'Fresh from the gardens'

STORY OF A MISSING ACTRESS AND THE TAXING OF WITS TO EXPLAIN HER FATE.

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SYNOPSIS

Sheila O'Shay, former popular actress, hasn't." wife of the multi-millionair Don Ellsworth, disappears, leaving no Don visits Dr. Cavanaugh, the criminologist, and confesses his married life has been unhappy. Peter Piper, reporter of The Herald, is sent to Dr. Cavanaugh's home. By accident he meets the doctor's adopted daughter, Barbara Cavanaugh and learns that she is interested in the case. She confesses she was engaged to Ellsworth before his marriage and persundes Peter to leave without seeing Dr. Cavanaugh. On returning to .- The Herald office Peter learns that an unidentified body has been ference." found in the tule marsh outside the city.

CHAPTER 1X.—(Cont'd.)

whose heavy figure was unobtrusively remains." clad in a suit tailored by Brooks' Broindependent "expert."

office on the top floor of the city hall duce actions, and what actions they tower without a great deal of incredu- are likely to produce. Unfortunately, On the moor thick rest is falling, lous and scornful opposition. He had we don't know Mrs. Ellsworth's charbeen the first man on the coast to in- acter half well enough for such prestall and classify fingerprint records diction. If I had known she was go- For my darling, for my only, in the old days when criminals were ing to disappear," he added whimsiidentified-or more frequently weren't cally, "I should have made much bet only. More recently he had talked, observation that came my way. What read, almost eaten and slept "forensic little I do know complicates rather ballistics," those telltale individual than simplifies the possibilities. Mrs. "fingerprints" left on a bullet in its Elisworth was a far from conventionpassage through a gun barrel. He had al person, and her acts, therefore, may forced the detective bureau to take not fall into the grooves of convenseriously the measurement of realtion | tional conduct." time as a test of veracity—a device seized upon with glee by the public agreed with ironic fervor. press, described with inspired inaccuracy, and captioned the "truth de- have." Dr. Cavanaugh went

tector." described as a freak and his depart- little thought-a sort of preliminary Velvet sleep on all it falling, fangled, high-brow "college" police worth for several years, and he came their own in court; and his practice of could make of it. I declined to take vanaugh whom some other members had an idea you might call upon me. of the department somewhat snorting- It's too bad I didn't know about this ly referred to as a "nut cracker," had latest find of yours-if I had, I'd have not only contributed to the defence won a nickel with myself when you of his pet theories, but on more than called up!" serious blunders.

berwell, on the other hand, had led the or rather we haven't here-a woman psychologist to turn his wide-ranging entirely free of one of the most pow- Planes operated on this air route are identification. It had given him what the fear of social diapproval. Sheila and mail. he always called a "mere hobby" -- O'Shay made herself conspicuous in a but it was a hobby which he put to variety of ways on two continents. frequent and very practical use. In And however disreputable the ways return, he had given to the policemen, were, from the point of view of construggling through the thickets of ventional society, she capitalized them uncharted research, the encourage to her advantage. She made a bad ment of his support in some rather reputation pay. She is an exhibitiondark and stormy periods. Camber- ist. Whatever she did contributed to well's admiration of talents different the gate receipts. Now this woman, from his own was intensified by per- whose latest and most conspicuous act sonal gratitude.

him gently, "you have two quite iso- years. She is excessively fond of

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well's chair squeaked with accelerated | days about that time. I remember it, tempo. "I only wish it were!"

CHAPTER X.

"Oh!" Dr. Cavanaugh said in mild ly under the impression that a corpse locomotive, embers of a 'jungle' fire fles at the hem, it's doubly attractive. was the chief occasion for this con- made by tramps-any one of a num-

berwell said, as if he had ordered one pat to destroying all chance of identi- skirt. and it had not come up to specifica- fying that body." Between these two-the doctor, tions. "Not nearly so good. It's only

"Well, then, suppose for the moment according to his own mixture, and trate on the lady, who isn't there who swung in the battered swivel meditative puffs from his cigar before there existed none of the antagonism motive behind a given act is deter- done."traditional between the police and the mined by character, temperament, call it what you will. Conversely, if Camberwell's admiration for the you know a person's character well pschologist was more than profession- enough, you know what motives will al. He had not arrived at his present operate in his strongly enough to pro--by description and photographs ter use of the few opportunities for Trotting home, my dearie, dearie,

