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CONTINUED SYNOPSIS.

The New Tork police are mystified by a series of murders and other crimes. The principal clue to the criminal is the warn-ing letter which is sent the victims, signed with a "clutching hand." The lat-set victim of the mysterious assassin is taylor Dodge, the insurance president. His daughter, Elaine, employs Craig Ken-nedy, the famous scientific detective, to try to unravel the myster. What Ken-nedy accomplishes is told by his friend James, a newspaper man. By an ingef-four rue Clutching Hand smurgles into Flaine's holews open the safe is which he prevent the robbery. The detective narrowly misses Hath In his aparment to prevent the robbery. The detective narrowly misses Hath In his aparment of the safe on a framed photograph of bis hands on a framed photograph of the new

### FIFTH EPISODE

### The Polsoned Room.

Elaine and Craig were much togeth-er during the next few days. Somew or other, it seemed that the chase Clutching Hand involved long ences in the Dodge library, and even, in fact, extended to excursions the notoriously crime-infested aborhood of Riverside drive, with Its fashionable procession of automo-biles and go-carts—as far north, in-deed, as that desperate haunt known as Grant's tomb But to return to the more serious

side of the affair. Kennedy and Elaine had scarcely

e out of the house and descended the steps, one afternoon, when a sinis-ter face appeared in a basement area-way near by.

It was the Clutching Hand. He wore a telephone inspector's hat and coat and carried a bag slung by a strap over his shoulder. For once he had left off his mask, but, in place of it his face was covered by a scraggy black beard. The disguise was effect tive

He saw Kennedy and Miss Dodge and slunk unobtrusively against a railing, with his head turned away. Laughing and chatting, they passed. Then he turned in the other direction and, going up the steps of the

Dodge house, rang the bell. "Telephone inspector," he said in a loud tone as Michael, in Jennings' place for the afternoon, opened the

He accompanied the words with the sign, and Michael admitted him. As it happened, Aunt Josephine was

She was upstairs in Elaine's room. ng flowers in a vase on the dressing table of her idolized niece. Meanwhile, Rusty, the collie, lay, half blink

ing, on the floor. "Who is this?" she asked, as Michael led the bogus telephone inspector into the room. "A man from the telephone com-

Aunt Josephine, unsophisticated, al. She awakened with a start and put her hand to her head. She felt fll. lowed them to enter without a further

Quickly, like a good workman. Clutching Hand went to the telephone instrument and by dint of keeping his finger on the hook and his back to Josephine succeeded in conveying the illusion that he was examining

No sooner was the door shut than the Clutching Hand hastily opened his bag and from it drew a small powderspraying outfit, such as I have seen used for spraying bug powder. He then took out a sort of muzzle with an elastic band on it and slipped it over his head so that the muzzle pro-tected his nose and mouth.

He seemed to work a sort of pumping attachment and from the nozzle of the spraying instrument blew out a cloud of powder which he directed at Meanwhile, Michael, in the hallway,

on guard to see that no one bothered the Clutching Hand at his work, was master was doing He opened the door a little bit and gazed stealthily through the crack into the room. Clutching Hard was now spraying the rug close to the dressing table of Elaine and was standing near the mirror. He stooped down to examine the rug. Then, as he raised his head, he ppened to look into the mirror. In it he could see the full reflection of Michael behind him, gazing into the

Hayward had arrived finished taking the patie and temperature as our Doctor Hayward and had just finished taking the patient's pulse and temperature as our cab pulled up. Maine was quite ill indeed. "Oh! I'm so glad to see you," she breathed with an air of relief as Ken-

breathed with an air of relief as Ken-nedy advanced. "Why-what is the matter?" asked Craig anxiously. Doctor Hayward shook his head dubiously, but Kennedy did not notice him, for, as he approached Elaine, she drew from the covers where she had concealed it a letter and handed it to

Graig took it and read: "You are sick this morning. To-morrow you will be worse. The next day you will die unless you discharge Craig Kennedy.". At the signature of the Chutching Hand he frowned then noticing Docgovernable, almost insame fury seemed to possess the man as he stood over the prostrate footman,

"Get up!" he ordered. Michael obeyed, thoroughly cowed. "Take me to the cellar, now," he Hand he frowned, then, noticing Doctor Hayward, turned to him and re-peated his question, "What is the mat-ter?"

