# The Cryptic Cross

# MONTE CRISPEN SHITABLESHIA

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CHAPTER XII-Continued

CONTE had faithfully complied with M the conditions laid down by the unknown sales agent for doubtful documents from Hochmeister's missing black portmantean. He woke early, refreshed and eager for the trade-\$5000 cash in exchange for purletned papers. "Oh, well," he thought as he paced the sidewalk nervously, "A lind sow finds a chestnut now and then." Somehow Monte meditated upon the arests of foreign cities as he watched the sirets of foreign cities as he watched the burrying crowds at the heart of his rich and busy home town, where the pulse bests staccato. Broad street, roomy and traffic-filled, suggested the Avenue de Posera of the French capital; its gray marble and granite sentinel, the City Hall, with its French renaissance effect and managed roof offering the majestic

Hall, with its French remissance elect and mansard roof offering the majestic appeal of the Paris opera house. As Monte noted the interlocking and swerving of wheeled vehicles pressing castward with the electric cars on Chest-nut street, "the proudest little highway in North America," down an alternation of high and low buildings, he fancied himself for the moment at the top of Bond street, London. Both streets run bonal shops, where one can browse and bargain; dainty lunch rooms frequented by well-gowned feminine shoppers, and by well-gowned feminine shoppers, and both possess that exquisite perfumed at-mesphere of exclusiveness that abounds is all narrow, fashion-frequented thor-

in all narrow, fashlon-frequented thoroughfares.
Chestnut street between 16th and 8th streets, paragraphed, is but a waspwalsted passage, the neck uniting the apices of an ancient hourglass. How so? The lower bulb of the hourglass is the old financial mart, where double eagles in great yellow piles have fraternized for a hundred years; the upper bulb the fastidious Rittenhouse Square district of blue blood and abundance. Through the intervening eight blocks of trade the rands of plenty have filtered back and forth, up and down a historic street that courses the gamut from banks to retail courses the gamut from banks to retail shops to fat housekeeping accounts behind forbidding portals.

Realities are ruthless and rout the rar-est of reveries. A red-halred messenger bey darting through the maze of the tur-bulent crossing brought Monte back bulent crossing brought Monte back to sarth again. The minute hand, and the heur hand on the southern dial of the City Hall clock had lifted their gaunt fingers together and spoke the fateful hour of 12. Yes, the clock was in perfect order on this momentous occasion.

"Here is your parcel-room check," ad-dressed the A. D. T. to Monte. "Gimme

"Who pointed me out to you?"
"Who pointed me out to you?"
"Nothing doing," replied the boy, "I ain't to answer no questions. Thanks for the quarter. I am on my way,"
It was over as quickly as that. The boy was gone. Monte, dazed, looked down at his check, and read the place of its termines.

long line of parked automobiles in the centre of Broad street came the blue limousine, repaired and in service again after

FARMER SMITH'S

Pare you can always find some way of amusing yourself.

may even TALK to ourselves-think of that!

when we sing to ourselves.

happy hours.

sunset of life.

as she pounds the shore.

amuse your own children.

summer. What do you think?

always come to you at bedtime.

HOW DO YOU AMUSE YOURSELF? Dearest Children-Did you ever think of this? No matter where you

We may think, we may whistle, we may sing to OURSELVES. We

When we whistle, think or sing to ourselves, no one seems to care, but

As you go along the street at night you hear some one whistling, or you

Perhaps you are singing as you go along and some one is thinking how

The more learned you are, the more you know, the easier it is to en-

when we talk to ourselves it makes us appear QUEER. Perhaps it is because

may be whistling yourself. At all events, you are thinking. Thinking about

happy you are, because singing is usually a sign of happiness, especially

tertain yourself, for most of our thoughts are about the past. In childhood,

there is not much of a past to think about. In middle age we are too busy

to do much thinking, while in old age we think about childhood and its

persons call us "childish" and say we are "in our second childhood."

self by thinking of something outside of your wonderful body.

If you can amuse YOURSELF, you can amuse others.

As we sit by the fireside thinking of when we were a child, well-meaning

Youth action, middle life is reserve and old age is the calm-the

Are you often left alone? Do not let your thoughts dwell upon yourself!

