By BELDON DUFF

CHAPTER XXIX.—(Cont'd.) "John," said Cropsey, glancing down at Diamond, "I want you to look at this boy and tell me who he is." The millionaire stared at David,

stared for a long time. "Were it not that you would think me mad," he said at last in his oldtime cumbersome way, "I would say he was myself-my young self, risen from the past to confront me with the

mess I lave made of my life." "He tells me his name is Renny," Cropsey lowered the candle, "and that he comes from Maryland. Does that

mean anything to you?" The flush entirely receded from Diamond's cheeks, leaving them paler than before.

"Come closer!" A gesture of appeal brought the giant to his knees before the couch. "So! That's better." Wistfully, "Renny-a Mary- of anxiety have been sufficient punland Renny. ell me, who were your father and mother?"

David returned the millionaire's look with inter st. "Roderick and Annabelle. But they were only my foster-parents. I am a foundling."

The .wier of the Daily Free Press laid his one sound hand on the young man's shoulder and looked up at his managing editor breathlessly.

"The mystery of Bride's House deepens, Alva," he said: "Roderick and Annabelle Renny were my own father and mother. And this lad, with his great body and dark curly hair, might well be, as Miss West says, my own son."

It was Sunday afternoon, and the living room of Bride's House was crowded: Alva Cropsey, smoking his pipe; John Diamond, his arm in sling, occupying the big chair in the bay window; Willie Prentice and Claudia, hand in hand on the couch. Fy .. Seth Toby and Noah Peabody had come, both a little self-conscious in their prayer-meeting clothes.

The table was set for tea. There were sandwiches and a plate of iced cakes. Noah hoped that Miss West would come soon. The ride over from the Crossing had given him an appe-

"All's well that ends well," observed Seth Toby, breaking what had

become a painful silence. John Diamond sighed and Alva glared. . It seemed that perhaps the observation needed a bit of explain-

publicity," said the chief of police. lety for both of us. And then I came "I'm glad the boy didn't see his back to Hales Crossing, just as Der-

"I'm glad too, Toby. I'd rather David never knew how badly his mother was disfigured, nor why. Has Cranson made a statement yet?"

Seth Toby nodded.

took him. Lucky he did because now he's gone completely off his head."

"What did he say about her?" asked Diamond.

'Seems the little doc musta lived for the past thirty years between the devil and the deep sea. He wanted revenge on you; but he was afraid if he had it they'd take Jane Runnels away from him. You'll have to remember, sir, that Cranson loved Jane Runnels from the minute he set eyes

Diamond asked: "How did Cranson know I had put my wife's body back of the fireplace?"

"Heard her groaning," interposed Noah Peabody cheerfully.

"I say," demanded Cropsey, "what's the idea of going over all this. It has been decided, that no crime but assault was committed and that your years ishment for that."

For the first time in days the millionaire smiled, and it presaged a more peaceful outlook for the future. "Alva," he said gently, "I must hear Derick Cranson's story to the end."

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the good-hearted chief squirmed. This was a job he had not bargained for.

"There ain't so much more to tell. Jane's beauty, as I said before, was spoiled. The bottle, when it broke, gouged out one eyes, smashed in her nose, and split her cheek. On top of all that, in Cranson's shack she developed blood poisoning, which finished

"When the baby came, Cranson persuaded a friend of his from the circus to take it down to Maryland and leave it on your own doorstep. The address was on a letter in Jane's pocket. "Well, Doc was obsessed with the

idea of having Jane all to himself at

"Did he say anything about that inscription over there?"

"Why, sir," the chief of police said, "Cranson done that himself. It was the beginning of his crack-brained scheme to punish you."

Seth Toby said: "I'm convinced Cranson will never say a rational word again. If there's any more to his story, you'll have to fill it in for us yourself."

"It's easy enough to do that," Dia-"There's no danger of any further mond said. "Years of grueling anxick knew I would."

Claudia Prentice stepped forward: "The fact that I was kept so long, to face at last, dear; and it isn't so safe and unharmed, seems to prove dark after all, now is it?" Cranson had no intention of killing. It was only when Otto discovered the under the girl's elbows and lifted her

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of protecting his secret."

"I don't think Otto found the tunnel," objected Cropsey. "But it looks like a certainty that Otto saw Cranson dig up the coffin in which Jane Runnels was supposed to be buried; and Cranson knew he saw him."

