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hard,' and then-"

"That's it. Bright, wasn't it?"

"A woman?" said Antony eagerly.

"A woman," said Bill impressively.

"Yes. She was middlin'. Middlin

"The result was a woman."

"Did he describe her?"

Antony shook his head.

you guessed?"

disappointment.

either."

"What is it?"

content with that.

morning.

for him.

"And Cayley did?"

"Then who on earth-"

"Have some more beer," said An-

In the morning there was a letter

CHAPTER XX.

ample warning of your intentions I do

My dear Mr. Gillingham,

tony with a sfile. And Bill had to be

"No, Bill, not at all," he said.

his inn?"

morning."

CHAPTER XIX.—(Cont'd)

Antony gave Bill a smile and was silent for a little, thinking.

the station-is that the one you tactful he had been. mean?" "That would be the one. I suppose you could do with a drink, couldn't

"Rather!" said Bill, with a grin. "Good. Then have one at the 'Plough and Horses.' Have two, if you like, and talk to the landlord, or landlady, or whoever serves you. want to find out if anybody stayed

there on Monday night." "Robert?" said Bill eagerly. "I didn't say Robert," said Antony, smiling. "I just want you to find out if they had a visitor who slept there on Monday night. A stranger. If so, then any particulars you can get of him, without letting the landlord know

that you are interested-" "Leave it to me," broke in Bill. know just what you want."

"Don't assume that it was Robert -or anybody else. Let them describe the man to you. Don't influence them unconsciously by suggesting that he was short or tall, or anything of that sort. Just get them talking. If it's the landlord, you'd better stand him a drink or two."

"Right you are," said Bill confidently. "Where do I meet you again?" "Probably at the 'George.' If you get there before me, you can order dinner for eight o'clock. Anyhow, we'll meet at eight, if not before."

"Good." He nodded to Antony and strode off back to Stanton again. Antony stood watching him with a little smile at his enthusiasm. Then he looked round slowly, as if in search of something. Suddenly he saw what he wanted. Twenty yards farther on a lane wandered off to the left, and there was a gate a little way up on the right-hand side of it. Antony walked to the gate, filling his pipe as he went. Then he lit his pipe, sat on the gate, and took his head in his

hands. "Now then," he said to himself, "let's begin at the beginning."

It was nearly eight o'clock when "George," to find Antony, cool and your theory?" clean, standing bare-headed at the door, waiting for him.

"Is dinner ready?" were Bill's first

"Then I'll just have a wash. Lord, everything tomorrow."

I'm tired." "I never ought to have asked you,"

said Antony penitently.

turned round and asked, "Am I in know it already." your room?" "Yes. Do you know the way?" "Yes. Start carving, will you? And his brother." order lots of beer." He disappeared

round the top of the staircase. Antony went slowly in.

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are not wholly out of sympathy with

"But whether or not you sympathize, at any rate you will want to know-and I want you to know-the exact menner in which Ablett met his death and the reasons which made that death necessary. If the police Motorbuses Penetrate to Backhave to be told anything, I would rather that they too knew the whole story. They, and even you, may call it murder, but by that time I shall be out of the way. Let them call it

what they like. "I must begin by taking you back to a summen day fifteen years ago, when I was a boy of thirteen and Mark a young man of twenty-five. His whole life was make-believe, and is the construction of automobile just now he was pretending to be a philanthropist.

"He sat in our little drawing-room, flicking his gloves against the back of his left hand, and my mother, good soul, thought what a noble young gentleman he was, and Philip and I, hastily washed and crammed into collars, stood in front of him, nudging each other and kicking the backs of our heels and cursing him in our advice or assistance. hearts for having interrupted our

tures. The landlord of the "Plough was why. friend Beverley perhaps has told you. prosperous days of empire. "He kept on about the inquest, and Mark could never live alone. There Chinese officials have been impreswhat a queer affair it had been, and must always be somebody to listen to sed by the fact that the highways so on. Then I said carelessly that it him. I think in his heart he hoped already completed have paid for must be very hard to remember any- I should be his Boswell. He told me themselves within a short time. body whom you had just seen once, one day that he had made me his a country where labor is so cheap the so as to identify him afterward, and literary executor-poor devil. And he cost of construction is not great, and he agreed that it would be 'middlin' used to write me the absurdest long highway building is especially useful letters when I was away from him, let- in times when so many men and wo-The futility of the man!