When you are tucked in cozy and the lights are turned out, amuse your-

At this season of the year, try to IMAGINE what the little brooks are

doing out in the green fields, or fancy what great, big Mother Ocean is saying

I think she is getting ready to welcome little boys and girls this coming

Learn to amuse yourself, for much of your time will be spent ALONE.

Good-night, my dears, sweet dreams. May the GOOD DREAM FAIRY

While you are by yourself is the best time to THINK. By and by you will

be able to think USEFUL thoughts and later on you will, perhaps, have to

we should not think out loud unless we are talking to some one else.

"Reading Terminal," said Monte, as he flung himself inside. "Hurry, Lars. But be cautious."

Monte was playing fair with the vendors of the stolen goods. He had told nobody of the transaction. En route an hour earlier to his bank, where he drew out the \$5000, he had passed Craig Andrews, his lawyer, with a brisk nod. He had done exactly as instructed; coolly shoved the crisp banknotes into a shoe box, and checked the package at the parcel room of the Broad Street Station.

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Looking down at the documents Monte As he stood erect in line at the railway parcel-room window a few minutes later there was not a doubt in his mind that he was being watched by somebody in the crowd about him. He even speculated as to which pair of eyes was interested in his movements as he turned away from the window, carrying an exceedingly light-weight brown-leather satchel. He gave it up, although his glance for a moment unconsciously paused at sight of a man about 30, tall, wells.

Wait! He had overlooked a small sheet

the accident on the West Chester turn- doughnuts there is more tension right now around the Broad street station than I am under."

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Without trace of nervousnees he strode boldly out of the station, and, instructing Lars to take him home, entered the blue limousne. "Anyhow," he thought, with an audible chuckle, "It's dollars to

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He raised his hand, and out from the NOTE-This is not the cross offered for solution in the first instalment of the story. That cross appears again later.

(CONTINUED TOMORROW.)

# ODD FELLOWS' ORDER ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Election of Subordinate and Grand Officers Gives Special Interest to Lodge Sessions

Acting District Deputy J. C. Henderson and the installing team of Spring Garden Lodge, No. 99, will be busy during the coming week inducting new officers into their respective stations. Monday evening the officers of Mercantile Lodge, No. 236, will be installed. Tuesday evening the same service will be ruesday evening the same service will be performed for Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 100, and on Friday evening for Olive Branch Lodge, No. 115. The officers of Evening Star Lodge, No. 72, will be installed Saturday, April 12.

At the last session of Spring Garden Lodge two petitions were received from candidates, who will receive the degrees during april to work being performed.

during April, the work being performed by the degree team under the direction of Degree Master J. Siegmann, assisted by W. J. King.

Tonight the lodge will hold its semiduly installed by Deputy Fisher and suite.

Merchants' Lodge, No. 283, exemplified the third degree in full form on Friday evening. The meeting was a largely attended and interesting one. The degree team did the work is the usual efficient manner. Nomination of officers was held, as follows: Noble grand, M. L. Lower; vice grand, E. A. Henry, third member of the relief, R. A. Calhoun, D. H. Ross, W. S. Reid, F. E. Latham and F. L. Ratham. The seminannal election, which is to be held tomorrow evening, promises to develop an interesting contest for third member of the relief. Brether Kirkbride, of Purity Lodge, was among the visitors.

Canton Reliance, Patriarche Militant, of Darby, will hold its meeting next Monday The chevallers are working hard for a print that has been offered by the grand lodge.

# JUNIOR MECHANICS

Council Degree Team Visits Wilmington to Exemplify Degree Work

The degree team of John R. Marlin council, consisting of the following: Henry Wellenmann, councilor; William Ploss, vice councilor; Robert M. Shaw, Jr., past councilor; Harry Barford, chaplain; Elmer W. Grees, conductor; Will-iam A. Lewis, warden; John F. Rus, in-side sentinal; Rowland Whitfield, David side sentinal; Rowland Whitfield, David Hamilton, Joseph Hosa, Fred C. Webert, John O. Wilson, William Russ, Charles Cassar, Weely Ecoff, David R. Mell, H. Craig, E. Baynez, George Wellenmann, A. Forster, Abel George, Louis Butterworth and E. Schum, had the pleasure of visiting Eureka Council. No. 1, of Wilmington, Del. The members of Eureka, after seeing the work exemplified, stated that it was the best work ever put on in Delaware. The degree team of Eureka Council will pay a visit to John R. Marlin on a date to be selected in May.

