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B. J. HOLDEN, Clerk Superior County, North Carolina in term for the relief demanded in said plaint.

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January 24, 1935, and recorded tary 1, 1925, in Book 59, at page of the records of Brunswick y, N. C., and according to plat tryey prepared by R. I. Mintz, of survey prepared by R. I. Mintz, surveyor, dated 9-13-34, now on file with the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, reference to which is hereby

made.
The purchaser at this sale will be The purchaser at this sale will be required to make a cash deposit of 5 per cent of the purchase price to show good faith.

This the 13th day of June, 1936,
T. C. ABERNETHY, Trustee.
S. B. Frink, Attorney. 7-15-c

FORECLOSURE SALE REAL
ESTATE MORTGAGE
Under and by virtue of the power
of sale contained in that certain
mortgage deed executed the 21st day
of January, 1931, by Julius Wilson, to G. T. Stanley, duly recorded in Book 58 at page 360, Records of Brunswick county, to which reference liate payment, having been made in the payment of y, 1938. (the debt thereby signed Administrator of the estate of G. T. Stanley will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the City of Southport, Brunswick county, North Carolina, on

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aving qualified as administrator of the estate of William or of the estate of Brunshook, deceased, late of Brunshook, later of June, 1936, at 12:15 o'clock P. M., the following described lot, tract, piece or parel of land lying and being in Town Creek Township, Brunswick county, North Carolina, on described lot, tract, piece or parel of land lying and being in Town Creek Township, Brunswick county, North Carolina, on described lot, tract, piece or parel of land lying and being in Town Creek Township, Brunswick county, North Carolina, on June, 1936, later of land lying and being in Town Creek Township, Br

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ENTATE MORTGAGE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed executed the 20th day of September, 1933, by I. N. Todd and S. M. Todd, his wife, to R. M. Marlowe, duly recorded in Book 52, at page 543, records of Brunswick county, to which reference is hereby especially made. Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness thereby secured, the undersigned Administratrix will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the court house door in the City of Southport, North Carolina, on the 25th 1926

carolina, on

Saturday, July 25th, 1936,
at 12 o'clock noon, the following described lot, tract, piece or parcel of land, in Brunswick county, North Carolina, in Shallotte township, and bounded and described as follows, towit:

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ited and posted, this the 24th
of June, 1936.

be served), requirements day of June. 1936.

It is a served), requirements day of June. 1936.

JOSIE MARLOW, Administratrix of the state of R. M. Marlow. of the state of R. M. Marlow. Robert W. Davis, Attorney for the 7-22c Administratrix.

I Stacey W. Wade, the of the State of do hereby certify poration did, on the 1936, file in my offecuted and attested go to the dissolution tion executed by Administrative.

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NOTICE
State of North Carolina, County of Brunswick:—
In The Superior Court George A. Cairns vs.

Anna P. Cairns

whereof, I have hered and affixed my officially 1936.

W. WADE, ecretary of State.

ALE OF REAL ATE power and authorcertain deed of the day of Me. B. I work and the record of the day of Me. B. I work and the record of the appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that said action is for absolute divorce on the grounds of separation for more than two years; and the said defendant will further take notice that she is required to appear before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, at his official, on or before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, at his official, on or before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, at his official, on or before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, at his official that said action is for above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that said action is for above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that said defendant will further take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that said defendant will further take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that said action is for above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that said action is for above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; and the said defendant will further take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; that said action is for above has been commenced in the superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; and the said defendant will further take notice that an action entitled as above has been commenced in the superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina; and the County, North Carolina, at his office in the City of Southport, North Carolina, on or before the 22nd day of July, 1936, and answer or demur to the complain of the plaintiff, now on file in the office of the said clerk of the Superior Court of Brunswick County, North Carolina, or the plaintiff will thereafter apply to the Superior Court of said Brunswick County, North Carolina in term time

County, North Carolina in term time for the relief demanded in said com-Superior Court.

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I began to tremble: my knees felt suddenly loose: my cousin's words came leering into my mind, "I never liked blindman's buff." . . .