ed Antony. "You asked him if he got into trouble. He had been hurried purchase of motorbuses which remembered everybody who came to through a cheap grammar school and them, and the profits from these eninto a London office, and discovered terprises have been quick and subthere that there was not rauch fun to stantial. The Chinese farmers have open, have already secured sites and Hugh Allen. "Brilliant. And what was the rebe got in this world on two pounds a taken readily to the new vehicles, week. I had a frantic letter from and automobile buses now run into Agadir. The latest development is the him one day, saying that he must have districts which had never seen such opening by some of the Mogador mera lundred at once, or he would be conveyances a year or two ago. "Of course I thought it was going to ruined, and I went to Mark for the be Robert-so did you, didn't you?-

but it wasn't. It was a woman. Came quite late on Monday night in a car have paid it back in three months. Yen Hsi-shan. Some 3000 miles But no. He saw nothing for himself were completed before the civil wars now going on at Agadir, and land -driving herself-went off early next in it, I suppose; no applause, no ad- stopped the work. Since then an ad- values at the port, which is naturally miration. Philip's gratitude would be ditional 1000 miles has been complet- sheltered and the only sea outlet for tall, middlin' age, middlin' color, and to me, not to him.

"I begged, I threatened, we argued; and while we were arguing, Philip was arrested. It killed my motherhe was always her favorite-but Mark as usual got his satisfaction out of it. He preened himself on his judgment of character in having chosen me and credit ,and then demand cash for gas not Philip twelve years before!

"Later on I apologized to Mark for the reckless things I had said to him, and he played the part of a magnanimous gentleman with his accustomed skill, but, though outwardly we were as before to each other, from that day forward, though his vanity would never let him see it, I was his bitterest enemy.

"If that had been all, I wonder if I should have killed him? To live on terms of intimate friendship with a man whom you hate is dangerous work for your friend. Because of his belief in me as his admiring and grateful protege and his belief in himself as my benefactor, he was now utterly in William Beverley, the famous sleuth- so on. Doesn't help much, does it? my power. I could take my time and hound, arrived, tired and dusty, at the But still a woman. Does that upset choose my opportunity. Perhaps I should not have killed him, but I had sworn to have my revenge-and there he was, poor vain fool, at my mercy.

"You knew all the time?" At least, I was in no hurry. "Two years later I had to recon-"Wait till tomogrow. I'll tell you sider my position, for my revenge was being taken out of my hands. Mark "Tommorrow!" said Bill in great began to drink. Could I have stopped him? I don't think so, but to my im-"Well, I'll tell you one thing to- mense surprise I found myself trying "That's all right. I shan't be a night, if you'll promise not to ask to. Instinct, perhaps, getting the betmoment." Halfway up the stairs he any more questions. But you probably ter of reason; or did I reason it out and tell myself that, if he drank himself to death, I should lose my re-"Only that Mark Ablett did not kill venge? Upon my word, I cannot tell you; but, for whatever motive, I did genuinely want to stop it. Drinking "That's another question, Bill. How- is such a beastly thing, anyhow. (To be continued.) ever, the answer is that Cayley didn't,

