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THE STRANGE ADVENTURES OF BROMLEY BARNES

By George Barton, 345 Pages, Price \$1.50. The Page Company, Boston, Publishers.

George Barton is rapidly coming to the front as a writer of mystery and detective stories. His recent book, "The Mystery of the Red Flame," evoked much favourable comment, and its successor, "The Strange Adventures of Bromley Barnes," is every bit as good and is likely to be as great a success.

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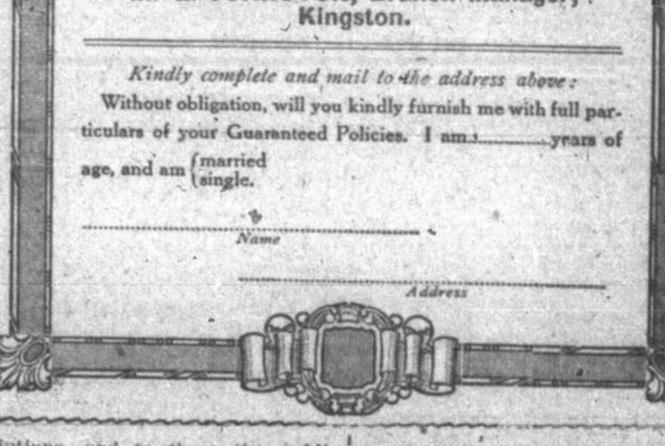
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