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ferred to think he had gone to avoid

considered her foolish breakdown of

surely not have returned if there were

"As a matter of fact," he said, "I

had an urgent business call to London,

so I caught the first available train."

Mark gave a shrug of disinterest.

said, "seeing that you're back so soon.

snub, and replied quite blandly:

Barbour affected not to notice th

"No, I agree with you, except that

did not stay in London to complete m

Then he turned to Jill and said:

"I came straight back to see if

could be of any use to you, Miss Merri

dew. I was astonished when I saw

the lunchtime newspapers and read of

the terrible happenings here, especial-

ly after-after our being together

quite late last evening, when every-

other way, perhaps deliberately.

even know who the man is."

been rushed into print.

her on the previous night. He had,

however, read about it in the paper,

for the officer Bain had told Scotland

Yard about that, too, and it had duly

"Perhaps we can have a quiet tal

about it soon," said Barbour presently.

"It is a most mysterious affair. What

"Watching the farm, of 'course,

said Mark, bestowing a pitying smile

Jill noticed it and her anger surged

"Yes, I gathered he was watching

Then he turned again to Jill.

"Anyway," he said, "we'll have

She did not extend the invitation to

thing seemed peaceful."

"It couldn't have taken you long," he

a chance of his being implicated.

ing earlier at the farm.

business."

the previous evening.

NEEDS SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS SEEDS Jill of the Fields

A ROMANCE

By Kennaway James

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Motherless Jill Merridew becomes, on the death of her father, owner of a farm. She counts on Mark Hanson, head man, to assist her in the management. Mark resents remarks made by Phillip Barbour, who professes to be investigating the history of old county families. On returning to London Barbour meets two foreigners: The reason for his interest proves to be a chemical fertilizer discovered by Jill's father, which he had not made known to Jill.

On returning to the farm Phillip Ands Jill upset over Mark Hanson, who had declared his love for her. Barbour comforts Jill and old George tells Mark of Barbour's attentions. Mark quarrels with Jill but is interrupted by the news that a body of a man has been found in one of the fields - A tobacco box is found under-the body, which proves to belong

CHAPTER VII .- (Cont'd.)

Mark encountered Jill in the farmyard, and although they spoke of farm matters and of the murder, nothing as said of the incident indoors. had already heard from one of the men of old George's encounter with the inspector.

"If he is tried for murder," she said, "it will be the most fantastic murder case ever tried. Hello, there's that other inspector back from Denbridge." The other officer saluted awkwardly

as he passed them on his way to join Norton. Presently the two came across to Mark and Jill.

"My colleague reports that your friend Mr. Barbour left Denbridge for London this morning, Miss Merridew. Perhaps you will be good enough to

give as his London address?" "I haven't got it," said Jill. "And he's a friend of yours," said

the inspector, raising his eyebrows. "Yes, a friend," replied Jill. "But I have not got his address. We don't correspond; in any case, what are you getting at, may I ask? I am the mistress of this farm and I'm not used to being mistaken for a liar. Anything you can help. There's only one way

else? We're busy, and this affair has anybody can help me at the present already upset the day's work." "Er, no, there's nothing else at the l'about. I shall go mad soon if I don't moment," said Norton, "but it's strange that your friend should have suddenly gone to London on the morn-

ing of the murder without telling you." "I never said he didn't tell me," snapped Jill. "You just sent this man to Denbridge without asking me. think if I were a police officer I should! manage things a bit better than that, Why, you can't even manage old George, according to what I hear!"

Norton, who was still suffering from the ridicule which George had heaped upon him, now began to feel that he dressed up in scarecrow's clothes?" was in a positive nest of it. He said no more.

When the other inspector, whose on his rival. name was Bain, got to Denbridge and found Barbour had gone back to Lon- up anew. The truth was that Mark. don, he informed Scotland Yard and in spite of her jegard for him, was gave to the man at the other end the the unfortunate knack of saying the story of the extraordinary case on very things which displeased her. He which he was working. From this could not have done it better even had man the story reached one of the crime he been trying." journalists who keep in close touch with the Yard, and soon the evening the farm," replied Barbour. "Pretty papers were in full song, and the re- obvious. porters were en route for Stone Town.

A band of them arrived in Morley village by an afternoon train, and quiet talk about it, as I suggested." astonished that remote place by their "Yes," replied Jill, "I'm going inrequests for accommodation. The vil- doors now. Perhaps you'll come with lage could not hold them all, and some m'. were forced to go to Denbridge.

