The Exploits of Elaine

A Detective Novel and a Motion Picture Drama

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SYNOPSIS.

New York police are mystified by a of murders of prominent men. The plat clue to the murderer is the warn-titer which is sent the victims, signed a "clutching hand." The latest vice, the insurance president. His titer, Elaine, employs Craig Kennedy, amous scientific detective, to try to clutch the mystery. What Kennedy achishes is fold by his friend, Jameson, vspaper man.

THIRD EPISODE

The Vanishing Jewels Banging away at my typewriter the ext day, in Kennedy's laboratory, I was startled by the sudden, insistent

aging of the telephone near me. "Hello," I answered, for Craig was work at his table, trying still to ex ract some clue from the slender eviice thus far elicited in the Dodge

"Oh, Mr. Kennedy," I heard an excited voice over the wire reply, friend, Susie Martin, is here. He er has just received a message from hat Clutching Hand and-

"Just a moment, Miss Dodge," I in-errupted. "This is Mr. Jameson." came back the voice, breathand disappointed. "Let me have Kennedy-quick.

I had already passed the telephone to Craig and was watching him keen as he listened over it.

He motioned to me for a pad and encil that 'lay near me.
"Please read the letter again, slow

Miss Dodge," he asked, adding, ay it is made up of separate words But I want it exactly. sted on note paper? I handed him paper and pencil.

As he wrote he indicated to me by

turtevant Martin, Jeweler,
No. 739½ Fifth Avenue, New York City.
Standard S

"Thank you, Miss Dodge," continued understand perfectly-signed that same Clutching Hand. Let see," he pondered, looking at his "It is now half-past eleven ery well. I shall meet you and Miss



A Remarkable Scene Greeted Us.

artin at Mr. Martin's store directly. It lacked five minutes of poon when ennedy and I dashed up before Marn's and dismissed our taxicab.

A remarkable scene greeted us as entered the famous jewelry shop. voluntarily I drew back. Squarely front of us a man had suddenly ed a revolver and leveled it at us. n't!" cried a familiar voice. is Mr. Kennedy!"

Just then, from a little knot of peo-le, Elaine Dodge sprang forward ith a cry and seized the gun.

Kennedy turned to her, apparently half so much concerned about the ot hair so much concerned about the utomatic that yawned at him as bout the anxiety of the pretty girl the had intervened. The too eager lain-clothes man lowered the gun

Sturtevant Martin was a typical so ety business man, quietly but richly

In the excitement I glanced about

Directly in front of me was a sign

See

ed up on a pillar, which read: This store will be closed at noon to-ay. Martin & Co." All the customers were gone.

Martin himself was evidently very nervous and very much alarmed. deed, no one could blame him for by this amazing master criminal was enough to cause panic. Already had engaged detectives, prepared whatever might happen, and they have advised him to leave the diamonds in the counter, clear the store and let the crooks try anything, if they dared.

Just back of us, and around the cor ner, as we came in, we had noticed a limousine which had driven up. Three faultlessly attired dandies had entered learned afterward, apparently going to a fashionable tailor's which occupied the second floor of the old-fashioned building, the first floor having been renovated and made ready for renting we been there a moment soone we might have seen, I suppose, that one of them nodded to a taxicab driver, who was standing at a public hack stand a few feet up the block. The driver nodded unostentatiously back at the man.

In spite of the excitement, Kennedy quietly examined the showcase, which was, indeed, a veritable treasure store

Slowly the hands of the clock came earer together at noon.
We all gathered about the showcase.

with its glittering hoard of wealth, forming a circle at a respectable dis-

In deep-lunged tones the clock played the chords written, I believe, by Handel. Then it began striking.

Nothing had happened.
We all breathed a sigh of relief. 'Well, it is still there!" exclaimed Martin, pointing at the showcase with a forced laugh.

Suddenly came a rending and crash-It seemed as if the very ing sound. floor on which we stood was giving

The showcase, with all its priceless

The flooring beneath the case had All crowded forward, gazing at the

black, yawning cavern. Down below, three men, covered with smocks and their faces hidden

by masks, had knocked the props away from the ceiling of the cellar, which they had sawed almost through at their leisure, and the showcase had landed eight or ten feet below, shivered into a thousand bits. A volley of shots whizzed past us,

and another. While one crook was stuffing the untold wealth of jewels into a burlap bag the others had drawn revolvers and were firing up through the hole in the floor des-

"Look out!" cried someone behind us before we could recover from our

first surprise and return the fire. One of the desperadoes had taken a bomb from under his smock, lighted to and thrown it up through the hole in

It sailed up over our heads and landed near our little group, on the floor, the fuse sputtering eminously.

