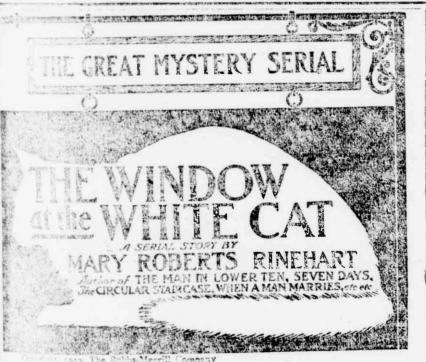


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and no doubt are among Mr. Flem-

plied doubtfully. "Miss Fleming, I everything Now look at it!" on my guard.

most desperation. Oddly enough,

morrow. It is only dinner. Edith was still there, and we the twenty-second. both tried to cheer Margery, a sad A used towel in the bath room nearfind Wardrop; that there were no pa-

drop was found to open it. He was dis- have come here to look for something, appointed and furious; like a good and lain down to rest." many men who are physical cowards, ten o'clock today." that minute, in the struggle that was room in his life. arprised at that, but coming, like a red, I was "forminst" the

last night and I take Margery home with her for the the house. I had arranged to sleep for Mr. Fleming. night. I thought it a good idea; the there and generally to look after things very sight of Edith tucking in her -as I said before. Whatever scruples babies and sitting down beside the I had had about taking charge of Marlibrary lamp to embroider me a scarf- gery Fleming and her affairs, had pin holder for Christmas would bring faded with Wardrop's defection and Margery back to normal again. Ex- the new mystery of the blue boudoir. Edith is the sanest woman I know; I of people that night, local and state reach, and at the other side of the recognized it at the dinner table, where politicians, newspaper men and the room the swinging door into the pant-

> the dead man lay in state. But Edith already arriving. Whatever panoply feet running up steps, and when I Railway Agent, or, write. R. L. Vernon, took her by the arm and pushed her the death scene had lacked, Allan found a door at last, I threw it open D. P. A., and R. H. DeButts, T. P. A. Fleming was lying in state now.

When Margery came down there

ooked behind fearfully. ed, glancing over her shoulder. ery panted. "Somebody has been most similar occasion, but I was betstaying in the house while we were ter armed than before.

"Nonsense," I said, seeing that her

makes you think that?'

courage, I suppose, from a masculine stairs, the two girls clutching hands, of the stairs, and of whatever might cific that R. H. Jordan & Co. have and I leading the way and inclined to be waiting in the library beyond,

room, we paused and I turned on the never afraid; he doesn't deserve the or send 25 cents, and get sixty doses

d like a cat's. through his papers, and leave tonight had just been done over, and the pale waiks into danger, who is the real blue soils so easily. I came in the hero. Not that I was as bad as that, "I have hardly the authority," I re- last thing, and saw covers put over but I would have liked to know where

private secretary, Wardrop, would be feminine knick-knacks and mahogathe one to superintend such a search." hy lounging chairs. Wherever possidid not creak, I felt my way down "Can you find Wardrop-at once?" ble, a pale brocade had been used, on the baluster, which required my right Something in his eagerness put me the window seat. It was evidently hand, and threw my revolver to my Margery's private sitting room. The linen cover that had been

and I will telephone you if it can be back, and a pillow from the window He had to be satisfied with that, but ble was still covered, knobby protuba heap of folding chairs that had been cars. seat bore the imprint of a head. The tahis eagerness seemed to me to be all erances indicating the pictures and left by the undertaker, and if the but now he calm- could not locate Wardrop after all. I table, where the cover had been pushed got the Maitland house by telephone, aside, was a cup, empty and cleanto learn that he had left there about washed, and as if to prove her contenthree o'clock, and had not come back, tion, Margery picked up from the floor I went to the Fleming house for a newspaper, dated Friday morning.

> little figure in her black clothes. Af- by completed the inventory; Margery ter the meal, I called Lightfoot at his had been right; some one had used my location, and I could not guess his. hotel, and told him that I could not the room while the house was closed. "Might it not have been your-fathpers at the house, and that the office er?" Edith asked, when we stood again safe would have to wait until War- at the foot of the stairs. "He could

"I don't think so," Margery said he said a great deal over the tele- wanly. "I left the door so he could phone that he would not have dared get in with his key, but-he always Borough Bank of to say to my face, and I cut him off used his study couch. I don't think he

We had to let it go at that finally. put them in a cab, and saw them

The lower floor of the house was full footsteps seemed only beyond she had the little gir! across from her usual crowd of the morbidly curious. ry was still swaying when I caught Ark., via both Asheville, Chattanooga planning her mourning hats before the The undertaker took everything in it. hand, and late that evening I could I made a mis-step in the pantry, and mingham and Memphis.

sat in the library, reading, until then, slipped from under my feet, I threw out when an undertaker's assistant in my hand, and it met a cold wall a pink shirt and polka-dot cravat came smooth as glass. Then I fell-fell an to tell me that everything was done.

"Is it customary for some one to ness of the night came over me and stay up, on occasions like this?" I asked. "Isn't there an impression that wandering cats may get into the room, or something of that sort?"

"I don't think it will be necessary sir," he said, trying to conceal a smile. "It's all a matter of taste. Some people like to take their troubles hard. Since they don't put money on their eyes any more, nobody wants to rob

He left with that cheerful remark, and I closed and locked the house after him I found Bella in the basement kitchen with all the lights burning full. and I stood at the foot of the stairs while she scooted to bed like a scared rabbit. She was a strange creature Bella-not so stupid as she looked. but s ullen, morose-"smouldering" about expresses it.

