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"Oh," said Hezekiah, "that would be an embarrasament to me all the rest of may life. Listen carefully. Take Wiggr in by the back way and give him a picture book to look at Leave Cecilis alone on the terrace, when yegre all ready and see what happens, If Dick's ode something, and he must feel the committee of my general principles."

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The Siege of The Seven Suitors

MEREDITH NICHOLSON

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Aunt Octavia shows Ames the pie pan-try, Cecilia fears Hezekiah loves Wig-gins. Her sine suitors call.

Cecilia rejects Professor Hume and makes a record in her silver book. The butler tells Ames a British officer's sheet haunts the house.

Ames finds Cecilia and her father, Bess-ford Hollister, fencing on the roof. Hol-lister is there unknown to Aunt Octavia.

Ames assures Cecilia that Herekiah in the love with Wigsins. Ames makes another affort to server, by sheet.

Ames searns that Hopefield Manor secretly incloses an old Revolutionary house. Apparently the ghost is Lord Arrowood, a rejected suitor.

Pep has told me since that he thought me quite mad that afternoon. I hade Cecilia patrol the long terrace slowly. She turned up the collar of the covert coat and obeyed, laughing a little nervously, but asking no questions. The scene could not have been more charmingly set. The great house loomed darkly behind her; beneath lay the garden, over which the dusk was stealing goldenly.

She paused suddenly as I watched

She paused suddenly as J watched from the window, and I stepped out to see what had attracted her attention. There into the garden from its farthest entrance filed the six suitors who had previously come to sit beneath the windows of their stricken lady. Having failed to visit their wrath upon the perfidious Dick they had changed their clothese and returned to Hopefield. If Hezekiah had not expressly commanded me not to become the sixth man, I should have offered myself on the spot and waited only until Cecilia had made the inevitable answer before summoning Wiggins to end the whole affair. Such, however, was not to be the order of events.

The procession, headed by Ormsby, was within a few yards of the terrace. Cecilia, apparently unconscious of their proximity, continued her promenade. In a moment she must recognize them, ask them into the house, give them tea and otherwise destroy my hope of securing her happiness before the day's end.

A chorus of yeips, and barks, as of dogs suddenly released, greeted my ear. The oncoming suitors heard it too, and the line wabbled uncertainly. Then round the house swept mastiffs, hounds, terriers—a collection of prize winners such as few kennels ever loasted—loping gayly in unwonted freedom toward unknown and forbidden pastures.

The vanguard of fox terriers leaped

freedom toward unknown and forbidden pastures.

The vanguard of fox terriers leaped down into the garden, with the rest of the pack at their heels. Happy dogs to find grown men ready for a gambol! Four of the suitors found one of the proper exits into the road; two leaped the box hedge on the other side without shaking a leaf.

I ran round the house, stumbling through the rear guard of the truant canines and passing the kennel master, who had railied the stable men

I ran round the house, stumbling through the rear guard of the trunt canines and passing the kennel master, who had rallied the stable men and was in hot pursuit.

"Somebody turned 'em out—turned 'em out!" he shouted and swept profanely by. The gate of the kennel yard stood open. A familiar figure, running low, paused and then sprinted nimbly along the paddock fence. A white sweater was distinguishable for a moment on a stone wall, then it followed a pair of enchanted beels into oblivion.

Time had been passing swiftly, and the shadows were deepening. I retraced my steps toward the terrace, hearing the cries of pursued and pursuers growing fainter. I had not yets gained a position from which I could see Cecilia, when a man appeared some distance ahead of me, walking guardedly in one of the garden plots. He came uncertainly, pausing to glance about, yet evidently led toward the terrace by a definite purpose. All may be fair in love and war, but I confess to a feeling of pity for John Stewart Dick as I watched him slowly advancing to bis fate. He was going boldly now, and I felt a sudden liking for him, nor can I beliave that he was other than a manly fellow with sound brains and a good heart.

I reasoned as I marked his approach to the terrace that he had been loiter.

made by the fugitives from her kennels had not, it seemed, penetrated to the library, and Miss Octavia bade me join the talk, which had to do, I remember, with some project for a national hall of fame that had incurred her characteristic displeasure. A hall of immortal rascals in pillories she thought far likelier to please the masses.

In fifteen silnutes I saw Cecilia crossing the hall. She stopped where I could see her quite plainly and thrust her hand into the pocket of her cont. Out fasshed the silver notebook. She made a swift notation with the pencil that now, i knew, wrote the fate of the sixth man.