I heard an exclamation of fear from

Kennedy had pushed his way us and picked up the deadly infernal machine in his bare hands.

I watched him, fascinated. As near as he dared, he approached the hole in the floor, still holding the thing off at arm's length. Would be never throw

He was coolly holding it, allowing the fuse to burn down closer to the explosion point.

It was now within less than an inch

of sure death Suddenly he raised it and hurled the

We could hear the imprecations of the crooks as it struck the cellar floor, step. near them.

Kennedy's voice.

ing a hasty retreat through a secret entrance which they had effected.
"The bag! The bag!" we conear one of them bellow. we could

"The bomb-run!" cried another voice gruffly.

The explosion that followed lifted us fairly off our feet.

As the smoke from the explosion

cleared away, Kennedy could br seen, the first to run forward.

Meanwhile Martin's detectives had

rushed down a flight of back stairs that led into a coal cellar. With coal shovels and bars, anything they could lay hands on, they attacked the that opened forward from the coal cel-lar into the front basement where the robbers had been.

A moment Kennedy and Bennett paused on the brink of the abyss which the bomb had made, waiting for the smoke to decrease. Then they began to climb down cautiourly over the piled-up wreckage.

The explosion had set the basement afire, but the fire had not gained much headway by the time they reached the basement. Quickly Kennedy ran to the door into the coal cellar and

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"Exploits of Elaine," Third

From the other side Martin, fol-owed by the police and the detectives, burst in.

cried one of the policem

the special apparatus upstairs.
All except Martin began beating out
the flames, using such weapons as
they already held in their hands to batter down the door.

To Martin there was one thing para-

mount—the jewels. In the midst of the confusion, Elaine, closely followed by her friend, Susie, made her way fearlessly into the stifle

of smoke down the stairs. "There are your jewels, Mr. Martin," cried Kennedy, kicking the precious burlap bag with his foot as if it had so much ordinary merchandise turning toward what was in his

mind the most important thing at stake—the direction taken by the agents of the Clutching Hand. 'Thank heaven!" ejaculated Martin fairly pouncing on the bag and tearing it open. "They didn't get away with them—after all!" he exclaimed, examining the contents with satisfaction

Events were moving rapidly. The limousine had been standing in-ocently enough at the curb near the corner, with the taxicab close be-

Less than ten minutes after they had entered, three well-dressed men came out of the vacant shop, appar-ently from the tailor's above, and climbed leisurely into their car.

urned to the taxicab driver, hiding from passers-by the sign of the Clutching Hand, which the taxicab criver re-turned in the same manner. Then the big car whirled up the avenue.

All this we learned later from a street sweeper who was at work near

Down below, while the police and detectives were putting out the fire, Kennedy was examining the wall of the cellar, looking for the spot where

e crooks had escaped.
"A secret door!" he he exclaimed, as he paused after tapping along the wall to determine its character. "You can see how the force of the explosion has loosened it."

Sure enough, when he pointed it out to us, it was plainly visible. One of the detectives picked up a crowbar and others, still with the hastily selected implements they had seized to fight the fire, started in to pry it open.

As it yielded Kennedy rushed his way through: Elaine always fearless, followed. Then the rest of us went through.

There seemed to be nothing, however, that would help us in the cellar next door, and Kennedy mounted the steps of a stairway in the rear. The stairway led to a sort of store

room, full of barrels and boxes, but otherwise characterless. When I arrived Kennedy was gingerly holding up the smocks which the crooks had vorn.
"We're on the right trail," comment-

ed Elaire as he showed them to her, but where do you suppose the own-Craig shrugged his shoulders and

gave a quick look about. "Evidently they came in from and went away by the street," he observed, hurrying to the door, followed by Elaine. On the sidewalk he gazed up the

avenue, then catching sight street cleaner, called to him. sight of the "Yes, sor," replied the man, stolidly, looking up from his work. "I see three

gintlemen come out and get into an automobile." "Which way did they go?" asked

Kennedy. For answer the man jerked his thumb over his shoulder in the general

Craig was just about to close the IT PAYS TO USE STAR door when a slight figure flashed us and a dainty foot was placed on the

could scarcely have resisted if he had

wanted to do so. Just as Elaine and Kennedy were ten cents. moving off I came out of the vacant store, with Bennett and the detectives.

