A GREAT MYSTIC STORY HAROLD MACGRATH

SYNOPSIS.

Eudora, an orphan, has been left a fortune of \$20,000,000 by her father. Her mother's brother, ambitious to pain con-trol of her wealth, becomes a "mystic," under the name of Hassam Ali. He pre-ucils on Eudora to entrust her money to his care and agrees that if she shall solve 20 mysteries she shall marry John Storm,

a young lawyer.

Endorn succeeds in her first case and saves Storm from being convicted of a erder, instigated by Hassam himself. Two weeks later a eroud of Hindus,

olad in Oriental costs mes, call upon Has-sum All and, through their leader, ask that he solve the mastery of the "Hesping Mouse." They inform him that their re-ligious exercises are interfered with by a "god of sleep" who comes quickly and un-Steares. All agrees to go with them. "I Star go, too " exclains Zudora. Clad in oriental costumos and blind-

folded, Hassam and Eudora are driven to the "Eleoping House." There they find in a magnificent room a large number of men and women lying about in slumber.

Among them is an exceptionally beautiful tooman, who was the ruler and princess of the weird band. Hassam suddenly finds Aimself becoming drowsy and quietly slips leaving Fidora alone with the

John Storm, Eudora's lover, traces to the "Electing House." He finds her clumbering and awakens her. In so doing he arouses the inmates of the house and

made prisoner. Upon awakening Endora is told that Wabok Shan, a crafty East Indian Prince, had carried off an Indian Princess and brought her to America. They had not as pet been married, because every time the

pet been married, because every time the exemency was begun sureryody teent tot steep. Sudora is given a string of pearls to solve the mystery.

Eudora discovers that the exit from the "filesping House of Mystery" is poorly quarded. The excapse and learns of florm's disappearance. Meanwhile Storm has been placed in a steel dungom, in the cellar of the "Sleeping House," the sides of which contract sloudy such hour so as to orush him to death eventually. From Hassan's servant Zudora learns that her lover is a prisoner. Resolved to free him she boldly returns to the mysterious about of Nabok Shan.

CHAPTER II The Sleeping House Mystery. (CONTINUED.)

THE persistent ceremony was be-Ling started again. To Zudora it would have been laughable but for the new tragedy underneath. The man who had brought her to the house originally finally disclosed to her what had been done to Storm. His death had been decided on.

room she saw a man in a garb quite rescued Storm from his seadful prison. different from that worn by those in

tigate before proceeding again in an endeavor which had so many times

ONE dark winter day, a group of

Dirt was under them, dust on top of

"I wish I was something besides a

dead leaf," said one leaf; "I think that's such a stupid thing to be!"

what you are," said another sensibly. "I don't like it any better than you do,

"That's all very well for you to say,"

said the first complainingly, "but think

now many lovely things there are in the world! Flowers and stars and birds! Why couldn't I have been one

"I don't know any reason except that

"I want fun and a good time," went

"Well, maybe we can get something

you wish for if you try very hard,"

said the cheerful leaf. "You decide on something you want and maybe we can

"Get it!" growled the cross leaf,

"what can a dead leaf get? The very

"To fly like a bird," murmured the cheerful leaf, "I wonder what I could

do about that—it seems pretty hard for a leaf to manage. I think I'll ask

my friend the wind, maybe he can help

Just then a tiny little breeze snuggled down by the leaves for a rest.

"Oh, little breeze," whispered the

leaf, "can you tell me how an old dead

"No. I can't, I never heard of such

a thing!" laughed the brocce, but when

he saw how disappointed the leaf was.

is added, "but I might ask my friend, Mr. Wind-he's very wise."
So he asked Mr. Wind as soon as he

Mr. Wind laughed and said "Make a dend leaf fig like a bird) To be suite I can; that's snay for a strong

person like me. Where to the inst'?" "Hight down hope in the guiter," said

leaf can fly like a bird?"

air! 'That's who I'd like to do!"

you are not," laughed the second leaf

cheerfully, "and that ien't a bad rea-

but I don't worry about it!"

of those?"

son, I'm sure."

plan to get it."

