In the Twenty Million Dollar Mystery

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give up this fight until I am beaten."

She glanced at the clock. "It is time John was here. Why not come along

"I berven't had skares on in an age

"That won't matter, all the more fun

"Why, you can throw off your bur

"I do not throw them off; I merely refuse to bit them dampen what pleas ure I can get out of life." Zudora ran

to a window. "There he is now! He's just as patient and kindly as he can be.

And there's a box under his arm. I'll

wager it's hothouse violets. He never forgets the fact that I love flowers."

She did not notice the two men lolter

"Piffe! What man wouldn't be

thoughtful if he had you always to

sweetheart."

mind? What's this? Been rummaging

"Nothing but this sheet of paper."

John took it. "Why, it looks like a

"A map?" chorused Zudora and Mrs.

"And I didn't know what It could

"I'll wager it's some data regarding

the boundaries of the diamond mine in

It may be worthless, and again it may

have value. Put it back in the trunk

understand. Whenever I sign a con-

tract I go to a brother lawyer to see

If he gets the same points I do. Put

It back into the trunk and come along

When Radeliffe and Gyp the gun

covered from the chagrin of this fact.

The first thing that welcomed his

scorched leather at once convinced him

anything?"

map or plan of a mine!"

be!" exclutined Zudorn.

with us? The skating will be fine."

protested Mrs. Ramsay.

for you," insisted Zudora.

with cheer.

you, sweetheart."

ble I linve caused you."

"You're a strange girl." "lo what way?"

SYNOPSIS.

Zudora is left an orbitals at an early see. Her father is afficient in a gold milito Zudora and the furture from the rame, which grows to be worn, 10,400, and to the further who has a series in the series of the series of the series and the series and the series and the series are the series as Historian as Historian and the series are the series as Historian and He decide that redora must be before after can be a series of the series and the series and the series are the series are the series and the series are the series are the series are the series and the series are the series are the series are the series and the series are the series ar Contorn must the before she can tave a chatter to come into procession of ber 1990er, so that it may be self to but the next of the literaturals seen an obstacle to his acteure in the person of John Storm, a young lawyer, for when Zu corn he taken a family, and he commands the girl to put the mone out of her while. Zudora inslots that if she cannot marry Storm she will marry no one. "We will, says Harsam All, "solve my heat twenty cases and you can tharry lims, full in a single case and you must remore a him."

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Zudies unrasels a mystery and whis her first cross asset in which John Storm is saved from being convicted of a munisr instigated by Hassam All binsself.
Zudies and Hassam All visit Nabok Shan's house, where sleep overcomes every one whenever Nabok attempts to marrie a princess. Storm, seeking Zudiera, it nucle a princest Exorm from death.

A maker of diamonds tells Hassam All his lift is being attempted from only Storm suspects Hassam All. Storm is arrested for stealing the diamond in dear's gents, but Zudiera discovers the real thieves a pair of mice.

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The nexts help employed on Storm's father's farm are fleeling because a great skeleton hand appears at night u on a hill near by. Storm is builted in no investigation, but Zudora teams that her uncle has employed Humy Bolton, half winted man, thus to anney Storm' parents. Eudora finds Hoston operating a big muste lantern and is attacked by him. Sorm appears and saves her. Hass in All asks Zudora to find a gein lost by two mysterious old men. Zulora seeks a potegraph of the gen and is unns in her land. An old house is mired by Hassam All and the old men. Storm and Zudora are lured there and marrowly escape destruction when the house blows up. John McWinter endeavoring to tray and kill George Smith, is killed nimself, and Smith is charged with murder. Hassam All conspires to have John Storm meet the same fate as McWinter, and he and Storm are overcome by powerful fumes. Zudora saves them, proves that McWinter a own dog trapped and killed him and saves Smith from a band of lynchers. An inventor blows up a submarine with a powerful heat ray which he sends through water. Hassam All seends Zudora the same fate the same and submarine with a powerful heat ray which he sends through water. Hassam All seends Zudora

An inventor blows up a submarine with a powerful heat ray which he sends through water. Hasaam All sends Zudora to a photographer directly beneath the inventors inboratory and orders the inventor to kill her. Zudora gets a warning and her life is saved. The heat ray machine is destroyed, and the photographer, after a quarrel with Hasaam All, is found dead in the river.

