FIVE CROOKED CHAIRS

By FAREMAN WELLS

Adam Meriston, a farmer's son, suddenly clutched his sleeve. but unsuccessful attempt to three thieves in a bag-snatching raid. The bag was torn from the hands of a girl who afterwards explains to Adam that it contains the day's takings of her

And so it proved. They reached the high wall that closed the far end of Grail Street without observing a sign of their quarry. Here there was another lamp, a single weak light that shone from against the dirty right," Adam said superfluously. surface of the wall where a little "Keep as quiet as you can." electric bulb was cupped in a sort of He crossed the roadway cautiousshell at the top of a length of rusty ly to investigate further. There was conduit. It was under this inadequate a door in the centre of the building. time a long look into her eyes, try- never have opened in a century. He criminal instincts. ing with his own to infuse a measure moved along the frontage, trying

He was by no means prepared to in with timber securely. admit cefeat as yet, but all the same The girl moved silently by his side things did seem to be taking on an until they came to another of those air of hopelessness, and the amateur big yard gates. This one had a nature of their efforts to be grow- smooth face, even the hinge-plates but an order from Mother Nature to ing depressingly evident. They had and boltheads being sunk too deep in very little real evidence that the the wood for climbing. There was that helps the self instinct to expand. thief had come this way. Moreover just enough light from the lamp at he might easily have slipped back the end of the street to show them while they were all standing dumb- that the upper stories were continufounded at the corner. He might ous across the opening and that there know of some way of getting from here into another street.

But although he was beginning to: search. Adam strove to prevent this from showing in his eyes. He even ventured to put out a hand and pat her gently on the shoulder, an action that gave him a very delightful sensation of protectiveness. "There, buck up," he said. "We're

not beaten yet." "Your're ever so good!"

genuous admiration that he was thought of that before." completely bowled over. He wanted to say something offhand, to adopt a nonchalent "Oh, that's less than nothing" attitude. But instead he found the torch, his excitement not too like plants.

selves again and she stood silent in the drizzle as if dwelling on his words.

now. Though they had barely ex- dismembered packing-cases that on venience. changed a dozen words, though even che side made a high pile. The little her name was unknown, he was definitely and inevitably in love.

He did not want to touch her again torch flickered over it. Except for species of chiseler. You meet him so soon, that he would hope to do lat- some dirty straw it was empty. er, but he wanted insanely to remain, with her at the bottom of that clear, running out to a steep, stone- hour. obscure alley in the rain, without pitched face at the foot of which the Also he's mighty clever in using speech but with the subtle con- river flowed sullenly in a course that both hands to light up the old pipe sciousness that they understood one here was confined to a width of less in a breeze. Good at cuddling his another, that there was a sympathy, than twenty feet. Adam moved to the sweetle, too, as he sails along under unexpressed but perfect, between edge and flashed his torch idly over a romantic moon. them from now onward.

gretful, half-whimsical reproach, as yard at one end of it. if now she no longer cared quite so much what might have happened to ing from the opposite bank as if his the pavement; or an un-noticed obthe little leather bag.

solutely: "This won't do, will it?" in a spot like that, he thought as he forseen emergencies which require

ining the first of these when she

"Look!" she whispered, with

sharp indrawing of the breath. side had struck a match.

"YOU'D BETTER GO BACK." "There's someone in there all

each window again. They were filled

was little or no gap between them and the top of the gates. Fumbling about the lock Adam happened to lean rather heavily against the woodwork. Fancying that he feit the door swing slightly he pressed harder. To his delight he felt it yield obstinate-

he whispered, cautious even in his bud even younger. rising excitement. The door stuck, but there now a dark gap through which a man might squeeze.

torch," came in the subdued tones of his companion. "Silly not to have All training toward good should be

himself saying. "I've been wanting great to ignore the light touch of It is wrong to call the tiny child We're all cowards under the skin, with and learn by degrees that he as well as for their children." their meeting fingers as he did so. "bad". He might be "cross" when so shame on us for our bigger, bet- has to take his own part. But please The heavy white eyelids fluttered. He switched it off as he squeezed routine is irregular or he gets too ter, holier-than-thou attitude toward spare the little fellow even the slight-

They stood together on the inside "wicked." while he slowly reconneitred with Whatever children are they are Red Finger Nails the torch. They were in a dark arch- normal human beings. We coined There wasn't any doubt about it way littered with old shavings and the word "wicked" for our own conpaved yard beyond proved most desolate. An ancient van stood forlornly It came upon him in the form of in its centre, its tilt rent, the supporta great urge to protective tenderness. ing ribs gaping as the rays of the

The rest of the yard was fairly arettes while driving fifty miles an the swirling black waters. There was This gent feels that one hand

torch-beam had aroused a hen. The stacle in the street. He sighed reluctantly. "I'd for noise startled him and he was to re- These are the things that make one-

sibilities of climbing. He was exam- entrance, though he realised that any

Natural Kindness and Generosity in Little Children

The Selfish of Babyhood is Not Real Selfishness as Adults Know It

Are children born with a sense of right and wrong? There is little to prove it if they are.

