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Yant of Mr. Chester Wilson, that friend and neighbor whom I have been attending."
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"My dear sir," cried Sir Charles and the admits to know the cause of the surveillance.
A robbery takes place at the home of sir Charles and nothing is disturbed except a bureau drawer, from which is stolen a manuscript written by Abingdon. Costly silver and the turiously pathetic way which he arrives. the builder miroms him that the master is calling on a sick friend.
vant of Mr. Chester Wilson, that friend and neighbor whom I have been attending."
"So your butler informed me."
"My dear sir," cried Sir Charles and the expression in his eyes grew almost wild, "no one in Wilson's house knew anything about the matter!"
Sir Charles was staring at Harley in that curiously pathetic way which he had observed at their earlier interview in Chancery Lane. "In any event," said his host, "let us dine; for already I have kept you waiting."
Benson attended at table, assisted

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NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY

ing maid, in whom Harley thought "Yes, sir. He is attending Mr. he recognized the housekeeper's bete Chester Wilson on the other side of

the square, and Mr. Wilson's man When presently both servants had rang up a few moments ago request-ing Sir Charles to step across." temporarily retired. "You see, Mr. Harley," began Sir Charles, glancing Sir Charles to step across."

"I see," murmured Harley, as the ing about his own room in a manner butler showed him into a small but almost furtive, "I realized today at well-filled library on the left of the your office that the history of this dread which has come upon me perlobby. haps went back so far that it was

Refreshments were set invitingly upon a table beside a deep lounge with it under the circumstances." chair. But Harley declined the man's request to refresh himself while waiting and began aimlessly to wander about the room, apparently studying the titles of the works crowding the bookshelves.

Now, upon his musing there suddenly intruded sounds of a muffled altercation. That is to say, the speakers, who were evidently in the lobby beyond the library door, spoke in low tones, perhaps in deference to the presence of a visitor. Harley was only mildly interested, but the voices had broken his train of thought, and when presently the door opened to admit a very neat but rather grim-looking old lady he started, then looked across at her with a smile.

Some of the grimness faded from the wrinkled old face, and the housekeeper, for this her appearance proclaimed her to be, bowed in a queer Victorian fashion which suggested that a curtsy might follow. One did not follow, however "I am sure I apologize, sir," she said. "Benson did not tell me you

'had arrived." "THE DANGER IS NOT RE-"That's quite all right," said Har-MOVED BUT MERELY INley, genially. CREASED "

"Servants in these times." she in

were in my young days." "Unfortunately, that is so," Har-

lev agreed. The old lady tossed her head. "I motherless girl is entitled to expect idle curiosity. On the contrary, I do my best," she continued, "but from her father. I don't mean," he find myself in a delicate and emthat girl would not have stayed in said, hastily, "that we are in any barrassing situation. From Sir the house for one week if I had had sense out of sympathy, but latterly Charles' conversation I had gathered my way. Miss Phil is altogether too in some way I must confess that we that he entertained certain fears soft-hearted. Thank goodness, she have got a little out of touch." He on behalf of his daughter." goes tomorrow, though. "I mean Jones, the new parlor- deed almost apologetically.

maid. Four hours off has that girl "Pray tell the story in your own "If these fears were well ground-had today, although she was out on way, Sir Charles," said Harley with ed, the danger is not removed, but

er. pastity pouring out a glass of ater he drank a sip or two and 'au Harley noticed that his hand as shaking nervously. longer able to conceal his con-

in Harley stood up. "If the story stresses you so keenly, Sir harles, he said, "I beg-" He ceased abruptly, and ran to his

- : assistance, for the latter, eviity enough, was in the thross of me sudden illness or seizure. "Benson!" cried Harley, loudly. Quick! Your master is ill!" There came a sound of swift foot-

teps and the door was thrown open. "Too late," whispered Sir Charles n a choking voice. He began to lutch his throat as Benson hurried

nto the room. "Fire-Tongue," he said . . . "Nicol Brinn". . . .

A stifled shriek sounded from the loorway, and in tottered Mrs. Howett, 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.

> CHAPTER III Shadows

AD you reason to suspect any cardiac trouble, Doctor Mc-

Murdoch?" asked Harley. Doctor McMurdoch, a local practitioner who had been a friend of Sir Charles Abingdon, shook his bead slowly.