"I'll say they mayn't!" Camberwell

"I've no more to go on than you scrutinizing the glowing tip of his As a result, he had heard himself | cigar. "But I've given the case a methods. But his methods had held to me the other night, to see what I seeking the collaboration of Dr. Ca- up the case professionally, because I

done away with!" was her marriage to a multi-milloin-"So far," Dr. Cavanaugh reminded | aire several years her junior disaplated facts to consider. A corpse that | money-or rather of what money will buy in the way of a flaunting display of luxury. That has been amply indicated by her previous career. She is also highly sexed-which has likewise been sufficiently indicated."

"It certainly has," Camberwell

agreed again. "If she went away of her own free will, there is the possibility that she was actuated by a strong sex impulse, directed elsewhere than toward her husband. I very much doubt if she ever felt any very compelling attraction toward a man of Ellsworth's type. There is also the possibility that Ellsworth put the screws on financially and she found that being married to a multi-millionaire did not give her immediate access to all the millions to play with. In either case, she might have left as suddenly and as inexplicably as she did. She would not be hampered, you see, by considcration for Don nor by the fear of publicity. She may, indeed, have

to the stage!"

."But in that case-in any of those cases-we ought to have got some trace of her!"

"I would not understand her resourcefulness," Dr. Cavanaugh countered. "In no sense of the words was BY ANNEBELLE WORTHINGTON Sheila O'Shay born yesterday. However, there is the second possibility Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Furthat she was abducted, perhaps for ransom, perhaps by a jealous former lover ... And there is, of course, the third-that she was murdered. So far it's all speculation."

"But this tule marsh business-" "This tule marsh business may indeed substitute a second mystery for the firs't-or merely add another unrelated one. By the way, if it were Sheila O'Shay, it would hardly be unrecognizable so soon, would it? Or would it? You haven't told me, you

"That part fits in all right, as to time. But it makes identification the very dickens of a job. Properly speaking, the body wasn't found in the marsh at all, but above it, on the south slope of El Cerrito hill. There was a grass fire there a couple of weeks ago that burned the place over. This morning a group of boys playing Indian stumbled on the body. It had been burned beyond recognition. It might have lain there in the tall grass for month or years-except that the charred remains showed little sign of exposure to the weather." "And this fire-how did it start?"

"There you have us. There was a "But it isn't a corpse!" Camber- high north wind blowing for several and anyway the weather reports back it up. Under those conditions, grass fires along that strip are common enough—a cigarette end thrown out of surprise. "My error. I was distinct an automobile, a spark from a passing one-piece dress with its swaying rufber of things might account for it. decorative. It affects shoulder yokes "It isn't as good as a corpse," Cam- On the other hand, the fire came pretty and provides a nice fulness to the

"You don't quite mean that," Dr. Cavanaugh leaned back in his chair. He had a way of appearing most rethers, whose long, pale cigars were we postpone consideration of the laxed when another man would have manufactured for him individually, corpse which isn't there, and concen- leaped forward in strained attention. "You would not have called me away the grizzled little man in plain clothes either." Dr. Cavanaugh drew several from golf to attempt the impossible -because you're one of the very few chair and rolled in rapid succession a he went on. "Every act, of course, is people who realize that the impossible series of Bull Durham cigarettes, the expression of a motive, and the is one of the things that simply isn't

(To be continued.)

Lullaby

Softly now the burn is rushing. Every lark its song is hushing. Just one heather-blade is calling-Calling, calling, lonely, lonely, Leanbhain O, Leanbhain O!

Wee black lamb comes, wearle,

Here its soft feet pit-a-patting Quickly o'er the flowery matting, See its brown-black eyes a-blinking-Of its bed it's surely thinking, Leanbhain O. Leanbhain O!

The hens to roost wee Nora's shoo-

Brindley in the byre is mooing, The tired-out; cricket's quit its call-

Feel it kiss our white-haired darling, Leanbhain O, Leanbhain O! -Seumas MacManus, in "Ballads of a Country Boy."

