

# ADMIT ONE

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## SYNOPSIS.

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 Manding. Philip goes to Manding and meets Charles Whittle, an American detective. When Crane is abducted Whittle calls in Scotland Yard. Margery goes to Manding. Crane is imprisoned with Margery's father, who drops dead from exhaustion. Birchall, the crook "Crane," flies to London to warn the Empress that the police are suspicious.

## CHAPTER XXII.—Cont'd.

Over by the window, through which he kept looking, Birchall fidgeted. It was as though he was expecting to see, in the street below, his terror take material shape. Meanwhile, seated at her bureau, the Empress calmly studied documents.  
Only once did she speak.  
"Either sit down or leave the room," she ordered curtly.  
Silence, disturbed only by the rustle of the papers as she turned them over. After three minutes he rushed across the room.  
"What are we hanging about here for?" he asked; and, before she could reply, he had ripped the receiver off its hook and enquired angrily: "What about that trunk call to Manding? Have we to wait all night?"  
The Empress rose and took the instrument from his shaking grasp. With the unoccupied hand, she motioned him to a chair.  
"Yes," he heard her say; "What's that?... No reply?... Are you sure?..."  
Birchall waited no longer. He was up in his chair and clapping at her sleeve.  
"Don't you get it?" he shrieked; "the police—the police!"  
"And, as though he had been gifted with second sight, the door opened.  
"I am Superintendent Watson, of Scotland Yard," said a deep voice.  
"I told you!" whined Birchall. But the Empress ignored the words.  
She faced the unexpected visitor with calm hauteur.  
"And I am Mrs. Aubyn St. Clair," she said; "I demand to know the reason for this intrusion."  
The reply came promptly.  
"We have received information that a young gentleman named Mr. Philip Crane is missing—and that you are concerned with his disappearance."  
"I am concerned? You are joking."  
"On the contrary, I am very serious, madam; so serious, in fact, that I must request you to accompany me to Scotland Yard." He moved swiftly to one side as Birchall attempted to brush past him.  
"And you, too, sir, Thomas?" raising his voice.  
A younger man, also dressed in plain clothes, came quickly from the hall.  
"We have a cab outside, and there'll be no display. If you behave sensibly, no one need be any the wiser," the Superintendent now said, turning once again to the woman.  
The words were scarcely uttered, but the Empress knew their import. Once at the Yard, she would never get away. Bluff as she might, the net would close around her.  
"I refuse to accompany you," she said; "this is an insult, and I shall speak to my solicitors."  
"You can speak to them after you have visited the Yard," was the inflexible reply; "it's my duty to warn you that if you refuse to come with me, you will be taken by force."  
She looked quickly round the room.

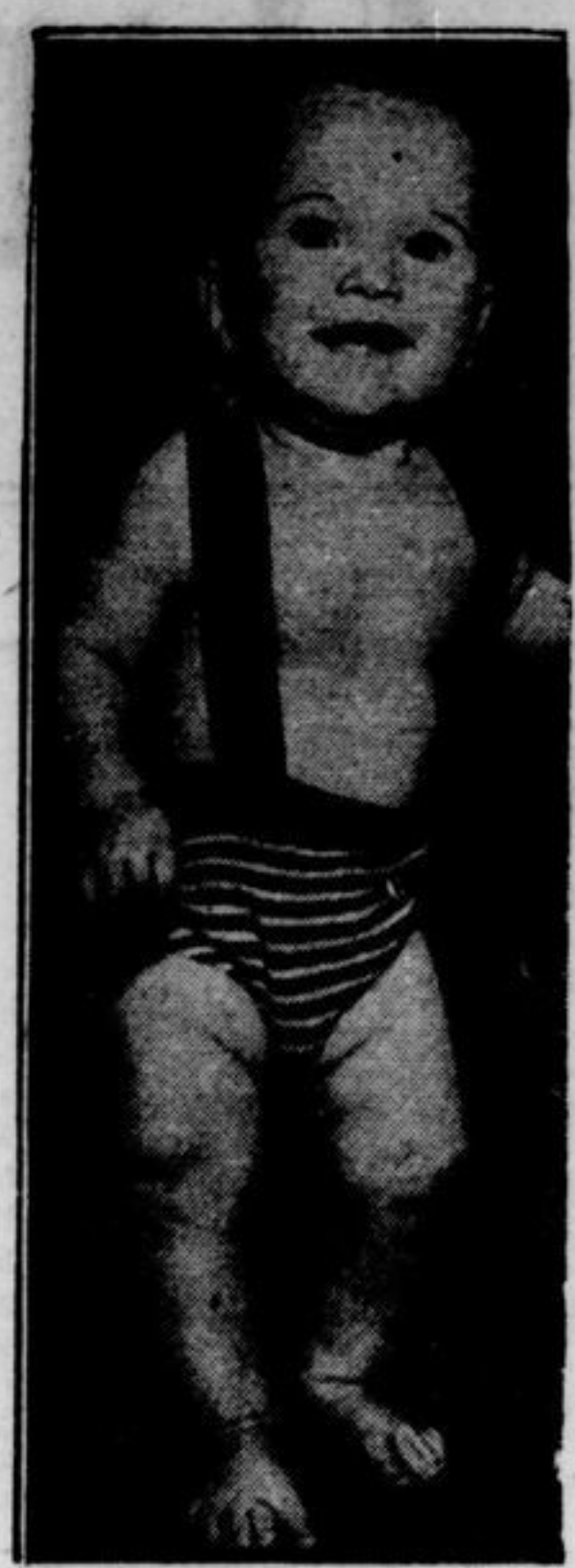
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This youngster, Thomas Hamilton, native of Los Angeles, denies in this graphic demonstration that radium water is dangerous. Severe physical examinations have shown no harmful tendencies.