It was the remembrance of Helena that put to shame my fear. 1 had heard her whip Pharaoh-here. in this very room: whip him before his fellows: cut him across the face. and the whip she had used was my courage. "You fear him . . you fear his hand." For an instant 1 thought upon her and strangely enough remembered the way she had pushed her hair from her temples, as though by that pretty gesture to banish care. Then I turned refreshed to my duty, which was to take Pharaoh's life.

At once I set out to find him, with my left band stretched before me and my pistol all ready.

I truly believe that my action saved my life, for Pharaoh passed me in the darkness and came upon Rush, I knew this was so, for he fired upon the body, supposing it to be me, and the flame that leaped from his pistol gave me a mark to aim at, instead of lighting my face.

In a flash I had fired and had drawn his fire, for, before I could think, a bullet had flicked the sleeve of my pistol-arm.

This showed me, once for all, that so far as snap shots were concerned, I stood no chance whatever against such a man. As I whipped must not fire again until I knew time on. for certain that my bullet was going to kill. In a word, if I was to win, I must come to close quarters with Pharaoh, if not to grips. I had now come back to the table,

thought of the knee-hole below. I think it will be admitted that in making you way to and fro in a room that is dark, your pitched it across the room. tendency is to skirt the furniture touch with its edge, because, I suppose, you like to be able to feel your way. After all, this is natural: blind men move by the wall. If, then, I entered the knee-hole and let Pharach move to and fro.

hands, and I should feel the slack had carried her off. of his trousers as he went by. An instant later I was crouching beneath the archway, with my pistol on the carpet before me and my empty hands outstretched upon

either side. I had not long to wait.

er or not I was dead. He, therefore, sought the spot from which I had fired and, finding nobody there. turned and came to the table exactly as I had done.

And exactly as I had done, he began to edge his way round it. . . . The slack of his trousers brushed

my hand. In a flash I had him by the ankles and, ripping his feet from beneath him had brought him down on his side. Then I snatched my pistol, thrust it into his stomach and pressed the trigger-in vain.

The magazine was empty. Slovenly to the last, Rush had never troubled to replenish his clip.

Pharaoh had fallen on his right and so on his pistol arm. While this was taking his weight, he could not aim, and though in a flash he



My Pistol on the Carpet Before Me.

had thrown his weight to the left, in that instant my fingers had caught the wrist of his pistol-hand. For a moment he fought for his

freedom: then he let himself fall on his back: but now my wits were working and before it could reach my joy was Sabre. his pocket. I had hold of his other wrist.

And in that instant the room was flooded with light. . .

For a moment I thought that someone had entered the chamber. And then I guessed that Pharaoh had turned the switches when first that I was alone. he came into the room, and the switchboard itself might report the said. "I know where she is." repair of the damage which he had done.

So far the first time that night I saw my enemy's face.

I think he must have known that I was his assailant, but the sight little hall. of me seemed to send him out of his mind. He fought no more like he looked, his face convulsed with passion and his eyes staring out of

At last, to my relief, the tempest blew itself out, and he lay back, spent and panting, to take his rest: but, before I could think of moving, he had lifted his head once more and was staring into my eyes.

I looked back, grimly enough, He did not struggle: he simply gazed upon me, as though he would brand my image upon his memory. Then the fellow spat in my face.

So a madman made a madman. If he resisted, I knew not, but to one side, I made up my mind I I used him as a lay figure from that

I dashed his hand on the massive plinth of the table, to break his wrist, and when his pistol had fallen I brought his hands together and got to my knees. And then I and, as I edged my way round it, I was clear of the table and had jerked him up to his feet.

I let his broken wrist go whipped out his second pistol and Then I seized his throat with both

which you encounter, keeping in hands, turned him back to the table, bent him across its corner and broke his back on the oal:

Sitting on the bench by the fireplace, I wiped my face and my hands on Helena's black silk scarf. sooner of later he would skirt the This had been wrung and creased. pedestal table, and, though I should and I had no doubt that Pharaoh not hear him, I had put out my had used it to gag her, before he

Now that the business was over I found it hard to believe. I looked at my watch.

The time was twenty minutes past twelve. Not an hour had gone by since Pharaoh had "talked" from the ramparts and Dewdrop had When I did not return his fire, I read his message to Rush and Bugle fancy the man was uncertain wheth- and me. And now they were all four dead, but I was alive.