"It may be stupid, but I don't see how you are to help it when that is

them and dull gray clouds hung over

dead leaves lay in a dingy gutter.

found the stone, raised it and discovered a tunnel. It was not the safest tunnel in the world; but with John's life hanging in the balance she ac- which superinduced sleep. It was cepted her chances. The tunnel led to a room which was under the cellar. This room bewildered her far more than the octagonal. There was a large vapor was liberated at a signal from vat which had the appearance of a the watcher above. distillation vat, with many little pipes leading up from it. The men gathered about this strange contrivance were evidently of a different caste than those in the upper room. A tall, graceful young man seemed to be directing the others. One of them, however, saw the shadow by the door. drew his knife, and stole quietly up to the girl. She was caught!

Ready witted she asked: "Do you speak English?"

grimly.

"I am a friend. I would save your princess. I would defeat Nabok Shan. My lover is hidden somewhere in this house. Save him and I will save the princess."

The man turned to see if his comrades had observed him. They were all busy with the vat.

"I will go with the Memsahib. If she has lied she shall die." "I agree to that."

Once home she ran upstairs for her automatic. When she came down again the stranger had vanished. Amed refused to speak and Hassam Ali did not know what she was talking about.

"He came in behind me," she de-

"Then he took to his heels the moher shoulder, to Amed, Hassam Ali last week's report. sent a terrible glance; and Amed knew that death awaited him if he opened his lips. He was still breathing heavily from the struggle.

Zudora left the house, more deeply puzzled than ever.

Two hours later she had cleared up As Zudora gazed widly about the the mystery of the sleeping house and

The fact that the ceremony could the octagonal room. She stole up to take place only before the elephantwhere he stood and covertly watched | headed god made it a simple game to him-and became suddenly conscious the enemies of Nabok Shan. Zudora of the desire to sleep! She breathed did not go to the octagonal room, but through her handkerchief, never let- proceeded directly to the secret chaming her glance waver from the hidden ber. For one brief moment death man. He turned, smiling ironically, stared her in the eyes; but she spoke and she saw him raise a stone in the bravely. In return for the liberation flooring. He disappeared into a pit, of her lover she declared that, with letting the stone fall carefully into the aid of one man she would bring the princess down to them. The Sleep had again attacked those de- young prince struck his forehead in termined upon the ceremony. One rage. He had never thought of such would think that they would have at a thing. His one aim had been to least given her some chance to inves- force Nabok Shan from the house and then to seize his betrothed

When the princess awoke the next proved a failure. This very sleep, time she found her true lover gazing however, gave her freedom of action. down into her eyes. Then they She stole from the octagonal room, started out in search of Storm; and

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A Leaf's Wish

chamber had become a box, coffinshaped, three feet, square and eight feet high. Storm was in bad shape, but food and water and an hour or so in the outer air revived him.

"Will you be good hereafter?" he said to Zudora.

"You will promise never to go anywhere without first sending the pigeon? "Yes."

"And now, what the dickens made those chaps go to sleep?" She explained. The vat was a brew of an Oriental narcotic, the vapor of

quite transitory and harmless. The pipes led to all the elephant trunks, and each time the ceremony began the

"That's the Oriental mind, John, They cannot go at anything in a straightforward way. It must be all mystery and trickery.

"Do you know, Zudora?" he said, ruminatively.
"Know what?"

"That I've an idea we'll be married before the year is out!" (Continued on Monday.)

