Organise Kafir and Maize Association

few days ago and partially ar from will be constructed at onceranged to pay the town a return! The telegram from Knight & Tisit and hold a meeting to Brashers instructed contractor organize a local chapter of the A. Z. Rodgers to include the a sociation here. Such chapters material for their store with the have been organized in practi order for the material for the cally every community on the Parkhurst building and the two Plains where any amount of adjoining bricks north. The these grains are grown.

will be in Taboka Saturday and Knight & Brashears building is wishes to meet the citizens and to be turned over by the confarmers about four o'clock in tractor January 1st 1916. the afternoon at the court house It is announced by authorities to discuss the advisability of that are reliable that the reorganizing such an association mainder of the block on which here, and should the people be the Star Theatre and the three in favor of such a movement, new bricks are under construcperfect said organization. This Should Interest Every

Farmer and Business Man coming year. Some few months ago a movement was begun which should be of intense interest to every citizen of the Panhandle and South Plains country. This movement has finally resulted in the organization of the Texas Kafir and Milo Maize Associa-

Reasons for Organizing

The reason for the organization of this association lies in and quick work-any and all the fact that the production of kinds of building: See S. S. kafir, mile maize and feterita is Ramsey; who knows how. Prices Star Theatre and the excavation Edwards Bros. increasing more rapidly than the moderate. market for the same. This is because the feed value of these grains are not generally known over the South, which is the greatest feed buying part of the

Kafir and Milo Maize More

Than Chicken Feed It is a fact that a large part of this country looks at kafir, etc., as nothing but chicken feed. We in this sart of the state know better. We know that these grains are very nearly equal to corn as a feed, that horses, cattle, hogs and sheep. as well as chickens, will thrive on these grains. Now, if the remainder of this country knew that our grains were nearly (qual to corn in feeding value, we would have no dificulty in marketing all we could raise. But, until they are educated to this fact they are going to continge nsing corn, even though they are compelled to pay from 30 to 50 per cent more per bushel for it.

Conditions Show Need of Remedy Today, there are hundreds of carloads of kafir and milo maize left over from last year's crop, because the market is limited We have another bumper crop coming on. What shall we do with it?

Mnless something is done to lic-

Notice. To The Farmers.

We now have our Gin completed and ready to operate.

We want a share of your gin ning and guarantee to give the very best service possible.

Having installed the very latest and best machinery to be had, we can give you satisfac-

Should you prefer selling your cotton in the seed, we will buy it and will always try and pay the highest market price.

Give us a trial. Yours very truly, FULLER COTTON OIL CO. TAHOKA

Mass Meeting Sat. Knight & Brasher Brick Assured

Telegrams received from A. D. Shook and from Knight & We are in receipt of a letter Brashears of Snyder, confirm from Geo. M. Briggs, secretary the report that the brick departof the Texas Kafir and Milo ment store to be erected on the Maize Association, which in-corner of Main, Harper and forms us that J. K. Wester, Alley streets where the Tahoka! field secretary, was in Taboka a Blacksmith Shop is being moved

Parkhurst building will be de-Mr. Wester, the letter states. livered in sixty days and the

> tion will be filled with brick buildings by the first of the

Jacobs Chocolates-The finest candy at any price.

Saturday at 2 p. m. we will give 25 cents in cash to the publi returning the most of our tablet Lirt Broken For backs marked Parkhurst broken \$ Store."

For up-to-date construction

enlarge this market, unless the week. feed buying public is taught the

ne Texas Kafir and Milo Maize Association was formed at Am- enough to begin the wall. arillo on July 28th. The purpose of the Association is to educate those who buy feed to the fact that our grains will take the place of Indian corn, and at a ower price. (We can undersell the price above what we usually

To do this, it is the plan of Shirts, all kinds. the Association to make feeding exhibits at some of the leading Chairman of Advisory Board, fairs, where large numbers of farmers gather, - such as the Tri-State Fair at Memphis, Tenn. who are thoroughly acquainted and the State Fair at Dallas. with the situation and are com-Also if possible, to send out a petent to do the work assigned car with such an exhibit, into them. These five officers cons territory where the most good titute an Executive Committee, can be done: Experts will ac and will direct the work of the company these exhibits, and organization. every effort will be made to inour grains. Every other method one representative from each cause it is worth while. that is pratical will be used to county which enters the associabring the facts before the pub- tion will be elected - such mem- W. P. DIAL. President,

Means of Support

successful, considerable money supervision of the work, and the ment a success. It is to our admust be raised, and so every expenditure of all money, and vantage to secure a better price county in this entire section of thus every county has the privi- for these grains, and we should the state, and every individual lege of saying how its money help to carry the campaign into who can be interested in the shall be spent movement, will be asked to sub- A Movement Worthy of Support scribe as much as possible that The success of this movement this work may be carried out.

Officers of Association ficers were elected:

President, W. P. Dial, Memphis. tire section. The business men tors, installed this week the streth, Plainview.

Secretary, Geo. W. Briggs, Lub- this to a grand success.

Scene From The Poisoned Room, Fifth Episode Of THE EXPLOITS OF ELAINE



Craig Reached Down and Gently Pulled the Collie Into the Room.

the three bricks north of the Taboka had turned out. for the foundation will probably Fuller Cotton Oil Co., 254 be completed by the end of the Total Thursday noon 543

Wednesday the contractor bales daily at present. great value of these grains, the hauled his machinery and tools Thursday noon lint was quoted price of lafa, wile maize, etc. to the building site and the first at 10 50 by local buyers. It has will drop to t point that will be of the week will see the founds held steady around this quotation rapidly growing. The tion for the past week. foundation material is here and Thursday morning seed open. Saturday. To help solve this problem, the brick will be here by the ed at \$34 per ton, at noon it was time the loundation is dry

> Dissatisfied-List it wit Pau Miller, he will sell it pronto. 51

FIRE INSURANCE.

the corn man, and still increase insurance in old line companies.