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The ADVENTURES of CAPCAIN and his Dog SCOTTIE-

with bursts from the field. his machine gun.

ror of the situation, the thunder which check, now broke. [Amid the crash but the males splendid red-gold creahad rumbled in the distance now of thunder, the rain came down in tures, long of tail and gracefully built, rolled up overhead with a muffled sheets. Then Jed turned loose his with all manner of colors flitting and Flashlight in hand I searched. The

helter skelter fashion. The air was

close and hot. Scottle sniffed and sneezed, with disapproval. No sign of Guy Stone in the first We ducked under the back wall and made for the next one. we ran across the open space, a rifle went, Crack! A bullet whipped by my arm. Those bandits were better

shots than most Chinese. From tent to tent we went, and each time we showed ourselves a turned to go, heart-broken.

Scottie was sniffing at a heap of happy. and howling to himself. I turned my flashlight on the litter, and there at the very bottom, more dead than alive, was Guy Stone.

what came before: Captain Jimmy well to bring back circulation into and his friend Lieut. Jed Stone plan to rescue by Stone, Jed's younger brother, his numb arms and legs. Then I from the cruel Chinese bandits. Disguist helped him from tent to tent. Each the bandits' camp. they raid time we showed ourselves, we were I searched hurriedly through the greeted with a regular fusillade of deserted tents for Guy. A few hun- shots. The bandits, enraged at losdred feet away Licut. Jed Stone stood ing their captive were growing boldguard with his terrible dragon plane | er and creeping closer. Jed rushed gleaming blue in the darkness. From | to meet us, and in a moment we liftthe rim of the dark forests the band- ed Guy into the plane. Boosting perhaps. its' rifles flashed and stray bullets | Scottie over into the cockpit, I folrained about the camp. Jed re- lowed the two brothers, and in anturned their fire other moment we were rushing down

Tat-tat-tat. Tat- Chief, broke from the cover of the tat-tat. And the woods, firing as they came. Realiz- in the jungle; and the dancing began echoes resounded ing that they had been duped by our each morning with the rising of the hundred times dragon, their rage knew no bounds. black They placed to riddle our plane as The birds were of a species called Ra-

The storm which had held machine gun.

Stopping in their tracks, the bandits! tents were in the utmost confusion. turned and made for the woods as ping lightly and daintily from out the Dirty cooking utensils, fragments of fast as they could run.

choosing that night.

(To be Continued) writing to "Captain Jimmy", 2010 did not care. Star Building, Toronto, will receive Cutting his bonds, I shook him signed photo of Captain Jimmy free.

I think it very strange

may grow,

Their habits never change,

The fellowship of speech.

It seems a curious fact

That animals to all intent

Their kingdoms kept intact,

For weeping or for worshipping

By chance was ever made

And out of nothing grew.

Should lofty goals pursue.

And not to man alone.

I think it strange that only man

And reason might have thrown

know not how this world began,

Stars fixed and sun and tide,

Which were to beasts denied;

Unchanged while men advance,

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reach

Birds of Paradise Dance Lovers

For some years now the hunting of birds of paradise has been prohibited in New Guinea, their home, with the result that the birds have greatly increased. In regions where heretofore the sight of one of these lovely creak tures was a rarity, they are now constantly to be seen. There is about them an air of security. Whereas at one time they would have vanished at the appearance of a man, they now remain, preening their wings, dancing

On the lower slopes of the main range in New Guinea there was a tree so favored by these birds that the natives called it the Tree of the Dance. A group of bandits, headed by the It was a thick-boled; wide-limbed tree standing in a naturally cleared space sun. I have watched it many a time. giana, or Red Bird, the females of in which were quite drab and ordinary, quivering about their feathers.

First came one of the males, stepfoliage near the center of the tree, nodcooked food, were all strewn about; "Give her the gas", said Stone. And ding his pretty pointed head, seeming A I did. Whirr- almost now and then to bow, and, on bump - bump- reaching a cleared space on the limb. bump. It wasn't stopping and giving forth a clear and smoothest rounded whistling somewhat in the in the manner of a man whistling to a dog.

