

MEDUSA'S HEAD

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SYNOPSIS

Chapter 1.—In concern over the disappearance of the young and beautiful wife of his wealthy friend, Crandall White, Aaron Glaesner engages Motherwell, private investigator, to find her. A note from the missing woman warns her husband not to call in the police, saying she "hoped to come back."

Mrs. White is younger than her husband, and his devotion has been the talk of New York. Her leaving him is inexplicable. She is known to have with her a remarkable jewel, the "Medusa's Head," but her maid, Coggeshall, thinks she had little else of value.

Chapter 3.—It is found that Mrs. White has all her jewels with her. Coggeshall talks mysteriously of her mistress being "worried."

Chapter 4.—Through an advertisement Motherwell secures the Medusa's head, which, he is told, an "old woman had thrown out of a cab."

"I told mother I thought it was worth nearer twenty-five than five," the woman went on. "Look at the work on it!"

"I'm sure it is," he agreed, "it's worth that to my sister to get it back! She wanted me to—"

"Oh, I couldn't think of it—please!" cried the multigrapher, embarrassed. "I told mother anybody'd be glad to pay for the three insertions, and it didn't cost me anything. I was sure it was a family piece!"

He bowed politely.

"As it happens," he said, "my firm does a bit of multigraphing to them. You may be sure to remember this, Miss—"

"Oh, well," Motherwell remarked acidically, "you know women do leave messages for each other—"

"I see old Wenzel taking 'em, too!" said the youth scornfully, and accepted an excellent cigarette. "Nothing to do, of course—and him called up by the Rockefeller push and the 'em' and 's' and all the big bugs! Why, 'em worn out with it! Look at that able there," and he pointed to a heap of bundles and bottles on a heavy table by the door.

"All left to be called for—boys and messengers pawing over it, to get 'em back, if the professor can't get at 'em immediately!"

"Very well, I tell 'em, 'prove up on it and take it away, if that's the idea! You can't see him. Give me a voucher and get out! Some of 'em aren't even tagged—look at that thing!"

He pointed to a good-sized box wrapped in purple paper. Motherwell stared at it. Half the wrapper had been torn off—and the torn piece he had seen the night before, blistered and scribbled in Mr. Glaesner's olive, blue-veined hand! He drew a deep breath.

"For the love of Mike, that's mine!" he said excitedly. "That's my specimen! Do you mean to say the professor hasn't touched it?"

The youth shrugged his shoulders laboriously.

"There you are!" he said, "as bad as the rest! Now, what's your trouble? Where's your receipt? Want it back?"

"Receipt?" Motherwell cried in vexation. "Why should I have a receipt? We were to go over it together. I can't wait a moment. We must have the report today."

The youth picked up the box, balancing it scornfully.

"Not even an address!" he said. "That's a neat looking package, isn't it? That's a nice responsibility! What's it a specimen of? Lead? What's your name, anyway?"

"My name is Wells," said Motherwell, his eyes snapping. "And it's a piece of onyx. It's from Glaesner and Company. Call Mr. Glaesner right up and get it O. K'd, if you want, but for heaven's sake give it to me—I must get somebody else to test it, that's all."

The youth whistled.

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was explaining somewhat irritably by means of this instrument that while he would take any amount of messages, and was there absolutely for that purpose, in fact, he could make no appointments whatever.

"Professor out?" said Motherwell lightly, glancing at the diplomas.

"You've hit it!" returned the youth. "Any message? He'll look in any time, I guess."

"As when?" Motherwell inquired. "I wanted to see him, if I could. My specimens—"

"Nothing doing," said the youth flatly. "It's no good asking me, because I don't know a thing about 'em. I can take a message, and you can leave your number, if you like. You'd think I made specimens. All that work's done in the laboratory. There's nothing here. How can I tell who was here, when?"

"Ah," said Motherwell sympathetically, "I suppose they do worry you. And women don't always understand—"

"There you said it," the youth burst out. "Women! Just had one in here. Lord, I thought she'd knife me! She and her messages. Wouldn't I give

em to her if I had 'em? What's Mrs. Gray to me—or Mrs. Pink or Mrs. Blue? You'd think the professor an postoffice."

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THE TIGER POST

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School days have begun again after the Christmas holidays, and it seems that there is a spirit of optimism and new hope among the students as well as the teachers. Therefore, we believe that we can truly say that the holidays have been a success. It seems that everyone is happy and is able to come to his class with a smile on his face. That is the best and only good way to start off this glorious new year of 1934. The Tiger Post wishes all of its readers and supporters a very Happy New Year.

Half of the school year is almost gone. Mid-term examinations start next week and will be given on Thursday and Friday. After the end of this semester several new half credit courses will be offered, including economics, advanced arithmetic and office practices.

