivered at the nickname which pers in my ear. What he told me had been given her, had now caught didn't sound too nice-the dicks have up even her. She had outlived her been here, haven't they?" usefulness-therefore, she was to be "Yes-and gone again. What are

Where could she turn now that the . "Me afraid? Say, laugh it off! But man in whom she had trusted had al- I think I've ogt a right to know what's lied himself with the enemy? In that happened, anyway. Are they coming fool, perhaps, to stay in England so must get away. There was danger "How should I know? They came, for her here. The room seemed to be they went through the place, they saw filled with a miasmatic vapor that was | nothing-isn't that god enough?" filling her throat . . choking her . . . Through this mythical mist, she could for the dicks in America. But these see Stevensson, his eyes now mere English are a persevering lot. Simps slits, staring at her hostilely.

perhaps, but too much of the bulldog Yes, she must get away-and quick- in them to please me. You may think ly. If there had been any lingering you've got them bluffed, but they pull doubt before, it was now dispelled. a come-back just when you're not ex-Her fate had been sealed. They wish- pecting it. My advice is to clear out ed her gone-perhaps dead, There and take Ferguson with us. It's only could be no appeal; it would be useless a few miles to the coast, and we might to waste any further words. get a motor boat across to France."

Stevensson now spoke; and what he "Cut it out," was the contemptuous said came as a dreadful corroboration | answer; "if you haven't got any guts, that may ruin bearings. After the bear-

"You won't be able to get out that is going to frighten me away from should spin freely and there should be way, Judith-not yet, at any rate. my own house. Here I am, and here a bit of sideplay. You have a nerve to come down here I'm going to stay until this job's over. When Ferguson's done his second -you spy!"

"None of your sob-stuff. Listen: not till then." Grosner telephoned just now to say he | "In that case," said Birchall, "I also saw you talking to that American hang my hat up." dick outside The Empress' house this Stevensson made no immediate com- fect upon rubber. morning. After what you told him, ment. He could read this man. Birch-Whittle went to Scotland Yard; Scot- all's reputation had preceded him. land Yard 'phoned to the Folkestone This American was never one to take

"It's all a damned lie. I didn't tell he was very much mistaken, he was put the hose behind the radiator and anything to Whittle, or whatever his going now. name is. I asked him what he want- | "Please yourself," he said curtly, at length. 'If you're a rat, go. If you're

that?" sneered Stevensson. "Look here: if you do go, it's for good. here, you've been getting in wrong for Understand that? There'll be no more some time. Oh, I don't mean that working for us in the future. There's solved in the water that does the Crane business-before that. You've no danger, in spite of all your hot air. harm. been too independent, asking too many The police have been-and found noquestions, expecting too big a share. thing. How many more times do you Do you imagine The Empress didn't want me to tell you?" know? And do you think she's the "That's all right," was the meant woman to stand that sort of thing? to-be-easy response. "In our game, a highway. You've been a fool, and now you'll guy has got to consider all the chances. have to suffer for it." But if you're satisfied, I am." He

How futile to attempt to argue. He turned to go. was building up a case against her, Stevensson sent this after him: monstrous in its falsity. She had "There's no coming back, mind, wheel slightly and the drag on the lock theory was later substantiated by come back to cast hues of brightness done none of these things. It was Birchall." simply that they were tired of her, "Who's going?" drawled the other, and this was always the way they and sauntered out of the room. got rid of people they considered no! Stevensson did not trouble to have!

ly. And before she could put a hand off immediately, like an animal in the evolution it was once thought to be, Sciences and the colonial governir her bag, he had brought from his jungle, leaving no trace. coat pocket a thing of dulled-steel. One shot-and it was over. CHAPTER XXII. . . . . . For once, however, Stevensson was

over two and a half hours.

"Well, Birchall?"

"I'll tell you, Empress: Stevensson

is too cocksure. There's no reason why

the house and grounds-"

'And they found nothing."

Stevensson, but he wouldn't listen. So

"Thinking of your own skin?"

agitation?"

There was a tap on the door.