"He's about the place somewhere, I have no doubt. Do you know where find him, Gregory?"

"The last time I saw him—about half-an-hour ago—he told me he was going to the village."  
"Well, he can wait. Lead on, my lad, these cellars of yours. It came out quite by chance, Stevenson, that this house was built on the ruins of a monastery. I suppose you weren't aware of that fact?"

"You are adding my stock of knowledge every minute, Inspector."

With a short growl, the police officer turned away.  
Once outside the door, he and his companion were joined by a comical-looking constable—P.C. George Johnson, in a laudable endeavor to meet any emergency, had already drawn his truncheon.

"You stay here, Johnson, and attend to anybody who comes in or attempts to go out." Laidley would have wished for a more reliable addition to his staff, but he had to put up with this material as being the best available.  
"Yes, Inspector."

With the handcuffed guide going before them, the small party crossed the hall and entered a corridor on the other side.

"The wine cellar's down here," the man said, pointing to the wooden floor. Laidley nodded. He had a horrible suspicion that he was about to be made a fool of. He had merely his own intuition and the information of that fool of a constable upon which to go.

He spoke brusquely.  
"I want to see it—not to be told where it is."

The man touched something with his foot and the floor opened slowly. Stretching down could be seen a flight of steps. A cold, raw air came up to them from below.

(To be continued.)



Jack—"You seem strangely restless and ill at ease for one of your quiet dispositions."

Tom—"Well, you see I try to respect my wife's wishes during Lent and yet believe me it's the only season of the year when I feel like kicking over the traces."

## GERMANS TO EXPLORE ANDES.

Heidelberg.—Despite the hard times, Germany will have at least one major mountaineering expedition in the field this year, the Andes Reconnaissance of 1932. It has just recalled from Bremen for Peru. It has for object not only mountain conquest but scientific research, and Professor Kuenzel of the University of Heidelberg is its geologist and geographer. Professor Th. Hertog of Jena University looks after botanical exploration. The leader of the expedition is Dr. P. H. Borchert, second vice-president of the German Alpine Club. The climbing team is recruited mainly from members of last year's Dyhrenfurth expedition to the Himalayas, and Erwin Schneider, who proved their star, heads it. The particular objective is the Cordillera Blanca. Besides Mount Huascarán, nearly 22,500 feet high, there are a number of 20,000-footers never yet climbed.

The weakness of the social affections and the strength of the private desires constitute selfishness.—Sir James MacKintosh.

## Wild Apples

The frost, still heavy on the lowlands, won  
A radiance soon melted by the sun  
That gave it, and the river took the  
lost  
Quick splendor that had faded with the  
frost.