HOME ECONOMICS

The first year clothing class held its style show Thursday afternoon before school was dismissed for the holidays. The show was a review of styles of other days, entitled "Dame Fashion." Charlie Marie Back represented Dame Fashion, wearing a smart looking navy blue and white suit and a navy blue hat. Estelle Kunkel and Winnifred Ayer were the Colonial ladies, Geraldine Bowen represented the lady after the Civil War, wearing a hoop skirt; Frances Landers represented the lady of the late twenties, wearing leg-o-mutton sleeves; Marie Landers and Clara Faye Carpenter were flappers of a few years ago.

The first year class then modeled their washable school dresses. Duella Mann was awarded first place, Nadine Tedder second, and Christine Hanner third.

After the program Avalee Back invited the guests to the dining room which was arrayed with beautiful hot plants. Here they were served with dainty sandwiches, hot chocolate and mints which carried out the Christmas colors.

Garments made by the first year clothing class early in the term were displayed in the clothing laboratory.

CHAPEL

Chapel was held Tuesday morning with Rev. W. A. Erwin in charge. He brought a very good message with which to start the new year. His subject was "Why I Believe in a Future Life."

BASKETBALL NEWS

The basketball teams are again at regular practice. On December 22 they returned games with the Allison school and lost both games; however the Allison teams had been practicing every since school began, and McLean teams have been practicing for only a short period.

The people of McLean should not want a school with only one sport, that would leave more than half the term without any form of school sport. We have championship football teams and there is not reason for us not having championship basketball teams. To sport can flourish without the full cooperation of people of the town. Fans of McLean are more than loyal to football teams, and we are hoping that they will support basketball teams in the same fine spirit.

An endeavor is being made to put seats in the gymnasium. The lights and floor have already been improved and if there is sufficient interest to warrant further improvement of the gymnasium being made, they will be completed.

Below is the schedule for basketball games:

Jan. 5—White Deer (there).
 Jan. 6—White Deer (home).
 Jan. 9—Panhandle (there).
 Jan. 12—Lefors (there).
 Jan. 16—Panhandle (home).
 Jan. 19—Lefors (home).
 Jan. 25—Pampa (home).
 Jan. 30—Pampa (there).
 Feb. 2—Hedley (home).
 Feb. 3—Hedley (there).

TIGERETTE PARTY

Hilarity and gaiety ruled supreme when the Tigerettes entertained their guests with a New Year's party on the showroom of the school.

Table games were enjoyed until delicious refreshments of sandwiches, cookies and chocolate were served to the fifty-seven people present. Other than the Tigerettes and their escort guests were Misses Vannoy, McCarty and Kennedy, John Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Shelburne.

THE CUB POST

ROOM REPORTS

Mr. McHaney's room: The seventh grade had a Christmas program and tree Friday afternoon before Christmas. The room mothers gave us a Christmas treat.

We have moved our room to the room used for the expression class.

Mrs. McMeheh's room: The sixth grade had a Christmas party Friday afternoon after school. The room drew names the day before. Each person received a gift. We had a delightful program before we had our Christmas tree. We had a Christmas treat from our room mothers, which everyone enjoyed.

Miss Noel's room: Chorice Glenn, Marie Kite, Clarence Smith, Eremona Jones, Bertie and Viola King have re-entered school.

The three groups in our room, the Brownies, Fairies and Red Birds, have begun an attendance contest for January.

The first grade honor readers are John Emmett Dwyer, Ruth Strandberg, Wilma Dean Page, Norma Jean Batton, Coy Ray Stanley.

Miss Bailey's room: Our room divided into groups, one, two and three. Each group received new readers this week. Geraldine Bryant entered our second grade. We are glad to have Herman Glenn re-enter school.

Miss Harris's room: Alton Glenn and Leihabelle Keeton have re-entered school. We have three new pupils, Shrmann Shoops, Joe Pat Cuppell and James King. We are glad to have Wayne Back and Billy Riddle with us again.

LOCALS

Miss Vera Cummings spent the Christmas holidays in her home at Byers.

Mrs. McMeheh's sister from Amarillo.

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lo was a visitor in her home Christmas.
 Miss Newman went to Carlsbad during the holidays.
 Miss Simmons went to Erick, Okla., for Christmas.

Mrs. Harris spent the Christmas holidays in Clarendon.
 Miss Bailey spent the Christmas holidays in Clarendon.

ROOM REPORTS

High fifth grade—Eugene Stewart, Jack Young, Paul Scott, Billy Cash, Junior Mantooth, Clyfton Wilkerson, Lorraine Hodges, Sally Jo Alexander, Dorothy Sue Young, Verlyn Hinton.

Low fifth grade—Alonso Henderson, Donald Angle, Robert Gunkle, Robert Wilson, Violet Moore, S. J. Dyer, Gwendolyn Koen, Marie Eudy, Granville Boyd, James Fulbright, Marvin Jones, Leo Ledbetter, Allie Frances Huffman, Clinton Doolen, Cleo Ledbetter, Junior Windom, Doris Lakue Heasley, Bill Gregory, Winford Finley.

Mrs. Harris King and children visited their mother and grandmother, Mrs. S. W. Johnson, at Childress during the Christmas holidays.

Lavelle Christian returned to school at Abilene Monday after spending the holidays with home folks here.

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