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I should have slipped down to Folkestone and got across to France tonight. In stead of that, I've come to you. Empress, let me advise you. Don't play your hand too hard: if the police once get a clue down at 'The White House'-if they find Ferguson, he'll spill the beans; he'll tell them about you-and then all your plans will be blown sky-high. Up till now, you've been lucky-wonderfully, marvellously lucky-but there comes a time when a little cog goes wrong, and the whole wheel is stopped. You should know that."

For reply, the woman blew a thin cloud of cigarette smoke. "If I leave London, this business. which may be worth a million, will

two bell pushes, and the door opened. "If you don't leave, you'll be finish-"What's the idea?" asked the Amed," said Birchall, using a more domerican; "something private going on?" inating tone than he had ever dared Stevensson, a sinister figure, stood looking at him from the hearth-rug

She remained silent for several sec-

"I'm the only one who is allowed to "I'll telephone," she said finally. ask questions in this house," he re-"Yes," he urged; "tell Stevensson to meet us in Paris. We'll go by 'plane from Croydon. They can dope Ferguson-or," quickly, "finish him off." "You stupid fool!" blazed the wo-

> his job yet. Without Ferguson, the whole thing falls to the ground." Birchall's nerves were getting the

man. "Don't you realize what Fer-

guson means to us? He hasn't done

better of him, and he snapped his "All I trouble about is getting away," he said. "I was lucky at Southampton, but I'm not going to

The Empress's back, as she turned. was eloquent of contempt.

Now, she was at the telephone. "I don't know. Might be all right "I want Trunks, please," she said "Mandling-Mandling-yes-in Kent -017. Have you got that? Mandling 017. Quickly, please-I'm in a hurry. (To be continued.)

> -**Motor Hints**

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I hope I have. No damned policeman ing has been adjusted the front wheel Oiling Windshield Cleaner

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piece of work, I'll think about it. But windshield cleaner. Trying to pull oil through the regular hose connection on the vacuum wiper is a good means of shortening its life. Oil has that ef-Care of Radiator Core

here. What do you say to that?" when the going was good, and, unless is better, however, to lift the hood and force any mud or dirt out of the core.

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> Turn Signal Urged Motorists are urged not to forget to signal when turning out of a main

Remedy for Steering Lock plunger will be relieved.

Insect Mimics

the man watched. Snake he might be, Mimicry in insects, that is, the trick undertake practical research work. "Leave me alone; I'm going to get but, in considering his own skin, he of looking like a dangerous or ill-tast- The expedition is under the patronwould take care not to give anyone ing species or of camouflaging oneself age of the Ministry of Public Instruc-"Are you?" he commented derisive- else away. If he went he would be as a leaf or twig, is not the prop of tion, the Academy of Colonial according to W. L. McAtee, of the ments of Algeria and Occidental bureau of biological survey, U.S. De- Africa.

partment of Agriculture. Beetles are taken as one example wrong in his estimate of human char- of the failure of various protective de- A Matrimonial Wood Pile acter. It was true that Birchall in- vices. Some of them are mimics. "Miss Ruth Birch yesterday became tended to get away-danger's firing- Others have powerful, ill-smelling se- the bride of Mr. Arthur Oaks. The line had never been any place for cretions which are supposed to repel ceremony was performed by Rev. J. him-but there was one call he was their enemies. Still others have hard S. Maples. Mr. and Mrs. Oaks left

A fast car, driven recklessly, took him The sting-armed family of bees, ants Hickory, N.C., where they will visit to a house in Curzon Street in just and wasps fare no better. The birds the bride's aunt, Mrs. Oscar Shingle: eat the "stingers," 'and they eat also Upon their return they will board Mrs. Aubyn St. Clair was in, ac- the unarmed ones that mimic the with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Forrest on cording to the servant to whom he "stingers" in appearance. And the Elm Street." gave his name, and she would receive birds are joined by ground-dwelling The unusual combination of names animals: toads, mice, foxes, weasels, helped make the marriage of national The Empress was an imposing fig- bargers, skunks and bears, which prominence and of lasting interest to ure as he bowed himself into her pres- make victims of these supposedly most every one who read about it. powerfully-armed members of the in-

"I've come to give you the tip to! Nor are insects the only animals get away, Empress," he started, with- that are betrayed by the failure of the Zoric cleaning because no out any preamble. "The police have "armor wherein they trust." Even the been to 'The White House'—and, very likely, are coming again." rattlesnake is attacked and eaten by birds. And the "tunk, expert par ex-"I daresay," was the reply: "in cellence in de! /3 chemical warfare, fact, I telephoned the information to nevertheless freently falls victim to Stevensson this afternoon. Why the the attack of the great horned owl.