Wu Chang prevents Zudora's elopement

Wu Chang prevents Zudora's elopement with John Storm by hypnotizing her, and he and Hassam All attempt to smuggle her out of the country. This plot is frus-trated by Storm.

Val kidnap Zudora and the Van Wick Storm rescues them, and Hassam

With Hassam All dead Zudora is releas With Haman All dead Zudora is released of her pledge to salve twenty cases. She confronts, however, the greatest mystery of all, which is the mystery of her own life and the ambition to secure the wast fortune of \$2,00,000 left to her. This great photo serial is being shown in the leading moving picture theats a brite Thi houser Film Corporation A con-the of the properties are Marguerite now Mary 1 sabeth Forbes, James Cru. in the new role of reporter-hero, S iney Bracey and Frank Farrington

On looking through her uncle's papers Zudors finds that her father left her an interest in a diamond mine, and 8 arm and the d both lend assistance in ying to ega for her possession of the se-tate a ch is being appropriate by regules offer the leadership of Min. Du Val. 7 ey plan to frighten Zuden as thet et. will run away. Falling, they that at will run away. Falling they kidnap Zudora and Howard, the mine superint indent and put them in a private insane saylum. Howard dies but Zu-dora, rarly fumished, is rescue, by Storm and his friends. Detective funt and ha didnot the Zudora gold mine Mrs. opeland's lewels are stole; but recover I through the eleverness of funt

CHAPTER XVI The Battle at the Bridge.

E bright, keen winter day Zudorn and Mrs. Ramsay sat in the former's room discussing the mailgrancy of the stor. that hovered over Zudora's destiny. If only she might find one bit of compiete evidence against her enemies or sme document to fully uphold her claims! She could do nothing at court with these fragments, these half sheets. Possession was nine points in law, and it did not require John Storm's legal advice to convince her of

If Hassam All had not been a thorough miser all valuable papers would have been deposited in the deposit box at the bank. More and more she became convinced that her uncle had had Africa. Anyhow, I'd hang on to it sinister designs upon her life; that he had been maneuvering to get her out of the way so that he might control the My rule is, never throw away any entire fortune. All she wented was to scrap of paper you do not thoroughly be mind free. Well, soo, er or later. something would turn up, some work-Three such men as Storm. Buird and Hunt would find a chick in the enemy's armor.

"I'm going to look through that old It's glorious out of doors today." trunk again." Zudora declared, rising "Come and help me."

man saw the three depart for the So the two of them dragged out the skating pond the former instructed the gus man to remain on the watch and to runk and went through everything re-Mericusty, so thoroughly that a moth whistie in case of danger. He himself was determined to enter the house and could not have escaped. Protruding from a torn place in the lining Zudora have a thorough look into Zudora's room. He found an unlocked window came upon a sheet of paper. She studied the porhooks from all angles, but in the rear, and through this he enter could make nothing of it. However, ed the house. Everybody was out, in the laid it aside for Storm's appraisal. cluding the servant. He could not have found a better opportunity.

What contried her as much as any-Cing was the fact that the spurious having once made a midnight visit to claimants had the law on their side. Where had they secured their back it. They had tricked him out of a fine ing? How had they learned that there lot of gems, and he had not yet reexisted documents, that there were gold and diamond mines? Hassam All To this day he had not the least idea certainly had not confided these facts where they had hidden the stones. He

There is nothing but this sheet with the pothooks," she declared finally. "I had been disposed of secretly. can't make anything out of it."

"You poor child! Why don't you gaze was the battered old trunk. The marry your sweetheart and have done with all this? He has plenty for both." | that this had come from the house of "That isn't it, Mrs. Ramsay. I come Hassam All. He knelt beside it and "Well, I'm going to be that celebrated from a fighting stock, and I will never threw back the lid. He eyed curiously artist."

