

The Spun Glass Mystery

A TALE OF SCOTLAND YARD by H. FIELDING

READ THIS FIRST:
John Tait, stepson of wealthy Lady Tait, is engaged to marry Lucy Burnham, a widow. This is resented by Alysia Naylor, John's cousin, who has been making her home with her sister Etta, and her brother Claude, at Tait's abode in England. Alysia tries to spoil the romance by using her own fiance, Reggie Claridge, to win Mrs. Burnham's affections. Lady Tait sees her stepson talking to a beautiful young girl, whom she dislikes at once, in a hotel lobby at Vichy where she and her new friend, Mrs. Burnham, are stopping. The girl, revealed as Gillian Dundas who has been blackmailing Tait through a past indiscretion, talks of Tait to a strange-looking young man in another hotel. Meanwhile Claridge arrives from England, introduces himself to Lady Tait, and is immediately taken by Miss Dundas' beauty. The hotel manager arranges a sitting with a Moroccan sovereign for Lady Tait. John Tait, Mrs. Burnham, Claridge, Claude Naylor, Miss Dundas, and a Mrs. de Souza who employs Gillian as a companion, suddenly the Arab vanishes.

(NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY)



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CHAPTER 9
LADY TAIT found the idea of an Arab Moslem necromancer using a telegram with which to summon his magic working charms distinctly funny. The manager escorted them to the lounge and finally left them with many apologies. Then he returned to his office. The Arab rose from a chair at a table. In his hand was an envelope.
"I have written and sealed this. If you open it this time next year you will know why I refused to tell the fortunes of those ladies and gentlemen." Ibrahim ben Mahmoud ben Jussuf, head sorcerer of Abdel-Krim, would have gilded softly from the room, but the manager stopped him.
"You can't give any show tonight. It would be an insult to those other ladies and gentlemen. As it is, I had to invent some absurd story to excuse you."
"They are leaving shortly," the Arab said in his thick guttural French.
"Tomorrow."
"Then I will give my show tomorrow night. I do not care to be in the presence of those about to die."
The manager was impressed and uneasy against his will.
"Voynovs, if a calamity is coming, say a railway accident or another motor smash, the elder lady has already been in one—a word of caution, perhaps."
"No word can stop what is coming," the Arab said indifferently. "It is not evil of the kind that can be avoided. Mektub—it is written," and this time Ibrahim did not pause again, but passed on out, like some figure of fate.
Lady Tait went early to bed that night, her last night. She had an idea when she woke next morning that she had been dreaming badly. Something about John Tait and that Dundas girl. . . . She shared Claridge's certainty about her character, or lack of it, and, like him, could find nothing on which to hang her conviction. Not that it would seem to matter.
She watched her maid collect a few last trifles of books and cushions from the sitting room.
"There's a very lovely young girl staying at the hotel, Rainer, Miss Dundas by name. I suppose my nephew has been quite aware of the fact?"
Rainer looked at her mistress over her spectacles. She coughed a little coyly.
"Well, my lady, I didn't like to worry you about it, and, after all, why shouldn't the young gentleman see a good deal of her? Lovely she is, and they seem to have plenty of money. Not that I think he lost his head if you take my meaning."
"Mr. Claude wouldn't do that easily," Lady Tait spoke dryly. In common with most women, caution was not a trait she prized.
"And that's a blessing, my lady," Rainer said fervently. "As for Mr. John, he hasn't eyes for any one except for Mrs. Burnham."
"Who is Miss Dundas, do you know?"
Rainer did not. "The ladies seem

