Lost-One Collar Button

By BOYCE COLLINS

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ROBERT WEBER was dressing to go out for the evening. Whether he would go to a first night at the theater or to one of the popular hotels where he could dine and dance the evening away, he hadn't decided.

"D-n!" he exclaimed suddenly when his collar button eluded him in the traditional manner just as he was carefully fastening on his collar. Robert spread the evening newspaper painstakingly on the floor and started his search for the missing button. Under the radiator be found dust, some burnt matches and nothing else. After further research he found a square opening around the base of the steam pipe where it entered the room. This half-inch space was exactly where a lost collar button might be hiding, Robert decided,

And there was something gleaming in the shallow hole. Robert fished around with a knife blade. He brought the gleaming object to the surface and carefully carried it to the bureau. "I'll be d-d!" Robert uttered out loud. But it wasn't his missing collar button that he had found.

Instead it was a diamond ring that Robert had unearthed from a dusty setting. It was a woman's ring. "Someone has been missing this, I'll bet. "Now for the collar button and I'll

be satisfied," murmured Robert as he went back to his excavating. But before he had stooped to a squatting position his foot hit something. turned around and there was the collar button smashed flat.

Robert didn't mind altering his plans. He put a business suit on instead of his tuxedo.

He knocked at the landlady's door before he left the house.

"I was just wondering, Mrs. Turnbull, who lived in my room before [moved in," said Robert, "I found a book there-" he had a book under his arm, a modern novel.

"Oh, that Miss Blossom must have ieft it-I don't believe she wanted it. She was always losing things-she lost her diamond ring right there in the room the very day she moved out."

"I suppose she left her new address," ventured Robert. "Well, yes, she did. She couldn't afford to pay the rent here so she got a cheaper room with a Miss King on

Amsterdam avenue." With this information, Robert decided to dine by himself. After a sumptuous meal he proceeded to the new home of Miss Blossom.

"Miss Blossom, yes, sir. She lives nere. Here's a gentleman to see you. Miss Blossom," the maid said and led him to a small living room where someone was playing the plano. The playing stopped. A woman arose and

said to Robert, "I'm Miss Blossom. Robert was surprised to find the woman facing him somewhere around forty years old and not particularly pleasant to look at.

"I came to inquire about a diamond ring that you had lost."

"I never talk to reporters," snapped Miss Blossom, "And besides I found my diamond ring in my trunk when I unpacked here."

Well, do you happen to know who occupied the room before you took it? I found a diamond ring there last night and I'm anxious to return it to the owner."

"A Miss Towers had the room-Miss Elsie Towers—and she works in the Uptown Savings bank." The Uptown Savings bank-his own

place of employment! And Miss Towers was secretary to the president! As he left Miss Blossom's home, Robert decided to forego pleasure and return to his room for a good night's The next morning the alarm clock awakened him an hour earlier than usual. Robert jumped out of bed and spent the extra time making sure that he would look his best at the bank that day. In hopes that Miss Elsie Towers breakfasted at Mrs. Turnbull's, he was in the dining room by seven-thirty. Half an hour later in came the one girl he was looking for, and she appeared more beautiful than Robert had ever seen her.

As soon as he finished his breakfast he mustered up courage and joined Miss Towers at her table. He asked her tactfully if she had lost a ring. She was surprised and said that she had-a diamond ring that her father had sent her for Christmas last year. She didn't know what could have happened to it. It had vanished and she had been greatly upset about it.

That was Robert's chance and he took advantage of it. Mrs. Turnbull from the cashier's

desk noticed the pair intent in conversation. She didn't miss anything. "These young folks beat Old Harry,"

she told a friend later. "Strangers one day and engaged the next, He giving her a ring so soon!" So the elderly matron wasn't sur-

prised a few months later when Elsie displayed a large solitaire diamond set in platinum and she dined at the boarding house with Robert Weber. But she was curious about something that Robert took from his pocket and showed to Elsie. What was it that made them laugh and then suddenly appear so devoted to each other? If Mrs. Turnbull's eyesight had been a little better she would have noticed that the minute object which Robert

took such good care of was a flattened

collar button-the one thing that had

been responsible for his romance with

Elsle Towers.

MYSTERY AT RABBIT HILL

By R. H. WILKINSON

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HE mystery at Rabbit Hill lasted but a week.

Yet its brevity served to detract not at all from the atmosphere of glamour and excitement and heavy intrigue which it created. Mysteries are not common in our town of Medway.

