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SYNOPSIS.

Garrett Coast a young man of New York City, meets Douglas Blackstock, who invites him to a card party. He accepts, atthough he dislikes Blackstock, the rea-son being that both are in love with Kath-erine Thaxter Coast fails to convince her that Blackstock is unworthy of her friendship At the party Coast meets two named Dundas and Van Tuyl. There is a quarrel, and Blackstock shoots Van Tuyl dead. Coast struggles to wrest the weapon from him. thus the police dis-cover them Coast is arrested for murder. He is convicted, but as he begins his sen-tence. Dundas names Blackstock as the murderer and kills himself. Coast pur-chases a yacht and while salling sees a non thrown from a distant boat. He res-cues the fellow who is named Appleyard They ærrive at a lonely island, known as no Man's Land. Coast starts out to ex-plore the place and comes upon some deserted buildings. He discovers a man he is blind, a wireless operator and has a station there. Coast hiftorms her that her hushand murdered Van Tuyl. Coast sees Blackstock and some Chinamen burying a man. They fire at him, but he is rescued by Appleyard, who gets him to the Echo in safety, and there he re-veals that he is a secret service man and has been watching the croyd on the island, suspecting they are criminals. Coast is anxious to fathom the mysteries of No Man's Land, and is determined to save Katherine. Appleyard believes of No Man's Land, and is determined to save Katherine the provide the state and his gang make a shield of No sign's Land, and is detrimined to save Katherine. Appleyard believes that Black and his gang make a shield of the wireless station to conduct a smug gling business. Coast penetrates to the lair of Blackstock's disguise. Katherine enters the room.

# CHAPTER XIII .-- (Continued.)

Blackstock laughed "Power!" harshly. "No, he won't mind," he replied, ironic. "Power's gone already. We had a little falling out and he took one of my rowboats-the only rowboat -and left, without so much's by-yourleave; rowed across to the Vineyard. I guess. In the fog, too-the poor fool. Serve him right if he got car ried out to sea and was never heard of again-the hound!"

pipe. His thoughts reverting to Katherine, in natural course swung here. Handyside . back to the slip of paper reposing at Voorhis give you any message for the bottom of his pocket.

He looked cautiously round; the servants were intent upon their work, Blackstock stood with his back to stolidly incurious as to himself, to all the stove in the farmhouse kitchen; appearances; from the upper floor hands in pockets, his heavy shoulders came reiterations of the high-pitched lifted. As swayed all but imperceptibly on the balls of his felt. In the dull and querulous accents of the wounded saffron illumination of two common man-a sound to which he had become accustomed since Blackstock kerosene lamps, he loomed hugely in had left him. He felt, consequently, the room, overshadowing and dwarfing the two mute, placid Chinese who fairly safe.

Producing the scrap of paper, he pattered about, preparing a mealstealthily smoothed it out across his having been routed out of bed for that knee. It bore a single sentence hurriedly and lightly in pencil:

Coast, tilting back in a kitchen "Neither your life nor mine is safe chair on the far side of the table from if you persist."

Blackstock, considered quickly and Very thoughtfully he twisted the palied deliberately and whole-heartedly, per into a little spill, lighted it over with full knowledge of the consethe chimney of one of the lamps, apquences of a misstep. Sooner or later the unmasking was bound to come, plied the flame to the tobacco in his whether he will it or no. He was not pipe, then held it while it burned. eager for it yet, but prepared against

Precisely what was one to under-Sooner or later that word would fall from his stand from that message? That Katherine had awakened to the truth relips-or from Katherine's-or some untoward happening would precipitate garding the killing of Van Tuyl-or the inevitable-revealing him, an im- merely that she mistrusted Blackstock's temper, should he by any postor. The hour like the outcome was on the knees of the gods. The chance be led to suspect Coast's true identity? That she knew the truth sense of fatality was strong upon his about Power? Or that through some subtle process of feminine intuition "There wasn't time," he said. "I she had divined that Blackstock was was off-duty and they rounded me up just in time to catch the midnight not wholly hoodwinked by the at-

tempted impersonification of Handyside, and would, were his doubts con-"And Voorhis sent no word?" Blackfirmed, seek to punish her as well as the impostor for keeping silence? "He said you'd be advised by wire-She had not had time to write more.