"Craig!" I cried. "Where are you Kennedy stuck his head out of the window, and I am quite sure that he was not altogether displeased that I

was not with him. "Chasing that limousine," he shouted back, "Follow us in another car."
A moment later he and Elaine were

Bennett and I looked shout

"There are a couple of cabs—down ere." I pointed out at the other end of the block. "I'll take one, you take the other.'

Who, besides Bennett, went in the other car I don't know, but it made no difference, for we soon lost them. Our driver, however, was a really clever fellow. Far ahead now we could see the limousine drive around a corner. making a dangerous swerve. Ken-nedy's cab followed, skidding danger-

ously near a pole.

But the taxicab was no match for

Episode,

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went, the only thing preventing the limousine from escaping being the fear of pursuit by traffic police if the driver let out speed. They were con-tent to manage to keep just far enough ahead to be out of danger of having Kennedy overhaul them. As for us, we followed as best we could, on uptown, past the city line, and out into

the country.

There Kennedy lost sight alto Los Angeles Murder Defendants Not gether of the car he was trailing. Worse than that, we lost sight of Kennedy. Still we kept on blindly, trusting to luck and common sense in picking the road.

was peering ahead over the driver's shoulder, the window down, trying to direct him, when we approached a fork in the road. Here was a dilemma which must be decided at once, rightly or wrongly.

As we neared the crossroad I gave an involuntary exclamation. Beside the road, almost on it, lay the figure of a man. Our driver pulled up with a jerk and I was out of the car in an in-There lay Kennedy! Someone had

blackjacked him. He was groaning and just beginning to show signs of consciousness as I bent over.
"What's the matter, old man?" I

asked, helping him to his feet.

He looked about dazed a moment, then seeing me and comprehending, he

pointed excitedly, but vaguely.
"Elaine!" he cried. "They've kid-naped Elaine!" What had really happened, as we learned later from Elaine and others, was that when the crossroads was reached the three crooks in the limou-

sine had stopped long enough to speak to an accomplice stationed there, according to their plan for a getaway. He was a tough-looking individual who might have been hoboing it to the city.

A TRAINLOAD OF WOUNDED **GERMANS HOMEWARD BOUND**

Geneva, Via Paris, March 3, 10.15
A. M.—The first trainload of maimed German prisoners of war who are to be exchanged for wounded French soldiers arrived here from Lyons, homeward bound, at 9.15 o'clock last night. The special glidded slowly into the station between lanes of Swiss troops. The cars were immediately boarded by Red between lanes of Swiss troops. The cars were immediately boarded by Red Cross nurses in their uniforms of white who distributed gifts of oranges, chocolate and other delicacies among the sufferers, relieving their French co-workers of the responsibility of caring for the passengers.

For answer the man jerked his thumb over his shoulder in the general direction uptown.

With keen glance, Kennedy strained his eyes. Far up the avenue he could descry the car threading its way in and out among the others, just about disappearing.

A moment later Craig caught sight of the vacant taxicab and properly by cranking his engine.

"You saw that limousine standing here?" asked Craig.

"Yes," nodded the chauffeur, with show of alertness.

"Well, follow it," ordered Kennedy, jumping into the cab.

"Yes, sir."

Craig was just about to close the

INDEPENDENT WANT ADS.

Sunday School Class to Give Play "Leave the store—quick!" rang out ennedy's voice.

Down below the crooks were beat g a hasty retreat through 5 secret

Sunday School Class to Give Play thow a Girl Keeps a Secret' is the title of a play to be given by the Sunday school class taught by Mrs. Bricker at the Curtin Heights Methodist Epis a New York of the Curtin Heights Methodist Epis could essential the curtin Heights Methodist E co; al church, to-morrow night at o'clock. Admission will be by tick which will be on sale at the door f

> Sportsmen Zeeking Charter The Log House Game Association formed by local sportsmen for the pro-tection and propagation of game birds, animals and fish, and the acquiring of animals and hen, and the acquiring of land for that purpose, has filed an ap-plication for a perpetual charter in the office of Prothonotary Holler. The of-ficers are Harvey E. Knupp, president; Edward G. Nisley, of Penbrook, vice president; Alfred Johnson, secretary, and Joseph Shisler, treasurer.