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Councilor Lewis, of Marilin Council, is carrying on an active campaign for 1000 members in the council by June 30. An interesting program has been arranged in winding up the 18th year of the council. On April 18 a progressive pinochlo party at the council hall April 19, a reception to the ladies: Thursday. April 20, a smoker, Friday, April 21, the council's anniversary will be celebrated with a banquet in the council as in the council as a council as a council and account of the present cans ever admitted by the council. Fully 200 candidates are expected to be present. Sanday, April 23, the proceed to the present sanday april 23, the members will assemble at the council's hall and proceed to church.

The 68d anniversary banquet committee of the order, which will hold its annual banquet on May 17. At the Hotel Continents, is heavy thase days. A meeting was beid with Colonia Free Taylor Council on Tuesday evening; another will be held in the council room of John & Marilla Council, 305 West Allogheny avenue tonight and on Monday the committee will be at lone Council, Mano. These meetings will be the means of this year's colebration being the largest over held by the order.

The semimonthly session of West Philadelphia Council brought forth an attendance which clearly showed that in this council at east there is no lessening of the interest in he work of the Junior Order of United American Mechanics ur of the propagation of the rinsiples. After a mouth's absence, hirethis other transported and first a mouth a cleaner by the propagation of the rinsiples. After a mouth a cleaner, hir this recording excess and lively william Murphy was produced as hencarry designate to the field absyrtatory is anguest of the field absyrtatory is anguest of the sheat in

talnment features will include tenor sotes by

Spring City Council is busy arranging for another class. A large class was held on March 10, when 25 candidates were admitted, and it is expected that the next class will have 50 candidates.

General Grang Council, of Norristown, has made a wonderful record for the last year by norreasing its membership to 175. Another class will be admitted on May 5, when a largo number will be intinted.

Henry Seybert Council, No. 520, is arranging or a formal opening of its new council hall, located in Abingtom. All local councils will e invited to have a representation present.

### FORESTERS OF AMERICA

The Amalgamation of Weaker Courts Urged by Leaders of the Order

At the meeting of Court St. Albans, No. 85, Thursday last, in the hall, 21st and South streets, the Foresters' Fellowship Club of Pennsylvania attended as guests of the evening. This body, comprising

of the evening. This body, comprising many of the active, thinking members of the order, has as its motto, "Men are never so likely to settle a question rightly as when they discuss it freely."

P. G. C. P. C. Bradley presided over a discussion which was had as to the best means to develop the membership and strengthen the finances of the courts in Pennsylvania. Many valuable and practical ideas were considered, and the plans already submitted were discussed from various viewpoints. various viewpoints.

embership in the aggressive cam palgn for recruits.

Court Ludlow, No. 278, holds its monthly smoker tonight at 518 West Allegheny avenue. A valled program of specialties will add to the enjoyment. The court, named in hopor of one of our ablest jurists, is doing its quota of fraternal work.

Court American, No. 57, at 21st and South streets, last Friday hold its monthly social. A song regital was an attractive feature. The program of specialities was framed to meet all tastes for a clean, unlifting and high-class enterialisment, and it proved all that it was designed to cover. The entertalisment silven by the court are made of events out of the commonlace, and the committee, Brathers Neisen, Canningham, Scott, Parker and Barciay, are highly commended for the excellent program provided by them. Brothers Hollingsworth, Christie, Thompson, Stroup, Robson and Boyd and others contributed to the pleasures of the evenlus.

Court Stephen Girard, No. 83, made mer-riment reign last week at 1431 Brown street. It was the 560th monthly smoker and social. These fetse have been in vogue over 30 years, Brothers Andre, Seeds, Mesh and colleagues provide programs of rare excellence that are appreciated by members and visitors alike.

Court Standard, No. 195, at its ball, 1802 South Broad street, Monday, held a social, Brothers Wilson, Middleton, Durross, Murz and others took part in the exercises, an increase of 100 new members is pledged in this year's sampaign by this court.

Court Arden, No. 127, Friday evening, at 2215 Columbia avenue, held its quarterly so-cial and games contest, A large representa-tion was present and a list of attractive features given.