"The boy's gone," said Noah, "and Doc's in a lunatic asylum. Poor little Doc! If he had been right in the head he wouldn't have harmed a fly. "What's eating me," said Toby

"is why Cranson should have dug up that coffin in the first place. thought his idee was to keep everyone from knowing that Jane wasn't bur-

ied in it."

"I think I can explain," Diamond volunteered. "Derick Cranson had the stage all set. Through Mics West, was to be lured to this house where as he himself said, he wished to see his revenge completed. What that revenge was to be we can all imagine. But at the last moment his mad brain suggested a macabre touch-the coffir in which my wife had not been buried. The coffin was his undoing, for it led to the murder first of Otto, and then the deputy." With a shudder, "I all but caught him at his bloody work. It was my car that was on the Wood Road the night the de-

puty was shot. "Last Sunday I had talked with Miss West-urged her to leave. Her ing from her many friends around determination to stay threw me into a the globe. ranic. All evening the thought of that girl, exposed to a danger which I had no way of explaining, drove me almost than usually disastrous, so far as mad. As midnight approached I ord- Cupid is concerned—he has practicered the car and drove over to bring ally been kicked out of the film colony. her back with me, by force, if neces-

"Will you kindly explain why you didn't go in and lend a hand?" Seth

"I can never explain that even myself," Diamond said. "Garling started the car and the first thing I remember with any clearness is that we were back on the main road. was the most cowardly act of my cowardly life."

"I always said," stated Seth Toby, that I'd know you wherever, I saw you. But it was Noah who first suspicioned you was the Southerner who came and took Jane Runnels away so long ago."

Willie Prentice drew Claudia from the couch to a seat into the bay winsuddenly announced.

been completed for Dracula, came Annassa West and young David Renny.

white whipcord breeches. A fawncolored coat fitted smoothly over his broad shoulders. The red-headed girl tucked one hand through her com- ment expires, will afterwards devote England has done and is still doing panion's arm and was looking up at his whole time to writing. He former- a great service to humanity in provhim with smiling, adoring eyes.

At the front stoop Annassa paused "You've met your inheritance face

Gently the giant put his hands "A pretty clear one when we first tunnel in the red barn that he found to the top step, where her face was

himself driven to murder as a means on a level with his own. Then he kissed her.

."This is all that counts in my life from now on," he said gravely. "As for my inheritance," the old haggard look returned for a moment to his eyes, "I'm not so sure they've told me everything. Scmetimes I ask my-

Annassa put her finger to his lips. "Remember the motto of your house and don't ask too many question. What's the use of going back over a past you never knew?"

"Maybe you're right," was David's answer; and the cloul lifted from his "Always right," came the gay re-

tort. "I'm a woman." He kissed her again. "There now," chirped Noah, who ould have given a controlling inter-

est in the Ark just then to be able to hear as well as see what was going on outside, "it looks as though everything was settled in that quarter. Let's get on with our tea."

# Hollywood Flashes

Mary Pickford, who first greeted Toronto on April 8, 1893, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Smith, at 211 University Ave., received greet-

This year seems to have been more The latest break-up is Janet Gaynor and Lydell Peck, whom she declared, criticized her work in hard terms.

Lew Ayres, hero of "All Quiet On the Western Front," has definitely had had of the avenues of Versailles, parted with his wife, Lola Lane.

garding the retirement of popular with the intentions of Nature, was a stars. According to one news source marked characteristic of the French four headliners have definitely announced they will desert Hollywood within the next twelve months.

reason-her real love has always been | ing he waved his stick and quite unthe stage. It is understood she in- consciously it seemed to be pointing in tends to rebuild her career as a stage the direction of his perfect lawn, imactress and will appear in a London dow. "Here they are at last," Willie play. No. 2 is Constance Bennett, who declares she will settle down on the Walking up the path from the white Riviera with her husband, the Marbarn, where a new box stall had just quis de la Falaise de la Coudraye, and dare lift its head above the others.

No. 3, Ronald Colman, may not re-The giant had discarded his khaki tire permanently, but desires overalls for sole-leather boots and "breathing spell" of about two years'

No. 4, Clive Brook, who is under contract to make one British picture, bears something of a derogatory conwhen his present Hollywood agreely wrote short stories.

# Farmhand Finds Fortune

One of the finest collections of antiquities ever dug up from Scandinavian culous point of view, and on the other soil was revealed when Emil Joensson, a farmhand in Skaane, the most show intellectual originality to cut a southern province of Sweden, uncovered this fortune while plowing.