I closed the doors into the dining room and, leaving one light in the hall, went up to bed. A guest room in the third story had been assigned me, and I was fired enough to have slept on the floor. The telephone bell rang just after I got into bed, and en Drug Store on North Square. grumbling at my luck, I went down to the lower floor.

It was the Times-Post, and the man at the telephone was in a hurry.
"This is the Times-Post. Is Mr Wardrop there?'

"Who is this?" "This is John Knox." "The attorney?" "Yes."

ecord at all.

"Mr Knox, are you willing to put ourself on record that Mr. Fleming committed suicide?" "I am not going to put

"Tonight's Star says you call it sui cide, and that you found him with the revolver in his hand." "The Star lies!" I retorted, and the

man at the other end chuckled. "Many thanks," he said, and rang

I went back to bed, irritated that I in a short time I was sound asleep. I wakened with difficulty. My head ing with thirst. I sat up and wondered posed. remember that I felt too weary to get ened a window and looked out.

which separated it from its neighbor, would probably aguit the defendant, hard, and a shutter was banging of \$200.00, which was promptly given. somewhere below I leaned out and looked down into the well-like space beneath me. It was one of those apparently chance movements that have vital consequences, and that have always made me believe in the old Calvinistic nal fitness of things. creed of oforeordination.

Below me, on the wall across, was a rectangle yellow light, reflected from the library window of the Fleming

As I stared, the light was slowly He is creasing in size of the lighted area. The library shade had been drawn.

My first thought was burglars; my was a little red spot burning in each second Lightfoot. No matter who it day, and it was under my pillow; to "What's the matter?" Edith demand. get it, put out the light and open the Some one has been up stairs," Mar- in pajamas, barefoot, as on another al-

I got to the second floor without hearing or seeing anything suspicious. fright was infecting Edith. "What but from there I could see that the knowledge of the silent fig- ed by this scientific medicine.

ure in the drawing room at the foot made my position uncomfortable, to supply, and every one who is troubled

ing's private effects. I would like to go quietly, "I closed this room myself. It brough his papers and leave twight have to the description of the leave twight have to the left," Margery said more scared to death, whose knees knock personal guarantee to refund the money and leave twight have to the left, and who totters rather than the electric switch was, and to have suppose, would have no objection. His lt was a sort of boudeir, filled with seen the trap before I put my head in. The stairs were solidly built and around the newel post; there was Let me have the name of your hotel, thrown over the divan was folded still a light in the library, and the with my usual bad luck. I ran into

books beneath. On the corner of the crash paralyzed me, I den't know what trip YOU want quotations, cheapest it did to the intruder in the library. The light was out in an instant, and with concealment at an end, I broke for the door and threw it open,

standing there with my revolver leveled. We—the man in the room, and I Map Folders. -were both in absolute darkness. He W. B. BEVIL, had the advantage of me. He knew

"Only silence, except that I seemed to hear rapid breathing. "Speak up, or I'll shoot!" I said, not without an ugly feeling that he might be—even probably was—taking careful aim at my voice. The darkness was intolerable: I reached cautiously to the

frame, the electric switch. As I turnthe Borough Bank by hanging up the receiver. From ever spent five minutes in my sitting ed it the light flashed up. The room was empty, but a portiere in a door- and payment of 50 cents. The followway at my right was still shaking. I leaped for the curtain and dragged stations named: It was arra ged that Edith should start away; then I went back into it aside, to have a door just close in I found myself in a short hall, and there were footsteps to my left. I

blundered along in the semi-darkness, into a black void which must have been the dining room, for my outstretched hand skirted the table. The

When we rose at last, Margery hear them carrying in tropical plants brought up against a blank wall. It

The next moment the solid earth incalculable distance, and the black smothered me.

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The entertainment committee of the state Sunday school convention, which meets here April 26-27-28, has divided had betrayed myself. Loss of sleep for the town into 12 districts and appointtwo nights, however, had told on me; ed committees from the 12 Sunday schools of the town to canvass the town and secure homes for the 600 delfelt stupid and heavy, and I was burn- egates of which the convention is com

vaguely if I were going to be ill, and Much sympathy is felt here for young Clifton Suggs' the Western Una drink. As I roused, however, I ion operator charged with misappropri-found that part of my discomfort ating the company's funds and the came from bad ventilation, and I op- majority of the people believe him wholly innocent so much so that the The window was a side one, opening recorder in giving his decision intimaton to a space perhaps eight feet wide, ed that if he had final jurisdiction he Across from me was only a blank red but as evidence gave a probable cause wall, but the night air greeted me for binding over to superior court, he refreshingly. The wind was blowing put the defendant under the light bond The amount supposed to be missing

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This medicine is a recent discover; pale cheek, and she ran down the was, there was no one who had busi- for the cure of all diseases of the stairs like a scared child. At the bot- ness there, Luckily, I had brought my stomach and bowels. It not only gives om she clutched the newel-post and revolver with me from Fred's that quick relief, but it makes permanent

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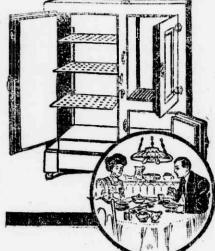
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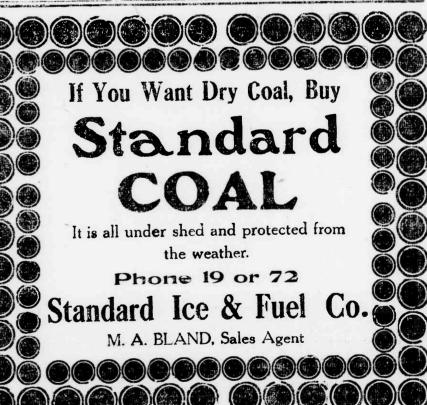


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