quite all right, respectable I mean, and that. But not in the swim. Not at all in the swim. Mrs. de Souza's English herself, her husband was the foreigner, but I got it out of the maid that she had applied for tickets for the Royal Enclosure but didn't get them. Which shows—"
"Very little," was Lady Tait's private comment. Aloud she said: "You'll be late for your dinner, Rainer." She was not interested in Mrs. de Souza nor in anything, beyond hearing that John had not been seen about with Miss Dundas.
Rainer tossed her head.
"And a funny time to have it," she plumped up a cushion afresh, "and the meals themselves! I didn't want to worry you, my lady, but they really are the limit!"
"The management wrote that they were very careful of the food served at the housekeeper's table. It's a bit late in the day for complaints, in my case." Lady Tait disliked grumbles.
"It's not the food, it's the way it's served. Oh, they're quite mad. They serve the meat by itself and the vegetables separately. Would you believe it, my lady! And with this specimen of foreign insanity Rainer vanished.
Lady Tait should have felt entirely at ease. But a memory would not be dismissed. A memory of words without any sound. As for Claude, her nephew, she was profoundly indifferent as to whether he was interested in Gillian Dundas or not. He would never do anything foolish. Catch Naylor marrying a nobody! But those soundless, moving lips. . . . Lady Tait could not shake that burr out of her mind, try as she would.
Claridge left Vichy on the same day, and by the same train that carried Mrs. de Souza and Gillian Dundas to Paris. They stopped there for a while. So did Claridge, but he dropped a line to Alysia. She read his note twice, the first time with a pleased smile, the second with a hard frown.
"He couldn't do it." She announced briefly. "So I'm fit out. But it seemed worth trying. And had he really put his heart into it, he ought to've turned the trick."
"Put what into it?" Etta asked in a tone of stupor. Alysia flushed.
"Tried harder!" she snapped. "Well," she drummed her fingers on the table. "I'm not beaten yet. Not till the marriage actually takes place. But I see you have a letter from John. What does he say? More gush about the Silly Widow?" This was Alysia's latest name for Mrs. Burnham.
"What an unkind way to talk of her. He writes me just what he wrote you."
"A second notice to quit, eh?" Alysia bit her thin, flexible lips.
"He repeats what he wrote you, that we might like to stay at Tor Cottage until we have time to make our plans."
"What plans? The only plans I want to make would be how to sep-

CONTRACT BRIDGE

WRITTEN FOR CENTRAL PRESS
By E. V. SHEPARD
FAMOUS BRIDGE TEACHER

BLIND LEADS AGAINST TRUMP MAKES
POSSIBLY against popular belief, trump makes are much more difficult to play than no trumps, both for the declarer and for the defenders. There are more chances for the declarer to choose the wrong method of play than at no trumps. Also there are more chances for the defenders to make bad opening leads than there are at no trumps.
Recent very elaborate investigations concerning trump leads proved to me how bad leads in common use really are. A business man would be considered a fool if he mismanaged his business so that he constantly incurred needless losses, running from 16 to 27 per cent, but that is just what bridge players have been doing since the game commenced. These losses will be reduced greatly by adhering to the following table of leads, whenever possible.

Relative Efficiencies of Blind Leads
Except from sequences headed by Ace, lead the highest card. Lead the K from A-K with more than 2 cards in suit, lead the Ace from A-K with only lower cards.
1. Solid suits (A-K, A-K-Q, A-K-Q-J, without small cards added).
2. Suits of any length exceeding 4 cards, when headed by A-K-Q.
3. Truncated suits (solid sequences, K-Q-J, Q-J-10, Q-J-10-9, J-10-9-8).
4. Sequences of 3 or more cards (K-Q-J-X, Q-J-10-9-X, 10-9-8-X).
5. Sequenced honors in long suit

Bad Suits to Open
The two worst suits to open are those headed by tenaces (A-Q, K-J, A-J or others having gaps between honors), and suits headed by either Ace or King, without the next lower honor. Unless the suit contains more than 4 cards, the following suits are poor choices from which to make blind leads: K-Q-10, K-Q, Q-J-9, Q-J and J-10.
You must lead some suit, of course. Bad suits to open are defensive in character, rather than offensive, that is why they make poor suits to open.