Ashamed

he should hang on there, as I've told A certain firm had the following him; the place is dangerous. Once the legend printed on its salary receipt police get their claws in, you know forms:

what it is. Stevensson has bluffed "Your salary is your personal busithem once. This afternoon he gave ness, and should not be disclosed to

them permission to search throughout anyone." The new employee, in signing the receipt, added: "I won't mention it "That's right. But they'll come to anybody. I'm just as much ashamagain. They can't be put off as eas. ed of it as you are."-Irish Independily as that. I tried to reason with ent.

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Algiers.-Somewhere in the vast and uncharted wastes of the Sahara preparing her library as a gift to the along whose shores an unknown feminist library in Paris, and as civilization once flourished.

Led by Professor Auguste Cheva- help the cause of feminism to the desert below southern Algeria. showing the progress of feminism Nothing may be heard of the explor- throughout history. It also has a ers for months. Heading due south- very complete system of classificaward, they will visit the principal tion, giving the titles of the most imoases of the central Sahara, gather- portant books on this subject and the names of the public libraries at

Then, leading their camel train to which these works may be consultthe southwest, they will proceed to ed. Mme. Duranc is particularly the River Niger. The next stage of | pleased because her library is to be their explorations will be a journey housed in the new Mairie of the fifth due east to Lake Chad. FFinally, "arrondissement" which is the Latin continuing eastward, they will come Quarter, thus enabling students to back to civilization by way of the have free and easy access to it. Sudan and Senegal.

When Chevalier visited the southern Sahara for the first time thirty-Pressure will make the steering-gear three years ago, he thought he saw lock hard to unlock at times. A sim- indications that a sea, or several ing a deeper joy, that what is done 'ere." ple remedy is to turn the steering lakes, had once existed there. This from a conscientious purpose will discoveries of sea shells and fossils over the evening sky, even though of animals.

While seeking to confirm these day.-C. C. H. suppositions, the expedition also will

going to make before he left England, shells. Yet the birds eat them all. | immediately after the ceremony for



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#### In Childhood Feminist Library

Paris-Mme. Marguerite Durand It was a cold spring, the rain has been working for many months Blew out of the hills, and the wind Desert, a French scientific expedi- City of Paris When it is opened After a little it was quiet, then tion is seeking traces of inland seas, this spring this will be the first Yellow as stars, on the twigs the new And, nice thing about it, it isn't for such it is expected to do much to And waxen as candles with a purple

Poking the dirt or dead insects out lier, of the Paris Natural History France. It consists mainly of Hyacinths blossomed in the icy sun. Police—and they've just paid a visit the hardest way. He always went of the radiator core is a temptation. It Museum, the expedition vanished in-

The pear trees flowered, summer had And the first thing you say, when

All the Winners

The vicar met the village reprobate wandering slowly in the churchyard. "William," he said, "it is indeed a hopeful sign to observe you so often in this sequestered and contemplative With a babe in the house you comspot where, doubtless, you will yet meet with some spiritual consolation."

William blinked. "Well, no, sir. To tell you the truth We want a fuller confidence bring- I usually meets the bookie's runner

YOUR PULPIT

#### (And louder these) a sermon speaks. many a cloud may have darkened the On Sunday you are in the pew. But in the pulpit all the week.

I just postpone it!"