Then Malcolm looked a moment as in  
doubt

Across the river and the fields about  
Touched with the glory...  
He left the road and followed down  
a lane

Leading to uplands bright above the  
plain.  
His free stride rustled dead leaves as  
he went

Along the hill-path—To him came the  
scent

Of wild grapes heavy with their sweet-  
ness still

Ungathered in the brambles on the hill  
Except by birds in flocks that now and  
then

Arose near him and settled down  
again.

In one place opened eastward on the  
slope

He looked far back and saw the hazes  
of city

Above the grove he had left behind.  
Below him stood the cabin in the  
trees.

The orchard, sweet with its old  
mysteries

Of blooms that faded, fruit that came  
to pass

Ungathered always in the matted  
grass.

Now greeted him with but one definite  
sound

Of ripened apples falling to the  
ground.

—Glenn Ward Dresbach, in "Selected  
Poems."

## International Friendship Promoted by Radio

An international exchange of broadcasts is a recent feature of radio which was explained to the Parliamentary Committee at Ottawa by Major Murray, of the British Broadcasting Corporation. Periodically a British programme, for example, is relayed throughout Germany by the German stations, and a German programme is similarly relayed throughout Great Britain by the B. B. C.

Major Murray said that apart from the value of international understanding and good will, this practice of interchange provides an advertisement which no enterprising country can afford any longer to ignore. If Canada had her independent broadcasting authority so recognized as to be in a position to deal on equal terms with the other broadcasting authorities of the world, she would share in enterprises of this kind.

Among a multitude of international societies and organizations perhaps one of the most unusual and original is the Societe Internationale des Katovicards which has been established by the listeners of the Katowice radio station in Poland, and numbers over 2,000,000 members grouped in 57 centers spread over almost the whole of Europe and North Africa.

This society is four years old and owes its origin to an outburst of excitement by M. Stefan Tymieniecki, the musical director of the Katowice broadcasting station. Except for Russia, Czechoslovakia and Portugal, all Europe participates in the organization which now has a special badge with the inscription "Lois des yeux—pres du coeur," designed by Dr. Ruch of Vienna, one of the most enthusiastic members.

North Africa is also much interested, while from time to time letters are received from Japan and North America, where a centre is being established in Chicago.

The friendship between the "Katovicards" manifests itself in various forms: the poorer members write and exchange photographs, the rich exchange visits by cars, going sometimes from France to Bucharest.

When the Katovicards meet one another at international events they start immediate co-operation and show the same interest as in hitherto unknown relatives. This international friendship over the ether has resulted in several marriages, several adoptions and also, perhaps, some advertising, but the great majority of people have been attracted by it without any selfish interests.—The Mail and Empire, (Toronto).

## England Likes Brazil Oranges

Rio de Janeiro.—England is the greatest consumer of Brazilian oranges and bananas, export figures for 1931 reveal.

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"Cheer up, old boy," advised the married man. "You know 'tis better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all." "Yes," agreed the rejected suitor, jangling a bunch of keys in his pocket. "Better for the florist, the confectioner, the messenger boy, the restaurant waiter, the taxicab man, the theatrical magnate and the jeweler."

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It is important to keep wine at an

even temperature, and that of the Crescent Vault is regulated by means of gas-jets. These give off blue rays that made the surrounding darkness all the more intense.

From time to time in the long corridors, some of them a quarter of a mile in length, one catches sight of a circle of faces, half-revealed by hand-lamps, bending over a cask, like those of smugglers conspiring. The quiet is broken only by voices and by a mysterious tapping made by the cooper's as they test the casks for leakage. They are gauged entirely by the sound of the casks in response to their tapping. Twice daily they have to complete the round of casks. Eight men are kept busy on this job.

## Students in Bulgaria Live on \$5 a Month

Lom, Bulg.—The average cost of maintenance for an out-of-town student attending the high schools in this typical provincial Bulgarian town is \$5 a month, according to the director of the "gymnasium," in which there are 1,000 boys and girls.  
Many of the village boys and girls live even more economically. They go home every Saturday and return on Sunday, with a bundle of bread, cheese, dried fruit, and salt pork, to which they restrict their diet, adding now and then a bowl of sour milk or a portion of bean stew. Schools are crowded far beyond capacity and have two shifts daily, one beginning before dawn and the other closing long after dark.

