# EVERY MEMBER OF THE FAMILY CAN FIND SOMETHING INTERESTING HERE TO READ

# THE SECRET WITNESS

APTER XXIII (Continued)

compliments upon your appearance, Countess," he said soberly.

ance, Countess," he said soberly, hape that you find yourself well upon road to recovery."
Thanks," she replied in a stifled to. "I am feeling much stronger."
It has been a very pitiful experimental for you—one which has caused meany qualms of conscience," he multered, "but I have tried to atone and rould beg you to believe that all my appliess for the future depends upon to forgiveness."
If can—never forgive—never—"and Marishka, her throat closing paintuly, "I hoped to die," she sighed, but even that you denied me."
If have only done my duty—my duty, countess—a sweeter duty than, that which urged me to Vienna—to undo the wrong that I have done you, to bring sain the roses imo your cheeks."
She waved her hand in deprecation. For your courtesy, for the kindness of your servants, I thank you. But for mat you are yourself—only the God that made you can understand—can forgive—that."
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He straightened for a moment, and then slowly leaned against the wall be-side her, his chin cupped in his hand.

"Tou are cruel—"I am truthful. Anything else from to you would be beneath my womanhood. I would kill you if I had the arrength or if I dared." She gave a bitter laugh. "It is at least something that we understand each other."

He paused a long moment before re-

And then, "Do we understand each other? I hope that you will permit
the to speak a few words in extenuation of a person you have never known
—of Leo Goritz, the man."

"A man who makes war upon a
roman—who uses violence to compel

cret agent in Germany. A somber picture, is it not?"

He paused and shrugged expressively, and then his voice lowered a note. "Perhaps you will believe me when I say that my whole existence is a living lie. Ah, yes, you think that. It is a lie, Countess, because no human being can defy the living God that is within him. He cannot forever quell the aspirations of the spirit. The spark is always alight. Sometimes it glows and fades, but sometimes a worthy metive sets it on fre. It is that spark which has survived in me, Countess Strahni, in spite of my effortss—my desires even—to deny its existence. Your lilness—"
"Herr Hauptmann, I beg of you—"
"No. You cannot deny me. I nursed

"No. You cannot deny me. I nursed by there—brought you back to life h, you did not know. I brought a docrat the hazard of the discovery of y hiding place. Charity came,

"Herr Hauptmann, I forbid you."
hispered Marishka chokingly, wonder
me now why she had listened to his
so long. "I must go—go to my

n."

Prits straightened and stood aside.

Fou need not fear me. Countess," h.

"You see?" he added quickly, ",

sot touch you."

and.

I must go to my room. Herr primann," she murmured haltingly. I am yet—far from strong."

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I mostry. I pray that you will stronger in the morning. Adieu. "

Adieu.—" she murmured, and hurthrough the stone portal, aware he gaze of those dark, slightly oue eyes which had puzzled, then lasted—then frightened her.

## CHAPTER XXIV

Prisoner and Captive AS with mingled feelings ika found the sanctuary of her hka found the america of Gor-the murderer of Hugh Renwick permost in her breast, her fear as her captor of scarcely less but his tumultuous place for her



smiled.
"I thought that you might be interested to learn something of my reasons for stopping here."
"The insect in the web of the spider has little emotion left for curiosity."

## THE DAILY NOVELETTE

"Camouflage"

HARLEY COX had achieved what the other boys thought a most enviable fame—he was the biggest social success in the Wilton summer colony. Many fellow-rivals wondered just how he did it and didn't hesitate to inquire. But Harley was unable to offer any practical assistance along this line. It wasn't in the poor boy's power to tell how the trick was turned.

In general, Harley was considered a valuable addition to any social gathering. Just as the advertisements read, "No home complete without one," so all, had decided that no social gathering was complete without one," so all, had decided that no social gathering was complete without one," so all, had second the trick was turned.

The girl favored with his invitation was considered especially lucky. Was it any wonder, then, that all of Wilton's folks stood aghast at the thought of Harl showing such a marked preference for the society of Arline Ser!? True, that girl was a sweetly refined little one considered the wide range of selection available to a man of Harl's sanding it was startling to know that he prefered the little governess in the Parkman family.

Harl and Arline were slowly rounding the curve which would bring them in direct vision of the Parkman veranda.

"You may leave me here, Harl," said Arline.

"But why should that be necessary. Arline? I want to prolong my happiness by seeing you to the very steps. Perhaps Mother Parkman veranda.

"Well said, little boy, but very much out of order after I have told you of my decision."

"Great guns, Arline, do you—can you think that I would consider any difference in social position a barrier? You're a governess with a college, education for her parkman with a college, education for her parkman with a college, education for her parkman with a college, education of the parkman chilled you connected the successory. There is no to the parkman chilled you connected the wide range of selection available to a man of harl's said doring. Still she is content to left in the parkman chilled the parkman chilled you have the

my decision."

"Great guns, Arline, do you—can you think that I would consider any difference in social position a barrier? You're a governess with a college education which is the equivalent of mine. We have common interests, and should be very happy. Why dig up stuff converning social and financial differences which don't count at all?"

Upon reaching the piazza Harl shook hands with Mcs. Parkman, saying at the same time, "Congratulate me, Mother Parkman. I've found 'the' lady."

Harl, armed with flowers and candy, made a morning call at the Parkman home. Upon learning that Arline had made a hurried departure on an early morning train, leaving no city address after her. Harl attempted to gain possession of himself sufficiently to leave the flowers and sweets for an invalid aunt in the household and depart.