Court John Paul Jones, No. 319, at its own hall, 1619 North 27th street, at its last meeting had a joyfest to celebrate the addition of 50 new members so far this year. Brothers Kelley, Hilley, Hutchisson, Beers and the other active workers say it is only the introducing chanter and that before the contest closes there will be a 100 per cent. Increase.

Court Justice. No. 120. Amber and Morris streets. Last week presented a social program arratgest by Brothers Mott Bernan and Julie. A good attendance kave omen of revived activity in the work of the local body whose name indicates the idea of personal service.

# PATRIOTIC AMERICANS

Baseball League Started as Means of Stimulating Council Interest The baseball league, which has been so

successful during the last three seasons, met last Wednesday evening with half of Loyal Council, No. 781, and organized for Loyal Council, No. 781, and organized for the coming soason by the election of the following officers: B. Griscom, of Loyal, No. 781, president; W. Morrow, of Integrity, No. 338, treasurer, and C. T. Boggs, of No. 841, secretary. The indications are that a large number of teams will be enrolled this year than in the past. The next meeting of representatives will be held this evening in the hall of integrity Council, No. 338, Broad and Federal streets, to which all councils are invited to sand representatives. As this year will have a large schedule, councils not now represented should act at once and benefit from this truly American sport. represented should not at once a from this truly American sport.

South Easten Council No. 890 celebrated its 25th anniversary last Friday evening and was boroned by the persons of State Councilor Shonsman. State Vice Councilor Miller and State Council Scorestary Ford. A pleasing program was given and a large number of mambers and laties were present. A large class initiation will shortly be held by this council.

# NEW RED MEN'S TRIBE LIGHTS COUNCIL FIRE

Great Chiefs Launch New Local Tribe of Red Men and Raise Up Newly Elected Chiefs

Aztec Tribe, No. 166, with 52 charter members, was formally instituted Thurs-day evening in the wigwam, 3505 North 2d street. The adoption ceremony was performed by the team from Shakappo work of the warrior's and chief's degrees. The organization of this tribe was due to the work of W. Stricker. The board of great chiefs raised the chiefs elected to their several stations. Past Sachem Peter J. Kite, of No. 44, acted as great prophet; P. S. William Schweir, of No. 126, as great junior sagamore; P. S. Ryland Capps, of No. 323, as great guard of the forest and P. S. William Schock, of No. 278, as great guard of the wigwam.

Short talks were made by G. J. B. Dr.

Short talks were made by G. J. S. Dr. T. C. Beswick, G. C. of R. Thomas K. Donnalley, G. K. of W. Joseph K. Farrar and Great Sachem S. J. Walker.

of the largest gatherings of Haymakers

#### SONS OF AMERICA

New Camps Organized Indicate Large Numerical Gains for Current Year

Never in the history of this patriotic organization has such activity been manifested as is now being shown among the subordinate camps throughout the State. The order in Pennsylvania alone now embraces an army of fraternal workers numbering 115,800, and notwithstanding this magnificent numerical record the camps are adding to their roster and displaying a zeal which it is believed will bring the membership close to the 125,000 mark before the annual session of the State Camp, to be held in this city in August

Delaware County alone, it is stated, will show a net increase of more than 500 members by June 1.

A successor to the late State Secretary William Weand has not yet been selected. The State Executive Committee, composed of the board of State officers, will meet shortly to fill the vacancy until the meeting of the State Camp in August next. The office carries with it a salary of \$2200 a year, and already there is a lively scramble for the berth. Some size or more announced candidates are at work urging their several claims upon the State officers.

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60c GOLD SEAL TEA Special 45clb. 30c 1/2 lb. pkg. 23c 15c 1/4 lb. pkg. 12c

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Assam.

14 lb. tin 23c-14 lb. tin 12c India-Ceylon Tea of the highest grade. A great favorite with people who love a strong, rich

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No, they are not twins: Just two dear little cousins whose wee feet led them into Rainbow Land! Karl Hanifen Fueller smiles and coos in Elkins Park, while J. Earnest Nachod flashes dimples and sunbeams in his happy home in Jenkin-

twen Frederick Fueller, of Jenkintown, a "Rainbow well known to Rainbows," is the proud uncle of both of these splendid bubbes, and we rather suspect it was his very own camera that snapped such charming likenesses of the two small scales.

