

told him already this morning." . She

pointedly at the letters in Drummond's

hand, and the two men looked at one

"It's that there reference to crime,

"Thinks I'm going to lead you

astray, does she, James?" He was

opening the first envelope, and sud-

denly he looked up with a twinkle in

his eyes. "Just to set her mind at

rest," he remarked gravely, "you might

tell her that, as far as I can see at

present, I shall only undertake murder

He propped the letter up against

the toast-rack and commenced his

breakfast. "Where is Pudlington,

James? and one might almost ask-

why is Pudlington? No town has any

right to such an offensive name." He

glanced through the letter and shook

his head. "Push! tush! And the wife

of the bank manager too-the bank

manager of . Pudlington, James! Can

you conceive of anything so dreadful?

But I'm afraid Mrs. Bank Manager is

a puss-a distinct puss. It's when

they get on the soul-mate stunt that

Drummond tore up the letter and

dropped the pieces into the basket be-

side him. Then ke turned to his ser-

vant and handed him the remainder of

"Go through them, James, while I as-

"Do you want me, to open them,

"You've hit it, James-hit it in one.

Classify them for me in groups. Crim-

inal; sporting; amatory-that means

of or pertaining to love; stupid and

merely boring; and as a last resort, miscellaneous." He stirred his coffee

thoughtfully. "I feel that as a first

venture in our new career-ours, I said,

James-love appeals to me irresistibly.

Find me a damsel in distress; a beau-

He finished the last piece of bacon

Denny was engrossed in a letter he

had just opened. A perplexed look

was spreading over his face, and sud-

denly he sucked his teeth loudly. It

was a sure sign that James was ex-

cited, and Drummond glanced up

quickly, and removed the letter from

his hands. "I'm surprised at you,

James," he remarked severely. "A sec-

retary should control itself. Don't

forget that the perfect secretary is an

It; an automatic machine-a thing in-

He read the letter through rapidly,

"My dear Box X10,-I don't know

whether your advertisement was a

joke: I suppose it must have been.

But I read it this morning, and it's just

possible, X10, just possible, you mean

it. And if you do, you're the man I

want. I can offer you excitement and

"I'm up against it, X10. For a girl

I've bitten off rather more than I can

chew. I want help-badly. Will you

come to the Carlton for tea tomorrow

afternoon? I want to have a look at

you and see if I think you are genu-

ine. Wear a white flower in your but-

Drummond laid the letter down, and

pulfed out his cigarette case. "To-

morrow, James," he murmured. "That

is today-this very afternoon. Verily

I believe that we have impinged upon

the goods." He rose and stood look-

"You think it's genuine, sir?' said

His master blew out a cloud of

smoke. "I know it is," he answered

dreamily. "Look at that writing; the

decision in it-the character. She'll

be medium height, and dark, with the

sweetest little nose and mouth. Her

But James had discreetly left the

TWO.

At four o'clock exactly Hugh Drum-

mond stepped out of his two-seater at

the Haymarket entrance to the Carl-

ton. For a few moments after enter-

ing the hotel he stood at the top of

while his eyes traveled round the ta-

his search. It was early, of course,

yet, and she might not have arrived,

Suddenly his eyes ceased wandering,

far end of the lounge. Half hidden

behind a plant a girl was seated alone,

and for a moment she looked straight

at him. Then with the faintest sus-

picion of a smile, she turned away, and

but he was taking no chances.

Slowly and thoroughly he continued

coloring James, will be--'

bles in the lounge below.

ing out of the window thoughtfully.

and then, turning back to the begin-

ning, he read it slowly through again.

capable of feeling. . . ."

probably crime.

and pushed away his plate.

sault the kidneys, and pick two or three out for me. I see that you will

have to become my secretary."

sir?" asked Denny doubtfully.

the furniture begins to fly."

the envelopes.

sir, that's torn it," said Denny in a

hoarse whisper.

in exceptional cases."

In Which He Takes Tea at the Carlton and Is Surprised. ONE.

Captain Hugh Drummend, D.S.O., M. C., late of His Majesty's Royal Loamshires, was whistling in his morning bath. Being by nature of a cheerful disposition, the symptom did not surprise his servant, late private of the famous regiment, who was laying breakfast in an adjoining room.

After a while the whistling ceased, and the musical gurgle of escaping water announced that the concert was over. It was the signal for James Denny-the square-jawed ex-batmanto disappear into the back regions and get from his wife the kidneys and b. con which that most excellent woman had grilled to a turn. But on this perticular morning the invariable routine was broken. James Denny seemed preoccupied, distrait.

Once or twice he scratched his head and stared out of the window with a puzzled frown.

"What's you looking for, James Denny?" The irate voice of his wife at the door made him look round guiltily. "Them kidneys is ready and waiting these five minutes.'

Her eyes fell on the table, and she advanced into the room wiping her hands on her apron.

"Did you ever see such a bunch of "Forty-five," returned her husband,

grimly, "and more to come." He picked up the newspaper lying beside the chair and opened it.