"No more than that?"

stock demanded incredulously.

CHAPTER XIV.

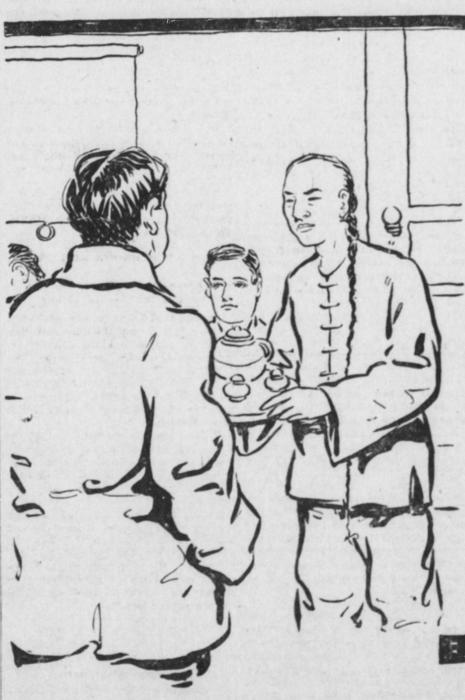
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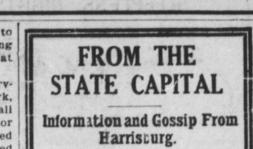
me?'

purpose.

it at any time. . .

The spill burned down until its tiny "Only I'd find this job after my own heart, to do as I was told and mind flame flickered blue and expired withmy own business and see nothing ex- in a fraction of an inch of his fingercept what you shoved under my nose; tips. He pinched out the spark, and it would be worth my while, and he dropped the unconsumed fragment





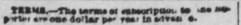
Cutaiar's Case Held Over.

The State Board of Pardons continued without hearing additional argument on the application for pardon for Alphonzo Cutaiar, now serving a life sentence in the Eastern Penitentiary for the murder of Johanna Logue, his aunt. The case was heard a month ago and held under advisement. At the adjournment of the meeting Thursday it was announced that the case had been continued. It is said that members of the board desire to study the testimony. The board continued under advisement the cases of the three men who were sentenced to prison in Schuylkill county for ballot frauds. The men are Fred Zimmerman, sentenced to five years and four years' loss of citizenship; Michael M. Cuff, sentenced to four and one-half years and loss of franchise for four years, and John Burke, sentenced to two and one-half years and to loss of citizenship for four.

#### Officials Complain Of Fares.

Officials of the city of Altoona urged the State Railroad Commission to require the Altoona & Logan Valley Railway Co. to reduce its fares between Bellwood and Altoona, and establish a transfer system that will provide transfers from the Tyrone line to the Hallidaysburg branch. It was pointed out by the complainants that the fare from Bellwood to Altoona was greater than from Bellwood to Tyrone, and consequently the Bellwood trade sought Tyrone instead of Altoona. Among its expenditures referred to by the respondent was the payment of \$22,000 a year for paving and keeping streets in repair in Altoona. At the conclusion of the hearing both sides agreed to file briefs, after which the commission will determine the matter.

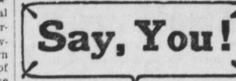
Frear Boomed To Take Wiley's Place. Dr. William Frear, the expert chemist of State College, is being boomed for Chief Chemist of the Department of Agriculture at Washington, to succeed Dr. Harvey W. Wiley. The doctor's boom is said to be in Washington, in the hands of several Central Pennsylvania Congressmen, and it is expected to have others back it up. Frear has served at State College for twenty years and has been the chief stand-by of the State Dairy and Food division in its work in this State's crusade for pure food. He has been employed by the National Department at various times and is a close friend of Wiley.



