An Unusual Story of a Blackmailing Gang and a Mysterious Avenger, by the Author of "Green Rust," "The Daffodil Murder," "Clue of the Twisted Candle."

colonel Dan Boundary, fat, corrected but uncannily clever leader of a gang of crooks, has become alarmed at receipt of a knave of clubs, signed "Jack o' Judgment," after several of his exploits, all of which are subtly devised to enrich him without risking the law's penalties. He tries to disarm suspicious gathering around him by complaining to plaining to plaining to the London Crim-STAFFORD KING, of the London Crim-

inal Intelligence Force.

INTO ELLVA, a sleek man about town, forces his attentions on an actress, who rebuffs him. She is

MAISIE WHITE, daughter of Solly White, one of the gang who wishes to retire. She is interested in Stafford. LOLLIE MARSH, a doll-faced but clever girl, who acts as "vamp" of the black-

rate was not available. Greatly daring, the colonel sent his card to the first commissioner. Sir Stanley Belcom read the name and raised his eyebrows.

the presence of the chief.

"this is rather a dreadful business." shaking his head.

'None whatever."

bout, sir," said the colonel in a con-idential tone. "You remember the last time I was here you suggested that pos-sibly the murderer of poor Gregory might be a Frenchman. You remember how you told me that these French assassins have a trick of leaving some fantastic card or sign of their handi-

antly, "and the identical card. Do you think, sir, that the murderer of my poor friend Gregory and my poor friend, "I've just be about his med

poor friend Gregory and my poor friend, White, was the same man?"

"In fact, Raoul?" asked Sir Stanley.

The colonel nodded, and for a few moments Sir Stanley communed with his well-kept finger nails.

"I don't think it will do any harm if I tell you that is my theory also, Colonel Boundary," he said, "and, giving confidence for confidence, would you have any objection to telling me you have any objection to telling me whether Raoul is one of your—er—business associates?"

There was just the slightest shade of

ders.
"I am only going on what the newspapers say," he said; "they suggest that this man is an apache."
"You do not know him?" asked Sir Stanley, after a pause.
"I have never seen him in my life,"

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"Solomon white was one of my best imagine that that scounders sat shoulder to shoulder with me—good heavens! It makes me hot to think about it."

"So I've heard," said Sir Stanley dryly. "Have you any theory?"

"I was afraid it would," said the first commissioner. "He pressed the bell, and his secretary came in "See if Mr. Stafford King is in the

"See if Mr. Stafford King is in the building and tell him to come to me, please," he said. "You see, colonel, we were hoping that you would supply us with a great deal of very useful information. We naturally thought it was something more than a coincidence was something more than a coincidence that the terrangement of the three terrangements." that this man and you should foregather at a Turkish bath—a most admirable endezvous, by the way."
"You may accept my word of honor,"

might be a Frenchman. You remember how you told me that these French assassins have a trick of leaving some fantastic card or sign of their handiwork?"

Sir Stanley nodded.

"Well, here you have the same thing repeated," said the colonel triumphantly, and the identical card. Do you think, sir, that the murderer of my

"What do you say to that, King?"
Stafford King's lips curled.
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The colonel shrugged his big shoulders.

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doubted that he spoke the truth.

"As I say, you may know all these things. But principally at this moment we are anxious to secure authentic news concerning Miss White. Both I and Mr. Stafford King have particular reasons for desiring information on that subject. Can you help me?"

The colonel shook his head. "If by spending a hundred thousand pounds I could help you, I would do it," he said fervently, "but as to Miss

White and where she is, I am as much at sea as you. Do you believe that, sir?"
"No," said Sir Stanley truthfully;
"I don't."

Swell Crewe Backs Out The colonel left Scotland Yard with a sense that he had spent the morning not unprofitably. It was his way to beard the lion in his den, and, after all, the police department was no more formidable than any other public de-partment. He spent the morning quietly in Pinto's flat, making certain preparations.

The workmen were doing a thorough job with his damaged wall, as he found when he looked in, and the horrible odor had almost disappeared. It was to be a much longer job than he thought. It had been necessary to cut away and replace the plaster under the paper, for the infernal mixture had soaked deep. Still the colonel had plenty to occupy mate business had been sadly neglected of late. Reports had come in from all sorts of agencies, reports which might by careful study be turned to the greatest advantage. There was the affair of Lady Glenmerrin. He had here months accumulating evidence of been months accumulating evidence of that lady's marital delinquencies, and now the iron was ready to strike-and

he simply had no interest in a deal which might very easily transfer the famous Glenmerrin farms to his charge There was just the front in the last two words, but the front in the front in the last two words, but the front in the front in the last two words, but the front in the front in the last two words, but the front in the last two words, but the front in the fro

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A a portrait and a critique (by

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caricatures - motors - bridge - sport.