Another reason why some are pleased to see amateurs planting gardens in April is that it often means more jobs for professional gardeners in June.—The Christian Science Monitor.

## Gardening Hint

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Genuine Aspirin tablets cost so very little after all, that it doesn't pay to experiment with imitations!

## The Earth Trembled

Of all the perils to which mankind is exposed, none is so terrifying as the earth in convulsion. At intervals earthquakes rock the land, and great cities, the achievement of man, are in a moment laid low; while at all times millions of people are at the mercy of neighboring volcanoes. Now it is South America that has had its visitation, and experienced the devastation that can be wrought by the simultaneous operation of earthquake and volcano.

The mighty Andes range, whose peaks pierce the clouds, reopened the craters of smouldering volcanoes and the sun was dimmed by showers of ashes and dust, spread like a vast pall over half a continent. Subterranean gases tainted the air, and the population suffered the horrors of suffocation. All that humanity can do in such a catastrophe is protect itself as best it can—and wait. Nature in her angry mood is in supreme command, and man, the atom, is helpless and terrified. All his ambitious works crumble in ruin about him, and he can do nothing; nothing except start all over again when the earth resumes its normal calm. To the credit of man's courage and tenacity, be it said, that is generally what he does. Look at San Francisco, Tokio, and the communities about Vesuvius.

The amazing feature of these catastrophes is that, if oft repeated, mankind becomes accustomed to them. People still dwell on the lava-strewn slopes of volcanic mountains and trust there will be no further eruptions until it is only a matter of time until they are active again. Along the Andes, craters long thought extinct burst into a fresh fury of flame. Scientists have sought to explain what is going on in subterranean regions to cause these devastating convulsions and eruptions, and perhaps they know; but they were not wise enough to warn the people of South America of the peril that leaped upon them from the mountain tops. Many of Nature's mysteries remain hidden from the world of science; and this is emphasized by tragedies such as the terrestrial upheaval along the Andes.—Toronto Globe.

## The Passing of Jazz

Is the age of jazz passing? Recent reports from the music publishing field indicate that it may be. An official of a publishing house the other day let it be known that sales of "classical" music are exceeding those of the type called popular.

Many will cast about for explanations of this shift of interest from sizzling syncopation and beating blues to the quiet gentility of Beethoven's "Minuet in G," Chopin's "Waltz in D Flat" and Bach's Bourree from the second violin sonata, which are now listed among the best sellers.

One explanation is the radio. Producers of jazz could testify to the effectiveness of radio as a medium for popularizing their product. The recent vogue of a song that had lain for years almost forgotten on publishers' shelves was a tribute to that effectiveness.

Likewise, radio has introduced classical music to thousands who never before knew they could like it. There is another service that radio may have done the better type of music. That is, it has done much to wear out the popularity of jazz. For jazz is one of those things of which one can have too much. It is a proverb among musicians that popular music is merely familiar music and that the best music would become popular if it were made familiar to enough people. Perhaps the "jazz boys" have counted too much on the exactness of their proverb, forgetting the other one about familiarity and contempt.

The radio, of course, cannot be given all the credit. Jazz has gone out of many things besides music the last two years. It is easy to remember the days when too many persons were trying to make their dollars dance to a financial jazz and tuning their thoughts to jazz ideas in literature, art and conduct. Now they are getting down to fundamentals, disciplining their thinking as a musician does his fingers, and hoping to accomplish something more like an enduring sonata than like an evanescent crooner's delight.—The Christian Science Monitor.

## Modern Buildings in Palestine Called Equal of England's

The high artistic quality of the architecture of Jerusalem's new houses, and the "extraordinary changes" since his last visit to Palestine less than two years ago, profoundly impressed Professor Leslie Patrick Abercrombie, architect and town planner, and professor of civic design at the University of Liverpool, writes the Jerusalem correspondent of "The Christian Science Monitor." Many of the buildings he found to be above the average of those going up in the big towns of England, and Mr. Abercrombie found in Jerusalem structures a welcome departure from the commonplace and stereotyped. What the city specially needs, he said, is more trees to make up for lack of green and open spaces. If Jerusalem cannot have grass, because of the shortage in the water supply, it nevertheless can have certain types of trees.

## An Oversight

Think of the number of young men and women for example who get married without first ascertaining whether the other party plays the same system of bridge.