Sweaters, Sweater Coats, Fall See H. M. Larkin.

Mayor J. N. Beasley, Amarillo. The above officers are men

ber to be chosen by the subscribers of that county.

depends upon the active co-operation of the counties interested At the meeting at Amarillo Here is an opportunity to do on July 28th, the following of something which will immensly benefit every citizen of this en-Vice-President, J. W. Long- and farmers of every community drop curtain for the new Star should take hold and help push Theatre. The curtain is a neat

> Representatives of the Assoounties during the next few at Thomas Bros.

543 Bales Ginned Three New Brick Cotto Seed Jumps

Dirt was broken Tuesday for Noon Thursday the gins in

quoted at \$35. Today a ton o seed brings \$36, and a raise of a dollar a ton is promised for to morrow. A slump is predicted in seed within two weeks by those who portend to know.

See McMill Clayton for fire FOR SALE -Oliver Typewriter. in first class condition. - See Mrs. J. H. McCov. at Wells' Store 5tf

> WEST TEXAS ABSTRACT CO. Miss Bertha Bowder, Mgr. Office in Clerk's Office, Tahoka-Complete abstracts of Lynn County, and Tahoka Real Estate.

Money to loan on patented or death overtook her. School land Paul Miller.

1. Tahoka. - J. F. Carter. 5 tf In addition to this committee, weeks, and we ask that they be terest farmers and feed men in an Advisory Board consisting of given hearty co-operation, be-

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

GEO. W. BRIGGS, Sec. those regions where a market can be opened up.

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Shipping Report

From a compilation of figures secured from local grain dealers. merchants and others we give the following tabulated report of shipping in and out of Taboka station since January 1st, 1915; OUT BOUND

Maize and kafir-	_ 223	cars
Corp	- 65	
Cotton	_ 23	-4
Cotton seed-	_ 15	
Wheat	_ 2	186
Cattle	_ 169	**
Hogs-	_ 7	-4
Horses and mules	_ 3	
Sheep -	- 1	**
Total out bound	508	-
IN BOUND		
Lumber	_100	cars
Flour and feed		
Machinery agricultura	1-	
implements	12	44
Imigrants	23	Will
General merchandise-	1531	**
Total in bound.	1756	4.
Popils save your tal	alet he	ele

they are worth Cash at Park nurst Broken \$ Store.

We wish to correct a mislead ing statement which appeared building, when the sen'ence superintend the building. should have have read, that he

JACOB'S "Mode Last Night" Box Candies. A fresh shipment received every few days.

Thomas Brothers Drug Co.

Russell Ramsey, who has been in the employ of the Acams Exress people of Amarillo for the east two months, returned home

MRS. J. Q. ROBISON DEAD

H. M. Larkin.

Mrs. J. Q. Robinson of Meadow, died last Friday night about nine o'clock of dropsy She had been confined to her bed several months when death came to relieve her sufferings. Deceased was a member of the Methodist church and was firm in her faith in the saving grace of Christ when the chilling waters closed over her. She was fifty-five years of age when

Mrs. Robinson leaves a husband and six children, five of WANTED-Stock to pasture: them at home, the other, a Apply at residence or phone No. daughter. Mrs. Frank Nevill, resides here.

Funeral services were held at the Tahoka cometery Saturday evening at four o'clock, Rev. Durham, the Baptist pastor,

The bereaved ones have the

Money to loan. Vendors liens extended. - J. D. Conningham, Lamesa, Texas-

ed to learn, erected Thursday a tent house on Sweet street three blocks north of the livery stainstance that goes to show the inadequacy of the supply of rent houses in Tahoka. New comers are forced to camp, board, or build, if they stay, and the boarding facilities of 7 8 city.

Architect Selected Since January 1st by Commissioners \$50,000 Court House

The Commissioners' Court met. Monday in regular monthly session and sevoted the first day of he sitting to the disposal of routine business.

Tuesday was reception day for architects and owing to the large number present the greater part of Wednesday was consumed likewise. There were ten architects in atten dance on the court.

Each submitted one or more plans covering almost every style of modern court house architecture and specifying a large variety of finishing mate-

W. M. Rice of Amarillo, was awarded the contract Wednesday evening after which a general emigration of architects was noticed. The Pauly Jail Co.'s representive talking with ofncials in the corridor estimated that since the bonds had been roled, over \$2,000 had been spent in traveling expenses by last week in the annoncement of architects figuring on the buildthe Parkburst building. We ing. This amount represents stated that E L. Howard would within \$500 of the commission own one half interest in this allowed the architect who will

Mr. Rice stated to the court would own one calf interest in that he would like to spend the south wall of the Parkburst about six weeks on the plans pefore they were submitted, which request was granted by the commissioners. Mr. Rice submitted two plans, one estimated to cost less than \$50,000 and the other to range around the \$60,000 mark. The more expensive pian called for a three story building with a basen ent, the basement being the modern above ground style. The plan was replete with office rooms, vaults etc., with a magnificent court room. This was the plan iavored by the court. The architect promised be could cut the cost of the building to within the \$50,000 and still retain the same perspective and arrangement, and the same beauty of finish.