I went out and spoke to her and walked beside her to the drawing room door, where Hartley Wiggins was waiting.

taining her for perhaps are minutes not more.

"You have never yet deceived me. Arnold Ames, and such is my confidence in you that if you tell me that something interesting will soon occur, have no reason to doubt you. It is worth remembering, however, that fowl is not improved by prolonged roasting."

the orchard where on that October afternoon I found her munching a red apple on the stone wall. She is the most scrupulous of housewives and only how took me to task for scattering the hearth with fragments of the notes



from which this narrative has been written. She has just been reading these last pages with meditative brown these ast pages with meantative brown eyes and not without occasionally reaching for the pen and retouching some sentence in which, she says, soot from my chimney doctoring days has clogged the link. Cecilia and Wiggins live at Hopefield across the fields. Miss Octavia insisted on this, for the reason that the sword of Hartley's great-grandfather, found in the chest under

bers.

CHAPTER XXV.

The Seventh Man.

EZEKIAH binde Wiggins exchange horses with her, and while he was readjusting the saddle girths I explained to Hezekiah the situation at Hopefield and fold her of Dick's scamper across the fields.

"Ther's no use fooling with this thing any more. I'll take Wiggy to the house and lock him up until I've been numbered six. It's safest."

"Not much it isn't. I don't inteed it that Cecilia shall have the pleasure of refusing you."

"I'd like to know why not. It's only to fill the gap."

"Oh," said Hezekiah, "that would be an embarrassment to me all the rest of my life. Listen carefully, Take Wiggy in by the back way and give him as the same and properties and sent word to the mature their fruit above ground are over the back way and give him as the said of the drawing room and wait for me.

Miss Octavia and Pepperton still lingered over these as the back way and give him as the said over the back way and give him as the said over the back way and give him as the said over the back way and give him as the said over the back way and give him as the said over the back way and give him as the said over the back way and give him as the said over the back way and give him as the was going for him, nor can I believe that he was souden liking for him, nor can I believe that he was souden liking for him, nor can I believe that he was sudden liking sends Freda, the midd, to collect the profits. And it won't do any harm to say that when she met you there that sends a price of the said she gelded at once that you would be a profit has the was to the terrace that he had been lotted as the terrace that he had been folded and fellow with sound brains and a good heart.

I reasoned as I marked his approach to the terrace that he had been folded at once that you would be a profit had sup she decided at once that you would be a profit had so the that had specified and to the terrace that he had been folded and to the them had spoken the class of the line had gone feeling in the neighborhood.

ABOU Our friend says that, while most of his neighbors believe to a greater or less extent in these meon signs, he himself does not have much faith in them, considering them as merely a matter or superstition. The writer is willing to confess that his early education may have been neglected, but he has never had a particle of faith in moon signs or long distance weather prophets. He would classify both of them as meteorological fakes. At the same time he realizes that so harsh a classification may offend the feelings of a good many sincere people. The belief in moon signs, if it can be said to bave freproofed. would classify both of them as mete-orological fakes. At the same time he realizes that so harsh a classification may offend the feelings of a good many sincere people. The belief in moon signs, if it can be said to bave any scientific basis at all, seems to be traceable to the influence or "pull" which the moon has upon the water of the earth's surface, especially as shown in the spring tides, which oc-cur when the moon is full. Again, it may be traced to the supposition that insamuch as light encourages vegeta-tion moonshine would have some ef-fect on the growth of that portion of plants that appeared above ground. tion moonshine would have some effect on the growth of that portion of plants that appeared above ground. But we are inclined to think that this is mostly moonshine. The fact is the big potato growers of the country pay no attention whatever to the moon or its phases. They plant their seed when they get their land ready and when the season is sufficiently advanced. To satisfy himself first hand on this point we would suggest that our correspondent plant some potatoes, for instance, in both the light and dark of the moon and keep track of the yield next fall. If he notes results that prove anything to him we would be glad to report his findings in these notes.

Citlize the waste planter as your.

Turn them into parks for the people. This is the advice of experts in "city beautiful" movements everywhere. Waste places serve no good purpose. They are frequently a danger and menace to the health and are always unpleasant to look upon. By transforming them into parks two good ends are attained. They no longer can be used as dimpling grounds for refuse and become instead of real service as a recreation apot for the public. The cost of this transformation is nextlished, and every community should consider the question, and the benefits that will accrine.

