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CHAPLES FORTY-FOUR Midge said with a slight effort: "It will be lovely to be at Ainsvick again for Christmas." Edward did not seem to hear her. He had gone far away.

She thought, He is thinking of Henrietta and of John Christow. Sitting here he had said something to Henrietta or she had said something to him. . . Henrietta might know what she didn't want, he belonged to Henrietta still. He always would, Midge thought, belong to Henrietta.

Pain swoped down upon her. dead leaves slipping ge.
The happy bubble world in which branches of the trees. she had lived for the last week quivered and broke.

She thought, I can't live like

only brown. She said, "Edward!"

The urgency of her voice arous-He turned his head.



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"I'm sorry, Edward." Her lips derstand what I mean, don't were trembling but she forced her you?" voice to be quiet and self-controlled. "I've got to tell you. It's no use. I can't marry you. It wouldn't work, Edward."

He said, "But, Midge—surely long white hand on his sleeve. Ainswick-'

She interrupted:

must see that."

dead leaves slipping gently off the won't let it drop."

"I see what you mean," he said. "Yes, I suppose you are right." "It was dear of you to ask me, that-with Henrietta always there dear and sweet. But it wouldn't in his mind. I can't face it. I can't do, Edward. It wouldn't work."

She had had a faint hope, per-The wind sighed through the haps, that he would argue with trees—the leaves were falling fast her, that he would try to perself very well. I'm trying to find wouldn't work.'

She supped the ring off her finger and held it out to him. and Edward would always love the truth-if you were to be told Henrietta and life was just plain unadulterated hell

madulterated hell. that might satisfy you? Would it she said, with a little catch in satisfy you, M. Poirot?" her voice:

"It's a lovely ring, Edward."
"I wish you'd keep it, Midge.
I'd like you to have it." She shook her head.

"I couldn do that." He said, with a faint humorous twist of the lips:

"I shan't give it to anyone else, you kn .w.'

It was all quite friendly. He didn't know-he would never know -just what she was feeling. . Heaven on a plate—and the plate had slipped between her fingers cule Poirot to say: or had, perhaps, never been there.

That afternoon, Poirot received his third visitor.

He had been visited by Henrietta Savernake and by Veronica tell asked him to do so. Cray. This time it was Lady Angkatell. She came floating up the path with her usual appearance of eyebrows. insubstantiality.

He opened the door and she

stood smiling at him.
"I have come to see you," she

announced. So might a fairy confer a favor on a mere mortal.

"I am enchanted, Madame." He led the way into the sitting room. She sat down on the sofa and once more she smiled.

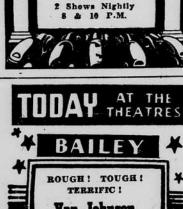
Hercule Poirot thought: "She is old-her hair is gray-there are lines in her face. Yet she has magic — she will always have

Lady Angkatell said softly: "I want you to do something for

"Yes, Madame." "To begin with, I must talk to in the morning. It was odd.

"About Dr. Chris.ow?" "Yes. It seems to me that the only thing to do is to put a full

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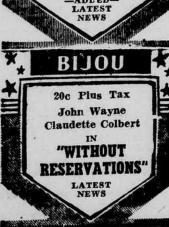


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stop to the whole thing. You un-

"I am not sure that I do know what you mean, Lady Angkatell." She gave him her lovely dazzling smile again and she put one

"Dear M. Poirot, you know perfectly. The police will have to from \$1 to \$9 per hundred with "I can't marry you just for hunt about for the owner of those most down \$3 to \$5. Ainswick, Edward. You - you fingerprints and they won't find him and in the end they'll have groups. A large number of grades He signed then, a long, gentle to let the whole thing drop. But averaged the lowest of the season. sigh. It was like an echo of he I'm afraid, you know, that you These losses also forced some

"No, I shall not let it drop,' said Hercule Poirot.

"That is just what I thought. . And that is why I came. It's the truth you want, isn't it?" "Certainly I want the truth."

now-there were hardly any gold suade her-but he seemed, quite out just why you won't let things simply, to feel just as she did drop. It isn't because of your about it. Here, with the ghost of prestige-or because you want to Henrietta close beside him, he, hang a murderer (such an unapparently, saw that it pleasant kind of death, I've always thought-so medieval.) It's just, I think, that you want to know. You do see what I mean, She would always love Edward don't you? If you were to know the truth, I think-I think perhaps

> "You are offering to tell me the truth, Lady Angkatell?" She nodded:

"You yourself know the truth,

Her eyes opened very wide. yes, I've known for a long time. I'd like to tell you. And then we could agree that-well, that it was all over and done with.'

She smiled at him. "Is it a bargain, M. Poirot?" It was quite an effort for Her-

"No, Madame, it is not a bar- The smell of gas was much He wanted - he wanted, very

badly, to let the whole thing drop and into the kitchen. Edward was lying on the floor with his head . simply because Lucy Angka-Lady Angkatell sat very still for a moment. Then sne raised her

"I wonder," she said. . . "I wonder if you really know what a glass cloth around her arm, she you are doing?"