Joensson at first noticed some bluewhite pieces of porcelain in his furrow, stopped his horses to investigate made. An archaeologist was sent for, Nicholson & Watson Ltd.) and the "lucky strike" examined. There were no less than 378 Swedish, Danish and German coins dated some 300 years back, beautiful ornaments of hand-wrought, gilt silver and a set of beautifully worked and decorated buckles, spangles and mountings of a belt. Archaeologists are of the opinicn the ornaments belong to the very best specimens of late Gothic silver work now existing in Sweden.

It is thought a wealthy nobleman grand-nephew of Mme. Curie. or merchant probably hid his most valuable belongings in the ground ably by death.

Swedish law, was offered to the State for redemption and the State Histor- activity. ical Museum purchased it from the lucky farm hand, who profitted by a fortune lost centuries ago.

## Fingerprint Test For Art

Munich.-Fingerprints for identifying old masters without having to call in art experts, with their conflicting tenets, is what Alexander Eibert, Ph.D., of the Munich Institute of Technology, is developing into a systematic testing method.

Starting with some thoroughly authenticated old painting, says a Durer, Dr. Eibert makes a searching microscopic and micro-photographic study these with other genuine works by the lem to me until I hit on this plan. the police.

able of course only to painters who ing, of course. I have dyed many helped out their brush work with their things with these wonderful colors. fir.gers, especially thumbs, is being de- They have saved me many dollars and veloped at the Institute for the Tech- have never failed to give perfect renique of Painting, of which Dr. Eibert sults-smooth, even colors-fast to is director.

qualified women decters in the Unit- give the most gorgeous colors!" ed Kingdom.

Adds Zest to the Meal

"Fresh from the Gardens"

# The Englishman **Abhors Pedantry**

an oak or an elm. And this is not tificially. merely due to the decrees of some lord of the manor. You will seldom has established that the vitamin see in England gardens laid out in abundantly present in the Hungarian the Italian manner with their hori- paprika, or sweet pepper, which he den-warbler will do the same in zontal alignment, which is nothing holds contains at least four times as gooseberry bushes. The thorns themes more than the prolongation of the much vitamin C as an orange or a architectural plan set out by the lemon. In his experiments he has for the birds, but are Nature's ways house. The English look down on this used 10,000 paprikas and claims that style. "Artificial" they call it dis- he has now extracted the vitamin, dainfully. Its unbending lines dis- which can be administered in the word "crescent" in an address babies. has a slightly aristocratic tone, possibly because it suggests a curve,

One day when I was having tea with an old squire in his garden under the shade of the immemorial trees, he told me what a painful impression he where the trees are clipped to a line. He went so far as to say that this Many rumors are floating about re- alignment, this repeated tampering stand Nature." He smiled and then added, "I have often wondered how you could bear to live in the Boulevard No. 1. Ruth Chatterton gives as her de la Reine!" and while he was speakmaculately shorn and cut every other day and rolled night and morning, and from which every daisy, plantain, and dandelion was rigorously extirpated, and where no blade of grass would

The Englishman has such a horror of pedantry in all its guises and such a great admiration for character that he has come not actually, to despise intelligence but to disdain it somewhat, so that now the word "clever" notation. For my part I think that ing almost daily that intelligence is not the greatest and the most important attribute of man; and that so long as he forms a part of the community In Swedish Fields his moral qualities are of even greater value. There is no country where it needs less courage to maintain a ridihand, where it is less necessary to good figure in the world. It will be considered sufficient for a man to have an ample fund of anecdotes and mildly amusing stories, and no blame attaches to him if he prepares his most spontaneous impromptus beforeand discovered a number of silver hand.-Felix de Grand 'Combe, in coins. Right then his fortune was "England This Way!" (London: Ivor

### Pierre Curie Pushing Search for Element 61

Paris .- The search for the chemical element No. 61, missing from the atomic chart but identified in 1926 and christened illinium by Dr. B. Smith Hopkins, of the University of Illinois, is being pursued by Pierre Curie,

He and S. Takvorian, an American student, are examining four tons of during times of warfare and peril rare earth in an effort to isolate the about 300 years ago, and was pre- element. They have reported to the vented from recovering them, prob- Academy of Sciences that they have ascertained the existence of the ele-The find, in accordance with the ment, but were unable to extract any. They obtained only proof of its radio

> Their experiments consisted of an analysis of a mixture containing elements sixty and sixty-two, in the course of which they got a radio activity ten times greater than either

Straw, regarded as a waste product of agriculture, costs the world some £500,000,000 a year.