From the crime writer's point of Mark, and Barbour had the satisfacview, was there ever such a perfect tion of seeing the latter's face cloud murder? Everything was there, the with anger and disappointment as he old grey farm, the novelty of the scare- accepted his dismissal from Jill. crow, the romantic figure of Jill in the Whilst Barbour and Jill walked tobackground and the entertaining rural wards the house, Mark returned to the characters on the farm. Stone Farm farm buildings, vowing inwardly to be was not to go short of publicity for a even with Barbour though it took a tong time to come!

The news that Phillip Barbour had Uppermost in his mind was the fact one to London had been a shock to Jill, I that Jill had called him a cad. The

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feeling that she had some justification only tended to aggravate matters.

His thoughts were interrupted by Inspector Norton who came up to him with the air of one who seeks a friend in the hour of reed.

"Look here, Mr. Hanson," he said, "I've known you some little time, so I don't mind asking you-what do you know about this Mr. Barbour?"

"A damned sight too much," answered Mark grimly, thus leading the inspector to think he was barking up the right tree at last. He was soon disillusioned, however, when Mark told him that he knew nothing about him whatever except that he was a friend of Jill's and that Mark's retort had referred to Barbour pottering about the farm.

"Very well," said Norton conclusively, "then I shall go and have a word with him myself. I believe he is visit- Latest Findings ing Miss Merridew just now."

"Good idea," exclaimed Mark, encouragingly. So saying, the inspector strode

time to interrupt Jill's and Phillip's

tete-a-tete as soon as it had begun.

CHAPTER VIII.

When Phillip Barbour heard that hastened to reassure Jill, whose conquestioning expression.

for he had not mentioned it to her tion into which she and Mark had vor of this twenty-four-hour system of as she would have had the police be- drifted was one which could not read- reckoning in Great Britain, where it lieve. She could not think that he was ily be altered, though she missed his has been permanently adopted by the quiet, reliant advice more than she army, navy and Air Force. connected with the murder. She precared to admit. Still, on the top of other things, she could not pardon the weekly, Nature, the twenty-four-hour her embarrassment after what she remark which he had made about Bar- system was recommended for official

Mark, of course, was inwardly They were therefore both surprised when, late in the afternoon, the tall of extracting a promise from Mark figure of Phillip Barbour strode into the farmyard. It was a triumph for sistently. Barbour had said nothing of the Home Office that "the public Jill against Mark, for Phillip would she knew that, when it came, the anger of a patient man was worse than any rise en masse and clamor for the After greeting Jill and Mark, Barbour made his apologies for not call-

Yes, she would appeal to Mark's better nature, even in these difficult circumstances, to keep the peace.

She little knew that Mark had already decided to do nothing of the kind. The more he thought of the matter, the more he saw that it was going to be impossible for him to continue at Stone Town. That being so, he did not intend to leave without getting a little of his own back from this man who had so unexpectedly and so inconsiderately walked across his path. His pugnacity was as elemental as that and departure of trains.

of a stag in autumn. "I'll get even with that flashy fellow before I've done, if the police don't do it for me," he said to himself. "I wish that old devil George would let me know what's in his mind. He knows something."

But George was not yet in a com-He shot a glance at Jill as he spoke municative mood, as Mark discovered the last words, but Jill was looking the when, a little later, he tried again to get the old man to speak.

"That-that's awfully kind of you," "You must leave it all to me, Master she said, "but I don't quite see how Hanson," he said. "I know what I'm a-doing. They're after summat, and know what it is." and that is to tell me what all this is

(To be continued.)

find ou's something about it. We don't London Considers Plans For Central Airport She told him about the burglary

which had occurred after he had left unanimously lecided to consider the on top of a very high mountain at so erection of an airport or landing- low a temperature that it is imposa year or two any city or town with- is tightly closed and in which the out a landing stage or aircraft port pressure and therefore the temperaever could that fellow have been doing, place to London at present is at Croy- water heater is probably not much don, some 10 miles from the centre more than 120 degrees F., it could of the city. One suggestion is that a nevertheless run a low-pressure enthe Thames between Southward and a vacuum, would cause the water to Blackfriars bridges, where the river give off steam. is only about 600 feet wide. If this gave a description of him. He also now grating upon her nerves. He had position, were used, there would be nothing to pull down, and a stage er indicates hat the hope of utilizing could be placed in one complete span across the river, so that it would not interfere with shipping.

> "The murder story has for its high G. K. Chesterton.

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twenty-five countries were represent hara receives in a single day. cern was noticeable in her frightened, ed it was decided to adopt the present method of reckoning longitude east a stranger here. It is quite natural hours of the day, would be counted which reflected and concentrated the that they should wish to question me." clock and watch dials so that the sun's rays on a blackened boiler at

According to the British scientific and other purposes in 1919 by a Home Gloomily, she could see a coming Office committee, but the necessary clash between the two men. This she legislative action was not taken. The must avert at all costs and she dis- attitude of Parliament has always cussed with herself the advisability been that expressed by the Earl of Lucan, who in 1932 rose in the House not to ruffle the other's feelins so per- of Lords to say as the representative about it, probably for her sake, but has not shown that it wants the change." As, if the public would ever abolition of "A.M." and "P.M."