"Was he consulting you professionally, Mr. Harley?" asked the physician.

almost impossible to acquaint you "He was," replied Harley, staring fascinatedly at the photograph on the mantelpiece. "I am informed," suid he, abruptly, "that Miss Abing-don is out of town?"

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."

Perceiving that Doctor McMurdoch had clearly been intimate with the late Sir Charles, Harley determined to make use of this opportunity to endeavor to fathom the mystery of the late surgeon's fears. "You will not misunderstand me, Doctor McMurdoch," he said, "if I venture to ask you one or two rather personal questions respecting Miss Abingdon?

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 an-swer your questions will you answer one of mine?" "Certainly."

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

"Doctor McMurdoch," said Harley, formed him, "are not what servants you in the first place that I have a sternly, "you no doubt believe yourdaughter. Her mother has been dead self to be acting as a friend of this for many years, and perhaps I have bereaved family. You regard me, not given her the attention which a perhaps, as a Paul Pry prompted by glanced anxiously at his guest, in. "Indeed," said Doctor McMurdoch.

THE CONCORD TIMES



MR. AND MRS. C. E. LAMBETH ENTERTAIN AT COUNTRY CLUB

with tinsel, and bright ornalents.

old-fashioned bouquet.

were given the guests.

rchestra.

dows

Lambeth.

Mr. Charles Wadsworth, student at In Charlotte in Honor of Mr. and Mrs. an Atlanta dental school, will arrive this week to spend Christmas with rela-Martin L. Cannon. Charlotte News. tives.

An elaborate and charming affair. Mrs. A. R. Howard is spending sev-eral days in Philadelphia and Baltimore. shering in the Christmas season, was the dance given Friday evening from 9 She will be accompanied home by Miss tot 1 o'clock at the Charlotte Country Alice Bernice Yorke, a student at Miss Club by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lam-Shipley's School. beth, complimenting Mr. and Mrs. Chas.

Hill, of Winston-Salem. and Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cannon, of Concord, who Mrs. Alvin Peck and children, and Mrs. Heilig, of Mt. Pleasant, spent Sun-day in Winston-Salem with relatives. will move to Charlotte soon to mane their future home. Mrs. Hill and Mr.

Mr. Kenneth Caldwell is spending the Cannon are sister and brother of Mrs. day in Charlotte, attending the funeral The spacious ball room of the club of Capt. Melvin Caldwell.

was elaborately decorated. Holly and trailing cedar covered the walls and trailing cedar covered the walls and hung from the ceiling and the windows her home in Albemarle, after spending outlined with cotton to give the effect some time recuperating from an opera-

of snow. The mantel was banked high tion for appendicitis. with holly and silver handlesticks, hold-Miss Georgia Broome has returned to ing lighted red candles, were placed at either end. On each side of the mantel Oteen, where she is nursing sick and wounded soldiers, after a visit here with were small Christmas trees decorated her sister, Mrs. A. C. Cline.

PERSONALS.

The guests were received at the door Mrs. W. D. Harry has returned from of the ball room by Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Albemarle. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George R. Trotter, who E. Lambeth, the latter gowned in blue taffeta made buoffant style and trimmed spent Sunday with her. Mr. and Mrs. in crystals, her corsage being of violets. L. O. Stephens, of Charlotte, also spent Sunday with Mrs. Harry. Mr. and Mrs. Hill, the latter, wearing a becoming gown of pink chiffon embroid-

Miss Virginia Wilkinson, student at. ered in crystals and an old-fashioned Mont Amoena Seminary, spent the week-end here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. bouget; Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, the latter attired in apricot chiffon embroidered in pastel shades of beads, with an H. B. Wilkinson

A delightful program of dance music Mr. Frank E. White, of No. 10 township, left yesterday on a trip to Florida. including the latest pieces was rendered Mr. J. F. Cannon is spending several throughout the evening by Mark Goff's

days in Philadelphia and New York Punch was served throughout the ev-City on business. ening. The punch bowl was on a pret-

tily decorated table in the reception hail. Mrs. A. L. Sappenfield and daughters. Red carnations and red tapers in silver Miss Esther and Annie Grace Sappen-holders were used on the table. Bas- field spent Thursday in Charlotte. field, spent Thursday in Charlotte. kets of holly were placed on tables!