Nevada Easy Divorce Law to Stand Reno, Nev., March 3.—Governor Boyle's final attempt to obtain a referendum on the easy divorce law has been rejected by the Legislature, and as a result there can be no change in the measure by a vote of the people within the next two years.

New Amusement Park for Lebanon Lebanon, March 3.—Lebanon cour ty may have a new amusement park this summer. It will be located along the Ephrata and Lebanon street railway line, about fifteen miles out of this city. The park is to be known as Mt. Springs Park and will comprise thirty-six acres.

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Kansas City Lady Darkened Her Gray Hair and Stimulated Its Growth by a Simple Home Process

She Tells How She Did It

A well-known resident of Kansas city, Mo., who darkened her gray hair by a simple home process, made the following statement: "Any lady or gentleman can darken their gray or faded hair, stimulate its growth and make it soft and glossy with this simple recipe, which they can mix at home. To half pint of water add 10 of bay rum, 1 small box of Barbo Compounds and ¼ oz. of glycerine. These ingredients can be purchased at any drug store at very little cost. Apply to the hair every other day until the gray hair is darkened sufficiently, then every two weeks. This mixture release here seel the sain the scalp, is not sticky of the hair every two weeks. This mixture for dandruff and falling hair. It does not stain the scalp, is not sticky of the hair every two weeks. This mixture for dandruff and falling hair. It does not stain the scalp, is not sticky of the hair every two weeks. This mixture for greasy and does not rub off. It will make a gray haired person look 10 to 20 years younger."—Adv.

105. She Tells How She Did It

A well-known resident, of Kansas

Carlisle, March 3.—Alleging that to dren,—one only two months old, at mid-night without a word of warning, and after contracting debts that took practically every ecnt of his property he had begun a —divorce proceeding engaging her with desertion and had failed to prove his claims, John M. Handshew, of Middless, asked that the proceedings in the matter be set set of the proceeding singular to the matter be set of the proceeding singular to the libellant, Samuel M. Handshew, who is now in the West. A number of divorces were granted and other matters taken up at the regular session of argument court held yester-day. She Tells How She Did It

KEPT FROM THEIR LAWYER

Allowed to Meet Attorney

Mummers to Hold Banquet

At a meeting of the Mummers' Association held at police headquarters last night plans were discussed for a banquet. The date will be decided upon at a meeting April 7. On the finance committee are Clarence O. Backenstoss, chairman; Thomas J. Keesey, William Orr, Robert Buck, Sr., and J. Grant Hoffman. The committee for the banquet consists of William Orr, Robert Buck, Sr., and H. M. Brooks.

\$100 fine.

The three men sought to be paid \$800 to secure favorable action on a claim of about \$8,000 held against the city by a contractor.

Grip Leads to Death

Gettysburg, March 3.—Mrs. Jacob Kennedy died yesterday morning about 6 o'clock at her home near York

Springs aged 73 years, 10 months and 14 days.

Mrs. Kennedy had been ill for about five days, and her condition was serious for only a year, select time before the paid \$800 to secure favorable action on a claim of about \$8,000 held against the city by a contractor.

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DESERTED HIS WIFE THEN SOUGHT TO DIVORCE HER

Work of Alleged False Charges as Set Up by Samuel M. Handshew-

CONFESS TO THEFT CHARGES

Los Angeles Murder Derendants Not Allowed to Meet Attorney

Los Angeles, March 3.—David Caplan and M. A. Schmidt, who have been held to answer murder charges in connection with the destruction of the "Times" building here in 1910, will demand separate trials, according to H. H. Appel, retained as attorney for them by Anton Johannsen, general organizer for the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. Appel expects to have associated with him several attorneys familiar with the trials of the MeNamara brothers.

Caplan and Schmidt have not been allowed since their arrival here last week to confer with their attorney or to talk with each other.

VOTES FOR COMMISSION RULE

wew Brunswick Changes Form of Government After Tax Rate Jumps
New Brunswick, N. J., March 3.—
The city of New Brunswick adopted the commission form of government type and the commission form of government type to go the act of the government type to go the first came before the count of Appeals yesterday handed down an opinion against City Commissioners T. A. K. Hummelshime, and March 3.—Further reports of the mutiny in Singapore, brought here by passengers on the steamer St. Egbert, show that the affair continues to be serious and that hundreds of mutineers who belonged to the Indian troops are still at large. The passengers also say that executions are taking place every day in the public squares of Singapore.