Those of use who abide here the greater part of the time live a life, a life of routine that scarcely, if ever, deviates from the path of normality.

Hence, mystery, brief though it may be, logical and disappointing though the solution, because of its sheer incongruity in our staid old town, is something to talk about.

Our mystery occurred two months

The Taylor Winslows, who have occupied the big white house on Rabbit Hill for generations back, departed one bright June morning for an extended motor tour of the White mountains and Canada.

Toward dusk of the same day an automobile containing four people swung into the Winslow's drive and stopped just outside the garage door. The car was a roadster and two of

its four occupants, a man and a woman, occupied the rumble seat.

It was a fine summer's night, with crescent moon hanging above the pines beyond the house, with stars, clear and white, blinking overhead, with the warm air with the smell of growing things. . . .

The four people in the automobile had driven far and were weary.

The present setting was a far cry from the city home they had quitted several hours before.

It was restful here and cool. They remained in the car for

quarter-hour or more, conscious of the magic spell of peace and quiet that enfolded them, and thankful for it. Presently the man in the rumble

at stirred and sat erect. "Let's go inside. Bob. It's getting cold, and there's a fireplace in there."

At the exact moment he uttered the. words the young man was conscious of an unexplainable sensation of weird-

For no reason whatever he found himself staring into the darkness beyond the car; he sensed, he thought. mysterious presence other than that of his companions.

The youth looked at the girl. Her eyes were open and her face

had assumed an attitude of listening. Those in front were rigid and still. The crescent moon had disappeared behind the pines.

It was dark and deathly still, The young man who had spoken uttered a laugh that somehow lacked in mirth, and at the exact moment the sound left his lips something neither soft nor hard yet seemingly malleable

crashed against his head. He reeled, grouned, instinctively lifted up his arm, only to have it

beaten down. One of the girls screamed, and then the other.

The young man at the wheel swore, and pressed his foot against the starter button.

The roadster leaped ahead, disappeared inside the open door of the garage and stopped. .

Ten minutes later the village telephone operator had summoned Medway's police chief from his regular evening beat in response to an urgent summons. Chief Tom Carmody clamped the switchboard receivers over

"l'elle" came a voice. "Chief Carmody? This is Bob Winslow. I'm up at Taylor's place on Rabbit Hill, Come up right away, will you? Somebody's

Chief Carmody, who himself was not Immune to a little excitement now and again to relieve the monotony of a law-abiding community, made short work of the two miles to Rabbit Hill.

He listened to Bob Winslow's account of what had happened, examined the wound on Harry Carter's head, made mental note of the frightened expressions on the faces of the two women, and, flashlight and gun in hand, went out to investigate.

. . . After ten minutes' time Bob Wins low began to wonder what had happened to the chief, and when another ten minutes had passed without word from him, went himself to investigate, Bob found the chief lying in the

drive before the garage, a nasty wound on his head, his sensibilities departed. Bob became genuinely alarmed and sensed again that weird feeling of a

strange and mysterious presence lurking about. Summoning Harry, they carried Chief Carmody into the house and re-

vived him. But the officer couldn't throw much light on the subject.

He had been attacked from behind. he said, and must have struck his head against a rock when he fell. The next day Chief Carmody ap-

pointed a special officer to guard the Winslow estate. But nothing of an unforeseen nature occurred throughout the daylight

hours. Toward dusk Bertha Winslow, Bob's wife, became uneasy, and suggested they all return to Boston.

ADJUSTING BANKING TO CHANGING NEEDS

By ROBERT V. FLEMING Vice President American Bankers Association

ANKERS recognize that changing onditions require new methods of doing business. However it is their



responsibility to retain those es sential and sound financial principles upon which this country was founded and has grown to be what is still the richest nation in the

world. Many of our difticulties have arisen from lack of confidence and from misunder-

R. V. FLEMING standing. Therefore it behooves the banker to bend every effort to create a better public understanding of sound banking and thereby bring about that united effort and cooperative spirit which will hasten the day of national recovery and restore to the banker the confidence

of the public to which he is entitled. As an approach to the realization of this ideal, bankers should carefully scrutinize every application for a loan to see if it is bankable and, if it is not in bankable form, then make further examination to see if the loan can be made so, in order that the uses of credit may be stimulated.

Explaining Loan Factors to Customers We must not expect our customers to be bankers and understand all the factors which we must consider before granting a loan. If we find that a loan is not, and cannot be made, bankable. then I think we should take pains to explain to the applicant the reasons why it cannot be granted.