Gradually, however, when they He turned abruptly. Through the get over babyhood certain mental dirty panes of an upper window in policemen do develop (incibitions we the building opposite there showed a call them) that would be there, it is dull flicker of light as if someone in- thought, even if no one said a word to them about doing "vrong."

Two savage children of primitive DON'T instincts, without anyone to give them an inkling of theft, murder, or harm to another would in time de-

That natural inhibitions are not present to any extent in babyhood. illuminant that the strange girl look- but it was evidently firmly barred. however, is pretty well acknowledghe found himself taking for the first with all his might. That door might as to say that babies are born with

BABIES AREN'T CRIMINALS This is decidedly not so. What

they are born with is the "self" go ing, both mentally and physically. The selfishness of early childhood

Once this is done and the little boy or girl is established as real person in a tough world, nature then begins to let up a little. Very, very slowly the constructive course to pursue, comes reason, and with it the pre- please let us digress for an instant. ventive instincts that shape the conduct of the child to less primitive urges and to advance generosity and

GENEROSITY SLOW TO BUD Yet there is a natural generosity "It's open, part open at any rate,", in the child of three or four. It may

But parents get impatient. Nature, of course, won't do it all. Nature did not form "social" law, "Wait a minute. I've a pocket so we have to continue where nature

gradual and tactful. A gardener mountain. The pilot shouted. "Don't will teach him in time that most an-She flashed a ray of light into the may kill a young plant or stop the worry. We can only die once." Did imals may be trusted. budding by rough handling and by you light a digarette nonchalantly A big, bad brute of a boy? Never. Without a word he relieved her of stifling. It needs care. Children are and bellow back, "Have you heard Oh, yes, he should have other chil-

For a moment she looked up at him through. She followed at once, her tired or too nervous or too hungry, or children. Fear is natural. Fear of est association with the bullying type as if with a kind of grateful sur- slighter figure not having in the least when the "self" instinct is too great- death, and feat of hurt. We're born of boy. ly interferred with, but he isn't born

One-Arm Drivers

So Says Paris - Mother of often. He's an expert in lighting cig-

of the Chicago and Illinois Hairdress. ers' Association, Paris decrees that vivid red finger nails, especially for

She was the first to speak. "We a building on the opposite bank, a plenty on the steering wheel. So he haven't got the money back yet, have high building that stood flush with speeds along apparently unmindful of in this country so far are turning a we?" she asked with an air of re- the edge and had a similar small the fact that a sudden jolt may throw his car clean out of control, A blow-There came a sudden loud cluck- out, for instance; an unseen hole in herself as sophisticated, said Gart man, still affects dark red tints, but she is not altogether unmindful of Paris, for she has combined what

gotten," he said, and then, more re- member it later. Fancy keeping hens armed driving so hazardous-the unto say and what she wants. "I'm afraid it won't," she agreed. Moved away to examine the rear of the full strength of both arms. Compolish in liquid form that has the At that they turned back and be certainly was lurking. Here again wheel Two handfuls of safety are in A number of women on this side, gan to study the big gates for pos-sibilities of climbing. He was exam-entrance, though he realised that any Gartman explained, have hit upon the idea of applying a coating of this

in the colorless form on top of a one of its several doors might have been openable from the inside still.

They came disconsolately back to the archway again, and as they entered it Adam felt a sharp thrill of excitement. Approaching from that direction he was able to observe a low narrow door hidden behind the entrance gate and the piled-up packing-cases. A gentle push caused it to creak slowly inwards.

"This is where he got in." whispered, and shone his torch into but it is at best selfishness, or at a track of wet footmarks leading to the foot of a worn flight of stairs. The footmarks were plain, too, on the stairs. Someone had certainly gone up there not many minutes earlier.

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When a child is afraid of something | with it, far-fetched unnamable hor ed despondently up at Adam so that He turned the door-knob and pushed ed. Indeed some authorities go so far of him, shove him at it, or bully him what are you going to do? Make fun rors, called obsessive fears (more ininto a show of courage?

Don't do any of these things because it won't be any use,

Oh, yes, he may pretend to be braver, to laugh at a lot of water, or a dog, or a big bully of a boy. He may up the dark stairs alone to bed. But these things do not mean the terror will may make the trouble worse. Before going into the matter of

ADULTS TOO KNOW FEAR. Why do we make such a fuss over the terrors of children when adult on earth is full of them. Per- tional "scar" to haunt him forever, haps you think you have none, that you are one of those magyars of grit who is not "afraid of God or man."