The man paused. He nodded CITY'S MORTALITY RATE LOWER THAN PRECEDING WEEK

514 Succumbed, 134 to Contagious Diseases, an Increase Over Corresponding Week of Last Year.

The number of deaths in Philadelphia during the last seven days was 514, a decrease of 51 under the number of last week, although 51 greater than the deaths during the corresponding week last year. Contagious diseases caused 134 deaths this week. There were 15 new cases of ment your back was turned." Over typhoid fever reported, four more than

> New cases of scarlet fever reported were 27 this week, a decrease of 18 under the number reported last week. Eighty-four new cases of diphtheria developed, four less than reported last week. Other contagious disease cases reported were: Chickenpox, 150; measles, 46; mumps, 52; whooping cough, 11.

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BIG FIRE IN BIRMINGHAM, ALA Department Stores and Theatre Burned-Loss \$400,000.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala, Dec. 11.—The Steel-Smith Department Store, Alcazar Theatre, Hand Shoe Company, Fizitz De-partment Store, Saks Dry Goods Store, Telephone Building and several other business places were destroyed by fire to-The loss is estimated at \$400,000.

tal Excursions leave Chestaut 8t d South St. Verries 1:30 A. M. EVERY SUNDAY

Atlantic City - Ocean City

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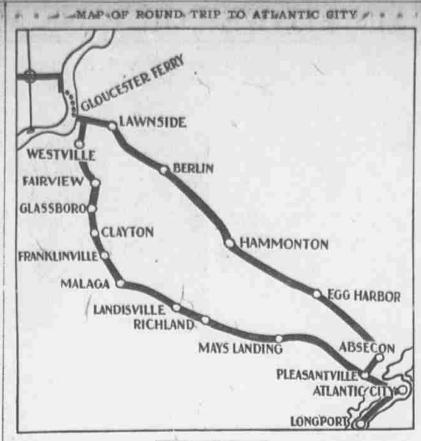
on the first leaf; "I want a lot of can make them birds as easy as not." With a rush and a flourish Mr. Wind swooped down on the amazed little leaves, gathered them in his strong arms and hurled them into the air.

Like birds they flew back and forth across yards, over houses and streets, till breathless and happy they were deeper into the mire. "Look at those glad to nestle down in a clean cosy hirds flying up there in the clean cool yard for a long winter nap.



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ATLANTIC CITY MOTOR TRIP OF SPECIAL INTEREST NOW

Visitors Attracted by Recent Storm's Havoc-"Scenery" Has Charm of Its Own, and Roads Are Excellent.

By W. O. GRIFFITH

haps one of the best known in this country. It is also in many respects one of the most delightful. I have no doubt that "volumes" have been written on motorist may wonder that such a trip should even need or receive further recommendation.

The fact is that old-timers and experts in the motor line run the danger of becoming "blase," so to speak. Some think, perhaps, that the trip to Atlantic City is something to be done once, twice or a few times and should then be left to the tourists or newcomers. But the trip to Atlantic City has many fascinations even for those who have taken it nany times. Atlantic City, as we all know, is by no

Attantic City, as we all know, a by no-meane a summer resort only. Many peo-ple prefer to escape "far from the mad-ding crowd," and enjoy the sea air, the breezes, the soft or dashing music of the waves, either in the early fall, or winter, when the snow is on the ground, or when the first fragrance of spring gladdens the es. The resort seems to be popular in

At this time Atlantic City is unusually

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interesting on account of the havoc Chairman Touring Committee, Automobile Club wrought there by the recent storm. It is The auto trip to Atlantic City is peris displayed in the awful tolls that Nature demands when she unleashes her fury. Nevertheless it is a fact. A big atorm, a big wreck, a big fire, anything the subject, and even the most ardent that brings devastation with it, arouses the curiosity of human beings to a marked degree. It may be that we realize our "smallness" when the elements of nature are involved; it may be that we feel that the destruction might have descended upon us; at any event many of us are especially interested in the pranks played by high seas and high winds. The run to Atlantic City can be made comfortably in a few hours. Six hours would possibly cover the trip both ways, but for real solid comfort, I think, it makes an ideal day's trip. The actual running need not take more than a few hours, but it is delightful to have several hours to spend at the resort. The sea air, at this time of the year, is

