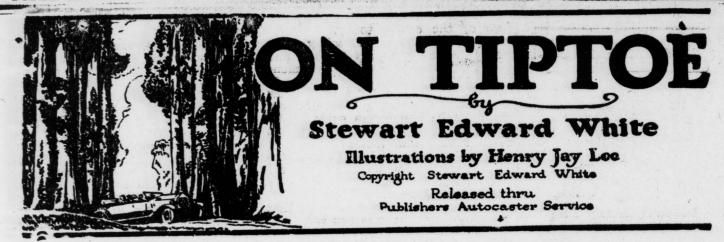
grazed, he added his six mules. Now



WHO'S WHO IN THE STORY GRIMSTEAD, a capitalist, stran-ded by the breaking down of his

BURTON GRIMSTEAD, nis charming, spoiled daughter, is with hua. She is not overly pleased when she rinds that her father had insisted on her coming in order that she may be

thrown in with ROSS GARDINER, her father's second-in-command, a capable young man whom, however, she does not like.

SIMMINS, their English butlerchauffeur, is sent after he.p and returns with

LAWRENCE DAVENPORT, a young fellow in a ludicrous nomebuilt car with a battery that is shown to be a marvellous invention, producing, by some mysterious agency, from the air, the electricity by which the car runs. His winning a which the car runs. His winning a \$10,000 bet from Gardiner by cor-rectly predicting a rain storm, and the revelation (to her aione) that he is "the" Lawrence Davenport, a for a wathy into the storm of the storm famous writer, make him vastly interesting to Miss Burton Grimstead. Impressed by the commercial possibilities of the battery, Grimstead has Gardiner draw up a contract for its exploitation, which Davenport formally agrees to sign after it is stipulated that it will not be pushed so fast as greatly to disturb capital and labor. Davenport tells Burton that every one possessed the same power he possessed and she tries to power he possessed and she tries to door. They'll see the point, don't learn the secret. worry; and those of them who don't

nant rainbow, which, by an unex- terms. We can buy their stocks and pected dash, trailed the dropper ily bonds for a song.' across a part of the snag, where it "And resell at the market," became firmly embedded. After caught up Gardiner, "but that means that Mr. Rainbow proceeded to pull secrecy as to this battery." himself loose and depart.

clear. The pool, and it was a prom- attention-" ising one, was of course completely ruined.

ent to spring any surprises," advised it doesn't say anything about mar-Burton. "Keep quiet." keing.' Gardiner now appeared, making

his way down stream.

canons that young fool Davenport mere tumors of another perpetual camp could the ultimatic told us about, and it took me some motion machine? That part's your the project be as ured. time to find " aut and to get back," job." he said to Grimstead in emplaianing his delay in joining him.

tion of taking care of me." "I told you that; and that I am

going to use you.'

But the giris eyes were blazing. "I don't like this," she whispered back. "It's your business they're

discussing-and mine!' forward again, eavesdropping with her might.

"If I can get one good working model I don't care whether anoth-er of the things is made for 10 tening you. It's too bad you don't "Which is?" model I don't care whether anoth-er of the things is made for 10 years, let alone five," stated Grim-stead. "My Lord, man! Think of the shake down! This is going to put every hydro-electric company every public utility outfit out of the shake of all the n't matter a damn whether you do business! Not to speak of all the n't matter a damn whether you do had there for every dollar out of it," Grimstead pointed out, "and it

will go to the poor-house. They'll The pool yielded a rise that im- be crying to get aboard; and you mediately developed into an indig- and I will sit there and decide the

"That's one place where you come

Grimstead had to wade out to the in. 1ou ought to be able to handle snag, roll up his sleeves, and plunge the publicity." his arm in nearly to the shoulder "I can if there aren't too many fight to do so. I don't believe you And then Simmins was dismissed

"I'll see to that. There won't be

"This is not a propitious mom- ufacture must start in six months:

"There are bound to be leaks."

sat on the log. "Now what's the trouble?" de-

manued Grimstend.

sonal power without a thought to come known who you are. He thinks the westare of other people. The thing is likely to prove a curse rath-er than a benefit. I think you are port. "All right; I drop the disguise thing is likely to prove a curse rath-Davenport's heart leaped at the interingent enough to understand my st worus, but she was leaning point without going into it further." orward again, eavesdropping with "I understand your point alright. All fight, I diop the digglia "I understand your point alright." last words, but she was leaning | point without going into it further." Ana 1 understand your sort too well

the mere sale of those things! Why, you don't sign it, a court decree you and I will have the world by the will put it into effect anyhow."

to touch it. It, as well as you, would be lost to the world."