"Them's the result of that," he continued cryptically, indicating a paragraph with a square finger, and thrusting the paper under his wife's nose.

"Demobilized officer," she read slowly, "finding peace incredibly tedious,



ly, "Finding Peace Incredibly Tedious, Would Welcome Diversion."

would welcome diversion. Legitimate, if possible; but crime, if of a comparatively humorous description, no objection. Excitement essential. Would be prepared to consider permanent job if suitably impressed by applicant for his services. Reply at once Box X10."

She put down the paper on a chair and stared first at her husband and then at the rows of letters neatly arranged on the table.

"I calls it wicked," she announced at length. "Fair flying in the face of Providence. Crime, Denny-crime. Don't you get 'aving notning to do with such mad pranks, my man, or you and me will be having words." She shook an admonitory finger at him, and retired slowly to the kitchen.

A moment or two later Hugh Drummond came in. Slightly under six feet in height, he was broad in proportion. His best friend would not have called him good-looking, but he was the fortunate possessor of that cheerful type

of ugliness which inspires immediate confidence in its owner. He paused as he got to the table and glanced at the rows of letters. "Who would have thought it, James?" he re-

marked. "Great Scot! I shall have to get a partner." With disapproval showing in every

line of her face, Mrs. Denny entered the room, carrying the kidneys, and Drummond glanced at her with a

"Good morning, Mrs. Denuy," he said. "Wherefore this worried look on your face? Has that reprobate

Jemes been misbehaving himself?" The worthy woman snorted, "He has not, sir-not yet, leastwise. And if so be that he does"-her eyes trav-

commenced drumming on the table with her fingers. The table next to her was unoccueled up and down the back of the hapless Denny, who was quite unnecespied and Drummond made his way tosarily pulling books off shelves and ward it and sat down. putting them back again-"if so be

had written him, and, having given an order to the waiter, he started to study her face as unobtrusively as possible. He could only see the profile, but that was quite sufficient to make him bless the moment when more as a jest than anything else he had sent his advertisement to the paper.

Her eyes, he could see, were very blue; and great masses of golden brown hair coiled over her ears, from under a small black hat. He glanced at her hands, and noted, with approval, the absence of any rir . Then he looked once more at her face, and found her eyes were fixed on him.

This time she did not look away. She seemed to think that it was her turn to conduct the examination and Drummond fumbled in his waistcoat pocket. After a moment he found what he wanted, and taking out a card he propped it against the teapot so that the girl could see what was on it. In large black capitals he had written stalked from the room, after staring Box X10.

She spoke almost at once. "You'll do, X10," she said, and he turned to her with a smile.

"It's very nice of you to say so," he murmured. "If I may, I will return the compliment. So will you."

She frowned slightly. "This isn't foolishness, you know. What I said in my letter is literally true. I want you to tell me," and there was no trace of jesting in her voice, "tell me, on your word of honor, whether that advertisement was bona fide or a joke."

He answered her in the same vein. "It started more or less as a joke. It may now be regarded as absolutely genuine.".

She nodded as if satisfied. "Are you prepared to risk your life?".

Drummond's eyebrows went up and then he smiled. "Granted that the Inducement is sufficient," he returned slowly, "I think I may say that I am." He saw that she was staring over his shoulder at some one behind his

"Don't look around," she ordered, "and tell me your name quickly."

"Drummond - Captain Drummond late of the Loamshires." He leaned back in his chair, and lit a cigarette.

"My dear Phyllis," said a voice behind his back, "this is a pleasant surprise. I had no idea that you were in

A tall, clean-shaven man stopped beside the table, throwing a keen glance at Drummond.

"The world is full of such surprises, Isn't it?" answered the girl lightly. "I don't suppose you know Captain Drummond, do you? Mr. Lakington-art connoisseur and-er-collector." The two men bowed slightly, and

Mr. Lakington smiled. "I do not remember ever having heard my harmless pastimes more concisely described," he remarked suavely. "Are you interested in such matters?"

"Not very, I'm afraid," answered Drummond, "Just recently I have tiful girl, helpless in the clutches of been rather too busy to puy much atknayes. Let me feel that I can fly to her succor, clad in my new grey suittention to art." The other man smiled again, and it

struck-Hugh that rarely, if ever, had

he seen such a cold, merciless face. "Of course you've been to France," Lakington murmured. "Unfortunately a bad heart kept me on this side of the water. Sometimes I cannot help thinking how wonderful it must have been to be able to kill without fear of consequences. There is art in killing, .Captain Drummond-profound art.' He looked at his watch and sighed. "Alas! I must tear myself away. Are

you returning home this evening?" The girl, who had been glancing round the restaurant, shrugged her shoulders. "Probably," she answered. "I haven't quite decided. I might stop with Aunt Kate."

"Fortunate Aunt Kate." With a bow Lakington turned away, and through the glass Drummond watched him get his hat and stick from the cloakroom. Then he looked at the girl, and noticed that she had gone a little white.