more than bracing. ROADS ARE EXCELLENT. The roads are, of course, as nearly perfect as one could desire. They are the best in this part of the country, and it is really a pleasure to travel on them. wish we had some like them in Pennsylwants. The sceners-or lack of 4t, I might say-is not impressive. It is really interesting in its "uninterestingness." The roads, however, are smooth and level and one can see for miles straight ahead. This is really an interesting sight, not one to make the artist rave, I dare say, but one that speaks for "safety first" and for the

motorist's comfort.

The start is made from the Gloucester ferry at South street and Delaware avenue. Even the ferry ride is enjoyable. There is a 20-minute sail down the Dela-ware River, which gives one a fair idea of the city's shipping interests and of the river itself. By going by way of Glouces-ter, the motorist escarce several miles of had road just out of Camden. The road out of Gloucester is quite good and leads direct to Westville, where there is a toll gate, one of the two remaining in New Jersey. The average charge is 5 cents and it is the only toll gate on the route. To be more explicit. After leaving the

To be more explicit. After leaving the ferry house in Gloucester, follow Jersey syenue through toligate to Westville. After leaving Westville, the first right turn should be avoided, but the next left turn leads to Fairview. The route then runs through such towns as Hurffville, Glassboro, Clayton, Franklinville, Malaga, Downstown, Landisville and Buena Vista, where a left turn is made near the postoffice. Then continue on road until Richland is reached. May's Landing is 86 miles from Richland. ing le 8.6 miles from Richland. AT MAY'S LANDING.

Several roads meet at May's Landing. Turn to the right for Tuckahoe, Wildwood and Cape May. To reach Atlantic City, however, turn to the left at hotel in May's Landing, and after crossing a small fron bridge turn to the right and go to Pleasantville by way of Clarkstown and McKeetown. After leaving Pleasantville the route runs into the Boulevard which leads direct to Atlantic

The Boulevard is about five miles long. It has a splendid width and is one of the finest of its kind. I might add that the road is tempting to some, but if the motorist is foolish enough to forget the speed laws he is likely to be fined, and that is hardly the way to greet Atlantic

The return is made by way of the Boulevard to Pleasantville. At Pleasant-ville turn to the right into Main street, which leads into Absecon, where a left turn is made. The route then continues through Egg Harbor, Hammonton, Berlin, Magnelia and Lawnside, and finally to Gloucester.

SHIP PURCHASE BILL FACES OPPOSITION IN SENATE

Signs of Trouble Visible in Denie cratic Caucus.

WASHINGTON Dec. 12.-Trouble for the Administration ship purchase bill loomed up when the Democrate of the Senate met in caucus this afternoon to discuss a fegislative program for the present session.

Leaders impressed on the Senators the necessity of deciding upon a very definite program and then sticking to it. If an extra session is to be avoided.

Though the original intention was not to let the immigration bill come up, prospects in the caucus were for a vote on it and the literacy test.

It seemed certain that the President would have his way at least as far as the caucus was concerned, with placing

the caucus was concerned, with placing the ship purchase bill on the business schedule. Administration leaders in the House indicated they were prepared to fight oppo-nents of the Government ship purchase bill to the last ditch.

"We are going to have it out," com-mented Chairman Alexander, of the Morchant Marine Committee, sharply in answer to statements that Representa-tive Kitchin, next majority leader, and others are backing a fight against the Administration measure.

Administration measure.

The present plan, Alexander indicated, wa sto have the Senate work on the bill introduced by Senator Stone. Then when the House appropriation work is done the measure will come up in the House.

Comparatively Few Lives Lost at Sea WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.-Only one passenger was lost for every 3,029,469 carried on ships subject to inspection by the Steamship Inspection Service, in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1914, Supervising Inspector General Uhler today announced in his annual report.

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