The court is scheduled to leeve Taboka next Monday morning on an auto tour of the middle portisn of the state to study the court houses in that section, and gather ideas and other data for the construction of our new county capitol. They plan to visit Dallas and other points enroute where new court houses have been erected.

The plans will probably be submitted at the regular monthly session in December and the bids for construction in January. Actual construction is not expected to be begun until the late sprisg or early summer.

TERRY'S LAST SUNDAY HERE

Rev. W. H. Terry, presiding Lynn county should do her sympathy of the entire citzen- elder of this district of the Meth-In order to make this effort This advisory board is to have part toward making this move. ship in the loss of their mother odist church, will treach his last sermon in Tahoka the third Sunday in October, the same being the 17th day of the month. Rev. Terry has served this district four consequtive years rs A party, whose name we fail presiding elder, which is the limit in the Methodist church. Every one is cordially invited to hear him on the above date. 51tf ble's new site. This is only an He will preach at eleven in the morning and eight in the even-

Rev. Terry serves his master with a simple child like faith and preaches the gospel from the Book exhorting the trans-58 Treasurer, Ray Wheatly. Amar- ciation will visit the different Big assortment school supplies the town are running full capa- gressor to repent of his way and

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It is being agitated that we gravel the streets around the public square. Mr. J. S. Wells states that he has \$50 to invest in this manner at any time. He mention. ed another man who offers to put in \$100, and there are others. If any man will make an effort to start this much needed improvement it will go through with a

Our friend Jack Stricklin, the hustling editor of the Terry County Herald describes in his last issue his recent trip to Tahoka in the interests of his advertising patronage here. Jack pays our town several compliments (found in another column,) which we appreciate, and also dispences a little friendly reproof which we appreciate too. He accuses us of not boosting Tahoka comensurate with the progress it is making Wall we don't shoot the bull as do some papers that arrive on our desk, for we had rather have one surprised at what we have not told than disapointed in not finding what we have described. The only notable event we have failed to mention lately, as far as we remember was Jack's pleasant visit to our sanctum, and hereby ask him to accept our sincere apology

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OUR TAHOKA TRIP.

We promised our readers last week to tell them something of our trip to Tahoka this week. Well, we went over in the good old fashioned way, the freight wagon route, and as we changed none of the freighters could collect fare, though we did take some of them in the movies. We by both teacher and pupils. started out with Lemmie McDanthe way back with the former.

town of its size in Texas, and the Those present were: Misses Lilimprovements are all of a substan- lie Van Hook, Pearl Dawson, Mattial nature and commodious. If tie Mathews, and Mr. Mosley of Tahoka had a wholesale house, it Wilson; Misses Christine Swan, city on the Plains, and if people Sam Ramsey and James Crie of twelve months as they are doing Messers Ames Robinson, Terry now, it is only a question of time, Noble and Ben Hurst of this comtill some wholesaler will see the munity. The hostess served denecessito of putting one there

They already have some good commerce, a good newspapercommeasurate with the progress it is making--as fine a movie show as there is in West Texas, two modern gins, good schools and churches, and a town full of the best people what is--except Brownfield, -- Terry County Her-

want if it can be had-P. Miller for said offense as it was not in-

This is the way it looks to a holdings are in this community. writer who has traveled some, and prospers. He says this about the Noble homestead. town newspaper:

dences under construction.

per. If there is anything in your town worth talking about, ten hances to one your little town paper had a haud in putting it there, and if there exists any unsightly or unsavory nuisance. twenty chances to one it will stay there until your town editor sees it or smells it and wipes his pen on the town board's breeches. If any body beyond the walls of your tit'le burg ever learns that there is in h a place as Peaceville, it will e through the town oracle.

worth in .he villiage newspaper. ages, wagons, carts, automobiles, ought to be kep, in good repair, of the middle of the traveled part In many cases it would pay to grease it, paint it, keep its run- of such road or bridge, so that ning gear in shape and shelter it each shall not occupy more than t the public expense.

per. It's the guardian and de- offending against the provissions fender of every interest, the fore- of this section shall be deemed runner and pioneer of every ad- guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon vance movement and the sturdy conviction shall be fined in any advocate of law and order. Take sum not exceeding \$25. it away, and it would not be six Sec. 25. Any person desiring months before the town would to pass another on any public road ook like it had been doqed. Busi or bridge from the rear, traveling ness would drag, society would in carriages, wagons, carts, autoyawn and grass would grow in the mobiles, or other vehicles, shall middle of the streets.'

ing out statements declaring that tion of said road or bridge, so that tle too fast, -Beaumont Enter viction shall be fined in any sum company.

West Point Locals.

whistle of the maise header is the fighting for, the more I see of roundelay of this community these crimson rain, and endless windrows

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred iel, and wound up the mileage Dawson was the scene of quite a with Jimmie Green, but came all jolly "42" party Saturday night. Several games were played in As to the city as a whole, it is which Mr. Mosiey and Miss perhaps growing faster than any Mathews received high scores. would do more business than any Edna Montgomery, and Messers nicious cake after the games.

Sunday was preaching day, and retail bouses in all the lines of "we'uns" enjoyed two good sermons and a good dinner between, though it doesn't boost the town Hev. Hamlet preached tefore noon and Rev. Vinson arrived in time for dinner and a sermon in the afternoop.

> attended Commissioners' court operated upon for apendicitis at and wolf scalps.