Mr. D. F. Widenhouse, prohibition around the room and on the mantels in the reception hall and reception room. agent, has returned from Pennsylvania and New York, where he spent several A grand march was held at 12 o'clock, led by Mrs. Hill and Mr. Lambeth, dur- weeks on special duty. ing which pretty and appropriate favors

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Cannon spent They were then invited into the din-| Friday evening in Charlotte, where they ing room where a buffet supper was were among the honor guests at, a dance served. A long table in the center of given by Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Lam-the room had as its centerpiece a huge beth at the Charlotte country club. mound of holly, surrounded by six red

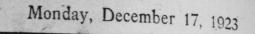
Mr, and Mrs. David Lippard and son, of Millingport, spent Thursday aftercandles in silver holders. Holly and cedar were also used around the winnoon and evening in Concord with rela-About 200 guests enjoyed Mr. and tives and friends. Mrs. Lambeth's hospitality.

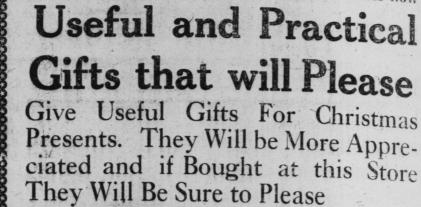
About 200 guests enjoyed Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth's hospitality. Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cannon, of York, S. C., were among the out-of-town guests. Mrs. W. M. Sherrill and daughter, Ellen Lewis, left Friday morning for Greenville, S. C., to spend several days with Mrs. Sherrill's father, Mr. J. Lee Carpenter.



She was accompanied home by

There was a quiet but pretty wedding Messrs, Ray Cline and John G. There was a quiet but pretty weating - Messrs, hay office and bound diverses sciemnized on Saturday at 6 o'clock at Parks have returned from a business the home of Mr. H. T. Newton on Second Buffalo street, when his daughter be-ond Buffalo street, when his daughter be-





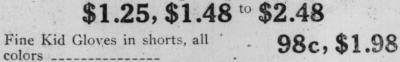
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"I quite understand."

Wednesday. Then she has the impu- sympathy. "I am all attention, and merely increased by the death of dence to allow someone to ring her I shall only interrupt you in the Miss Abingdon's natural protector. up here at the house; and finally event of any point not being quite I regret, sir, that I approached you for information, since you have mis-I discover her upsetting the table clear." after Benson had laid it and after I "Thank you," said Sir Charles. "I judged my motive."

ad rearranged it." Wandering from side to side of the matter now. To continue, there is gloomily, "I'm afraid I've offended had rearranged it." library, Harley presently found him-self standing still before the mantel- theman-" self standing still before the mantel- tleman-"

He paused as Benson appeared to tion showed itself in his deep voice. piece and studying a photograph in a silver frame which occupied the remove the soup plates. "Charley Abingdon and I were stucenter of the shelf. It was the dents together in Edinburgh," he The butler, an excellently trained photograph of an unusually pretty servant, went about his work with explained. "I was mayhap a little strange." girl. quiet efficiency, and once Harley

"Presumably 'Miss Phil'," he said heard him mutter rapid instructions His apology was so evidently sinaloud. to the surly parlormaid, who hovered cere that Harley relented at once.

He removed his gaze with reluc- disdainfully in the background. "Please say no more. Doctor Mctance from the fascinating picture. When again host and guest found Murdoch," he responded. "I fully and dropping into the big lounge themselves alone: "I don't in any appreciate your feelings in the matchair, he lighted a cigaret. He had way - distrust the servants," exter. At such a time a stranger can just placed the match in an ash tray plained Sir Charles, "but one cannot when he heard Sir Charles' voice in hope to prevent gossip." He raised only be an intruder; but"-he fixed his keen eyes upon the physicianthe lobby, and a moment later Sir his serviette to his lips and almost "there is more underlying all this Charles himself came hurrying into immediately resumed: "I was about than you suspect or could readily the library. to tell you, Mr. Harley, about my believe. You will live to know that

"I was called ten minutes ago by daughter's-" I have spoken the truth." someone purporting to be the ser-He paused and cleared his throat,

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n recorder's court this morning. None

LOCAL MENTION

The condition of Mrs. T. T. Smith, court while the others were originally who is undergoing treatment in a Bal- scheduled for trial today although antomore hospital, is reported as improved. rests were made several days ago. It is not known now when she will re- Christmas shopping was more spirited turn to her home here.