Nature makes the point that the twenty-four-hour system can be introduced without abolishing the present system. For ordinary purposes there is little possibility of confusing A.M. and P.M. Nor is it necessary to alter. clocks by having a twenty-four-hour satisfy the British if the twenty-fourhour system were followed in timing letters and telegrams, in noting on post boxes the hours of collection and in indicating in time tables the arrival

Sun Heats the Earth

At the Geophysical Observatory of Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the Soviet scientists have see up a boiler which is heated by the sun's rays. So far as we can determine from the meagre description that has reached this country, the apparatus serves the prosaic purpose of heating water for laundries and for outdoor bathtubs.

The underlying principle of this method of harnessing the sun proves to be simple enough. Also very old. The water trickles in a thin film under glass. From the "boiler" it flows into the bathtub. Boiling water can hardly be expected; yet it is warm enough for its purpose.

· Boiling points are gover-en by the pressure of the atmosphere. At sea The Corporation of London has level water boils at 212 degrees F., but stage. F. A. Horner, who brought sible to cook food properly without the the proposal forward, declared that in aid of a digester-an apparatus which will be like a city or town without a ture can be raised. Although the iailway station. The nearest landing water that comes from the Soviet bath. landing-stage could be erected over gine, an engine which, with the aid of

Great Heat From the Sun Crude as it is, the Soviet solar boilthe sun's energy will not die. The reason is to be found in the astounding amount of heat that beats upon the earth from the sun. Enough is received to melt a terrestrial layer of and holy purpose the pious intention Ice 424 feet thick every year. At noon of making the reader feel a fool."- on a clear day in June the sunlight falling on 133 square miles of Phila-

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delphia is equivalent to the power of | spuds were ripe they were tested with 100 Niagaras. (The maximum output lodine, which has an extraordinary af-In Science World of Niagara Falls is estimated at 4,000,- finity for starch. One drop of lodine on starch and you have a brilliant day in the tropics the sun lavishes, on purple color. Suit and Hibbert saw across to the house, and was just in Britain Considering 24-Hour a single square mile, energy equiva- their iod'ne produce purple rings lent to that released by the combus- around the outside of a slice of potato, tion of 7,400 tons of coal. About 1,800 but none at the centre. What had haptimes more energy inundates Sahara pened in glass had recurred in the livthan is contained in the coal mined ing plant. The starchless potato had in the course of a year. Burn 6,000 been given to the world. Will some one At a conference which was held in million tons of coal and you unlock come forth with sugarless sugar cane the inspector wished to see him, he Washington in 1884 and at which the amount of solar energy that Sa- and proteinless wheat?

sun. The first man to invent one was The exact nature of the pulp which "It's quite all right," he said, confi- and west from the meridian of Green- John Ericsson, who built the Monitor. | would normally be starch has still to dently. "You see I am comparatively wich, England. An effort to change He devised a huge concave mirror be determined. machines.

Ericsson's plan by causing water to glow in a thin layer in a long glasscovered trough on which concave mirrors concentrated the sun's rays. Thus he managed to drive a pump and to irrigate land in Egypt. What the Soviet scientists have announced is therefore nothing but Shuma's old plant, and this on a very modest scale The Starchless Potato-Catalytic Ef-

fect of Enzymes Produces Odd Vegetable.

Dr. Harold Hibbert of McGill University found that enzymes have a peculiar effect on starches and cellulose, the woody part of plants. Enzymes are chemical ferments which have a catalytic effect in living tissue. Catalysis is a speeding up of chemical activity produced by an agent that itself remains unaffected. Dr. Hibbert saw starches and cellulose change into sugars and related compounds in glass vessel. Would the same effect from 1 to 12 and 13 to 24. It would be produced in the living plant? He dial or by having two sets of figures | decided to find out, with the aid of Dr. R. F. Suit of Macdonald College. The results are published in Science.

Potatoes were selected for the-tests. Drs. Suit and Hibbert cut off the stems of the plants and, then periodically vaccinated what remained with special bacteria of the kind that secreted the necessary enzymes. When the

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What use there may be for the What we need is a trap to catch the starchless potato remains to be seen.