Michael led the way from the room without a protest, the master criminal following him closely. Down into the cellar, by a back way, they went, Clutching Hand still wearing his muzzle and Michael say-the not a word · Doctor Hayward continued shaking his head. "I cannot diagnose her symptoms," he shrugged. There seemed to be a faint odor, al-

most as if of garlic, in the room. It was unmistakable and Craig looked about him curiously, but said nothing

Suddenly Clutching Hand turned on him and seized him by the collar. "Now, go upstairs, you," he mut-tered, shaking bim until his teeth fairly chattered, "and if you watch me As he sniffed, he moved impatiently and his foot touched Rusty, under the bed. Rusty whined and moved back lazily. Craig bent over and looked at him. 'What's the matter with Rusty?" he

He thrust Michael away, and the footman, overcome by fear, hurried upstairs. Still trembling and fearful, ked. "Is he sick, too?" "Why, yes," answered Elaine, folasked. lowing Craig with her deep eyes. Michael paused in the hallway. He put his hand on his face where Craig reached down and gently pulled the collie out into the room. the Clutching Hand had struck him.

Then he waited, muttering to himself. As he thought it over, anger took the Rusty crouched down close His nose was hot and dry and floor. place of fear. He slowly turned in the direction of the cellar. Meanwhile, Clutching Hand was feverish. He was plainly ill. "How long has Rusty been in the room?" asked Craig. "All night," answered Elaine. "I wouldn't think of being without him standing by the electric meter. He examined it carefully, feeling where the wires entered and left it, and

now starting to trace them out. At last he came to a point where it seemed Craig asked finally. Elaine hesitated. "Surely," she said

suitable to make a connection for some purpose he had in mind. Quickly he took some wire from his bag and connected it with the electric light wires. Next, he led these wires, concealed, of course, along the cellar

We stayed only a few minutes, longer, for Kennedy seemed to realize the necessity of doing something im-mediately, and even Doctor Hayward was fighting in the dark. floor, in the direction of the furnace The furnace was one of the old hot air heaters and he paused before it as though seeking something. Then he bent down beside it and uncovered

He thrust his hand gingerly into it, bringing it out quickly. The tank was tube, very carefully. Morrise "Here, Walter," he said, pointing to the little incision he had made, "will Next from his capacious bag he pok fwo metal poles, or electrodes, and fastened them carefully to the

ends of the wires, placing them at opposite ends of the tank in the water. For several moments he watched

water inside the tank seemed the same as before, only on each electrode there appeared bubbles, on one ubbles of oxygen, on the other of

swered, still engaged in verifying his tests. "This is the Marsh test for arsenic." Another moment he surveyed his work to see that he had left no loose "Arsenic!" I repeated, in horror.

I had scarcely recovered from the surprise of Kennedy's startling reve-lation when the telephone rang again. Then he quietly let himself The next morning Rusty, who had been Elaine's constant companion since the trouble had begun, awakened Kennedy seized the receiver, thinking evidently that the message might be his mistress by licking her hand as it hung limply over the side of her from or about Elaine. But from the look on his face and

from his manner, I could gather that, although it was not from Elaine herself, it was about something that in-"Poor old fellow," she murmured, terested him greatly. "Good!" I heard him say finally. "I

Rusty moved away again, wagging shall keep the appointment-absohis tail listlessly. The collie, too, felt lutely. "What was it ?" I asked, eagerly

"Why, Miss Elaine-what ees ze "It was Elaine's footman, Michael," mattair? You are so pale!" exclaimed the maid, Marie, as she entered the pected, he says that he is a confederroom a moment later with the mornate of the Clutching Hand, and if we g's mail on a salver. "I don't feel well, Marie," she rewill protect him he will tell us the trouble with Elaine."

plied, trying with her slender white hand to brush the cobwebs from her considere 1 a moment. "How's that?" I queried. "I-I wish you'd tell Aunt Jo "Well," added Craig. "you see. Misephine to telephone Doctor Hay-

chael has become infuriated by the treatment he received from the Clutch-"Yes, mademoiselle," answered ing Hand. I believe he cuffed him in

one by one off the salver. Finally she selected one and slowtray him." did not like the looks of the

Kennedy had evidently considered

my objection already.

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"Tes, forty-nine," he repeated. The proprietor called a stout negro porter, waiter and bell-hop all com-bined in one, who led us upstairs. "Forty-nine, sah," he pointed out, as Kennedy dropped a dime into his

negro left us, and as Craig started to enter, I objected. "But Craig, it was fifty-nine, not forty-nine "But, This is the wrong room.

"I know it," he replied. "I had it wTitten in the book. But I want forty-nine—now. Just follow me, Walter." Nervously 1 followed him into the

'Don't 'you understand?" he went OD. om forty-nine is probably just "Ro the same as fifty-nine, except perhaps the pictures and furniture, only it is on the floor below."