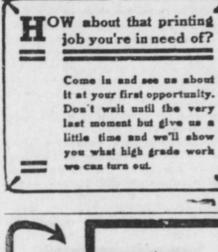
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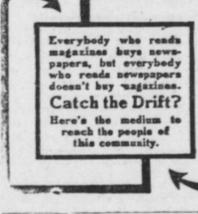
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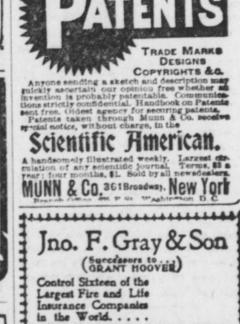
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And still Katherine's expression evinced no indication that she understood.

"You don't seem to like Power much," Coast suggested uneasily.

"No, I didn't like the dog," he said. measuring a drink with the same uncanny accuracy. his prominent and sightless eyes seeming to watch the liquor mount in the glass. "He was a surly devil with a devil's temper. One of my servants-Chinese are the only kind we keep in a place like this -tried to prevent him from taking the boat, and Power turned on him and nearly brained the poor fellow with a rock. We missed him and after a long search found him insensible down on the beach. He's been out of his head ever since-delirious. You may hear him during the night. Hope he won't keep you awake."

He set down an empty glass.

"It takes a deal to keep me awake when my mind's set on sleep," Coast evaded. "I'm sorry about Power's misbehaving, though."

Blackstock insolently. "Kate!"

"Coming." The woman reappeared. "I couldn't find your cane," she said. as she crossed to the man. A gleam of white, a slip of white paper between the fingers of her left hand caught Coast's attention. He sought her eyes and found them meaningful.

With a word of grudging acknowledgment Blackstock took his hat and stick. "Come along, Handyside. We won't need a light; light hasn't any meaning to the blind. You knew my sight was gone, didn't you?"

"One would hardly suspect it." Coast took up his sou'wester and followed the man to the door. The rustle of the woman's gown told him that she was near behind him.

"Oh, I find my way about; I know this cheesebox of an island like the palm of my hand. It's no worse than Guess I'll step upstairs and have a mean to be fresh, but you're a wonnavigating your own room in the dark.'

"Allow me . . ." Coast turned the knob and opened the door; Blackwind and shouldered out against its force.

A hand touched Coast's; the slip of of the woman he loved-looked and read their message of pleading and shake of his head he followed her husband out into the wind-whipped darkness, pulling the door to behind him.

trudged off. The unavoidable contact his time over it, however, and toward matter, I came practically alone; my ly in hand, crumpling fiercely that tiny above stairs. slip of paper in his palm with a a guerdon of eventual success.

"Leady Vely Soon."

Coast pushed back his chair from

upon his shoulder and held it there.

"No." he said: "don't get up; you're

was not natural. He tried to bring

hfmself back into character. "I don't

A curious smile dawned on the face

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

The Thinker,

. Well, that's

"Well, profit by his example, and knew he could depend on me. I guess | back into his pocket in a ridiculous don't mix in matters that don't con- he did, too. I guess he knows what extravagance of precaution. As he cern you-here, at any rate," said kind of a man you need, Mr. Black. did so he became conscious of a and Mr. Voorhis isn't the sort to pick shadow bulking large in a corner of

an operator out of the grab-bag for a his field of vision, and he looked up special purpose. Isn't that so?" suddenly, startled to discover Black-"If I know Voorhis, it is." Black stock almost at his elbow. With such stock rocked back and forth on his catlike lightness and slience the felfeet, pursing his full, loose-lipped low moved! mouth. "I can tell more about you in the morning," he said; "we'll have the table, as if to arise, but Blacka talk and come to an understanding." stock dropped a hand compellingly

"Why not now?" "Morning will do," said Blackstock decidedly.