Evening is the delight of virtuous Jill smiled at him in return. She was from 0 to 24, thus abolishing "A.M." | the focus, and which was mechanically age; it seems an emblem of the tranwas growing very weary and somehow and "P.M.," met with resistance, es- turned to follow the sun. Ericsson quil close of busy life—serene, placid, Barbour had become a comfort to her pecially in English-speaking countries. generated steam in his boiler and suc- and mild, with the impress of its great -almost her only comfort. The posi- Now there is a strong movement in fa- ceeded in driving pumps and other Creator stamped upon it; it spreads its quiet wings over the grave, and The late Frank Shuman modified seems to promise that all shall be peace beyond it .- Bulwer-Lytton.

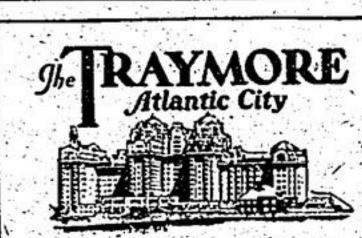
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Overhaul the Farm Plant

Now is the time for farmers to pay attention to their buildings. Slacken all bands on stave siles; repair any leaks in the roofs, check up on storm sashes; fit them, and repair broken glass; clcan out all trap gullles; thoroughly flush drains, clean out root cellar ventilators, fresh air intakes and foul air outlets in barns, stables, piggeries and poultry houses; thoroughly inspect and overhaul the water supply, if a pump service check up on the valves, if a pressure supply see that all pipes and tanks are protected from frost.

Home Cleaning of Small Vegetable

Thresh out the seed by placing the plants in a strong, closely woven cotton sack. Light fialling with a stick will liberate the seed from pods or

Lettuce and carrot seeds should be rubbed out by hand, using a pair of strong leather mitts.

A coarse sieve will remove the straw and chaff. Place the seed and chaff on a fine sieve; a quick, downward side movement, repeated several times, will remove the chaff and light seed. Only the large plump seed should be kept. Hand picking will improve the sample.

Reforestation Encouraged

Continuing its campaign to stimulate the reforestation of waste areas in the province and to encourage the planting of trees by farmers, the Ontario Forestry Branch announces that owing to the fact that it has on hand a surplus of trees this year, the former limit of 3,500 trees for reforestation purposes to one person will not be adhered to and that no charge will be made for additional quantities over this number. For windbreak purposes however, no increase in number will be made, 500 being the limit to each applicant. It is interesting in this connection to note that the Ontario Statutes declare that "any part of a farm used for forestry purposes or being "woodland" is exempt from taxes, provided that such exemption shall not be greater than one acr in ten acres of such farm and not more than twenty acres held under a single own-

Winter

The head of our Funny Coincidence Department pointed out to us the other day that the lovely poem called "Winter" - in 'the current Scribner's, signed by Charles de Kay, first appeared in 1859, signed by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, writes the "New Yorker."

Out of the bosom of the air, --Out of the cloudfolds of her garment shaken.

Over the woodland brown and bare, Over the barvest-field forsaken -Silent and soft and slow Descends the snow.

Unable to believe that Mr. de Kay had deliberately gone in for plagiarism in so cool and pure a stanza, we phoned Scribner's and asked what had really happened. They sullenly explained. It seems that, one snows day, they received from Mr. de Kay a poem of eight sanzas, of which the first was the Longfellow quotation, the other seven Mr. de Kay's variations on the timely theme of snowfall. Quite by accident, Mr. de Kay had neglected to credit Longfellow (as we understand it, his secretary, in copying his original manuscript, had skipped the vital line). The editors of Scribner's were enchanted with the first stanza but liked the others less well. So they obtained permission to use the manuscript "in part." All they used was Longfellow. In a way it is a feather in their cap, for without disparaging Mr. de Kay's lyrical qualities, it is our opinion that Longfellow never wrote any more divine lines than the above. We are glad to note that he still makes the grade.

Gentlemen Don't Prefer Blondes, Says Producer

George White, Who Stages Girl Shows, Claims Beauty May Have Red, Blonde or Black Hair-Always a Gentleman

"Preferring"

Hollywood.—It's just a myth - the idea that gentlemen prefer blondes, says George White. He bases the opinion on successful years of exploiting feminine beauty via the stage.

"It makes no difference whether the beauty has red hair, blonde or black tresses-there's always a preferring gentleman close at hand," White said between rehearsals of the numbers for his first screen production in which 142 chorus girls appear.

White's beauty rules are a trim figure, pretty features, intelligence and hair that is attractive, but actual hair coloring does not matter.

White pointed out that of the 18 girls who have become prominent since appearing as either chorus girls or featured players in his shows, only these four are blondes: Alice Faye, Dolores Costello, Boots Mallory and June MacCloy. Seven of the 13 are brunettes and two are of the chestnut variety.

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