The reflection brought me up to

my feet. Alive, if you please; but I was shut in a chamber from which I could see no way out. . .

For twenty minutes I sought that secret door. I shouted and beat upon the woodwork, using Helena's name-all in vain.

Helena was locked in the turretmy hand in my pocket fingered her master key; which I had taken from Rush, but the turret, no doubt, had embrasures, and she would be found and released so soon as she could make herself heard. She had, of course, heard the firing, but if the thieves were fighting what did that matter to her? Let Pharaoh revenge her escape upon Bugle and Rush; or seek to blast his way out of the secret room. (Here perhaps I should say that though Helena heard the firing, the sound was so muffled that she could not be sure what it was, while, so thick were the walls of Yorick, that nobody

else in the castle heard it at all.) Now when Helena's release was effected and Geoffrey and the warden were found, the three would take counsel together upon her report. The position would be considered-but not for long.

The thing was clear. To open the room would be madness. The council would surely decide that Pharaoh and his companions must be left to die where they were.

Somewhat dazedly I surveyed my surroundings. No windows, no doors. How did

one get out of chambers that had neither windows nor doors? It was then that I thought of the fireplace.

A grate must have a chimney; and if the chimney was wide. . . I must have climbed forty feet when my hand encountered a ridge and I felt a current of air. And then I came to a fireplace.

As I crawled out of that fireplace, I knew where I was. I had come to Helena's bedroom.

Roughly I washed the filth from my head and my hands, but though I did what I could to wipe the soot

until ! could change my clothing, I | coming-coming from the castle al should not be fit to move in a fur- out. By the use of our torches we nished room. And what clothes I stopped her, to find that she was had were at Plumage. .

At once to get to the farm became my burning desire.

free. That was simple enough. I east; and the coupe was coming had her master key, and there was lafter, to travel west. The Countess her private stair to bring me down | Helena had been kidnaped. Yorick to the hall. And yet I dreaded the was plunged into darkness and my duty. I did not want to see her- lady was gone. Let down in a shee at least, not now. I dreaded the from the ramparts. Her handker explanations which I should be chief had been found on the drawforced to give. I did not want her bridge and Sabre had been found in to know that I had been there, in the moat." that room; that I had seen Pharaoh break her, that I had heard her purchase my safety for ten thousand pounds a year.

I heard the whine of a dog and

I afterwards learned that, percelving the bustle above him, the if the Rolls had not gone. dog had declared, by barking, that cue was effected.

see me, but none too pleased to see park.

"Come and find her, Sabre," I

The Alsatian started and stared. Then he bounded toward me, put his great paws on my shoulders and licked my face.

One minute later we stood in the

With the master key in my hand, deep breath, fitted the key to the lock and pushed open the oak.

Helena was not to be seen. Neither, for that matter, was Sabre. He had gone to join his mistress at the head of the turret stair.

I was wondering whether to follow or whether to wait where I was, when I suddenly saw that my duty to the lady was done.

The appearance of Sabre would show her that she was released. The way to her bedroom was open, and she had no need of escort, because the terror was laid.

With trembling fingers, I whipped the key from the lock of the turret door. Then I opened the door which gave to the winding staircase, passed through and locked it behind me with all dispatch. Five minutes later I crossed the moat by the footbridge and entered the tunnel which would bring me into the woods.

As I walked to Plumage, I remembered those terrible moments-how in her pride she had flung my puny efforts in Pharaoh's face and how in her fear and trembling she had sought to buy my safety by committing a breach of trust. No queen could have done more for the king she loved.

Although I had come to regard with increasing apprehension the opening of Helena's eyes-to the truth, of course, that it was I and not Bugle that had stood in the secret chamber and listened to all she said-it had never occurred to me that, if only I held my tongue, neither she nor arrone else need ever suspect that I had entered the castle that Friday night. Yet before my cousin had spoken a dozen words, I saw that, if I was careful, my secret would keep itself.

He found me finishing breakfast in his room at The Reaping Hook. "Well, you have missed something," he said. "Let that be your very soon had his way. He bound age. Twice a day he visited Yorpunishment for deceiving three sim- her wrists and ankles and took her ick: but I was not invited and ple souls. Not that I blame youthis time. My lady had no right down her private staircase and into would I go to Plumage-although I to treat you like that. I told her as much in the coupe. But she fact, to the cellar where lies the sure that Helena sat with my cousin wouldn't listen to me. But that's gold. by the way. You've missed-in a way you've missed the most astounding show that ever was seen. Lady Helena saw a good bit-more than enough, I'm afraid." He threw himself into a chair. "Upon my soul, I don't know where to begin."