There are other measures which think it important for the banker to undertake in order to eliminate the misunderstandings which have arisen and overcome the sentiment which exists. Under present conditions we have to operate under many laws and regulations, and also watch what further legislation is being proposed which affects our methods of operation and may not be in the best interest of the communities we serve. Nowadays It seems at times we must sit with a law book in one hand and a book of regula tions in the other in order to make cer tain we are discharging our daily duties and functioning strictly in accordance with the law. All of this is very trying, yet I think in the end we shall be-

come better bankers. I believe it is the duty of every banker today to endeavor to understand the public he serves. In addition to his daily duties, trying as they are, he should participate in the activities of his community, so that, with the fund of information available to him. he may be as helpful as possible in all public and civic matters

Government Lending

"As everbody knows, the Government has vast lending agencies, for home owners, farmers, and the like These have nothing to do with the subject of this article, except that all such Government operations would be impossible if the banks did not lend the Government money for the purpose.

"No one can set a time when borrow ing will be resumed. But it will come when men once more feel that conditions are sufficiently settled to warrant them in taking chances, in entering upon deals, and in trying to make money."

Mr. Atwood says that it may be that the banks are overcautious now, just as they were overconfident in 1929, but calls attention to the fact that until a little more than a year ago banks were failing "partly because they had loaned too freely, and were being criticized right and left for precisely that fault." He adds

"Indeed the banks which had been cautious in their landing policy came through the crisis safely. Under such conditions it is utterly useless to criticize banks for not making loans. After the experience they had for several years, especially in 1932 and 1933, it is only natural that they should relax their requirements very slowly and

"Unfortunately, many of the applications for loans are not people who want temporary banking accommoda tion for three or six months and are quite able to meet their maturity dates. but are from those who really need permanent capital. They are busted and they want someone to stake them to a new start. What they really seek is a pariner to farn'sh them with long a me capital. But depositors insist upon being paid on demand, and, therefore, it is a grave question whether banks should tie up their funds for any length

HOW ONE FARMER HELPED HIMSELF

A farmer accustomed to keeping records found that it cost \$16.50 to produce an acre of corn. His average yield was 33 bushels, selling for 50 cents per bushel. On this basis he was producing without either profit or loss.

A study of his coots indicated means by which the yields might be increased without proportional expenses By making use of facts discovered at the Experiment Stations, the farmer secured an increased yield of four and one-haif bushels per acre (37 mushels, instead of 33). By increasing the yield and holding down expenses, this farmer was able to make a profit of six cents per bushel.

PICK-UP NOTES

Demand for American products in Egypt is growing. Danish imports are larger than at

any time since 1921. Farmers of Australia are enjoying a

return of prosperity. Purchases of American goods are

increasing in Argentina. Shipping activity in some ports in

France is above that of last year. Two-thirds of the automobiles sold in Australia in 1933 were from Amer-

Nearly 350,000 barrels of American petroleum were shipped into China

The great activity in gold mining in South Africa is stimulating general trade and industry.

last year.

Nine of every ten passenger automobiles imported into Argentina last year were from the United States.

Employment in 100 large factories in New South Wales, Australia, is 10 per cent greater than a year ago.

OUR NEIGHBORS

Moscow, capital of the Soviet union has a population of about 4,000,000.

Business of the British post office department has doubled in twenty

British naval examiners say that one out of every ten British gobs are color blind to some extent.

Australia has decided that Australlan militia forces organized as Scottish units may wear kilts.

South Africa is producing for market the "tangelo," a cross between a tangerine and a grapefruit.

To keep its new coins at home New Zealand has ruled that they shall not be legal outside the country.

Among the titles now possessed by the king of Siam are "the Sovereign of life," "the Master of the World," "the Descendant of Angels" and "The Excellent Divine Feet."

CURIOUS FACTS

Pisa's Leaning Tower formerly had a "leanover" of 16 feet; a recent measurement shows this now to be 14

Public swimming baths in the near fature will be kept pure by ultra-violet rays, whose barrage no germ can sur

Burgundy pitch is not pitch, and

does not come from Burgundy. It is a resinous substance prepared from common frankincense and brought from Hamburg. The potato's most dangerous enemy the Colorado beetle, is threatened with

extinction by a flower-the petunia, whose leaves attract the pest and then poison it. Ferasiboa, a little Island in the Pa cific, is inhabited entirely by women Any man who sets foot on its shores

runs the risk of being eaten, for the

women are cannibals.-Tit-Bits Maga-

UNUSUAL SQUIBS

Society men of London are again carrying purses for small change.