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Warrenton Sunday.
Miss Mildred Wade of Middleburg spent the week-end with Miss Fay Howell.
Miss Helen Norwood is visiting her sister, Mrs. L. P. Spencer of Tarboro. The B. Y. P. U. of Rock Spring Baptist church held its regular meeting last Sunday night, April 8, at 7:30 o'clock. The topic discussed was "What God Expects of Us in His House."
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WASHINGTON at a Glance

By CHARLES P. STEWART
Central Press Staff Writer
Washington, April 13.—Four or five years ago, at a juncture when there was a crisis of considerable acuteness in the soft coal mining industry (a particularly bad spell in an even then chronically "sick industry") I had occasion to interview President John L. Lewis of the United Mine Workers of America relative to the causes of so much trouble in his especial field of labor.
Without attempting, after such an interval to quote him textually, what he said, in effect, was this:
The industry is about twice over-manned. War requirements attracted too many workers into it. Their number must be reduced to present day necessities. It will be a slow, painful squeezing out process, but there is no escape from it.
Lewis was accused openly of looking with a kindly eye, to say the least, on strikes, to hasten the squeezing out of the surplusage referred to. Of course I couldn't prove that he did so, but certainly it was a viewpoint, on his part, which would have been consistent with what he told me.
It was a policy evidently sensed by the redundants, anyway, for they presently began to organize independent A. F. of L. affiliation; to organize under pretty radical auspices (being highly resentful of the A. F. of L.'s conservative, restrictionary policy), to fight for their jobs—not to fight the employers for them, but to fight the A. F. of L. contingent for them.
Now comes a time, under the NRA program, when it behooves the A. F. of L. to align all labor beneath its banner.
Is it likely that the miners, who were to have been "squeezed out," in accordance with John L. Lewis' reasoning, as to his union's necessities, will respond with much enthusiasm to appeals to join the A. F. of L. in today's emergency? I wouldn't suppose so.

Political Notices

CANDIDATES ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ALL POLITICAL NOTICES APPEARING IN THIS COLUMN OR ELSEWHERE IN THIS NEWSPAPER ARE CASH AND MUST BE PAID FOR WHEN ORDER IS PLACED.

FOR COMMISSIONER.
I am a candidate for the office of County Commissioner for the Four Year Term, subject to the Democratic Primary June 2. I pledge you my very best services if elected. Will appreciate your support in the primary.
H. B. PARROTT.

FOR COMMISSIONER.
I hereby announce myself a candidate for County Commissioner for the four year term, subject to the Democratic Primary on June 2, 1934. Your vote will be appreciated.
JOHN B. KNIGHT.

FOR COMMISSIONER.
I am a candidate for the office of Commissioner of Vance County for the two year term, subject to the Democratic Primary June 2. If elected, I pledge my support to the best interests of the county. Your support will be appreciated.
W. W. CURRIN.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.
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The law provides that all listings must be made during the month of April. Those who fail to comply with this law will be subject to a penalty.

S. B. BURWELL,
City Clerk

TOWNSVILLE

By MISS LUCILLE GUPTON
Miss Mamie Poole and her mother have returned to their home in Norfolk, Va., after visiting Miss Mary Lily Norwood.
Little Billy Hicks spent Sunday night with her aunt, Mrs. Hendricks Williams.
Miss Margaret Holloway of Drewry spent the week-end with Miss Thelma Tucker.
Miss Mary Rollins Tarry has returned to her home after spending a week with her sister Frances in Erwin, N. C.
Miss Mary Tucker has returned to her home after visiting Miss Jessie Currin of Middleburg.
Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Spencer and daughter Isobel have returned to their home in Tarboro after spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Norwood.
Mr. W. H. Burwell of Henderson spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Burwell.
Miss Mary Grace Woody is visiting Miss Meta Kennison.
Townsville boys played baseball in Norlina Tuesday afternoon. Norlina won the game with a score 21-8.
A. L. Holloway, Jr., and Miss Elizabeth Holloway of Drewry spent Sunday afternoon in Townsville.
The Young Girls Auxiliary will meet Saturday afternoon, April 14 at 2:30 o'clock.
Miss Frances Boyd has returned to her home after visiting Miss Ethel Newell.
Lawrence Davis spent Saturday

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