"No, I don't have 'nerves.' You can't have them, and hold this sort of position. My head used to throb around three o'clock, and certain days, of course,

The sure cure for any headache is rest. But some-

times we must postpone it. That's when Aspirin saves the day. Two tablets, and the nagging pain is gone until you are home. And once you are comfortable

Keep Aspirin handy. Don't put it away, or put off ting it. Fighting a headache to finish the day may heroic, but it is also a little foolish. So is sacrificing

a night's sleep because you've an annoying cold, or irritated throat, or grumbling tooth, neuralgia, neuritis. These tablets always relieve. They don't depress the heart, and may be taken freely. That is medical opinion. It is a fact established by the last

The only caution to be observed is when you are

not act the same. Aspirin is made in Canada.

ing Aspirin. Don't take a substitute because it will

"Then I learned to rely on Aspirin."

### **Bad Teeth Caused** By Modern Diet

Proof that the modern diet of civilization causes dental decay has been presented before the American Association of Physical Anthropologists. Two scientists of the Washington National Museum staff told how they have systematically counted teeth in bundreds of jawbones of pre-historic Eskimos and in the mouths of living Eskimos in Alaska.

The ancient Eskimos were meat eaters living chiefly on walrus, seal and fish with only a little vegetable food. In 800 jawbones of these prehistoric people, only 6.5 per cent, with defective lower molars was found, which are the first teeth of the jaw to succumb to decay. Examination of the teeth of 296 living Eskimos, revealed 2 per cent. of them with more or less dental decay.

"The significant fact," it was explained, "is that in remote, barren regions of Alaska to-day where the Eskimos are poverty-stricken, they still live in the old-fashioned way as seal hunters and fishermen. And these livng Eskimos practically do not know what toothache is like. "But Eskimos living in proximity to white settlements show a much higher incidence of dental decay. At Nome, for instance, more than half the natives had

"There is evidence that meat-eating races generally have sound teeth while grain-eating races are much more affected by tooth decay," added the report. "Indian tribes who lived along the sea coasts of America left great mounds of shells showing how much sea food they ate. These tribes had almost perfect teeth. The Buffalohunting Indians of the Plains had fine teeth. On the other hand, the Pueblos of the Southwest, both ancient and modern, and other agricultural tribes of the United States as well, have poor teeth. These Indian farmers lived mainly on grain and vegetable foods." ---

### A Babe in the House

There's a babe in the house, and it's made quite a change; She's a little, wee thing, and it seems

rather stran, -, But the others forget all their troubles and cares,

For, if baby has trouble, her trouble With a babee in the house, there is

plenty to do,

Yes, our wishes, our wants, we've completely forgot; that matters is whether sne's

happy or not, you come in at night,

Bertha Ten Eyck James in Poetry. Isn't "My, how I feel!" but "Is baby all right?" And it's so with the rest, coming in

> going out, It's the babe in the house they are thinking about.

Yes, whatever the bruises or bumps that you get, pletely forget.

All your labors, your troubles, your pleasure, your wealth, You forget many matters, including

But the way that you whistie, the way that you sing! Oh! a babe in the house seems a pretty good thing. -Douglas Malloch.

Hopes to Find Clue In Cancerous Fish

One of he oddest scientific quests ever undertaken is that of Dr. Myron Gordon, of Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y., into Mexico, looking for cancerous fish. Dr. Gordon has gone to the State of Oaxaca, in the far south of Mexico, in an endeavo; to establish that a fish-cancer called melanosis actually occurs in nature. He has produced the tumor unfailingly in the laboratory, by crossbreeding certain species of Mexican killfish, but science has yet to learn if the fish mate in their natural environment in such a way as to produce the disease.

Dr. Gordon's experiments over a period of more than three years give definite indication that melanotic dumor, a disease similar to cancer in human beings, is the result of heredity.

This does not mean that a diseased fish will transmit the cancer to its offspring. Rather the conclusion is that if two healthy fish of certain species are mated, the offspring will die of cancer. The application which this discovery might have to human cancer is far-reaching. The fish he crosses to produce the disease in the laboratory are swordtails and spotted platyfish, tiny ornamental creatures that are competing with goldfish for public favor.

\_\_\_\_ THE BEST.

I do the best I know, the very best can, and I mean to keep right on doing so until the end. If the end brings me out all right, what is said against me won't amount to anything. If the end brings me out wrong, ten angels swearing I was right, would make no difference-Abraham Lincoln.

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