Clergymen of England want the throwing of confettl at weddings probiblited.

Crying is to be fashionable in London, and it will not be considered weak for men to weep at the theater

Chimneys that send out smoke in pretty rings and waves are a novel idea from Italy, the chimneys being

Red-haired girls have been chosen for the staffing of " new store in Chl cago where male supervisors have to be bald to qualify for their appoint-

Workers on a paying crew near Au burn, Calif., uncarthed a small vein of gold and, by erecting sluice boxes ob tained as much as \$30 each during the short period the highway stretch was available for mining.

GLEANINGS

Neither checkers nor chess are interesting unless your adversary is.

By 1940 11 men out of 13 will save their money, whatever happens.

Cultivate repartee. You may need it on the witness stand in some court. Plays are criticized too severely and books not severely enough. Why is

Nature thinks "the world is too much with us," too. So it gives us

One thing that bores a reader is jokes about taxation, which he considers a serious matter; and the jokes are often flat.

Training for Bankers

The American Bankers Association has been active for many years trainyoung men and women in order that they may be duly qualified for the business of banking. Standard courses are furnished with able and experienced teachers. This work is done un der the direction of the American Institute of Banking Section of the association. Over two hundred chapters, or local banking schools, are in active operation throughout the country and thousands of the younger generation of bankers are being graduated each year. These students are taught not only banking practices and policies, but they are also well grounded in the highest ideals and standards o ness ethics. A proposal is now under consideration to establish a central school, which will offer advinced or graduate work to a selective list taken from those who have completed the standard courses .- F. M. Law, Presi dent American Bankers Association.

Bankers Finance Scholarships

The American Bankers Association Foundation for Education in Economics has since its establishment in 1928, awarded 354 college loan scholarships the total loans repaid in that periof being \$262,000 and the amount now outstanding \$86,900. The total invest ments of its funds are \$540,000.

Summons by Publication

NORTH CAROLINA,

Effa Guthrie,

P. A. Guthrie,

ALAMANCE COUNTY. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Plain Iff.

Defendant. The defendant P. A. Guthrie, will take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Caroina, to obtain a divorce; and that said defendant will further take uotice that he is required to appear at the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of said County on the 14th day of January, 1935, and answer or demur to the complaint in said action or the plaintiff will apply to the

complaint. This the 12th day of December, 1934. E. H. MURRAY, Clerk of the Superior Court.

Court for the relief demanded in said

Summons by Publication

NORTH CAROLINA,

Wm. I. Ward. Attv.

ALAMANCE COUNTY, IN THE SUPERIOR COURT RAY M. BRYDON

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LOUISE BRYDON The defendant above named will take notice that an action on itled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance County, North Carolina, for divorce; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before E. H. Murray, Clerk of the Superior Court, at his office a Graham, North Carolina. on the 13th day of January, 1935, ' inswer or demur to the complaint in said action, or the plaintiff wil apply to the Court for the relief

demanded in said complaint, This the 13th day of December,

E. H. MURRAY. Clerk of the Superior Court John J. Henderson, Atty.

Summons by Publication

NORTH CAROLINA, LAMANCE COUNTY. IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

E. B. KING

MRS MAMIE KING The defendant above named will ake notice that an action en itled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Alamance ounty, North Carolina, for divorce; and the said defendant will further ake notice that she is required to pear before E. H. Murray, Clerk of the Superior Court, at his office in Graham, North Carolina, on the 3th day of January, 1935, and anser or demur to the complaint in aid action, or the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief lemanded in said complaint,

This the 13th day of December, E. H. MURRAY, Clerk Superior Court Alamance

Notice of Sale of Real Property.

ohn J. Henderson, Attv.

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain M. D. executed on the 4th day of April. 1931, by A. M. Isley and wife, Tina Isley, to Sherman Cole, and record-

ing been made in the payment of Shoe place. the same, I will sell at public auc- Tract No. 2. Being the tract of tion to the highest bidder for cash, land on which A.M. Isley and wife

Saturday, January 5th, 1935

ce County, on

at 12:00 o'clock, noon the following described real property, to-wit:

lownship, Alamance County, fitate remain open for ten days from date of North Carolina, and described of sale to receive such bids. and defined as follows to-wit

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at the Court House Door of Alaman- now reside, containing fifty acres, more or less. will'ed to said parties of the first part by Willis Isiey. Adjoining W. M. Isley, Z. H. Tingen, John Graves and S. S. Shoe, et al.

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