# **SCHOOLS SHOULD BE FIREPROOFED**

**Estimated That a School Fire** Occurs Each Day.

FACTS SHOULD BE HEEDED.

houses' In This Country Were Built to Burn and That 20,000,000 Pupils Are in Peril Daily-Public Schools

Perilous conditions prevail in school Perflous conditions prevail in school buildings of fully 400 cities of this country, according to a survey just made by a fire insurance authority. In the published list, in which practically every state in the Union is represented, it is pointed out that even in the largest and most progressive cities the public authorities have much work to do to protect school children from the dangers of fire and panic. And the dangers of fire and panic. And this notwithstanding the fact that frequent inspections have been made or are being made and improvements continually ordered by those in authority.

An analysis of conditions surroundpublished in lusurance Engineering covering the years 1911 and 1912 and two months and a half of the present year, is the basis of that journal's as-sertion that more than 250,000 schoolhouses in this country have been "built to burn."

to burn."
Every state in the Union and many Canadian provinces are included in the investigation, which comprises nearly 400 cities. The cynclusion reached is that most of the 20,000,000 school children and students in the roll of cities enumerated are in contains active the compression of the com stant peril from fire and panic because

stant peril from fire and panic because of the fact that they are boused in buildings that are fire traps.

Within the period and area covered the estimated average fire loss perschool fire is placed at \$25,000. In 1911 the value of school and college buildings destroyed by fire was approximately \$3,000,000. A considerable increase over this fourte was executed. ncrease over this figure was recorded in 1912, and the prediction is made that if something is not done to after the style of construction the fire losses in school, buildings for 1913 will be nearer the \$4,000,000 mark.

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Estimates of the prevailing frequency of fires in schools are as high as ten a week, although the incompleteness of the reports makes it impossible to place the figures exactly. It is considered safe to say, however, that a school, college or some other sort of educational building burns partially or completely each day in a school year.

Conditions typical of those which obtain generally have been disclosed by

tain generally have been disclosed by investigations of the state factory in-spector in lowa. His report showed that one-half of the school buildings in that state were totally unft for use in one way or another. And the investi-gators of the education department of the Sage foundation found the same conditions to the schools of the second richest community in the United Stone richest community in the United States The dangers are not confined by any means to the public schools. On the contrary, out of 235 free counted in a period of twenty-seven months nearly 60 per cent were in private schools and

unsafe heating apparatus, combustible construction, wooden stairways and doors swinging inward are given as the principal sources of danger to school children. The most recent menace is said to be the introduction of motion clusters in the school of the said to be the introduction of motion

elect him to every other office in the town at the same time. It was found that it could be done under the law, with the exception of two other selectmen, and the men taking these places agreed to have nothing to do with the town affairs and let the one man run the whole thing. He took hold of the matter, and at the end of two years, without increasing taxes, the town was out of debt and had a surplus in the treasury. Jean O Michaud, the man who did that thing, says that he accomplished the work by "supervising expenditures." That is the one thing needful in all city, county and state government. There is no such supervision anywhere now, and because there is not taxes are high.—Omaha World-Herald.

Grain Fer Horses.

In feeding corn to a horse it had better form the noon ment, and it should be fed in the ear form. Let the night and morning ments consist of five parts of whole oats and one part of wheat bran dampened with water. A 1,200 pound horse should not have more than twelve to fourteen pounds of grain a day when working hard and may take less when idle Feed a light amount of hay, giving the greater part of it at night, and but one or two pounds of it at noon. Always give the drinking water before feeding.

died next day. His death was the second as the result of the wreck and a third occurred later when engineer Blaylock, a brother of George, died from his injuries.

At a negro church in Rutherford county, near Forest Citys, Sunday a week, the preacher, named Helton, fell dead just as he of the congregation reported that the preacher's last words were, "Lord I'm coming and coming now."

