

ZUDORA A GREAT MYSTIC STORY By HAROLD MAC GRATH

SYNOPSIS. Zudora, an orphan, has been left a fortune of \$50,000,000 by her father. Her mother's brother, ambitious to gain control of her wealth, becomes a "mephitic" under the name of Hassam. He persuades Zudora to entrust her money to his care and agrees that if she shall solve 20 mysteries she shall marry John Storm, a young lawyer.

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 accepted 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 vat, which had the appearance of a distillation vat, with many little pipes leading up from it.

CHAPTER II The Sleeping House Mystery. THE persistent ceremony was being 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.

Two hours later she had cleared up the mystery of the sleeping house and rescued Storm from his fearful prison. The fact that the ceremony could take place only before the elephant-headed god made it a simple game to the enemies of Nabok Shan.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

A Leaf's Wish

ONE dark winter day, a group of dead leaves lay in a dingy gutter. Dirt was under them, dust on top of them and dull gray clouds hung over all.



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 hurried them into the air.

they were just in time. The steel chamber had become a box, coffin-shaped, 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. "Yes." "You will promise never to go anywhere without first sending the pigeon?"

CITY'S MORTALITY RATE LOWER THAN PRECEDING WEEK

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

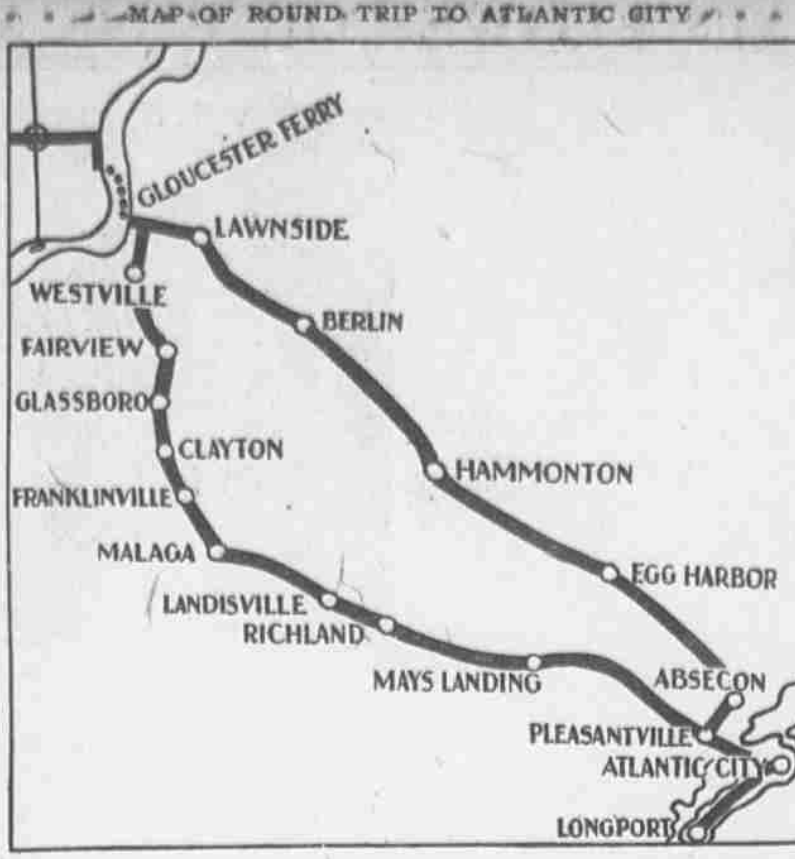
The number of deaths in Philadelphia during the last seven days was 514, a decrease of 51 under the number of last week, although 51 greater than the deaths during the corresponding week last year.

Table listing various diseases and their corresponding death counts, such as Typhoid fever, Malaria, Measles, etc.

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

Sundays AT Seashore Special Excursions leave Chestnut St. and South St. Ferries—7:30 A. M. EVERY SUNDAY

Lamps Every One Admires a Pretty Lamp We are showing a variety of unusual designs that cannot be duplicated.



ATLANTIC CITY MOTOR TRIP OF SPECIAL INTEREST NOW

By W. O. GRIFFITH Chairman Touring Committee, Automobile Club of Philadelphia. The auto trip to Atlantic City is one of the most delightful. I have no doubt that "volunteers" have been written on the subject, and even the most ardent motorist may wonder that such a trip should even need or receive further recommendation.

wants. The scenery—or lack of it, 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.

SHIP PURCHASE BILL FACES OPPOSITION IN SENATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Trouble for the Administration ship purchase bill loomed up when the Democrats of the Senate met in caucus this afternoon to discuss a legislative program for the present session.

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.

RAYMOND KNOX'S COUGH DROPS

10c a Package And they're worth it—each one wrapped separately in waxed paper. FOR SALE AT ALL DRUG STORES Smith, Kline & French Co. Wholesale Distributors.

Dainty Gold Pendants We are showing a most attractive assortment of these popular jewels—set with diamonds—pearls—amethysts—topaz, etc.—\$3.00 to \$60.00.

HEPPE

A genuine Aeolian-Made Player-Piano for only \$395

It is not a new thing to see a player-piano advertised for \$400 and even \$375, but it is an event far out of the ordinary and one of most considerable importance to see manufacturers, as highly esteemed and as reputable as the great Aeolian Company, place on the market a player-piano with their name on it and at a price far below the fondest hopes of their staunchest patrons.

- The Steinway Pianola, \$1250 The Weber Pianola, \$1000 The Wheelock Pianola, \$750 The Stroud Pianola, \$550 Francesca-Heppe Player-Pianos, \$450 Aeolian Player-Pianos, \$395

Consider for a minute—this \$395 Aeolian Player-Piano is made in the same factories, designed by the same artisans, built by the same workmen and produced under the same supervision that produces the world-famous Weber and Steinway Pianolas.



The Heppe Rental-Payment Plan, All Rent Applied to Purchase, \$10 MONTHLY Surely, with these extremely reasonable terms at such a moderate price as \$395, no home need be without a player-piano this Christmas for the want of price.