"I allowed you most, Arline? "I allowed you to continue in error needed you most, Arline? I allowed you to continue in error about my position as governess since I tell happy to know that you cared gegardless of my social position. At that time my book was my greatest concern. I had collected the material and was determined that nothing should interfere with its completion."

"Indeed," said Harl, "then I played or disarily interested in the welfare of his rival, I'd like to ask how the book planned out."

"Well, the publishers were satisfied with earlier installments of it and are anxious to have me send the later part. But I've lost my ambition," she added a little wistfully.

"And the cause of this loss of ambition. Arline? Why has the once so particularly important book come into disfavor?"

"Because it's pearly been to blame for "The spider", I have always admired sour courage, Countess."
"I can die but once."
"Perhaps you may care to know that you are not in the slightest danger of death."
"Thanks," she said coolly, "You kindness is overwhelming, Or is my—'eliming an intention to longer essential?"

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erings. Tonight's dance was no excention.

Harley Cox respectfully excused himself from the very lively gathering or younger debutantes to answer the summons of his hostess, Mrs. Granville. "Now, Harl, my boy," said Mrs. Granville, "look your finest. I want you to meet my best beloved niece. There is nothing of the gay social busterfly about her, but she is truly 'all wool and a yard wide. She seems immune to the social charms of the charming youths whom I presented to her. Such an impersonal and indifferent air as she seems to have with all of the most desirable boys of her set."

So saying, Mrs. Granville led the way

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CHAPTER XVIII

The American Raid

WE determined to do a little raiding ourselves and laid our plans with great eare.

Both the artillery and the infantry practiced for four days so as to insure the success of the attack.

It was planned to have the engineers place tubes containing explosives under the German barbed wire, and at the lives our these tubes were to be exploded so that a passage would be made through the entanglements for our men. On the evening of March 5 we were given our instructions and ordered to our posts. At 1 o'clock in the morning, the time selected for the zero hour, all the step of the damage to the German trenches was something awful. They were all to time selected for the zero hour, all the time selected for the zero hour, all the step of the damage to the German trenches who will be shall be shall be shall be shall be same honor.

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The Germans put a barrage right on the compliment with the manufacturing the lulls in the firing of the big guns around by the flare of our guns, and during the lulls in the firing of the big guns around by the flare of our guns, and during the decoration was a course of the winners were my buddies, and I knew first-hand of the deeds of bravery which won for them the greates and I knew first-hand of the deeds of the rare of the many hundred light and in the little ganing. The condens the little ganing in the little ganing in

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These five Americans were honored by the French with the Croix de Guerre. In the poral Thomas O. Cosgrove and Private C. Barbour. Between them is Corporal M. H. Plant. left are Sergeant McNiff (above) and Sergeant Petrush

### By DADDY THE FIVE TRAMPS

A complete, new adventure each week, beginning Monday and ending Saturday.

Taks toward them as if he were a huge club.

The tramps, with a howl of fright, turned to run away, only to be upset by Billy Balgium, who dived into the legs of Hai the Fat like a football player making a tackie. Lonesome Bear and Raggedy Jim immediately sat on Hai the Fat and Laughing Jake, while Billy Belgium held a clubbed gun over Bertie the Boozer.

"Short and snappy." howled the Giant. "That's what you wanted, Mr. Tramp, and here's where you get the snap." With that he let go Tags's foot the tramp flew out, and for the second time that evening took an unwelcome

" Surgaine

She was back home in her hammock

Up he came, sputtering and fuming. "Quit that!" he shouted. "Two baths in one night is cruelty to tramps."

"Youl'll have to have a third one to get rid of that mud. Come out while I throw you in again" chuckled the Giant. surrender!" wailed Tags. "I know Judge Owl, again enjoying a front eat, hooted his glee at the tramps discomforture.

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"Crickety, crickety crack,
The tramp took a bath ker-smack.
If he ever gets clean.
He'll know better, I ween.
Than to dive like that op his back."
Tags fast glared at Judge Owl, but he didn't dare throw anything. He climbed out of the river and the Giant locked the tramps over.

"Well, what are we going to do with "Well, what are we going to do with you chaps?"

"I want a job, sir," spoke up Rag-gedy Jim.

A Recent Decision Stude I-That girl over there is a decided blonde, isn't she? Stude II-Oh, yes; but she only decided recently. - Pennsylvania

"My, we got Lonesome Bear fixed up just in time!" she cried, as she ran in to join the waiting family. "And I'm glad those five tramps are settled where they'll do no more harm!"

(In her next adventure Peggy has a strange and delightful experience behind the scenes in a circus.)

and hawyer, of New York city.

These forty, with two officers and fifty French privates, went to a spot ten miles behind the front lines, and for two weeks were intensely trained for the raid until every man knew his part perfectly.

When the night of the raid came, the boys could hardly be restrained, so eager were they to get at the enemy.

### CHAPTER XIX French Wan Crosses

THE Croix de Guerre, a badge of honor which only the highest herolam wins, was awarded by the French Gov-

y and calling Saturday.

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snip can see what is going on without bringing the boat to the surface.

POILU! The universal name for soldier of France, which means hairy, and by implication braws, strong. He also calls himseif un bleu from the light, gray blue of his uniform.

QUIRK. In the siang of the air service, a pilot or one who operates an airpiane.

BEVEILLE. The early morning bugle call which turns the soldier out for his day's work. It is about as popular as the 3 a. m. rooster.

BOLLING KITCHEN. An ingenious stove on wheels on which the company cook and all his utensils ride and serve hot food to the hungry Sammees as they march.

Bu EDWINA

"CAP" STUBBS—Sammy Didn't Have to Guess Hard