the spangles and made of the old cirone days. But the folded sheet of paper interested film far more. And when he sprend it out and discovered that it was practically a complete survey of the mine in Africa he was dehalited. He already knew the defines of the African property. So far as he was concerned it was of no intrinsic value, but it would eventually be variable to Zinfora. So he stuffed it into his pocket and went on with his

cap, with the actury's seal of some old Twice." chap who had died in Montana. If "I for would be very easy now that he had Baird dryly. all the documents in the case. Mine Du Vait would be pleased, so pleased that the might bend a more willing our all these weeks and had not thought to sound it for a false bottom. That was supreme lick. He felt more and more



assured of his star as he rejoined Gyp. Millions, luxury, all his cravings to be gratified

ing on the opposite side of the street. Radeliffe and Gyp the gun man. Storm came in, his eyes clear and his guistening surface of the pond, began And Zudoro, flying neross the smooth, cheeks full of color. He was bubbling to have hopes that her star had reach ed its nadir and was once more ascend-"All aboard! The Ice will be just ing toward the zenith. Well, perhaps splendid. Here's a bunch of violets for it was. The sunshine, the exhibitation "Thank you, John." Zudora planed loved, these would have set cheer into of the sport, the nearness of one be the flowers against her waist. "You many a heart darker than Zudora's. are very thoughtful, after all the trou

When the three of them returned to Mrs. Ramsay's the latter served ten. and for un hour it was a happy family. Then Storm remembered the survey

"You'd better let me have that and ock it up in my safe," he suggested. You never can tell what will happen

But Zudora searched the leather trunk from top to bottom in vain. "That's funny! You saw me put it on the top tray?"

said Storm gravely. He as he desired. went downstales. On the linoleum in was enough. Some one has been here during our absence." he declared on blame. I should have put it into my

Meantime in Detective Hunt's office things were being arranged for the secondency of Zudora's star, which was in truth very low.

"Baird. I'm going to enter the Du-Vat villa by the front door this trip." "What do you mean by that?" asked the late Hassam Air's double.

"I mean that I'm going to enter in a capacity which will excite madain's does not like the idea of having her around in the old trunk again? Find likeness perpetuated in all if done by a



"That's true enough," said Baird. "Go on. I'm interested."

"But, Lord, man, can you paint?" "Well enough to serve my purpose." "You're a man of many surprises." "That's high praise. You used to be that yourself.

"Give me all the points of the game " "You've heard of Jucques La Fon-"Yes. Just at present he's in the

"So I learned. But Mine. Du Val will

trenches in Alsace."

not dig deep so long as I can keep her search. Then he came upon the false can'ty stirred. Now, then, watch your bottom to the trunk, and here he found | Uncle Dudley. In ten minutes PH be the documents which completed the the exact counterpart of the painter as case. He hughed. With these in his he was during his last visit, six months. possession Zudora would lose her case ago. He came with splendld introducheavy court in America. What a find! thous, one of which I have. And I've. Neither the girl nor her advisers had based a neat little forgery on it. Here's ever thought to thoroughly investigate. La Fenfalne's photograph. Keep your the battered old leather trunk. eye on me and take a lesson on how to get into the skin of another man. I stole out of the Ramsay house. He want to get into that villa the worst had made a great find. He was legally kind of way. It keeps going through master of millions. It would be a sim- say head that ibere is some connection ple case of manufacturing a will of between it and that old junk but or prior date to Zudora's, upon old legat garage we've skylarked in once or

Baird dryly. "They nearly had me there one day."

Hunt went to work rapidly and skill fully and within the stipulated time to his piece. They had had this trunk presented an appearance that was near enough to that of the real artist to food the ordinary eye.
"Great work?" cried Baird. "I tell

you what you enter the villa and get established, and I on my part will see where that garage trapdoor leads to."

At 4 that afternoon Hunt, armed gan to stir restively. I durally

Thus Hunt's initial reception was the portiere. most cordial. Mme. Du Val would be



Give Him as Many Sittings as He the garage first, but before be exued

windows. He left the two women and from the villa, and the two of them the first time Baird had (it the boars

"What luck?" asked the reporter. ever did. When you tickle a woman's the bridge. That Baird live it to tell the returning to Zudorn's room. "Wheever vanity you blind her. I'm going to put tale was due solely to the unexpected t was has got that paper. Evidently up at one of the hotels. She might have arrival of Zudora and S arm. They I was watched, and when we went to it in her mind to call me up to change recognized Baird as he and his apthe poul the watcher came into the the hour of appointment. Tomorrow tagonist toppied over the sampet in kitchen window. Well, perhaps I'm to I'll begin to outline her features. You the key stream below, where the fight can take it from me, though, that she'll selected. At length the reporter never hang this portrait anywhere for her friends to see. What I want is a few minutes alone in fie that villa.

when they think I'm outside of it. That's the ticket, and it may take a week or two to make the play. Later, when they reached another part of the town, Baird caught Hunt by the arm.