One case of chicken pox was the greatly increase this week. There are only case of disease of any kind re- just six shopping days after today, but ported to the county health department the stores of the city will be open each for over the week-end, according to a night this week, giving added opportundepartment report.

week. Do you want to help the needy of the city during the Christmas season? You kinson's Undertaking Parlors, is con-

Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church bed since. Associate Reformed Prespyterial Church, bed since. in_Huntersville yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hethcock and Miss Annie Brice Baird the violating the law regarding the park¹ in violating the law regarding the park² the streats here duration of the funeral to be held this afternoon. Mill. Capt. Kenneth E. Caldwell, of this city, will act as pall bearer at the funeral to be held this afternoon. Becond grade—Katherine E. Sammers, Sarah Summers, Third grade—Dorothy Bradf Bradford, Walter Morris, M

We publish today the first install- ing the night. It is unlawful to leave ment of the statement of the income and cars on the streets in the fire district ceived a call from Charlotte last night, expenditures for Cabarrus county from after 1 a. m., but it seems that the gen- but owing to the bad condition of the December 1, 1922, to November 30, 1923, eral public is not yet well acquainted road between the two cities the local Seaford, Boyd Seaford. We expect to complete the with this law. statement in our next two issues.

Prohibition Agent Widenhouse had a The aldermen will hold another meet- busy time last week, according to reing at the city hall tonight at 8 o'clock. ports here. He cut down a steam plant the Charlotte firemen and Concord fire-The suestion of conderning part of the in No. 5 township just after its erecproperty of the Cabarrus Motor Com- tion; cut down three barrels of beer pany will come before the meeting and and a barrel of California peeches which the members of the board are expected he located near Thunderstruck Bridge they learned of the fire. to take definite action on the matter. and cut down four barrels of beer

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A number of cars were damaged on the Concord-Charlotte road yesterday. The improvement of Master Troy The road was made very slippery by the Helms, who has been taking treatment the Outboundie Homital for correct Water Denot duct A number of cars were damaged on which he located in No. 11 township. which were damaged when they slid into months, is highly gratifying to his parditches, others had to be assisted when ents and friends. He was on the streets they slipped from the road.

of the cases developed over the weeksible for him to walk, but now, with end, however, most of them having been the aid of crutches, he is able to go and continued from former sessions of the come at will.

here Saturday and it is expected to ity to shoppers to get their goods this . .

Mr. J. M. Simpson, manager of Wilcity during the Christians season. For kinson's Undertaking Parlors, is con-can select the family or individual you want to help by reading the list of "Opportunities" as announced in this of steps yesterday Mr. Simpson wrenched of steps yesterday Mr. Simpson wrenched his back and the injury proved so pain-

Rev. M. R. Gibson preached in the ful that he has been confined to his here several months ago Capt. Caldwell

ville sent firemen and trucks to help Tillie Smith.

Concord people drove to Charlotte when

for several hours Saturday and paid a A. Patterson spent Thursday afternoon Seven cases were on docket for trial visit to the Tribune-Times office. Be- in Charlotte with friends.

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. At the same period last year everything was quiet also, Chief Talbirt reported, the good behavior indicating that people are determined to wait until after Christ- Frances Hill.

fore entering the hospital it was impos-

mas at least, to start celebrating. The evening proved one of much pleasure and enjoyment for Miss Mc-Capt. Melvin Caldwell died at a hospital in Charlotte Sunday after a long Curdy's guests.

illness. Capt. Caldwell has many Honor Roll for Gilwood School for Secfriends here who will regret to learn of his death. During the textile strike First grade-Foy Craven, W. A. Ir

The Concord Fire Department re-

firemen did not attempt to make the

men would have also responded had the Gladys Johnston, Bertha Hartsell. road been in better condition. Several

Miss Ethel Lippard and Mrs, John

Mrs. R. M. McKimmie has returned few few friends witnessed the ceremony. Rev. H. T. Blackwelder performed the from a visit with relatives at Laurinburg. ceremony. . Mrs. Mac Cameron and daughter, who

Meeting of Study Club.

Wagoner and Mrs. Gibson.