Rev. Hamlett announced Sunday If you want to buy or trade that he would preach here the Dr. Turrentine, her family physifor town lots, land or live stock, fourth Sunday in this month, see me. I will get what you which would be his last appointment here until spring.

Hall Robinson and family of tentional but caused by our col- Tahoka, Jack Robinson and famiumns being crowded with the an- ly and mother of Lubbock, and nouncement of the new brick store Otis Kaigler of Meadow, spent to be erected and some new resi- Sunday with Ames Robinson, who is straw boss for the Robinson-Kagler cattle company, whose

A party of Tahoka young folks watched for reasons why a town spent Saturday and Sunday at the

"Stand by your town newspa- THE LAW GOVERNING OUR PURLIC HIGHWAY

Drivers of automobiles and vers of wagons and other vehicles a convenience in handling the dispute over what they think is their right to the whole road, which can be remedied by their learning this little principle, that the other fellow has the right by law to half of the road whether ne is meating or passing you. In the State statutes it is as follows;

Sec. 44. Whenever any person shall meet another on any public "Every villiage gets it's money's bridge or road traveling in carrihalf of the traveled part of such "Stand by your local newspa- road or bridge. Any person

in front that he desires to pass. An organization of women op. It shall then be the duty of the posed to women suffrage is send- party in front to turn to the right there is an element among the he shall not occupy more than one suffrage which favors doing away half of the traveled dart of said with marriage as an institution, road or bridge. Any person of This is a swift age, but sometimes fending against the provisions of not exceeding \$25

Why not? Use Medicated Salt

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AT ANY PRICE.

The more I watch the toolish The tune of the binder and the war, and wonder what they're of the slain, the mor I hope that School is progressing smoothly war may cease; the more I boost under the able management of the dove of peace. They say that cars three times on the way over, Prof Vates. The school board fellow isn't nice who whoops for have installed some new black- peace at any price; he lacks all boards which are much appreciated patriotic pride, he has a tinhorn soul inside; they quote that wheeze Sir Walter said, "Breathes there a man with soul so dead," and say the chap will cut no ice who talks of peace at any price. But ere I'd see my brothers killed, my uncles with cheop bullets filled, my cousins sent across the Styx, my martyred aunts piled up in ricks, | I'd let some bully twist my nose, and lean his weight noon my toes, I'd gladly wade around in shame, and think I'd played the wiser roll into this country for the next Tahoka, and Miss Vera Noble and game. The price of peace can't seem too high to one who sees those legions die, where Europe's crimson rivers flow through blasted lands that shriek of woe. Oh, Peace, long may you hover here, e'en though the cost is pretty dear! One glance at Europe should suffice to show you're cheap at any price! - Walt Mason.

> Mrs. J. E. Stokes, probably the most widely known and universal-Some of the Wess Point boys ly loved lady in Lynn county, was Monday to turn in their rabbit Overton and Wagnor's sanitarium Wednesday morning of this week, cian, was present at the operation and informed the News Friday morning that Mrs. Stokes was doing as well as she possibly could.

> > If you need a hay press, phone me at A R. McGonagill's-C L.

Edwards Bros. Ginners, have installed a dynamo in the engine room of theip gin and now have their engine room. gin, yard and offices electric lighted. There are nine drops in the gin, three in the engine room, one under 3 the suction shed, four on the tower in the center of the yard and four in the office. These ights are safe and are certainly they have in the rush season.

See our new line Tablets.-Parkhurst Broken \$ Store. 6 9

TWO AND A HALF INCHES RAIN

Monday night of this week, it rained .88 of an inch and again Thursday might 1.70, making two inches and fifty-eight hun dreths of an inch of rain for the week. These fall rains are dam-It's the wagon that carries all motorcycles, or other vehicles, aging grass, feed and cotton your gold things to market. It each person shall turn to the right but, they are a gilt-edge guar antee of another bumper crop next year, and make the plant ing of brick business houses in Tahoka an extremely safe investment. Build it now.

> Land, Live Stock, Town Lots -If you want to sell or tlade, list with Paul Miller.

O'Donnell, Oct. 14th- The gin plant of the Fuller Cotton Oil Co., here is rapidly nearing completion. Operations were to have commenced Tuesday. but by some signal notify the person it is now thought that the plant won't get up steam before Sa-urday evening.

To The Public.

This is to certify that I, T. B. Yates, of Tahoka Drug Co., and J. Gilliam have disolved partner-This is a swift age, but sometimes this section shall be deemed guilty ship: The said J. Gilliam having it seems we are moving just a lit- of a misdemeanor and upon conpurchased my interest in said

J. GILLIAM, T. B. YATES, JR.

NOTICE.

No hunting allowed in Tahoka Lake pasture without my permis sion. Please SHUT GATES when going thru pasture. 29 p J. T. Lofton.

Lap Robes, Over Coats, Ladies Cloaks-Come and see them.

Are You Raising a Roof For a Rainy Day?

Longfellow said: "Into each life a little rain must fall." Are you prepared to shelter your family when the storms come.

The wise man builds when the skies are clear. Money in the bank will solve the "Rainy Day" problem.

The First National Bank



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Notice of Sale of Real Estate Under Execution.

The State of Texas, County of Lynn. In the County Court of Tarrant County, Texas, for Civil Cases. James ty, Texas, for Civil Casco. McCord Company Vs. Jack Alley et

Whereas, by virtue of an execution Fi Fa, issued out of the County Court of Tarrant County, Texas, for Civil-cases on a Judgment rendered in sala Court on the 10th day of February A.