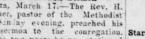
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mediately, and even Doctor Hayward was fighting in the dark. Back in the laboratory, Kennedy set to work immediately, brushing every-thing else aside. He becan by draw-ing off a little of Rusty's blood in a tube, very carefully.



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heavyweight championship, reached Havana yesterday. Accompanied by Yom Jones, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Jack Cur-ley, Walter Monihan, Jack Hemple, Jim Savage and Tex O'Rourke, Willard came in on the steamer Governor Cobb from Key West. A great erowd was on the pier to wel-come the challenger and accorded him an ovation when he appeared on the deck as the vessel warped into her dock. A committee of newspaper men and prominent members of the sporting fraternity of the city formally wel-comed Willard. The big fighter looks the picture of health and predicted that he surely would win the battle. Betting, however, is 2 to 1 on John-son.

son. President Menocal again watched Johnson train yesterday and declared that he would take no action to pre-vent the fight, despite predictions to

the contrary. Great enthusiasm over the fight has been aroused and from applications for tickets from all over the island it is assured that an enormous crowd will attend.

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# POINT BAY FIVE COMING

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the little incision he had made, "will you take care of him?" Quickly Craig made one test after another. As he did so I sniffed. There was an unmistakable odor of garlie in the air which made me think of what I had already noticed in Elaine's room. "Arsenturetted hydrogen." he an-Different Suits Father-I see in this expense account Fourteen suits, \$1,000." You didn't

pay that much for fourteen suits of clothes. Son-No; two of 'em were damage suits.-Exchange.

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the face yesterday. Anyway, he says Languidly Elaine took the letters he has determined to get even and be-

If all not like the locks of the ly tore it open. It had no superscrip-tion, but it at once arrested her at-tention and transfixed her with ter-It all not like the locks of the thing, and said so. "Craig," I objected vehemently, "don't go to meet him. It is a trap."

"The scoundrel!" muttered Clutching Hand, with repressed fury at the scovery.

He rose quickly and shut off the instrument, stuffing it into he bag. He took a step or two toward the door. Michael drew back, fear fully, pretending now to be on guard. Clutching Hand opened the door and, still wearing the muzzle, beck oned to Michael. Michael could scarcely control his fears. But he obeyed, entering Elaine's room after the Clutching Hand, who locked the

"Were you watching me?" demanded the master criminal, with rage. Michael, trembling all over, shool is head. For a moment Clutching Hand looked him over disdainfully at the clumsy lie

Then he brutally struck Michael in the face, knocking him down.' An un-

morrow you will be worse. The next ly, "but Elaine is dying and we've got to see this thing through." Craig Kennedy.'

It was signed with the mystic tradeof the fearsome Clutching Hand

sick this morning

Elaine drew back into the pillows. horror stricken.

Quickly she called to Marie. "Go -get Aunt Josephine-right away!" And Marie almost flew down the hall. Elaine seized the telephone and

called Kennedy's number. Kennedy, in his stained laboratory

apron, was at work before his table while I was watching him with interwhen the telephone rang.

Without a word he answered the call, and I could see a look of per-turbation cross his face. I knew it was from Elaine, but could tell noth ing about the nature of the message. An instant later he almost tore off the apron and threw on his hat and coat. I followed him as he dashed

out of the laboratory. "This is terrible-terrible," he muttered, as he hurried across the campus of the university to a taxicab stand. A few minutes later, when we arrived at the Dodge mansion, we found Aunt Josephine and Marie doing all they could under the circumstances.

As he spoke, he took an automatic

from a drawer of a cabinet and thrust it into his pocket. Then he went to another drawer and took out several sections of thin tubing, which seemed to be made to fasten together as a fishing pole is fastened, but were now separate, as if ready for traveling. Then he went out. I followed, still arguing. "If you go, I go," I capitulated.

"That's all there is to it." Following the directions that Mi-chael had given over the telephone, Craig led me into one of the toughest parts of the lower West side.

"Here's the place," he announced, stopping across the street from a dingy Raines law hotel.

"Pretty tough," I objected. "Are you

"Quite," replied Kennedy, consulting his notebo is notebook again. Reluctantly I followed and we en-

tered the place.

"I want a room," asked Craig as we were accosted by the proprietor, comfortably clad in a loud checked suit and striped shirt sleeves. "I had one here once before-forty-nine, I think."

"Fifty-" I began to correct. Kennedy trod hard on my toes.





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