# FASHION HINT

"How to make my old short skirts of the fingerprints. After comparing conform to the new length was a probsame hand, the Durer fingerprint, dropped the hems; and as the part once established, can be invoked as a that had been turned under was darker conclusive test of doubtful or in any than the rest, I redyed the entire dress, way questioned "Durers" in quite the after having bleached the goods, folsame way as fingerprints are used by lowing directions in the Diamond Dyes package.

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### Vitamin C May Be Obtained From Paprika, Chemist Finds

Budapest.—General scientific interest has been aroused by the claim of Yoo have seen the English gardens, a prominent Hungarian chemist, Dr. flowers flourish as if they knew that Szegedin University, to have discovroad bends merely to avoid disturbing method of producing vitamin C ar-

Pr. fessor Szentgyoergyi says please them. I suppose that is why form of powder or pills even to tiny

> At the present rate of progress there will be as many deaths as f und in such places. births in England and Wales in 1936.









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# Plant Protects **English Linnet**

Humble Gooseberry Bush Offers Sancutary to Bird Life from Enemies

Nature is never at a loss to protect her subjects; even some of the lowest creatures have cunning of overcoming enemies, writes Oliver G. Pike, F.Z.S., in Tit-Bits (London).

The common snail carries its protection on its back. The thrush, however, has discovered a method . of getting at the tender meal inside. She carries the snail to a large stone then dashes the shell against this until it is smashed.

Shell-fish, such as oysters, cook les, and mussels, are able to protect's themselves from most enemies, but the glorious parks where trees and Albert Szentgyoergyi, professor at the carrion crow and some of the gulls are able to get t they by carrythey were beloved. Many an English ered after ten years research a ing them to a height and dropping them on to the rocks.

England's common linnet protects her nest from enemier by building if in the centre of a gorse bush, where it is surrounded by thorns; the gar tive armour. On deserts and other large open spaces in tropical countries, where there is little or no raing. we find certain plants flourishing. We can understand that if these had no protection they would quickly ber exterminated by the few animals

WEIRD SHAPES.

These cacti are protected in such a wonderful manner that for thousands of years they have flourished and held their own.

All plants need moisture, and the first thing these desert plants have to discover is a supply of water. They have long roots which go downwards until moisture of a kind is found, and have a way of conserving water during long periods of drought.

Plants that thrive in places where there is plenty of mosture give out large quantities in the form of vapour from their leaves. The cactus has dispensed with leaves, and in their place there are innamerable spines or sharp thorns spreading out in every direction. Some of these are small and so numerous that they have the appearance of a soft fleecy covering, but any animal that at tempts to eat them soon discovers that this apparently soft covering is an enemy in disguise, and it finds its tongue covered with hundreds of sharp thistles. These thorns are the armourplate of the cactus, and they have protected it from attacks

throughout countless ages. One of these, called Wislizen's cactus, is covered with a double plate of armour. Myriads of tiny spines as tough as steel cover the body of the plant, while longer ones prevent larger animals from proaching too close. The cactus concentrates all its branches of shoots into compact forms; some consist ofjust one tall trunk, others have the appearance of vegetable marrews, and all knds of welrd shares are found. The covering skin is thick, to prevent evaporation, and in the thick but soft body . w find plenty of moisture.

## Banker Who Kept

Servant 47 Years Edward Wagg, a retired London banker, who died recently aged 89 and was cremated at Golder's Green, might well go down in history as an employer to whom the servant prob-

lem meant nothing. For 50 years he ha. maintained large staff of servants at his beautiful riverside home, the Islet, Maidenhead, and also as his London house, New faces appeared in his servants' halls during those 50 years, but always the nwcomer was prede tined to long service with "the man

who kept his servants." At Mr. Wagg's death his head c achman was still holding that post-

tion after 47 years. His housekeeper, Mrs. Keats, is still living, at the age of 92, at the Islet, after 43 years in his service, For many years she has been an in valid, and Mr. Wagg has provided for

her in her old age. Many other servants had been in Mr. Wagg's employ for upwards of 25 years, while others were pensioned off. Mr. Wagg's servants were no his servants, but his friends," said an old friend to a reporter.

"There will never be another master like him. There were scarcely any changes in his staff throughout the years except those enforced by age.".

Mr. Wagg never married. For 50 years he lived with his servants, and in the company of his life-long friend, Mr. J. K. Edwards.

Mr. Edwards was married last year at the age of 73, and was present when Mr. Wagg died in his sheep at his home.

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