"What's the matter, old thing?" he asked quickly. "Are you feeling

She shook her head, and gradually the color came back to her face. "I'm quite all right," she answered. "It gave me rather a shock, that man finding us here. You've stumbled right into the middle of it, my friend-rather sooner than I anticipated. That is one of the men you will probably have to kill. '.

Her companion lit another elgarette. "What is his particular worry?" "First and foremost the brute wants

to marry me," replied the girl. "I louthe being obvious," said Hugh,

"but I am not surprised." "But it isn't that that matters." She looked at Drummond quietly. "Henry Lakington is the second most danger-

ous man in England." "Only the second," murmured Hugh. "Then hadn't I better start my career

with the first?" She looked at him in silence. "I suppose you think that I'm hysterical,"

she remarked after a while. "You're probably even wondering whether I'm all there." (To Be Continued).

TO SELL COTTON

the stairs outside the dining room, Former Postmaster General Represents Texas Farmers.

will leave soon for Europe sell unsold Texas cotton, N. A. Wroe, president of the National Bank of

Austin, said a few days ago. Wroe declared Burleson would visit France, Italy, Poland, Germany and and remained fixed on a table at the

other European countries. Wroe said he would soon file incorporation articles to organize an exporters' cotton association to move unsold Texas cotton to markets.

-A large section of State street Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, recently dropped into the mines beneath the city. The hole was four hundred feet He felt not the slightest doubt in square and very deep.

The Story of Our States By JONATHAN BRACE

VH.-MARYLAND



INDIAN arrows played an important part in the founding of Maryland. Lord Baltimore had

"Save

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Save All"

been interested in the London company which was financially. responsible for the settlement of Virginia. He became so enthuslastic over the bossibilities in the new colonies that he desired to found a colony himself. After exploring the country just north of the Potomac'he persuaded King Charles I to grant him this territory. In honor of the queen, Henrietta Maria, this new colony was called Maryland.

The payment for this grant was specified as two Indian arrows a year, together with a fifth part of all precious metals which might be mined. As the colony produced no gold or silver the cost of Maryland amounted to only the two arrows each year, and Lord Baltimore became to all intents and purposes an independent sovereign. As a matter of fact the charter was not issued until just after the death of Lord Baltimore, but as the deed was hered-Itary it descended to the second Lord Baltimore, under whom the first settlement was made at St. Mary's in 1634. This hereditary monarchy continued in force until, under the sixth Lord Baltimore, the Declaration of Independence in 1776 brought it to an end.

In 1788 Maryland adopted the Constitution and took its place as the seventh state in the Union. Its areas totals 12,327 square niles, and it is thickly populated, so that Maryland is entitled to eight presidential electors.

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FRUIT FREEZES

the Middle West and Loss Runs Into Millions.

Sixty per cent: of the Middle West's fruit crop was ruined by the present freezing spell, according to estimates made by representatives of fruit growers in Chicago. They received reports from all sections of the fruit growing belt, telling of immense loss. The damage will amount to milons of dollars. HE

Orchards in lowa, Nebraska, Western Missouri, Illinois, Kansas and portions of Michigan were hit hardest.

The temperature in these states hovered around freezing again tonight. Huge smudge ares were kept burning to protect orchards still unouched by the frost.

Cherry trees, now in bloom,, suffered most. However, other early blooming fruit trees were also injured. Philip Steffen, manager of the Chi cago Growers' Co-operative Company, declared that the fruit crop would not be more than 40 per cent. normal, even if there is no further damage.

GETS GIRLS TOLD

No Cheek Dancing and That Sort of Thing at This College.

Two hundred girls attending the Williams Memorial Institute, ranging in ages from sixteen to twenty years, representing some of the best families; in the city, of New London, Conn., received an impromptu lecture on dancing, particularly the cheek to cheek variety. The lecturer was their Principal, Colin S. Buell.

Buell apologized to the women teach- nine-room dwelling and store. Lot ers present for touching on such a delicate subject as "indecent dancing," and then proceeded for fifteen minutes to handle it vigorously. He denouncedthe modern dance, and said that if he found any of the girls of his school dancing cheek to cheek with their partners he would forbid them to at- Store. If you are looking for a fine lotend any of the future dances at the cation and a bargain, see me quick. institute. He said that toddling and skimmying were absolutely forbidden, and those who disregarded such a rule forfeited their privilege to attend school functions.

BLUEBEARD STRIKES Landru of Paris Causes a Lot of Trou-

ble. Bluebeard Landru is hunger-strik-

ing because he doesn't want to leave his cell in Sante Prison, relates a Paris Landru entered the jail two years

ago, charged with killing a sundry lot of wives. He gave the failors much trouble.

He insisted on being awakened at certain hours and on sleeping when regulations said the cells should be vacated for airing.

A few weeks ago Landru discovered that a document was missing from the papers in his case. A re-trial was ordered and the case transferred to Versailles. Then the fun started. Landru threw himself upon his bed

and cried. "Why do they take me from here where I have been so happy?" he

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