Blk. No. 76 in the North Tahoka Addition to the original town of Tahoka in Lynn County, Texas as shown by the plat of said town of record in Vol. 11 page 515, Deed Records of Lynn County, Texas, to which reference is here had for further description of said lots. Also all of the West half of the North-west one-fourth of Sur. No. 482, Cert. 462, Blk. 1, E. L. & R. R. R. R. Co., containeast one-fourth of Sur. 479, Bik. 1, ert. 461, E. L. & R. R. R. R. K, Co., in yon County, Texas;

And on the 2nd day of November A. 1915, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. of said day at the court house door of said County I will offer for sale and sell at public auctior, for cash, all said T. M Bartley, Jack Alley, E. Payne and Luke Riley in and to said property,

Dated at Tahoka, this the 6th day of Oct. A. D. 1915.

F. E. Redwine, Sheriff of Lynn County, Texas, by S. W. Joplin,

The Exploits of Elaine

SYNOPSIS.

The New York police are mysuffed by a series of murders and other crimes. The principal clue to the criminal is the warn-Coart on the 10th day of February A.

D. 1914 in favor of the James McCord Company and against the said Jack Alley, E. Payne, Luke Riley and T.
M. Bartly, No. 13240 on the Docket of said Court, I did on the 6th day of Oct. A. D. 1915 at 6 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the County of Lynn, State of Texas, and be longing to the said T. M. Bartley, towit:

All of Lots 4 and 6 in Blk. No. 13; Lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12, 13 and 15 in Blk. No. 32; All of Lots Nos. 9 and 16 in Blk. No. 35 and Lot No. 6 in Blk. No. 76 in the North Tahoka Ad-

FIFTH EPISODE

The Poisoned Room.

Elaine and Craig were much together during the next few days. Somehow or other, it seemed that the chase of the Clutching Hand involved long conferences in the Dodge library, and even, in fact, extended to excursions ing 80 acres in Lynn Oounty, Texas, into the notoriously crime-infested Aiso all of the West half and North-neighborhood of Riverside drive, with its fashionable procession of automobiles and go-carts-as far north, indeed, as that desperate haunt known as Grant's tomb.

But to return to the more serious side of the affair.

Kennedy and Elaine had scarcely come out of the house and descended the steps, one afternoon, when a sinisthe right, title, and interest of the ter face appeared in a basement areaway near by.

It was the Clutching Hand.

He wore a telephone inspector's hat tected his nose and mouth. and coat and carried a bag slung by a strap over his shoulder. For once he had left off his mask, but, in place of it, his face was covered by a scraggy black beard. The disguise was effec-

He saw Kennedy and Miss Dodge and slunk unobtrusively against a railing, with his head turned away. Laughing and chatting, they pasted. Then he turned in the other direction and, going up the steps of the Dodge house, rang the bell.

"Telephone inspector," he said in a loud tone as Michael, in Jennings' place for the afternoon, opened the

He accompanied the words with the sign, and Michael admitted him.

As it happened, Aunt Josephine was upstairs in Elaine's room. She was fixing flowers in a vase on the dressing table of her idolized niece. Meanwhile, Rusty, the collie, lay, half blinking, on the floor.

"Who is this?" she asked, as Michael led the bogus telephone inspector into the room.

'A man from the telephone company," he answered deferentially. Aunt Josephine, unsophisticated, al-

lowed them to enter without a further

Quickly, like a good workman, Clutching Hand went to the telephone instrument and by dint of keeping his finger on the hook and his back to Aunt Josephine succeeded in conveying the illusion that he was examining

No sooner was the door shut than the Clutching Hand hastily opened his bag and from it drew a small powderspraying outfit, such as I have seen used for spraying bug powder. He then took out a sort of muzzle with an elastic band on it and slipped it over his head so that the muzzle pro-

He seemed to work a sort of pumping attachment and from the nozzle of the spraying instrument blew out a cloud of powder which he directed at the wall.

Meanwhile, Michael, in the hallway, on guard to see that no one bothered the Clutching Hand at his work, was overcome by curiosity to see what his master was doing He opened the door a little bit and gazed stealthily through the crack into the room.

Clutching Hand was now spraying the rug close to the dressing table of Elaine and was standing near the mirror. He stooped down to examine the Then, as he raised his head, he happened to look into the mirror. In it he could see the full reflection of Michael behind him, gazing into the

"The scoundrel!" muttered Clutch- called Kennedy's number. ing Hand, with repressed fury at the

He rose quickly and shut off the spraying instrument, stuffing it into the bag. He took a step or two toward the door. Michael drew back, fearfully, pretending now to be on guard.

Clutching Hand opened the door and, still wearing the muzzle, beckoned to Michael. Michael could scarcely control his fears. But he obeyed, entering Elaine's room after the Clutching Hand, who locked the

"Were you watching me?" demanded the master criminal, with rage. Michael, trembling all over, shook

his head. For a moment Clutching Hand looked him over disdainfully at the clumsy lie. Then he brutally struck Michael in

the face, knocking him down. An ungovernable, almost insane fury seemed to possess the man as he pulse and temperature as our cab stood over the prostrate footman,

"Get up!" he ordered. Michael obeyed, thoroughly cowed.

"Take me to the cellar, now," he demanded.

Michael led the way from the room without a protest, the master criminal following him closely. Down into the cellar, by a back

way, they went, Clutching Hand still wearing his muzzle and Michael saying not a word. Suddenly Clutching Hand turned on

him and seized him by the collar. "Now, go upstairs, you," he muttered, shaking him until his teeth

fairly chattered, "and if you watch me again-I'll kill you!" He thrust Michael away, and the footman, overcome by fear, hurried

upstairs. Still trembling and fearful, peated his question, "What is the mat-Michael paused in the hallway. He put his hand on his face where

the Clutching Hand had struck him. Then he waited, muttering to himself. As he thought it over, anger took the place of fear. He slowly turned in the direction of the cellar.