Trade With Russia

Washington Post: The experience of the British should silence those They were early to bed that even- who are working for Soviet recogniing, for both of them were tired. Bill tion by the United States. Stahlin's slept loudly and defiantly, but Antony Government is sparing no effort to enlay awake, wondering. What was tice the United States into an arrangehappening at the Red House now? ment through which American capital Perhaps he would hear in the morn- would be poured into the coffers of the ing; perhaps he would get a letter. Soviet in the hopes of expanding He went over the whole story again trade. Loans and credit, besides dinfrom the beginning-was there any lomatic recognition of an insecure possibility of a mistake? What would Communist Government, which is a the police do? Would they ever find deadly enemy of the so-called capitalout? Ought he to have told thom? letic nation, is the offer that has been Well, let them find out; it was their hold out to England and America. job. Surely he couldn't have made a Propaganda as to the advantages of mistake this time. No good wondering trade with the Soviet is a poor brand now; he would know definitely in the of trickery through which the Reds hope to finance their communistic schemes. The Russian people have nothing with which to buy. They have been rulned by the fool theories of one dictator after another. Any amount of capital would not assure the reconstruction of the country as "I gather from your letter that you long as the Reds are in control. have made certain discoveries which you may feel it your duty to communi-

The stepping-stones to scientific cate to the police, and that in this knowledge principally consist of the case my arrest on a charge of murder would inevitably follow. Why, in these errors of past professors. Sir Wil-

circumstances you should give me such liam Beach-Thomas. not understand, unless it is that you? Use Minard's for the rub down.

China Unlocks Remote Parts By Road System

ward Regions as Long-Distance Routes Open

Peiping-Chineso officials are considering proposals for reconstruction of the war-torn country, but the money for them is not forthcoming. One project, however ,has made headway during the past year, and that Port of Agadis, highways in several provinces, which open up hitherto isolated districts to

the outside world. Some highways have been built under the direction of the China International Famine Relief Association, with its American engineers, but perhaps more significance may be attached to those which have been built by the Chinese, with no foreign

Information reports that five great in the European diplomatic disputes "He had decided to adopt one of us, highways have been opened to motor which preceded the Great War, is now thad worn off, and he was able to spare kind Cousin Mark. Heaven knows why traffic during the past few months, semi-open according to a report of a little time between the mouthfuls, he chose me. Philip was eleven; two and that 13 other highways have been the British Vice-Consul at Mogador. Bill gave an account of Manaden- years longer to wait. Perhaps that partially completed, and will be fin- A considerable import trade has

"Give me three guesses," interrupt- ters which I read once and then tore men are out of work. As a rule, "It was three years ago that Philip build the highways have shared in the

"Only to borrow it, you understand; known as the "model province" un- cept there cereals from Sous destined he gave me a good salary and I could der the beneficent rule of Marshal for Marrakeesh. templated during the summer.

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Long Closed, Is Now Semi-Open

Coastwise Traffic Imports Admitted to Moroccan City -Exports Barred

London.-Agadir, that long-closed port south of the Atlas Mountains, in The Chinese Bureau of Economic Morocco, which figured so prominently

ished during the summer. Chinese sprung up in certain overseas imports "Well, Mark educated me. I went engineers have also drawn plans for into Morocco, between Casablanca and fairly close to the station?"

"The 'Plough and Horses'—just at the corner where the road goes up to had been tactful: lorblessyou. how much more than his secretary as your highway system than in the most had been tactful: lorblessyou. how much more than his secretary as your highway system than in the most had been tactful: lorblessyou. how much more than his secretary as your highway system than in the most had been tactful: lorblessyou. how much more than his secretary as your highway system than in the most had been tactful: lorblessyou. had been tactful; lorblessyou, how much more than his secretary as your highway system than in the most has been kept open for coastwise traffic (imports). This is not likely now to be altered as, in the middle of this summer, the consul believes that Agadir will be thrown open to deep sea imports and exports on the lines of the other Moroccan ports. At present, the Government does not

permit Agadir to export at all direct but-as for the past 12 years-the inhabitants of Sous have to take their produce across the Atlas Mountains to the port of Mogador. The leading Mogador merchants; whose trade must be heavily hit once Agadir is fully the central heating of the house.-Sir chants of a sub-depot at Sidi Mokhtar, Old Canadian books, documents, etc. Some of the greatest progress has about 60 miles east of Mogador on the been made in Shansi, which has been road to Marrakeesh, in order to inter-

Great building activity generally is ed, and another 2000 miles is con- a coastline several hundred miles long, have risen very rapidly. With the completion of three motoring roads which the Franco-Moroccan Government is now driving over the Southern

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