Grimstead paused a moment to allow this to sink in. Then he went on in a more reassuring tone. | er!"

his arm in nearly to the shoulder "I can if there aren't too many fight to do so. I don't believe you before once more his leader swung of the confounded things attracting quite appreciate what it means to have nearly the whole business world taken up at the point of interrup-solidly against you, nor what a tre-tion. They would not interest us. solidly against you, nor what a treany of them! The contract says man- mendous power they wield to crush you. It is a case of fight back har-der than they fight, and to get the jump on them first.'

He went on developing his point, "A thousand of them. But who showing that only by this early and "I got into one of those starfish would pay any attention to the unexpected raid into the enemy's camp could the ultimate success or

Then he went to point the mor-A short pause ensued while the al by drawing a contrasting picture two men evidently envisaged the -Davenport in jail for contempt of court for refusing to tell Grimstead

have they, except each other's word. PERMANENT PASTURES TRIO You could deny that. Would you lie nicely in a good cause, do you think?"

"I don't know; it wouldn't be necessary. I think the burden of proof would be on them. How will thusiastic over the prospects for grazing lyestock in that section. we do it?"

"Dissemble," she cried. "Make them think your opposition has blown over; that you're all ready to go ahead with father's scheme. Then father won't hang on to his bill fold too closely and—" "How do you know it's in the

bill fold?" "I saw him put it there," she ex-

plained. "Such a sudden about face on my

part may not appeal to him.' going to use you.' "I think we ought to let them "Ine trouble is that your program "I've thought of that," she said. know we are here," whispered Da-is destructive," stated Davenport succintly, "and aims merely at per-cheeks. "First of all it must be-

"Then"-she hesitated-"then we

"The announcement of our enagement," she said in a voice so low that he barely heard it.

At this most unpropitiuos moment there came around the bend Simmins, lugging two infinitesimal

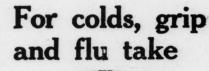
"Damn!" muttered Davenport fervently.

But at Burton's suggestion Sim-mins was let into their secrets. "The paper belongs to me, and it is vital-ly necessary I get it back," Larry concluded. "Will you help?"

"It's a sporting chance, sir," said Simmins stoutly. You have treated me like a gentleman and ere moonrise the papers shall be in our pow-

Davenport, and you don't realize that the business world is a fight from start to finish. It will be to the interests of every one affected the interests of every one affected eral. I want the one on the single to suppress that battery; in fact, it sheet. The other doesn't matter. will be a matter of lite and death | But if you should be in any doubt And then Simmins was dismissed from the scene, and matters were

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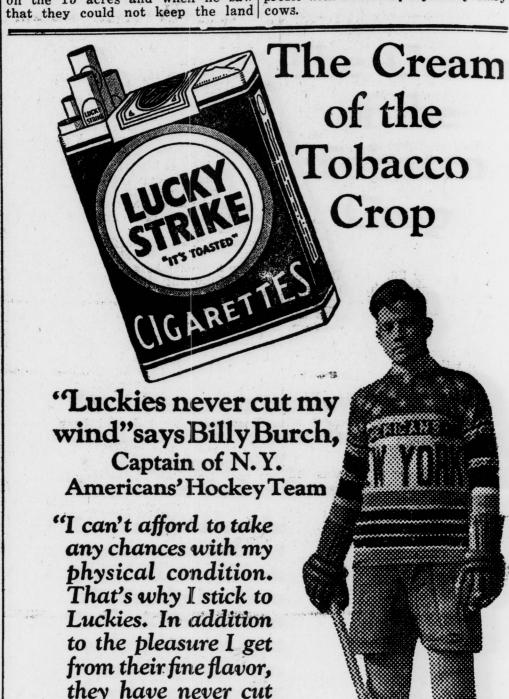