Meanwhile, Clutching Hand was standing by the electric meter. He examined it carefully, feeling where the wires entered and left it, and starting to trace them out. At last he came to a point where it seemed at him. suitable to make a connection for some purpose he had in mind.

Quickly he took some wire from his bag and connected it with the electric lowing Craig with her deep eyes.

concealed, of course, mong the cellar floor, in the direction of the furnace. The furnace was one of the old hot air heaters and he paused before it as though seeking something. Then

a little tank. He thrust his hand gingerly into it, bringing it out quickly. The tank was nearly full of water.

he bent down beside it and uncovered

Next from his capacious bag he took two metal poles, or electrodes, and fastened them carefully to the ends of the wires, placing them at opposite ends of the tank in the water.

For several moments he watched. The water inside the tank seemed the same as before, only on each electrode there appeared bubbles, on one bubbles of oxygen, on the other of hydrogen. The water was decomposing under the current by electrolysis.

Another moment he surveyed his work to see that he had left no loose ends. Then he quietly let himself out of the house.

The next morning Rusty, who had been Elaine's constant companion since the trouble had begun, awakened his mistress by licking her hand as it hung limply over the side of her

She awakened with a start and put her hand to her head. She felt ill "Poor old fellow," she asurmured,

half dazedly. Rusty moved away again wagging his tail listlessly. The collie, too, felt

"Why, Miss Elaine-wnat ees ze mattair? You are so pale!" exclaimed the maid, Marie, as she entered the room a moment later with the morning's mail on a salver.

"I don't feel well, Marie," she replied, trying with her slender white hand to brush the cobwebs from her brain. "I-I wish you'd tell Aunt Josephine to telephone Doctor Hayward."

"Yes, mademoiselle," answered Marie.

Languidly Elaine took the letters one by one off the salver. Finally she selected one and slow-

ly tore it open. It had no superscription, but it at once arrested her attention and transfixed her with ter-

"You are sick this morning Tomorrow you will be worse. The next day you will die unless you discharge Craig Kennedy. It was signed with the mystic trade-

mark of the fearsome Clutching

Elaine drew back into the pillows,

-get Aunt Josephine-right away! And Marie almost flew down the hall. Elaine seized the telephone and

Kennedy, in his stained laboratory apron, was at work before his table. while I was watching him with interest, when the telephone rang.

Without a word he answered the call, and I could see a look of perturbation cross his face. I knew it was from Elaine, but could tell nothing about the nature of the message. An instant later he almost tore off the apron and threw on his hat and coat. I followed him as he dashed out of the laboratory.

"This is terrible-terrible," he muttered, as he hurried across the campus of the university to a taxicab stand. A few minutes later, when we arrived at the Dodge mansion, we found Aunt Josephine and Marie doing all

they could under the circumstances. Doctor Hayward had arrived and had just finished taking the patient's pulled up.

Elaine was quite ill indeed. "Oh! I'm so glad to see you," she breathed with an air of relief as Ken-

nedy advanced "Why-what is the matter?" asked Craig anxiously.

Doctor Hayward shook his head dubiously, but Kennedy did not notice him, for, as he approached Elaine, she drew from the covers where she had concealed it a letter and handed it to

Craig took it and read:

"You are sick this morning. Tomorrow you will be worse. The next day you will die unless you discharge Craig Kennedy.'

At the signature of the Clutching Hand he frowned, then, noticing Doctor Hayward, turned to him and re-

Doctor Hayward continued shaking his head. "I cannot diagnose her symptoms," he shrugged.

There seemed to be a faint odor, almost as if of garlic, in the room. It was unmistakable and Craig looked about him curiously, but said nothing.

As he sniffed, he moved impatiently and his foot touched Rusty, under the bed. Rusty whined and moved back lazily. Craig bent over and looked

"What's the matter with Rusty?" he asked. "Is he sick, too?"

"Why, yes," answered Elaine, fol-Craig reached down and gently

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"How long has Rusty been in the room?" asked Craig. "All night," answered Elaine. "I

wouldn't think of being without him "May I take Rusty along with me?"

Craig asked finally. Elaine hesitated. "Surely," she said at length, "only be gentle with him."

"Of course," he said simply. "I thought that I might be able to discover the trouble from studying him." We stayed only a few minutes longer, for Kennedy seemed to realize the necessity of doing something immediately, and even Doctor Hayward

was fighting in the dark. Back in the laboratory, Kennedy set to work immediately, brushing everything else aside. He began by drawing on a little of Rusty's blood in A tube, very carefully.

"Here, Walter," he said, pointing to the little incision he had made, "will you take care of him?"

Quickly Craig made one test after another.

As he did so I sniffed. There was an unmistakable odor of garlic in the air which made me think of what I

had already noticed in Elaine's room. "Arseniuretted hydrogen," he answered, still engaged in verifying his "This is the Marsh test for

"Arsenic!" I repeated, in horror.

I had scarcely recovered from the surprise of Kennedy's startling revelation when the telephone rang again. Kennedy seized the receiver, thinking evidently that the message might be from or about Elaine. But from the look on his face and

from his manner, I could gather that, self, it was about something that interested him greatly.