Stanley, after a pause.

"I have never seen him in my life," formation is inaccurate; there is death of Raoul, who was seen seated next to you and apparently carrying on a conversation behind a fan."

"He never spoke a word to me," that he had missed the opportunity of taking up American citizenship during the seven years he had spent in San Francisco. And what of Crewe?

"Hardly," said Crewe. A little pause, and then he announced: "Colo-nel, I'm going to quit."

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Autos will leave Phila, at 2 P. M. Open-air addresses by prominent members. All Stammerers Invited

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A stiff paste made with some powdered delatone and water and spread on a hairy surface about 2 minutes will, when removed, take every trace of hair with it. The skin should then be washed to free t from the remaining delatone. No harm can result from this treat-ment, but be sure it is delatone you get and you will not be disap-pointed. Mix fresh as wanted.—

# JACK O'JUDGMENT :-: By Edgar Wallace | Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store

The Down Stairs Store for Men is on the Gallery, just one flight of steps down from Market Street

All-Wool Suits, Some With Two Pair Trousers, \$25

Fancy cassimeres, worsteds and cheviots in stripes and mixtures. A few plain blues. Qualities that will give long and satisfactory service; conservative styles; weights for now and later. Sizes 34 to 44 in the lot.

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Good-looking suits to keep a man cool and well dressed for the remainder of the Summer. Plenty of desirable dark colors. All sizes in the group but not in each style. Made-to-Measure Suits With Two Pair Trousers, \$37.50 and \$43 Superior all-wool worsteds and cassimeres in distinguished pencil stripes, plain weaves and mixtures. Made for us to your individual measure and the fit guaranteed. No additional charge for extra sizes.
(Men's Gallery, Market)

## Clearaway Summer Fashions

Hundreds of women's and young women's dresses at half the early season's prices -and less.

All gingham dresses reduced to \$2, \$3 and \$4. All voile dresses, \$2, \$3

and to \$5. "Dress-up" frocks of organdie, voile and dotted swiss, \$7.50 and \$10.

Lace frocks, \$20. Please expect broken-size assortments. Many of the frocks also show marks of handling. (Down Stairs Store, Market)

#### Half Price! Children's Parasols, 50c to \$1.50

If you have ever watched small girl "try on" gay little parasols you will want to invest in this clearaway for vec feminine friends.

About 800 in various sizes; plain, flowered, bordered or ruffled styles, mostly with wrist cords. Cotton parasols, 50c to 75c;

all-silk parasols now \$1 to (Down Stairs Store, Market)

## Women's Tricotine Frocks for Autumn, \$10 to \$22.50

Fourteen interesting new styles fresh from the workrooms show the new fashion ideas for Autumn-

Made of midnight blue tricotine of the quality that one

likes to wear-Styles include the much-

talked-about coat dress-Models with a great deal of braid-

Wider, longer skirts-They are surprisingly good at the prices.

Only two or three of a kind; sizes 16 to 42. (Down Stairs Store, Market)

## All-Silk Umbrellas Are \$3.85

Good-looking, all-silk rain or Bakelite ring, silk loop or sun umbrellas for \$3.85! Well- leather strap handles; bakelite made of tape-edge silk in de- spoon tips and stub ends. Navy, pendable colors. Just a hundred green, purple, brown, garnet and of them at this special price.

(Down Stairs Store, Market)

### Women's Sample Sport Dresses Down to \$20

Swiss knitted fiber silk dresses which have been extremely fashionable this season. Only one of a kind. Gray, lavender, jade, tan with brown, orange, gold. They show marks of handling.

(Down Stairs Store, Market)

# Women's Shoe Sale

Shoes to wear now-to wear later-to wear next season.

Women's Shoes, \$1.90

White canvas rubber sole sports shoes, strap pumps or oxfords. Some with black or brown leather trimmings. Also pumps and oxfords for street wear in various leathers. Irregular size assortments.



#### Women's Low Tan Shoes, \$3.25

Two-strap pumps of soft tan calfskin. Moderate Cuban heels and ornamental perforations. Limited number; not every size.

Women's White Shoes, \$3.40 Conservative and ankle-strap

styles with perforations. Majority are white canvas, leather lined. One style in fine white leather. Round toes, low and medium heels. Almost all sizes.