IS PAYING GOOD RETURNS he plans to plant more pasture and to increase his livestock. Mr. Taylor planted and abandon-The permanent pasture trio of

ed field, but made excellent prepacarpet grass, dallis grass and lespedeza is causing many farmers thru- ration. He broke the land deeply out eastern Carolina to become en-thusiastic over the prospects for had a good seed bed. This past win-Sam J. Kirby, pasture specialist of State college, returning from a trip of inspection to many pastures, states that there are a number of There was 10 min the ter, he added a ton of ground lime-stone and 300 pounds of acide phos-phate per acre as a top dresser to the land.

states that there are a number of excellent pastures throughout the region. Some men who thought the spring of 1927 and 14 stated that they were throwing away their money in seeding grass now say that this was one of the best farm invest-blue grass, red top and white clover ments that they have made in recent where the pasture is seeded on the years. R. R. Taylor of Como in Hert-ford county is one of these men. He told Mr. Kirby that while he there he of the pasture is seeded on the heavier soils. They find that this mixture works in well with the other

One of the fine things about the told Mr. Kirby that while he thought told Mr. Kirby that while he thought it foolish to invest his money in grass and clover seed, he is glad that he did. By the first of July, last year, his sod began to show up well. He put 75 hogs and six cows on the 15 acres and when he saw that he were planted on the so-called open up the avenue for additional profit with livestock, especially dairy



s delay in joining him. Burton now considered time right opportunity. The surprise, and she, began to "Why, Chief!" cried Gardiner at his process, discredited, broke, and bis process, discredited, broke, and the surprise with a solution with ex- above all, inefficient; Davenport for her surprise, and she, began to make moss balls to toss over on to length, his voice vibrant with ex- above all, inefficient; Davenport

"Now I've caught up, chief," far in the diner was saying "for heaven's sake globe. tell me why you gave this fellow the "Just about that. Give me five It was a pretty good plea, for a right to limit sais for five years, where and I'll be the richest man specious one. Grimstead himself You heard him talk. You'll be mak- in the world; that much is certain. was admiringly impressed by it, and

calmly.

"We'l, you asked me if I heard and take our pick of the prices. direction of the creek crossing. him talk. Yes. I heard him talk and Then when we've got the whole sit-I've heard that kind of tak all my uattion in our hands we can decide life. It always comes from a half- just how far we will go with this baked, impractical chump who is so ha tery proposition. One thing cer-

ed Gardiner.

have broken in at this point in some handle that young man.' over his lips.

"All he see is that these bottom- tions. ies of his will replace the world's power and that a lot of high fa- vently. lutin' things will happen for the

"What do we care for what he Burton was aflame with indignathinks as long as we can sell the tion, and was bursting out with batteries?" queried Gardiner. "It's comments suitable to the occasion; going to take quite some few bat- but Davenport silenced her with a teries of any size you name to re- gesture. place the world's power, and that

is the eventual market, if the thing think.' works,' "We're assuming that it works," growled the older man, "otherwise at length. there's nothing doing." "It is a

"You're nearly as bad as he is, Ross," observed Grimstead, a note his ideas are all destructive! He voice. "I'll give you a demonstra- build up his owen personal power tion that will impress it on you." irom the debris.

'Shoot!" observed Gardiner. "You asked me last night how the releasing of pressure-" many shares in this thing you get. Well, you don't get any." CHAPTER XVI

Treachery

A blank silence of some seconds ensued. "I don't believe I understand,"

Gardiner said in a rather strangled

"Me and this young man will hold "Come and all the stock," emphasized Grim- he shouted. stead.

"Then where do I come in?" demanded Gardiner with a note of rising indignation. Grimstead chuckled.

"You wouldn't come in one cent worth if we should do as vou seemed to think we would-begin to manufacture and market these pro- I miscuously!"

Gardiner apparently regained his

but I've been on the job long en- cuse to go off half-cock." ough to know you have some no-

"Just about that. Give me five, It was a pretty good plea, for a

in his breakfast napkin. You got led. to handle that kind, and handle 'em 'This mon Davenport, isn't he right, or you'll never got an inch." likely to upset the apple cart?" in-"That's true enough," comment- quited Gardiner.