"Good!" I heard him say finally. "I shall keep the appointment-abso-

"What was it?" I asked, eagerly.

"It was Elaine's footman, Michael," he replied, thoughtfully. "As I suspected, he says that he is a confederate of the Clutching Hand, and if we will protect him he will tell us the trouble with Elaine."

I considered a moment. "How's that?" I queried. Continued on next page

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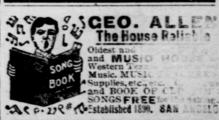
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"Weil," added Craig, "you see, Michael has become infuriated by the treatment he received from the Clutching Hand. I believe he cuffed him in the face yesterday. Anyway, he says he has determined to get even and betray him.

I did not like the looks of the thing, and said so. "Craig," I objected vehemently, "don't go to meet him. It is a trap.

Kennedy had evidently considered my objection already.

"It may be a trap," he replied slowly, "but Elaine is dying and we've got to see this thing through."

As he spoke, he took an automatic from a drawer of a cabinet and thrust it into his pocket. Then he went to another drawer and took out several sections of thin tubing, which seemed to be made to fasten together as a fishing pole is fastened, but were now separate, as if ready for traveling. Then he went out. I followed, still

arguing. "If you go, I go," I capitulated.

"That's all there is to it." Following the directions that Michael had given over the telephone,

Craig led me into one of the toughest parts of the lower West side. "Here's the place," he announced, stopping across the street from a

dingy Raines law hotel. "Pretty tough," I objected. "Are you

'Quite," replied Kennedy, consulting his notebook again.

Reluctantly I followed and we entered the place.

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a room," asked Craig as we were accosted by the proprietor, comfortably clad in a loud checked suit and striped shirt sleeves. "I had one here once before-forty-nine, I

"Fifty-" I began to correct. Kennedy trod hard on my toes.

"Yes, forty-nine," he repeated. The proprietor called a stout negro porter, waiter and bell-hop all com-

bined in one, who led us upstairs. "Forty-nine, sah," he pointed out, as Kennedy dropped a dime into his ready palm.

The negro left us, and as Craig started to enter, I objected. "But, Craig, it was fifty-nine, not forty-nine.

This is the wrong room." "I know it," he replied. "I had it written in the book But I want fortynine-now. Just follow me, Walter.' Nervously I followed him into the

"Don't you understand?" he went on. "Room forty-nine is probably just the same as fifty-nine, except perhaps the pictures and furniture, only it is

on the floor below.' He gazed about keenly. Then he took a few steps to the window and threw it open. As he stood there he took the parts of the rods he had been carrying and fitted them together until he had a pole some eight or ten feet long. At one end was a curious arrangement that seemed to contain lenses and a mirror. At the other end was an eye-piece, as nearly as I

could make out. "What is that?" I asked as he co

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"That? That is an instrument something on the order of a miniature periscope," Craig replied, still at

I watched him, fascinated at his re-sourcefulness. He stealthily thrust the mirror end of the periscope out of the window and up toward the corresponding window upstairs. Then he gaced eagerly through the eye-piece. "Walter-look!" he exclaimed to

I did. There, sure enough, was Michael, pacing up and down the room. As I looked at him nervously walking to and fro, I could not help admitting that things looked safe enough and all right to me. Kennedy folded the periscope up and we left our room, mounting the remaining flight of stairs.

In fifty-nine we could hear the measured steps of the footman. Craig knocked. The footsteps ceased Then the door opened slowly and I could see a cold blue automatic.

"It's all right, Michael," reassured Craig calmly. "All right, Walter," be added to me.

The gun dropped back into the footman's pocket. We entered and Michael again locked the door. Not a word had been spoken by him so far.

Next Michael moved to the center of the room and as I realized later. brought himself in direct line with the open window. He seemed to be overcome with fear at his betrayal and stood there breathing heavily.

"Professor Konnedy," he began, "I have been so distreated that I have made up my mind to tell you all I know about this Clutching-

Suddenly he drew a sharp breath and both his hands clutched at his wn breast. He did not stagger and fall in the ordinary manner but seemed to bend at the knees and waist and literally crumple down on

We ran to him. Craig turned him over gently on his back and examined him. He called. No answer. Michael

was almost pulseless. Quickly Craig tore off his collar and bared his breast, for the man seemed to be struggling for breath. As he did so he drew from Michael's throat a

small, sharp-pointed dart "What's that?" I ejaculated, horror

"A poisoned blowgun dart, such as is used by the South American Indians on the upper Orinoco," he said slowly.

He examined it carefully "What is the poison?" I asked.

"Curari," he replied simply. "It acts' on the respiratory muscles, paralyzing them and causing asphyxiation."

The dart seemed to have been made of a quili with a very sharp point, hollow, and containing the deadly poison in the sharpened end.

"Look out!" I cautioned, as he handled it.

"Oh, that's all right," he answered casually. "If I don't scratch myself, I am safe enough I could swallow the stuff and it wouldn't hurt me-unless I had an abrasion of the fips or some internal cut."

Kennedy continued to examine the dart until suddenly I heard a low exclamation of surprise from him Inside the hollow quill was a thin sheet of tissue paper, tightly rolled. He drew it out and read:

"To know me is Death. Kennedy-Take Warning!

Underneath was the inevitable Clutching Hand sign.