Midge, lying dry eyed and tugged and pulled Edward out of awake in the darkness, turned the gas oven and switched off the restlessly on her pillows. She heard a door unlatch, footstep in the corridor outside passing her door.

It was Edward's door and Edward's step.
She switched on the lamp by

her bed and looked at the clock that stood by the lamp on the ta-It was ten minutes to three.

Edward passing her door and going down the stairs at this hour They had all gone to bed early, at half past ten. She herself had not slept, had lain their with burning eyelids and with a dry aching misery racking her fever-

She had heard the clock strike downstairs-had heard owls hoot outside her bedroom window. Had felt that depression that reaches its nadir at 2 a.m. Had thought to herself, "I can't bear it - I cant bear it. Tomorrow coming-another day . . . Day after day to be got through."

Banished by her own act from Ainswick-from all the loveliness and dearness of Ainswick which might have been her very own

But better banishment, better loneliness, better a drab and uninteresting life, than life with Ed-ward and Henrietta's ghost. Until that day in the wood she had not known her own capacity for bitter iealousy.

And after all, Edward had never told her that he loved her. Affection, kindliness, he had never pretended to more than that. She had accepted the limitation, and not until she had realized what it would mean to live at close quarters with an Edward whose mind and heart had Henrietta as a permanent guest, did she know that for her Edward's affection

was not enough.

Edward walking past her door, down the front stairs. It was odd-very odd - where was he going?

Uneasiness grew upon her. It was all part and parcel of the uneasiness that The Hollow gave her nowadays. What was Edward dong downstairs in the small hours of the morning? Had he gone out? Inactivity at last became too much for her. She got up, slipped on her dressing gown and taking a flashlight, she opened her door and came out into the passage. It was quite dark, no lights had been switched on. Midge turned to the left and came to the head of the staircase. Below all was dark, too. She ran down the stairs and after a moment's hesitation switched on the light in the hall. Everything was silent. The front door was closed and locked. She

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860,476; season average: \$42.50.

tried the side door, but that, too,

Edward, then had not gone out

And suddenly she raised her

A whiff-a very faint whiff of

The baize door to the kitcher

quarters was just ajar. She went

through it-a faint light was shin-

ing from the open kitchen door

Midge ran along the passage

Midge was a quick, practical

girl. Her first act was to swing

open the shutters. She could not

unlatch the window and, winding

breath, she stooped down and

from the Tuesday levels.

corporation support level.

pounds, averaging \$42.50.

for the season were:

was locked.

stronger.

turned on full.

Where could he be?

head and sniffed.

Georgia-Weight:

Wilmington's police department All Groups Of Tobacco vill have nine officers in new positions beginning Friday.

Lieut. Coy Etheridge will be captain of the uniform, traffic and records. Lieut. L. A. Teague will be captain of the detective bureau. Private J. F. Moore will be lieu-All grades sold today on the Geortenant of the traffic bureau. Prigia-Florida flue - cured tebacco vate Earl A. Saunders will be markets broke sharply in price lieutenant in charge of records. Lieut. T. B. Hughes was placed in charge of the uniform bureau. reported the decreases ranged

Private H. E. Williamson will be sergeant in the records bureau. Desk sergeants will be Privates J. E. Griffith and R. H. Williams. Private J. L. Long, Jr., will be sergeant in the traffic department. The city council yesterday approvgrade below commodity credit ed the changes.

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That was decided yesterday by the city council. The council voted to use only 80 feet of the 100-foot states for Tuesday, August 12, and right-of-way allowed. The city engineering department previously had halted work on widening the thoroughfare to allow removal 101,115,279; season average: \$42.53. of tanks and other obstacles on Tuesday average: \$36.12; Weight: the side of the street.

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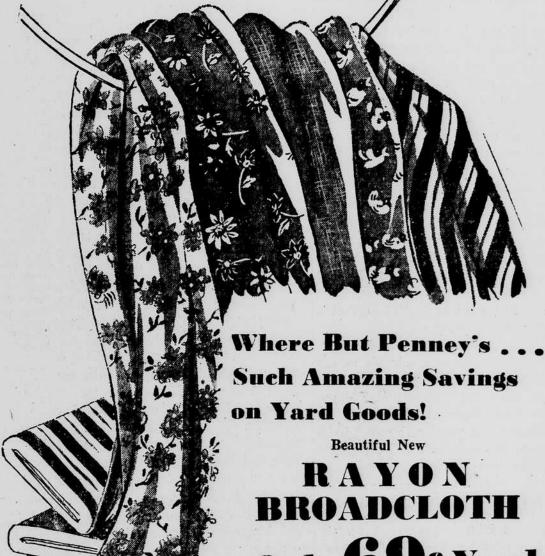
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