"That's part of my job," answer-It is probable that Daverport may ed Grimstead. "I'll guarantee to . There spectacular fashion had not Burton were sounds of rising. "So you betheld his arm and placed her finger ter string with me, Ross, and take orders, and not ask too many ques-

"I intend to" cried Gardiner fer-

They moved off down stream, benefit of the human race and all and were almost immediately lost to that visionary rot that's never sight around the lower bend. worked out yet and never will." CHAPTER XVII

"Please," he begged, "let me hands.

He was very grave. we can "This is rather terrible," he said to do?"

"Then why limit the sale to what is treacherous! That they should this nut thinks proper?" treat you so."

"Me?" Oh, I don't matter. But of destruction." even occurred to me! I saw only

"You aren't going to lie down she pointed out. and let them do this!" "Well, I'll do

"No; that must not be."

"I don't know. He arose without further words, signed settle it all?"

them jovially.

heard your conversation with Mr. again she stopped him. Gardiner at the bend of the stream.

"Well?" he challenged. z to look after you! What "I cannot be party to the program think you are going to do?" heard outlined."

"Sit down," he invited. "Have when I tell them to!" a cigar. There's plenty of time to "Yes, but they can swear that it

Davenport declined the cigar, but

them. The next words, however, ar-rested her. "Now I've caught up, chief," Car in the power! You will rule the cd of repairing damage inevitable to the readjustment.

ing batteries for rewboats only if But what is more, I ll have the old reconvinced of his course. Daven-you don't watch out." "Suits me!" returned Grimslead orders. There'll be the biggest ed. He arose from his log, remarked smash in history, and you and I, curtly that the situation was per-"I don't believe I get your idea." Ross, my boy, will push the button fectly clear, and strode away in the

> CHAPTER XVIII "The Papers"

Burton overtook Larry at the stream's edge. She saw at once that full of impossible ideals that he nev- tain. We will be in a position to do he was furiously angry, so angry er gets anywhere, and who couldn't just as much or just as little with that he could not permit himself to see the main point if you wrapped it it as we choose." Grimstead chuck- utter a word. She took his hand. He seized her hungrily, and they

clung together for several moments while the calming, soothing influences swept through them. At length he released her with an explosive

sigh. They had not kissed. Well, that is over!' he said. "Burton, oh, blessed one, if it had not been for you I should have killed them both as they sat there. But I just kept on thinking that he was your father-"

"I know," she soothed him. feel with you in every bit of it, whether he is my father or not. But let's not talk about it or we shall just be crazy angry again, and that will do us no good.

He took her by the shoulders. "Where do you get your wisdom, Burton?" he asked her, and smiled. At the smile she clapped her

"That's better," she said. "Now we can talk about it. What are we

"There's one think I'm not going "It is atrocious!" she cried. "It to do," he stated with conviction, "no matter what the price to pay; I'm not going to permit this scheme

of good humor creeping into his sees a chance to tear down and to asked. "Let's be practical." voice. "I'll give you a demonstra- build up his owen personal power "For one thing, I can refuse to

"And lose all you own and go to jail besides, as father told you,'

"Well, I'll do that if necessary." "Listen, Larry, dear" she said. "What are you going to do then?" "You're not using your head. Would not destroying that agreement you

your little finger than I have in my He turned as if to put this new before the chief. "Mr. Grimstead," said he, "I over- idea into immediate execution; but

ardiner at the bend of the stream. Grimstead's face flushed darkly. "Well?" he challenged. z to look after you! What do you

Grimstead considered a moment. worry about their not handing over

equanimity. "Well, chief. I don't get you yet; talk this thing out, so there's no ex-"Well, chief. I don't get you yet; "Well, what would you do then?"



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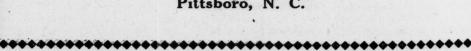
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"How can it be stopped?" she

That had not give them my formula."

and the two took their way back to "Burton, you blessed damsel," the camp. Grimstead roared at he cried, "you have more sense in em jovially. "Come and look at the rainbow," whole body! Of course that's the shouted. Davenport stood gravely unsmiling stuff. Why, here's even the papers."

"Get the agreement. Don't you

"I'd steal it. Then what proof