"See that old codger ahead of us?"

"Well, that's the diamond cutter I

told you about. Suppose we run along after him and see where he goes?" The old man led them to his den without so much as a single glance over his shoulder. Hunt agreed to go inside while Baird stood on guard outside. Half an bour later Hunt rejoined

the reporter. "I have seen Captain Radeliffe go in there," said Baird, "and I've just been thinking hard." "No" cried the detective jestingly.

"That bearded man in Montana and the captain shape up a good deal aitke." "So much alike that I'm certain they are one and the same. I've been think ing too. But when a fisherman casts his not be first makes sure that there are no holes in it. That old lapidary's face is known to me. Half the smuggled gems go to him, but we can't ar rest the old boy. It's only logical that if some one brings him a stone to cut he cuts it without asking questions. But I'm hanged if I don't stop some of his antagonist, who paid the penalty of the men who go there. I can't bother with him now. I want Mme

Du Val's portrait started." Four days later at half after 4 at it out toward Baled as one would throw the same moment Zudora and Storm a life preserver at sen. Balad was at set out upon a short automobile trip- if. He had just strength enough to you could have seen the detective in grasp the tire, and Storm hanted away his velvet jacket, daubing away ear with a will nestly and with no incomiderable success. He could paint and paint well, but he was a man who required action, complexities to untangle, mo bility, and it irked him to sit in a chair for an hour or two with the odor of paint making him headachy.

Mme. Du Val sat so that from the corner of her eye she could watch the fountain. By and by Hunt laid aside his palette.

"That will be all for today. I am quite sure you are tired." "John me with a cup of chocolate." on dogs. Can you tell me anything she said amiably.

there's one thing about dogs everyone While they were sipping the chocolate the fountain jet reversed. Hunt ought to know, and that is fleas.



pretended not to notice this reculiar ity, but he could see that madame be with his forged introduction, presented set down her cup, companiing of a himself at the front door of the Du Val violent headache. Hunt, attacted up villa. He was ushered in by the poro his materials and policely excised pous footman. The peudo artist was himself. The footman, ho ever to let requested to be scated. Then the foot ting him out failed to see that the man took the letter upstairs to his mistress, who was more delighted by the tween the door and the camb. Can tests, who was horizontal thought of being paint-letter than the thought of being paint-the flower than the thought of being paint-ed. She had met the distinguished through the conser-atory. He French nobleman but twice, and it waited for a moment of two, then flattered her greatly to believe that stole out into the salon. A spot on one she had been remembered. And, more of the columns attracted it is attention. than this, the famous artist had once Upon close inspection he found it to noted her singular beauty and never be a sliding panel. He vas fingering would be happy until he had put it about for a method to sen it when he heard footsteps. He s , quel behind

It was Mme Du Vat, oming down to greet Captain Radeliffe, who had just come in. She at once showed him the portrait. He shrugged. He was not at all interested in this style There goes the fountain," he warn

"Merciful beaven, I had forgotten all

about those fools! They struck the signal while La Fontaine was here, but inckfly he did not notice it. Let them Hunt was very much surprised to

see three old antagonists enter the room from one of the columns. He was still more surprised when he saw madaine open the secret drawer in the onys table. His eyes snapped. That table would be worth while Just as soon as these precious rogues left the salon he determined to investigate. He was an ingenious man, but his ingenu ity failed utterly to learn the secret of the onyx table. He was certain, how ever, that it held all he wanted so budly. He left the villa unobserved.

In the meantime Baird had discover ed that the tunnel from the garage left directly to the Du Val villa, but he had chosen a bad day for the lavestigatio The three crooks, returning from their visit, eaught sight of him and gave chase. He reached the trup door in

make the door they wer op a him delighted to give him as many sittings. He succeeded in laying out two of as he desired.

Baird met Hunt a short distance be a tough customer. This was not

They battled through "It was the easiest bit of work I along the sidewalk, until her remind.

for his loyalty to a bad cause.

Storm got a rope from his tool box.

This he fied to the extra tire, floghic

TO BE COSTINUED.

Greene Are there any really in-

destructible toys?" Gray-"None that

I know of, except those that make an

Common Knowledge.

Sister-"I'm writing a composition

infernal noise"-Judge.



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