Fred Melville, Chester, Pa., happily sur-suce that all Rainbows on getting up in its marning wear their Rainbow buttons beine down until they have done a kind Another happy thought comes from If you want to care money after school and on Saturdays write to Yearner Smith.

Harbor. Maurice has promised a picture of the "E. H. R. B.s." and we are on the

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of the "E. H. R. B.s." and we are on the kaen lookout.

Oh, talking about protures, George Thomas drew one called "Farmer Smith's home." We hung it in our office. In case we ever get lonesome during the day we will look at it. Your editor knows some one that is never lonesome. Little Abigail Macauley, of Mount Vernon street, who has three joily pets, to romp with the livelong day. One is a black-and-white fox terrier, the other two are white poodles. Abigail has a little friend who lost a large brown dog named Brownie. If any of the Rainbows see such a dog will they write and let us know?

Hazel Burkelew, Rush street, sent kisses to last all week. What little Rainbow is going to look out for the week after this one? Jack Davie, Pine street, sent such a nice little note that we rather suspect that he might answer this query of your editors.

BOYS AND GIBLS.

WATCH FOR OUR FLOWER WEEK NUMBER Vineland, N. J. It is called "Another Rainbow Heard From," and that particular Rainbow is Charles Hudson. Watch for the "happy thought!" Alberta Brobst has promised us a Rainbow branch in Freeland, Pa. Maurice Lang writes to tell of one already established in Egg Harbor. Maurice has promised a picture

FARMER SMITH,

# FARMER SMITH'S GOAT BOOK

RAINBOW CLUB

Billy Bumpus and the Grass Hopper Billy Bumpus, the Goat, had just eaten up a piece of the barn door and gobbled

up a few shingle nails when he decided to go into the orchard. He butted his way through the fence. and when he arrived under the apple tree he looked around for something to eat. Suddenly Billy heard some one sawing.

Suddenly Billy heard some one sawing, sawing, and, looking around, he saw Miss Gracie Grasshopper, as busy as could be, sawing down a blade of grass.

"How do you do, Miss Hoppergrass?" asked Billy, bowing very low, almost butting the ground.

"How dare you call me 'Miss Hoppergrass': exclaimed Gracie.

"Your name is Grasshopper, Hoppergrass or Grasshopper, it's all the same, you see. I am trying to find out how anti-

You see, I am trying to find out how animals got their names," replied Billy.
"I'm not an animal," said Gracle. "I'm an insect,"

an insect."

"Very good. You get your name from 'grass' and 'hopper.' I get my name from 'go' and 'at.' That makes goat—see?"

"How perfectly lovely! Can you go at that tree and knock down a few apples for me?" "Of course! Of course! Ahem! Ahem!

Here goes." And with that Billy gave the tree a vigorous butt, and down came

the tree a vigorous butt, and down came a lot of apples.

"Thank you so much." Gracie Grasshopper said to him. "But you didn't hit the tree hard enough. Suppose you let me sit on the tree and you aim at me."

"Suppose I kill you," suggested Billy.

"That will not hurt YOU," said Gracie, smiling sweetly.

"All right, so ahead," replied Billy. milling sweetly.

"All right, go ahead," replied Billy.

So Gracie Grasshopper hopped on the tree, and, running back a little, Billy started and gave the treet a vigorous butt.

His horns stuck fast! "Are you there or are you dead?" asked illy after a while. "Dead? Well not exactly," replied Gracie "Dead? Well not exactly, replied Gracie Grasshopper. "As soon as I eat some ap-ples I will let you go." After a while night came and Billy's horns were still stuck to the tree. "Good night," said Gracie Grasshopper. "Good night yourself!" exclaimed Billy. "Run along, you—you Hoppergrass!"

The Rainbow Club By FRED MELVILLE, Chester, Pa The Bainbows are a happy band Of children everywhere. Oh, may their club long survive, And make life very fair.

Things to Know and Do Who was Hans Christian Anderson

and what did he write?

2. Who wrote "Alloe in Wonderland"?
Who wrote the "Little Lame Prince"?

3. Has a duck earq? (For little folks). PARMER SMITH. EVENING LEGGER:

I wish to become a member of your Rainbow Club. Please send me a beautiful Rainbow Button free. I agree to DO A LITTLE KINDNESS EACH AND EVERY DAY—SPREAD A LITTLE SUNSHINE ALL ALONG

Name ...... Address ....... Age .......

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