We jumped to our feet. Kennedy shut, while I seized the key from Mi- had been leaning on the wall Some

chael's pocket opened the door and thing on the paper had come off and called for help. building across the street, one might have seen a bent, skulking figure.

ted hair. He looked like a South powdered," he reported. American Indian, in a very dilapidated suit of cast-off American clothes. He had slipped out through a door-

way leading to a flight of steps from the roof to the hallway of the tene cellar with me." ment, and, like one of his native ven- ! omous serpents, worked his way down lous for him. the stairs again

My outcry brought a veritable batthe negro waiter and several others | meter. dashed upstairs, followed shortly by a portly policeman.

Craig took the policeman into his confidence, showing him the dart and explaining about the poison. The officer stared blankly.

"I must get away, too," hurried on Craig. "Officer, I will leave you to take charge here. You can depend on me for the inquest." The officer nodded.

"Come on Walter," whispered Craig, eager to get away, then adding the one word, "Elaine!"

I followed hastily, not slow to understand his fear for her.

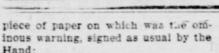
Nor were Craig's fears groundless. In spite of all that could be done for her, Elaine was still in bed, much weaker now than before.

More than that, the Clutching Hand had not neglected the opportunity,

Suddenly, just before our return, a stone had come hurtling through the window, without warning of any kind, and had landed on Elaine's bed.

Below, as we learned some time afterwards, a car had drawn up hastily and the evil-faced crook whom the Clutching Hand had used to rid himself of the informer, "Limpy Red," had leaped out and hastily hurled the stone through the window, as quickly leaping back into the car and whisking away.

Around the stone was wrapped a



"Michael is dead. "Tomorrow, you.

"Then Kennedy.

"Stop before it is too late." Elaine had sunk back into her pillows, paler than ever from this sec-

ond shock. It was just then that Kennedy and arrived and were admitted. "Oh, Mr. Kennedy," cried Elaine,

handing him the note. Craig took it and read, "Miss Dodge," he said, as he held the note out to me, "you are suffering from ar-

senic poisoning-but I don't know yet how it is being administered." He gazed about keenly. Meanwhile, I had taken the crumpled note from

him and was reading it. Somehow, I had leaned against the wall. As I turned, Craig happened to glauce at

him exclaim. "What have you been lup against?"

He fairly leaped at me and I felt rushed to the window and slammed it him examining my shoulder where I left a mark on my shoulder Craig A moment before, on the roof of a looked puzzled from me at the wall. "Arsenic!" he cried

He whipped out a pocket lens and I His face was copper colored and on looked at the paper. This heavy, his head was a thick thatch of mat- fuzzy paper is fairly loaded with it,

> Kennedy paced the room. Suddenly, pausing by the register, an idea seemed to strike him

"Waiter." he whispered, "come down "Oh! Be careful!" cried Elaine, anx-

"I will," he called back

As he flashed his pocket bull's-eye talion of aid. The hotel proprietor, about, his gaze fell on the electric. He paused before it. In

spite of the fact that it was broad daylight, it was running. His face puckered.

"They are using no current at present in the house," he ruminated, "yet the meter is running." He continued to examine the meter.

Then he began to follow the electric wires along At last he discovered a



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with and tapped by other wires. "The work of the Clutching Hand! he muttered.

Eagerly he followed the wires to the furnace and around to the back. There they led right into a little water tank Kennedy yanked them out. As he did so he pulled something with them.

there," he exclaimed, holding them up triumphantly for me to see

"Y-yes," I replied, dubiously, "but his lips. what does it all mean?"

"Why, don't you see? Under the influence of the electric current the wa- Marie. Kennedy had a peculiar lock ter was decomposed and gave off oxygen and hydrogen The free hydrogen passed up the furnace pipe and combining with the arsenic in the wall paper formed the deadly arseniuretted hydrogen.

He cast the whole improvised electrolysis apparatus on the floor and dashed up the cellar steps. "I've found it!" he cried hurrying

into Elaine's room "It's in this room -a deadly gas-arseniuretter hydro dead!" gen. He tore open the windows.

"Have her moved," he shouted to Aunt Josephine "Then have a vacuum cleaner go over every inch of

wall, carpet and upholstery." Standing beside her, he breathless ly explained his discovery. "That wall

paper has been loaded down with arsenic, probably paris green or Schweinfurth green, which is acetoan senite of copper. Every minute you are here you are breathing arseniurelted hydrogen. This Clutching Hand is a diabolical genius. Think of itpoisoned wall paper!"

No one said a word. Kennedy reached down and took the two Clutching Hand messages Elaine had received. "I shall want to study these notes, more, too," he said, holding them up to the wall at the head of the bed as he flashed his pocket lens at them. "You see Elaine, I may be able to get something from studying the ink, the paper, the hand writ-

Suddenly both leaped back, with

Their faces had been several inches thing had whizzed them and literally impaled the two notes on the wall. Down the street, on the roof of

carriage house, back of a neighbor's might have been seen the uncouth fig ure of the shabby South American In dian crouching behind a chimney an gazing intently at the Dodge house. As Craig had thrown open Elaine

window and turned to Elaine the figure "Two electrodes the villain placed had crouched closer to the chimney. Then with an uncanny determit

tion, he slowly raised the blowgun I jumped forward, followed by Doc tor Hayward, Aunt Josephine and

as he pulled out from the wall a bl gun dart similar in every way to the which had killed Michael. "Craig!" gasped Elaine, reaching and laying her soft, white hand on his arm in undisguised fear for him, "you

-you must eve up this chase for the Clutching Hand! "Give up the chase for the Clutch ing Hand?" he repeated in surpris "Never! Not unti' either he or 1 1

There was both fear and admirate mingled in her look, as he rend down and patted her dainty shoulded encouragingly.

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