Miss McCurdy Entertains.

ond Month.

N. F. Sewing Club Meets.

Missionary Society to Meet.

Hall-Newton.

Mrs. I. I. Davis, Jr., was hostess to Mrs. J. I. Davis, Jr., was hostess to one of the most interesting meetings of the Study Club of the season Thursday afterneon at her home on North Union Saturday from a hunting trip to eastern Street. The program, arranged by North Carolina. Mrs. Davis and Mrs. W. W. Flowe,

Stanly News Herald: Mr. and Mrs. was one of the most ambitious and de-C. E. Parks, of Concord, spent Tuesday lightful offered this year and proved of in the city. Mr. Parks was here in unusual interes to Mrs. Davis' guests. interest of the Belk- Parks store of Puccini, modern living composer, was the subject of the meeting and musical which he was formerly general manager. selections offered during the afternoon population of these two states being, re-Mr. O. A. Swaringen is administra-tor of the estate of the late Mr. E. D. were chosen from his famous opera,

"Madam Butterfly." "One Fine Day," sung by Mrs. C. Swaringen. B. Wagoner, was the opening number of the impressive musical program. Lat-

Mr. Joe Gaskel is the administrator of ter Mrs. Wagoner and Mrs. H. G. Gibthe estate of his late father, Mr. S. W. son, who was a guest, 'sang "Barcarole" Gaskel. from The Tales of Hoffman, and the

will spend some time here.

. . .

program ended with another duet, "The Mr. and Mrs. Smoot Parents of Daugh-Dues of the Flowers," sung by Mrs. ter.

Mr. and Mrs. Watson Smoot, of Gas-Following the business session delectonia, are being congratulated upon the table refreshments were served by Mrs. birth of a daughter, Lucile Cobb, on December 12th.

In Honor of Mrs. Hill. Miss Fannie McCurdy one of the Charlotte Observer, 15th,

teachers at the Hartsell Mill School, Mrs. Jeremiah Goff will entertain a was hostess at a delightful party given few friends very informally at after-Thursday evening at the home of Mr. noon tea to meet Mrs. Charles Hill, of and Mrs. J. W. Snyder, with whom she Winston-Salem, this afternoon at her home on Queens road, Myers Park. Miss McCurdy gave the party in Mr. and Mrs. Hill came over yeshonor of the faculty of the Hartsell terday to share honors with Mr. and Mill School and Laura Sunderland Mrs. Martin L. Cannon at a dance given School. In addition to the members last evening by Mr. and Mrs. Charles of the faculties Miss McCurdy had as E. Lambeth at the Charlotte country her guests Miss Rose Harris and Miss club.

> Christmas Tree at Gilwood. There will be a Christmas tree with appropriate exercises at Gilwood Friday, appropriate exercises at Gilwood Friday, December 21, at 2 p. m. Everybody is invited invited. L.

Marriage licenses were issued to vin, Jack Irvin, Sarah Bradford, Chalseveral couples Saturday by Register of Deeds Elliott, the licenses being the Second grade-Katherine Morris, J. first issued in a week. Five of the Third grade—Dorothy Bradford, Ralph Bradford, Walter Morris, Mae Morris, Robert Seaford, J. Lynn Irvin. licenses were issued to the following Fourth grade-Johnnie Craven, Mil-dren Johnston, Gilbert Johnston, Ralph lis; Lewis Christy and Miss Thelma Fifth grade-Evalee Benson, Douglass Goodman and Miss Dorothy Underwood. trip. Statesville, Monroe and Moores- Craven, Doris Irvin, Wilson Johnston, both of Concord; and Cicer Hall and Miss Minnie Newton, both of Concord. Sixth grade-Mary Grace Bradford,

Jumped From Sixth Floor; Still Lives.

New York, Dec. 13 .- Anita Southwick, a young woman living in the The N. F. Sewing Club met with hotel Brevoort, the Greenwich village Miss Ethelda Lineberger Thursday evo'clock. All members hostelery, located at 5th avenue and After sewing for an 8th street, at which King Edward stop-Miss Jenn Coltrane, who has been roof of a sedan parked below and was spending some time with friends in removed to St. Vincent's hospital where Washington, Philadelphia and New doctors said she probably would sur-York City, is expected home tomorrow. Vive.

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