

THE BREAKING POINT

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WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY
DR. DAVID LIVINGSTONE, chief physician at the hospital...



dear. He is thinking of you and loving you, wherever he is. Only we don't know where he is.

"In a way, Walter, it would be better, if he were dead..."
"Who?"
"My little girl, and—Judson Clark!"

which she made her comment, through lips that had gone white.
"Then it was either an accident, or he deserved shooting," she said.

ing to that. And she will have to know it some time.
He pondered her flat statement unhappily, standing by the window and looking out into the shaded street...

hour later he walked into the offices of the Times-Republican and to the night editor's desk.
"Hello, Bassett," said the gentleman. "We thought you were dead."

and there's a human interest element in it. The last man who talked to Clark was Bassett went on doggedly sorting his mail.

FOR a month Haverly had buzzed with a whistled conjecture. It knew nothing, and yet somehow it knew everything.

"You must remember," he said, "that Dick's life before this happened, and since, are two different things."

"Over this possibility they faced each other, helpless as is the way of middle-age before the attacks of life on their young."

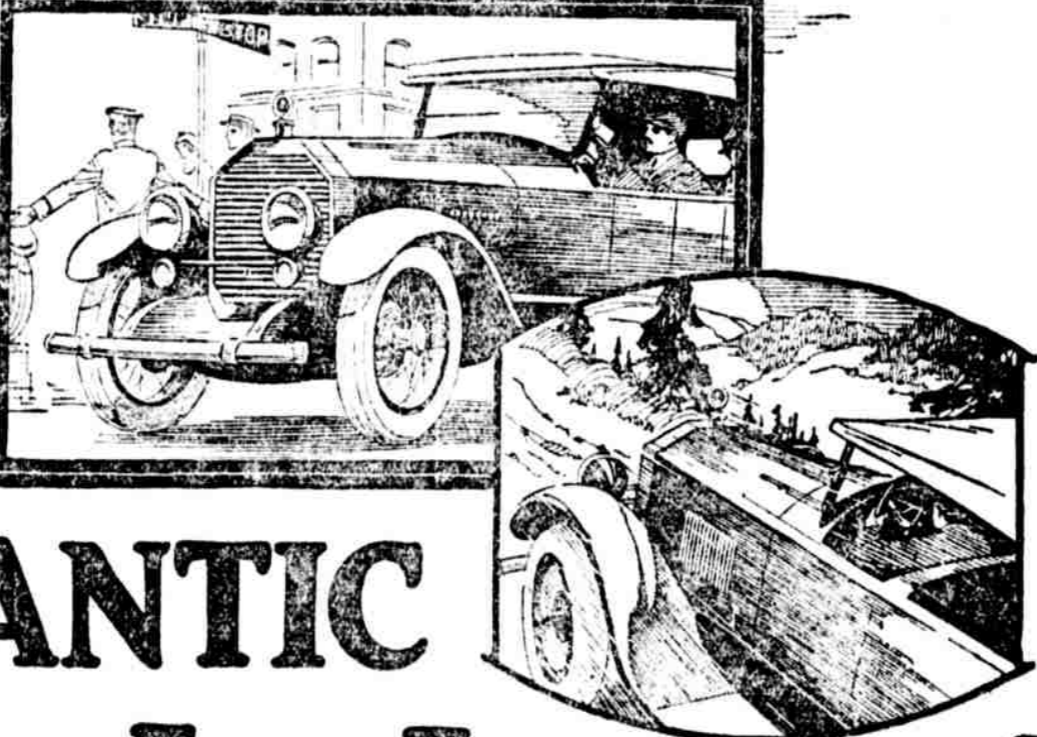
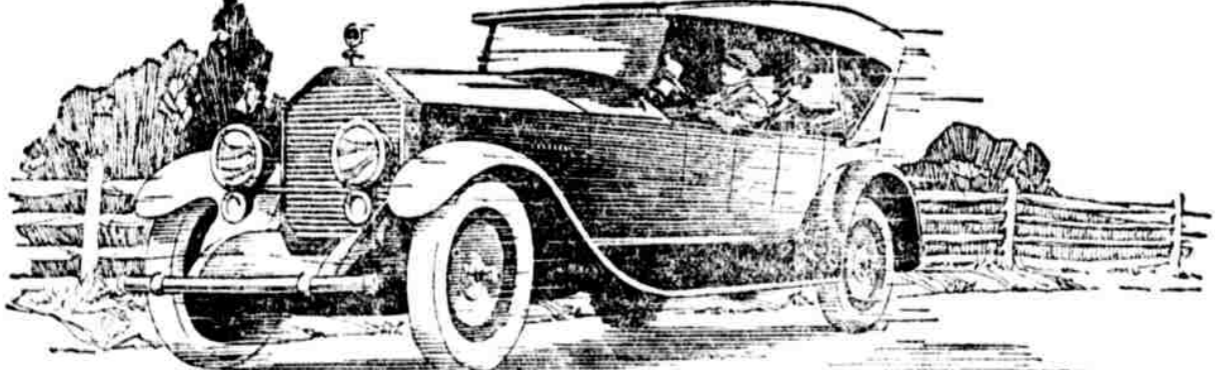
"I will kill her, Walter," she said. "She'll get over it."

"When it was all over, her questions and his sometimes stumbling replies, she saw that out of it all the one thing that mattered vitally to her was that Dick was only a fugitive, and not dead."

YOUR celebrations are to me a source of constant mystery. Especially your plans with Or rather, I should say, ambush To grow as quickly as you can So you can be the garbage man.

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The village was just and suspicious. It resented its lack of knowledge, and turned cynical where, had it been taken into confidence, it would have been suspicious. It believed that Elizabeth had been killed, for it knew, via Annie and the telephone, that no letters came from Dick. And against Dick its indignation was directed, in a hot fit of mainly feminine anger.

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