



Paul Harley, criminal investigator, receives a call from Sir Charles Abingdon...

Now go on with the story. Yes, sir. He is attending Mr. Chester Wilson on the other side of the square...

Refreshments were set invitingly upon a table beside a deep lounge chair. But Harley declined the man's request to refresh himself...

Some of the grimaces faded from the wrinkled old face, and the housekeeper, for this her appearance proclaimed her to be, bowed in a queer Victorian fashion...

The old lady tossed her head. "I do my best," she continued. "But that girl would not have stayed in the house for one week if I had had my way..."

"I mean Jones, the new parlor-maid. Four hours off has that girl had today, although she was out on Wednesday..."

He removed his gaze with reluctance from the fascinating picture, and dropping into the big lounge chair, he lighted a cigarette...

"Presumably 'Miss Phil,'" he said aloud. He removed his gaze with reluctance from the fascinating picture...

Wandering from side to side of the library, Harley presently found himself standing still before the mantelpiece and studying a photograph in a silver frame which occupied the center of the shelf...

Mr. Chester Wilson, that friend and neighbor whom I have been attending. "So your butler informed me..."

When presently both servants had temporarily retired. "You see, Mr. Harley," began Sir Charles, glancing about his own room in a manner almost furtive...

"I quite understand," "I think perhaps I should inform you in the first place that I have a daughter. Her mother has been dead for many years..."

"Thank you," said Sir Charles. "I find it so much easier to explain the matter now. To continue, there is a certain distinguished Oriental gentleman..."

"Pray tell the story in your own way, Sir Charles," said Harley with sympathy. "I am all attention, and I shall only interrupt you in the event of any point not being quite clear..."

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"His apology was so evidently sincere that Harley relented at once. "Please say no more, Doctor McMurdoch," he responded...

"I have spoken the truth," (Continued in Our Next Issue)

Chief of Police Talbirt stated this morning that the week-end just passed was one of the quietest in months in Concord. Not a single arrest was made for violations of the law on Saturday, Saturday night or Sunday...

Capt. Melvin Caldwell died at a hospital in Charlotte Sunday after a long illness. Capt. Caldwell has many friends here who will regret to learn of his death...

A number of persons had to report to police headquarters yesterday and today for violating the law regarding the parking of autos on the streets here during the night...

Prohibition Agent Widenhouse had a busy time last week, according to reports here. He cut down a steam plant in No. 5 township just after its erection...

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er, hastily pouring out a glass of water he drank a sip or two and Harley noticed that his hand was shaking nervously...

There came a sound of swift footsteps and the door was thrown open. "Too late," whispered Sir Charles in a choking voice...

A stifled shriek sounded from the doorway, and in tottered Mrs. Howitt, the old housekeeper, with other servants peering over her shoulder into that warmly lighted dining room where Sir Charles Abingdon lay huddled in his own chair—dead.

Doctor McMurdoch nodded in his slow, gloomy fashion. "She is staying in Devonshire with poor Abingdon's sister," he answered. "I am wondering how we are going to break the news to her..."

Doctor McMurdoch lowered his shaggy brows and looked gloomily at the speaker. "Mr. Harley," he replied, "I know you by repute for a man of integrity. But before I answer your questions will you answer one of mine?"

"Certainly," "Then your question is this: Does not your interest cease with the death of your client?"

"Doctor McMurdoch," said Harley, sternly, "you no doubt believe yourself to be acting as a friend of this bereaved family. You regard me, perhaps, as a Paul Pry prompted by idle curiosity. On the contrary, I find myself in a delicate and embarrassing situation..."

"If these fears were well grounded, the danger is not removed, but merely increased by the death of Miss Abingdon's natural protector. I regret, sir, that I approached you for information, since you have misjudged my motive."

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Following the business session delectable refreshments were served by Mrs. Davis.

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SOCIAL & PERSONAL

MR. AND MRS. C. E. LAMBETH ENTERTAIN AT COUNTRY CLUB In Charlotte in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. Martin L. Cannon.

An elaborate and charming affair, ushering in the Christmas season, was the dance given Friday evening from 9 to 11 o'clock at the Charlotte Country Club by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lambeth...

The spacious ball room of the club was elaborately decorated. Holly and trailing cedar covered the walls and hung from the ceiling and the windows outlined with cotton to give the effect of snow...

A delightful program of dance music, including the latest pieces was rendered throughout the evening by Mark Goff's orchestra.

Punch was served throughout the evening. The punch bowl was on a prettily decorated table in the reception hall. Red carnations and red tapers in silver holders were used on the table...

About 200 guests enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth's hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cannon, of York, S. C., were among the out-of-town guests.

Missionary Society to Meet. The Golden Links Missionary Society of Forest Hill Methodist Church will meet tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock with Miss Beulah Widenhouse, at her home on East Corbin Street.

Hill-Newton. There was a quiet but pretty wedding solemnized on Saturday at 6 o'clock at the home of Mr. H. T. Newton on Second Buffalo street, when his daughter became the bride of Mr. Cleo Hall...

Meeting of Study Club. Mrs. J. I. Davis, Jr., was hostess to one of the most interesting meetings of the Study Club of the season Thursday afternoon at her home on North Union Street...

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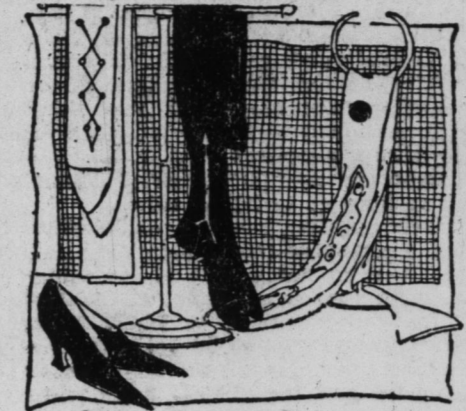
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Miss Jenn Coltrane, who has been spending some time with friends in Washington, Philadelphia and New York City, is expected home tomorrow.

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LOCAL MENTION

The condition of Mrs. T. T. Smith, who is undergoing treatment in a Baltimore hospital, is reported as improved. It is not known now when she will return to her home here.

One case of chicken pox was the only case of disease of any kind reported to the county health department for over the week-end, according to a department report.

Do you want to help the needy of the city during the Christmas season? You can select the family or individual you want to help by reading the list of "Opportunities," as announced in this paper today.

Rev. M. R. Gibson preached in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in Huntersville yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Howell and Miss Annie Brice Baird accompanied him to Huntersville.

We publish today the first installment of the statement of the income and expenditures for Cabarrus county from December 1, 1922, to November 30, 1923, inclusive. We expect to complete the statement in our next two issues.

in recorder's court this morning. None of the cases developed over the week-end, however, most of them having been continued from former sessions of the court while the others were originally scheduled for trial today although arrests were made several days ago.

Christmas shopping was more spirited here Saturday and it is expected to greatly increase this week. There are just six shopping days after today, but the stores of the city will be open each night this week, giving added opportunity to shoppers to get their goods this week.

Mr. J. M. Simpson, manager of Wilkinson's Undertaking Parlor, is confined to his home by illness. While helping to carry a casket down a flight of steps yesterday Mr. Simpson wrenched his back and the injury proved so painful that he has been confined to his bed since.

A number of persons had to report to police headquarters yesterday and today for violating the law regarding the parking of autos on the streets here during the night. It is unlawful to leave cars on the streets in the fire district after 1 a. m., but it seems that the general public is not yet well acquainted with this law.

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