The proposal first came before the voters in 1911 and was beaten by 1,226 votes, In 1913 it was beaten again, but dy only 57 votes.

The tax rate jumped twenty points to 2.59 this year, and is credited with having turned the scales.

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Dr. Thomas E. R. Miller Dies Hagerstown, Md., March 3.—Dr. Thomas E. R. Miller, 71 years old, for-mer member of the Maryland Legisla-ture and extensive land owner in Fredture and extensive land owner in Frederick county, dropped dead in his office at Lewistown. During the Civil war he served in hospitals of the Eighth Army Corps under General Wallace. He was a Republican and served as Pension Examiner under President Harrison. For three years he was County Health Officer. He was one of the promoters of the Washington, Frederick and Gettysburg Railroad, which was absorbed by the Hagerstown and Frederick Railway.

Lake Over Central Hotel

Waynesboro, March 3.—Messrs. Morris and Peyton V. Harbauch, well-known men of this place, will become proprietors of the Central Hotel, Public Square, March 15.

They have secured a lease of the hotel property through John McCarney, the present proprietor, and will make application at once for the transfer of

Every bit of dandruff disappears after one or two applications of Danderine rubbed well into the scalp with the finger tips. Get a 25-cent bottle of Danderine at any drug store and save your hair. After a few applications you can't find a particle of dandruff or any falling hair, and the scalp will never itch.—Adv.

CAN'T FIND DANDRUFF

the liquor license from Mr. McCarney to themselves.

The new proprietors of Central are experienced hotel men. Together they conducted the Franklin House, Hagers-town, for twenty-two months, disposing of their interest three in October last.

LEGISLATION ON MEDICINE

Dr. B. F. Royer Tells County Medical

Society Preventive Methods An illustrated lecture on preventive medicine in Pennsylvania was deliv ered by Dr. B. F. Royer, chief medical inspector of the State Department of Health, before the Dauphin County Medical Society last night.

Dr. Royer said that Pennsylvania was the first state of the thirteen col-onies to pass legislation on medicine. This occurred in 1700 following an outbreak of dysentery in Philadelphia. The law was made more drastic in 1774 and has been on the statute books ever since. Nearly all legislation has been passed after serious outbreaks of dis-cases, said Dr. Royer.

Boys Learn New Song
"The Plea for Voters" was the subject of a new song learned by the Boys' Bible Class of the Pennsylvania Railroad Young Men's Christian Association last night. The song will be sung for the support of the Governor at the passing of the local-option bill. In the absence of their teacher, Ira P. Dean, an illustrated lecture on "Winter" was delivered to them. There was an attendance of 165 boys between 10 and 16 years of age.

MANY EXECUTED AT SINGAPORE

Jokes on Way to Death House
Rocco Tassone, the Lancaster county
foreigner who is to be electroented as
the penalty for murdering Tony Collata, has ben removed to the Bellefonte
penitentiary. The Governor has directed the electrocution to take place one
day next week. A. B. Landis, a former
sheriff of Lancaster county, accompanied Tassone. The condemned man
freely conversed with other passengers
on the train, joked and laughed and
appeared more like on who is bound for
a social function.

Mrs. Gorner Buried at Marietta.
Marietta, March 3.—The body of
Mrs. George F. Gorner, who died in
Lancaster, was brought here for burial
yesterday, services being conducted by
the Rev. E. Elmer Sensenig, of the Reformed church. Mrs. Gorner was about
60 years of age and is survived by her
husband and several children. She was
a native of Marietta.

Former Burgess Celebrates Birthday Marietta, March 3.—Ex-Chief Burg-ess John Kugle, yesterday celebrated his 69th birthday anniversary. He is enjoying good health Mr. Kugle served in the Civil war with distinction, and is one of the few guards left of the body of Jefferson Davis, when he lay in State, being attached to Dupont's battery. He is the father of a large family, and twenty-three grandchildren are in the clan.

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The attraction at the Majestic Saturday, matinee and night, will be "Damaged Goods," the most widely discussed drama which has been produced on the American stage in two decades, not only on account of the sensational features attending its first production in