There, for perhaps half a minute, off, but we he would stand looking this way and weren't spend- that, patiently expectant; then from ing much time the adjoining foliage would come an picking and answering whistle, and another male would come forth, and after him an-Off the ground we went. Higher other, till maybe there were twenty of sniper's bullets went, Spat! Still and higher. Soon we sailed far them gathered there on the limb, bowno sign of Guy Stone. I had search- above the valley, and passed through ing and nodding and looking this way ed the last tent without success, and the storm out into bright, clear moon- and that. And all the while there were We were soaking wet, but flutters of drab gray wings, and drab After midnight we landed gray females perched themselves on rags. He wouldn't budge away, in Shanghai. General Lu sent for twigs all about. They had almost an and continued pawing at the rags us in haste. What had happened? air of humility. They seemed not to know that it was for them the males Note: Any of our young readers were about to dance, or, if they knew, The dancing would begin quite sud-

denly. The birds separated, strung themselves along the limb at irregular distances, whistling the while in a kind of undertone, a whispered whistle as it were; and one of them would open wide his wings and sway, at first only a little, then more and more till he was just a moving bit of color. Then one, midway along the limb, perhaps, would begin a sharp and vigorous nodding of his head, with now and then a sidewise movement; and another would execute a turning movement, slowly, and with charming grace. Another would prance up and down, lifting high his feet and now address your order to Wilson Pattern routes totalling 40,000 miles. These That birds and beasts of every kind and then making a hop; and still another, would make a grand play of That flowers so large or so small spreading and fluttering his wings, of drawing them in and then extending The trees fixed heights may reach, them, of raising them and lowering them, seemingly causing the small feathers to move independently of the

And now the gold and silver of the early morning sun would be upon them, trickling through the foliage, touching them here and there, turning to shining russet the red-gold of their backs and bringing from their green underfeathers a play of strange light, and from their black ones hints of fire like the fire of opal; and from the gray drab females watching from among the twigs would come a high twittering, a kind of gossipy applause, and there would be much moving from For that same chance which gave us one place to another as though they sought a better spot from which to These powers to creatures in its

So for half an hour the dance would go on; then would come a period of rest, when the dancers would gather in a group and renew their whispered whistling. After which one or two would dance again, but only half-heart-Nor why some powers were given to edly; and presently first one and then another would fly off into the jungle, a swift flash of color; and the females Nor why all birds and blossoms stay would follow, them, then the rest of the males. The dance was finished .--J. McL., in The Christian Science Monitor.

Marriage and Muddle

The bridegroom was embarrassed: the bride was self-possessed. "If it were only over!" he whispclothes are provided in every cell in ered, excitedly. "I know I'll do it

> "It won't take long, darling," she answered, consolingly. "You haven't much to say." Suddenly there came to the ears of

the bridegroom the voice of the min-"Kindly change - places with the

The bridegroom tried to do so, but stepped on the toe of her shoe, and, raising his arm, caught his cuff but-

ton in her veil. "Do be careful!" she implored. The minister began the ceremony.

The bridegroom grew more and more embarrassed. "If any person knows any just

these two should not be joined together, let him now speak or for

reason," said the minister, "why

"I will!" shouted the bridegroom.

She: 'And what did Papa say when you told him you couldn't sleep for thinking of me?" Jack: "He offered me a job as night watchman in his fac-

Chance

By the end of this year Great Briit carefully) for each number, and tain will possess air services covering Service, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto. will link up almost every part of the Empire. We already have airways to Of Pests Held in Doubt extended a further 5,800 miles by the And only man was given to know Yakima, Wash.-The hard-working service between Karachi and Port Dar-

At the moment the United States is tramp, migrating too rapidly to help still a little ahead of us with air routes' And that no other living thing I individual orchards. It is still be- totalling 38,000 miles, but these are all ment criticized as an example of new- survey. I've known young Don Ells- Lark and cow, and sheep and star- lieved, however, that the insect, freed services within the country. Britain's in large communities, might clean air routes are mainly external. No up the green aphis and rust larvae, other country is extending its airways Entomologists are of the opinion so quickly, and this wonderful expan-If purposeless this life began that severe dust-storms in the melon sion is due mainly to the work of pionand grape growing sections caused eers like Sir Alan Cobham and Kingsford-Smith.

Before the end of the year we shall country. France has less than 20,000 miles of airways, whilst Holland,



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curiosity on the problems of personal erful restrictions on human conduct: capable of carrying both passengers available, which is worth \$4,685,000, parts of the world, has only just over

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