THE JUNE COLD WAVE. receing Temperature at Many Points and Damages to Crops.

summer frost to nip the fruit crops in Vermont, central New York, New England, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Ohio are among the reports to indicate the coldest June in half a cen-

Right in the streets of Montreal, not among the hills and moun-tains, mind you, snow came down; small boys who expected to be in swimming by this time, turned instead to the unique sport of a summer snow fight. Cold winds tamped the mercury in Montreal thermometers down to 35 de-Serious damage is reported to

the fruit and vegetable growers of Michigan and other States, and Columbus, Ohio, returns show a temperature only two degrees higher than the weather up Mon-treal way. Albany, N. Y., with a temperature of 40, can only re-member parallels in June, 18/5 and 1878. Binghampton announces damages of tens of thousands of fatoes and tomatoes among

tv. Some farmers have lost their entire crops for the season. From Gloversville comes word that a coating of ice has formed on the edges of many Adirondack lakes and that the temperature sank to 30 degrees there. Rome. N. Y., reports to be coldest of all

-26 degrees-and great damage to crops. Similar conditions appercrops. tain in Elmira. day in its report: Under the influence of an area of high barometric pressure of great magnitude which covers practically the entire country east of the Rocky Mountains, un-

seasonably cold weather is general throughout the Middle West Temperatures below the freez ing point reported to the weather bureau from central Pennsylvania and points in New Jersey. Frosti were general throughout the mountains of Virginia and Mary-

## Items of News.

Swat the fly before he is bornn the manure pile. Former President Taft was

visitor in Washington Saturday and lunched with President and Mrs. Wilson, President Wilson has accepted the resignation of Walter C. Noyes, one of the judges of the second judicial circuit, compris-ing the states of Vermont, Connecticut and New York. Judge

Noyes was appointed in December, 1907,. He resides at New London Demands of Senator Lane of Washington that the Indian affairs committee of the Senate get complete statements as to how all fere acting on the \$10,000,000 Indian appropration bill now pending ha opened up an Indian fight that probably will re carried on to the

floor of the Senate The ice box is often a source. or root crops will do better it planted in the dark of the moon and if those which mature their fruit above ground are planted in the light of the moon. Our friend says that, while most of his of the specifications for school buildtrouble in hot weather. It cannot in good condition and sweet. Bad Ice at a guilty desire; odors are disgusting, and they are an indication that something is

wrong. Presbyterian minister, has re-signed the pastorate of Grace church. Richmond, to engage in the laymen's missionary move-ment. Dr. Lilly was formerly pastor at Winston, N. C., and resigned his charge to engage in this work, which he subsequently gave up to accept the Richmond The postoffice at Kernersville

Forsyth county was entered Satur-

day night, the safe blown open imps and \$50 in cash. The robbery was discovered at 6.30 Sunday morning. Enraged at her neighbor, Mrs Goldsmith, Helen Miller, who occupied apartments in the same building with Mrs. Goldsmith in slashed Mrs. Gold- Drug Co.

smith's throat with a razor, in-flicting a wound that was near fatal. The Miller woman was sent to jail. Geo. Blaylock, who was injured in the wreck of the train on the Raleigh, Charlotte and Southern railroad last week, when the bridge over Deep river collapsed, and the train fell into the river, died next day. His death was the second as the result of the wreck

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"This poem, the last of the few verses written by O. Henry and the last thing he wrote before his death, was scrawled on the back of a few old envelopes during a visit to a friend in Greenwich village. As far as is known, the poem was indicted to nobody in particular, nor did the author give it to any one. It was found in his room. Three days later the illness that terminated his career compelled him to take to his bed. He died shortly after this, and the verses became the property of Richardson Little Wright, the Siberian traveller and author, who newspaper between Washington, D. gave them to the American."— C. and Atlanta, Ga. It gives all the New York American.

Hard ye may be in the tumult Red to your battle hilts; Blow give blow in the foray Cunningly ride in the tilts: But tender, unbeguiled-Test of the man, if his worth be Weekly of the State. Address all In accord with the ultimate plan, orders to That he be not to his marring, Always and utterly man;

That he may bring out of the tu-Fitter and undefiled. It cannot To woman the heart of a woman Frequent To child the heart of a child. Good to be oak in the foray

> But, when the battle is over, Give to a woman a woman's Heart and a child's to a child. Since the 27th day of June, in the year 1857, says a correspond-ent of the Asheville Citizen, when Prof. Elisha Mitchell lost his life sent to exploring the then almost unbroken region of what is now known and written in story as Mt. Mitch-ell, this great mountain peak which stands 6,711 feet above sea level, has become famous for its height and picturesque surroundings. A railroad from Black neight and picturesque surroundings. A railroad from Black Mountain now runs to the foot of Mt. Mitchell. It was built by a lumber company and will be used

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