(Down Stairs Store, Chestnut)

## Remarkable New Tweed and Chinchilla Coats \$16.50 to \$20



to choose their Autumn coats straightway. Materials are amazingly soft, heavy and woolly. Some of the tweeds have plain-colored and plaid backs. Some are lined throughout with satin. The tan chinchilla coats have leather but-

Women who see them will want

tons and buckle. All are built on broad, mannish lines that have a swing and freedom most inviting.

Sizes 16 to 42. (Down Stairs Store, Market)

Hurrying Out! Good White Tub Skirts at 55c to \$3.75!

All much lower priced than earlier in the season, and many of them wearing their new price tickets for the first time! White mercerized gabardines, surf satins and fine. heavy linens! Shirred, tailored and wrap-around models, with such interesting fashion-features as pearl button trimmings, clever pockets treated "differently," bound buttonholes and various belt styles. All sizes in the lot, but perhaps not in each style. Regular waist bands 25 to 32 inches. Extra waist bands 33 to 40 inches.

(Down Stairs Store, Market)

**Corsets and Corselettes** \$2 and \$2.50

Light and cool must be the cor- | \$2 for a cotton broche corselette set one chooses for August vacations. At \$2 are broche corsets with elastic girdle top, lightly boned and back laced. Sizes 21 to

Corselettes are easily donned when one slips into tennis clothes

with elastic across the hips and tape shoulder straps. Sizes 34 to 42. \$2.50 for a longer model slight-

ly boned in front and at the sides. Sizes 34 to 42. Both have back fastening. (Down Stairs Store, Central)



## A Little Sale of Pretty Autumn Hats, \$3.85

Can you imagine how lovely one can look in a wide-brimmed black velvet hat with a dull silvery brim and a dull silvery rose? It's here for the having at \$3.85.

A saucy little red soft hat is of velvet-liberally embroidered; it is

designed for the girl with cropped hair; priced \$3.85. A smart admiralty hat-of red

duvetyn with jet black ornaments is also \$3.85. A velvet hat with quills is \$3.85

styles at this one low price. Including black hats for matrons.

Twenty-five or more different new



## The New Paris Sweater

Beginning tomorrow, Wednesday, the Down Stairs Store Art Needlework Shop will show earnest knitters how to develop the very latest Paris sweater idea.

It is amazingly easy to make.

Take 11/2 yards of cream-colored scrim (at 80c yard) and four balls of colored yarn (at 32c ball) and anywhere from a few hours, to one full day's work-and presto! a sweater different from every other.

First showing Wednesday. Here only in Philadelphia.

We shall be glad to help you start

(Down Stairs Store, Central)

### **Babies' Cotton Dresses** 50c to \$1.25

Keeping clean and fresh a mothers' time too completely to allow for any sewing. For such busy mothers are simple cotton dresses from 50c to \$1.25.

For 50c a plain cotton dress with narrow lace at neck and

For 75c a nainsook dress with baby's many dresses fills most | round embroidery yoke and laceedged sleeves. For \$1 a nainsook dress with

hand-embroidered yoke and laceedged sleeves. For \$1.25 a striped dimity dress with plain round yoke and two pockets.

Sizes for infants and up to 2 years. (Down Stairs Store, Central)

## CENTRAL AISLE 2640 Women's Knitted Vests Regular Sizes 121/2c

Extra Sizes, 18c, 3 for 50c An important little sale of white Swiss ribbed vests with ribbon run or band tops and built-up shoulders. Here and there an oil spot or a slipped thread, carefully darned.

are the reasons for these extremely low prices. Thousands of them have sold here this season and so far we have not had a complaint as to their good service. (Down Stairs Store, Central Aisle)

## Room Size Wool and Fiber Rugs

Inexpensive rugs that will give satisfactory service the year through. Reversible patterns in good, staple colors suitable for any room. All the most asked-for room sizes come in both medium and heavier weights with the exception of the 9x15 ft. rugs. They are priced according to weight, for, of course, the heav-

ier ones will wear the longest. 6x9 ft. rugs, \$7.50 and \$9. 7.6x9 ft. rugs, \$9 and \$12. 8.3x10.6 ft. rugs, \$11.50 and

9x15 ft. rugs, \$20. 12x12 ft. rugs, \$17.50 and 12x15 ft. rugs, \$22.50 and

9x12 ft. rugs, \$12.50 and \$15. "Scatter Sizes" in Wool Chenille Rugs

Splendid for the places where the hardest wear comes on your floors or better rugs. Good plain colors and mixed effects. 21x45-inch rugs, \$1.75. 30x60-inch rugs, \$3.25. 36x72-inch rugs, \$4.75. 27x54-inch rugs, \$2.75.

(Down Stairs Store, Chestnut)