tired. I'm off-just stopped to say For some minutes Blackstock did good night. Guess you'll find your not speak. Coast glanced up at him, room comfortable-if Chang doesn't and as if he were aware of that fact keep you awake with his jabbering." the man shook himself out of what "I say, Mr. Black," Coast could not had seemed profound abstraction. refrain from asking, "how the dickens "How about Mr. Handyside's sup- do you manage to get about with such per. John?" he asked. sureness?" The inquiry was natural; his curiosity was piqued; the thing

"Leady vely soon," replied one of the Chinese meekly. "Hurry it up, then; he's tired.

look at Chang," said Blackstock. der." 'That's the fellow Power knocked

out, you know," he added superfluous- lowering over him-a smile of the fealy as he left the room, moving lightly tures only; nothing remarkable, perstock bent his head to the roaring with quick steps noiseless in his rub haps, since the eyes were dead. ber-soled shoes.

Left alone, Coast fell to the food training assisted by a strong feeling which one of the Chinamen presently for direction. I guess I'm something paper passed into his palm. For a set before him. Although up to that like the guy in that book by the man single instant he looked into the eyes time excitement had numbed him to who wrote Trilby-d'you remember? the fact, he had tasted nothing since -the fellow that could feel the north mid-day, and was now excessively hun- -turn to it blindfolded? Sort of budespair. Then with a sadly negative gry. The meal, plain but well-cooked, man compass. . . proved a great relief from the some me. Tell me where I am, and so long what monotonous diet of bacon and as I know the ground, I'll find my eggs to which he had been restricted way. For instance, I'm going back Their shoulders touched as they since the previous morning. He took to the bungalow now-alone. For that

turned Coast sick with hatred and the conclusion began to wonder what wife tells me the night's black as a loathing. Yet he held himself strong- Blackstock found to keep him so long stack of cats." The dishes were removed and the

strange sense of confidence, as it were | Chinamen set about washing up, chattering to one another in low, expres- You can usually tell a thinker by

She had not denounced him. He sionless tones. Still Blackstock did the things that make him slient .would save her, he would save her. not come down. Coast lighted his Life.

# Fish Warden For Changes In Dam.

Fish Commissioner Buller announced that C. H. Holland, of Beach Haven, had been appointed fish warden in charge of the changes at Mc-Call's Ferry dam and that studies would be made of plans to make changes so that shad could get up the Susquehanna. The commissioner will visit New England to inspect fishways in dams.

## Two Charters Nullified.

The Dauphin County Court has made orders ousting from enjoyment of State-franchises the Business Men's Co-Operative Banking Association, of Philadelphia, and the German Trust Company, of Pittsburgh. The concerns had never exercised the privileges conferred by charters.

## Plan Home For Railroad Men.

Representatives of the Veterans' Associations of the Pennsylvania Railroad divisions in Pennsylvania met here to discuss the project for estab-Hshing a home for aged and disabled veterans. A committee will be planned to bring it to the attention of railroad men.

# Want Early Work On Roads.

Lancaster and Pike counties asked BOALSBURG TAYERN Highway Commissioner Bigelow to start early construction on roads in their districts. The Pike people want the road built from Stroudsburg to Port Jarvis.

## To Arrest Harrisburg Grocer.

Dairy and Food Commissioner James Foust directed the arrest of a grocer here for the sale of adulterated olive oil. It is charged that the oil was adulterated with cottonseed oil. Two arrests for the sale of apples unfit for food were ordered made in Philadelphia at once.

#### Tells Normal Institute Date.

A. L. Martin, director of the State farmers' institutes, announced that the "Habit," said Blackstock; "habit and Farmers' Normal Institute, which is composed of all of the instructors. would be held in the court house at Towanday, Bradford county, May 21 to 24.

#### Rockwood a Candidate.

Burton L. Rockwood, State chairman of the Prohibitionists, filed petitions to be candidate for both National and State delegate of his party. He is not opposed.

Fined For Coal Tar Candy. A fine of \$60 was imposed on John Jullus, a candy merchant, for the sale of confectionery containing a coal tar preparation. The arrest was made by a State food agent and is the first of the kind here for a long time.



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