"What do you know?" I said. "I feel sure," said my cousin, "that you will be glad to hear that your failure to arrive at the castle knocked the three of us flat. We couldn't assimilate the fact that simple, honest John Spencer had laid himself out to deceive us-and done it so devilish well. You certainly got your own back. Lady Helena was wild. 'I'd never have believed it of him,' she raged. "Well, now that she was safe in

the castle, I was only too glad of

an excuse to get out, and so I an nounced that Barley and I would seek you without delay. She in sisted that we should take Sabre and gave the dog his orders before we left. It's right you should know that she was extremely worried."

My cousin paused, to frown on his finger-tips.

"I hope, in the merciful course of time, to forget the way we employed the next two hours. W: used Sabre exactly according to the instructions on the box. Should the dog display emotion, release him at once. Remain exactly where you were when he left you, unti he returns. Then take hold of his collar and he will lead you to John.'

I began to shake with laughter "Quite so," said Geoffrey. "Quite so. After about an hour the dog dis played emotion and was released After another hour Barley and displayed much more emotion and withdrew to survey the mouth of the entrance drive. . . .

"We hadn't been there ten min

from my slipes, I very soon saw that ates when we heard the Carlotta manned by a flying squad. Watchmen, porters, grooms-all of them armed to the teeth. They were go-Before I did so, I must set Helena ing to compass Yorick, traveling

I felt that it was time to say something.

"But how," I began. . . .

"Don't interrupt," said my cousin. "Listen to me. Well, I let the then the scratch of claws on the Carlotta go, deciding that Barley door that led to the ramparts. In a and I would do better on foot. I moment I had it open, and there to sent him east and ran west-yes, rán, with my heart in my mouth. The idea was to find the Rolls . .

"I found her at a quarter to one, he was down in the moat. His res- up a little track-and very near cried with relief. You see, that The great dog seemed pleased to meant that my lady was yet in the

"I rushed off and stopped the coupe, which was lapping for the twentieth time, told the chauffeur to go on patrolling, but to send me reinforcements and tell everybody he met. Then I went back to lay my ambush. I soon had plenty of men and I did the job well. Pharach simply hadn't an earthly. Though he didn't know it, that I turned to the turret door. For a track had become the scaffold on as a serpent, but like the madman moment I hesitated. Then I took a which he and his little friends were going to die.

"At a quarter of two a wallah comes pelting with a message-we very nearly killed him, of course. But by the time he'd said his piece he was nearer death than before. The Countess Helena's compliments, and will Mr. Bohun come back to the castle at once."

My cousin covered his face. "I don't think I've ever felt such a blasted fool. But blasted . . .

"Well, I took the Rolls and drove back-to hear Lady Helena's tale. "She was lying down on her bed

when a gag was clapped over her mouth, Pharach, of course; but



A Gag Was Clapped Over Her Mouth.

alone. She put up a fight, but he master key. Then he carried her would not go up unasked. Neither a secret room-the ante-chamber, in longed to see her-because I was

"I'm afraid there's no doubt that she suffered: but, except that Pharaoh put it across her, she simply leaves that bit out. But he must have been pretty ruthless, for in the end she opened the secret panel concealing the cellar steps.

went down, to view the gold: but stare, when the host of the inn Rush and Bugle remained in the came bustling with a note in his chamber on guard. I ought to have hand. said that her hands and her feet had been freed. Still, she hadn't much chance, for they kept a torch on her face.

"I shall never understand why Pharaoh employed two such washouts as Bugle and Rush. The first thing those two bright lads did was, between them, to drop the torch. By the time they'd found it again their prisoner was gone. The door to the secret room is a secret door. It cannot be opened from within. It was, therefore, standing open. I: a flash my lady was out and has shut the door.

"Well, though she was safe, she wasn't clear of the wood. She wa locked in a staircase-turret, and Rush had her master key. She called from the embrasures, but, a the castle was empty, there weren' any ears to hear. Then, after a while she found Sabre standing be side her, licking her hand."