All right. Remember you had an low puddle and the next day another abscessed tooth once. Last night you | inch or two may help him see reason | felt a similar twings on the other about water. By degrees he may lose side. Did you laugh it off, or call his frigh over "big" water.

we'll say, and the engine stopped, take weeks or even months. No dogs ing to inspire and lay the ground-Below was fog and storm and a are necessary. His own experience work for that type of character which

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Chicago,-American women, so it

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For, said Marc Gartman, president

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tricate of nature), are still based on the same cause.

HOW TO HANDLE CHILD. Now as to handling the timid child Here are some rules:

Don't talk to him (or her) about his fear. Don't mention it at all, You put up a grand front as he climbs may over-talk. And anyway, words

Never ridicule him or scold him. is not there just because he is trying to whistle up his courage. It is and fertilize his inferiority by over
Set a Standard well known that the violent effort to rating his fear. Why harp on one or two things when otherwise he is a splendid little fellow? Why not tell him he's all right?

Nover, never "force" him into th water, into the dark, at a dog, or up against a boy he is afraid of. You may regret it later if terror becomes shock and leaves a mental or emo-TACT NECESSARY

Use wit, kindness and tact. Homeopathic methods are best. The shal-

Or you were up in an airplane, very, very gradually reduced. It may

dren beside namby-pambies to play well set up standards for themselves

worst something one hesitates to say not to economize in spending things not necessary in order meet a doctor's bill.

in part due to that service seldom if ever paid in full. It is still much as it was in other times: "God and the Doctor we alike But only when in danger, not The danger o'er, both are alike God is forgotten and the Doctor

slighted." -New York Times.

sponsibility Which is Theirs Through Example

New York. - President Roosevelt acted advises parents to set up standards "Joyce Bland plays the bad-temp the guardians of our future citi-

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Debate Use of Slang In Drama

Old London Split-Modern Jargon Is Used In Biblical Play

London, Eng. - Whether John Drinkwater has not gone too far in "his modern colloquialisms" is the question brought up by a critic of the playwright's new production "A Man's House," now showing ir London. The play deals with the reaction of a family in Jerusalem to the coming of Christ to their city. It is noted Mr. Drinkwater has tightened up the ample of unselfish service to other play somewhat since its production professions and even to trade. With- in Malvern, and "has sought to give COURAGE out his indispensable skill freely or a clearly detached view of the situgenerously given the depression ation.

The critic continues:

"'Gospel me foot,' for example however reasonable an equivalent it may be for the language of a hotheaded young business man would use when he found an apparent agitator upsetting the community will jar upon some people."

Allowing for passages of arid talk, the theme is treated interestingly, the critic declares

"Mr. Drinkwater lets the miracie of restoring the blind girl's sight produce its own dramatic effect without stressing it by immoderate lan guage," it is stated. "His restraint emphasizes the realism, too, of the last scene, wherein the father of the household-'a month ago a rat-For Children ional contented household, but now disrupted by the visitation-looks from his window and sees the Naz-They Cannot Evade the Re- arene, crucified and buried three days before, following the deserters from his house up the hill to Bethany.

"This provocative, if not entirely satisfactory play is extremely well

for themselves as well as for their ered blind daughter who acquires a children, in an editorial in the Oc- Christian sweetness after her sight tober issue of the Parents Magazine. is restored by the healing hands of "The parents of our children are the Saviour; and Patricia Burke makes a notably good first West End appearance as her sister.

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China "Purity" Campaign Has Reached Shanghai

Articles Governing Women's Dress Just Issued.

Shanghai, China, - The "purity" campaign which has been sweeping through the length and breadth of China and which is designed to raise the standard of public morals by rules and regulations, has at last reached Shanghai. The Shanghai magistrate's office has just issued a set of regulations containing several articles governing women's dress. These are:

1-Trousers should not be shorter than four inches below the knee. 2-Bare legs and bare feet are

strictly prohibited. 3-The hair must be combed backward, and must not be longer than the collar of the gown,

4-Woollen overcoats without but tons must not be worn. 5-Walking in the streets in pyjamas and slippers is strictly forbidden. 6-The new rules must be carried out within two weeks after promulgated by school teachers, girl students, women government employees and wives of government employees;

men and girls. 7-The police have the right to arrest any one on sight defying the new regulations.

and one month case of ordinary wo-

Pretty Close

We know office boys well enough not to doubt that this actually happened. The directors of a big company were holding a meeting, and in the midst of a discussion of a weighty question one of them said a fact they wanted had just been printed in the latest Saturday Evening Post.

There wasn't a copy in the directors' room, so the chairman of the board rang for an office boy. In came one, wide-eyed, shy and nervous. The chairman of the board barked at him to get a Saturday Evening Post. The boy didn't understand at all, but he wasn't going to say so. He just backed out. Ten minutes went by, during

which the important gentlemen were restive. (On an average, it is estimated, their time is worth a dollar a minute.) Then the boy came back, in his hand a small paper bag, which he handed the chairman of the board The latter took the bag with s

very strange look on his face, and drew from it a sardine sandwich on toast. We've known office boys t miss further than that. - The New where the same was the same of the same of

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