I felt that such a statement de manded some sort of expression o disbellef.

"But you said-" "You shut your face," said Geof

frey. "Truth is stranger than fic tion-every time. The door to the turret was open and so were the doors to her room. But her room had been used. The thieves had escaped by the chimney, entered her room by the fireplace, cleaned themselves up in her bathroom and disap peared."

"The obvious thing to do was to search the castle forthwith, I ought to have said that long before I got back the switchboard had been repaired and the lights had come on and while my lady was talking, the staff which had been scattered was trickling back. Florin and I induced some sort of order before beginning the search.

"We began with my lady's bedroom. One look at the hearth was enough. There was soot all over the place. But nothing and nobody else, We left the watchmen there and my lady and Florin and I went down to the secret room. It was empty now, we knew, for Pharaoh and company were gone; but the door to the cellar was open and my lady wanted it shut."

He took a deep breath.

"I'll tell you what we found. We found Pharaoh, Dewdrop and Rush -all three of them dead."

"Go on," said I, incredulously. "Fact," said my cousin, shortly. "I'm glad you weren't there to see it. It was a dreadful sight, Bugle had done the three in and then cleared out. I fancy there'd been

broken; he had no wound. "And here's my interpretation of

some scrap. Pharaoh's back was

this astounding find, "In Pharaoh's absence Bugle and Rush between them let Lady Helena go. Warrantably fearful of the consequences of what they had done, Rush and Bugle quarrelled, and Bugle killed Rush. Afraid to face Pharaoh-such a dereliction of duty meant almost certain death-Bugle decided to kill him and Dewdrop, too. And so he did. Then he escaped by the chimney, with Lady Helena's master key. This let him out of the castle by the way by which he came in. Why he waited to let her out, I cannot conceive. Possibly some twinge of conscience -you never know. That's one of the points which we shall never

clear up." "Then everything's over," said I. 'The terror is laid." "The terror is laid," said Geoffrey.

Bugle remains, of course. But I very much doubt if we shall see Bugle again," Thoughtfully I regarded my nap-

corpse rose to the surface of the water in which it lay? "Then everything's over," I re-

Was it five or six days before a

peated. "Except the Interment," said Geoffrey: "which is fixed for tomorrow evening, as soon as it's decently dark. As you seem to have had a night off, I think you might help with that."

Six days had gone by, and my

precious secret was safe. This was hardly surprising. Only two beings knew that I had approached the castle that terrible night: and of these one was a dog and the other was dead. I had not used Barley's pistol: I had cleaned my cousin's knife: my filthy garments lay hid in the Plumage woods. Nobody knew that in my notecase was Helena's master key:

But another secret was safe. On the Sunday night Pharaoh, Dewdrop and Rush had been laid in a common grave, not far from the mouth of the tunnel that ran from the moat.

Though nobody knew it but I.v. Bugle had yet to appear. For some unaccountable reason the moat still

withheld its dead, My cousin was painting Plumand watched him at work.

I had made up my mind to leave Annabel and to go and stay at Innsbruck which was a city I knew. My cousin was to follow with Barley in four days' time, And so I was sitting at Anna-

bel, cursing life and regarding my "Well, Pharaoh and Dewdrop half-packed trunks with a listless Your cousin tells me that you are

leaving tonight. Before you go, will you be so good as to show me where young Florin lies? I would not ask you this favor, but I was fond of young Florin, and you are the only being who knows the site of his grave. I cannot believe you will refuse me, and so, if it will suit you, I will call for you today at a ter to three. Please will you tell the bearer "yes" or "no."

I went down to the door of The Reaping Hook to speak to the

"Tell her ladyship 'yes,'" I said.

As the coupe stole into the forecourt. I descended the steps of the ing. Helena smiled and nodded and 1

took off my hat. "Will you drive, please?" With a pounding heart, I took my seat by her side, perceived the glow of her presence, discovered

her faint perfume. . . . The spot to which we were going lay 12 miles off, and, after leaving the car, we must walk half a mile through the forest to come to the dell. Be sure, I drove slowly enough, . . . But though half an hour went by before we left the coupe, in all that time we never exchanged one word.

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