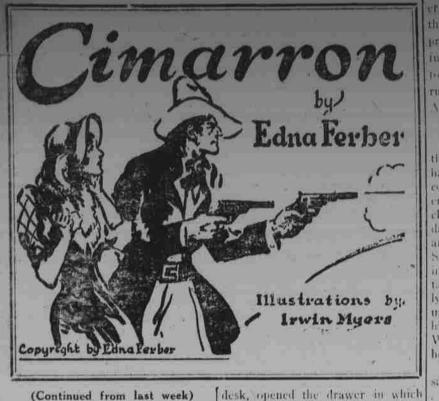
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"What's this?" he said,

"Pincaplle and marshmallow salad. With Ruby gone and all, I didn't get anything for your supper-1 was so upset-all those wo men 1 . ".

He sat looking down at the slippery mass on his plate. His locked the door after her, stepped great arms were spread out on the table before him. The b auti-ful hands were opening and cless. He would go with her. He would ing convulsively. So a mastodon drive her out there. But his ofmight have looked at a worm, "Pineapple and marshmallow salad," he repeated, thoughtfully, al- no response. Gone out somewhere most wonderingly. Suddenly he -a case. Down the rickety woodthrew back the magnificent head on steps of the two-story brick threw back the magnificent head building. She stood a moment in the street, looking this way and the buggy wheels. Then, and clear in the firelight. "I am peal of Herculean laughter. "Pine-apple and marsh-" choking, the that. She stuck her palms to outbur in a kind of among of fuapple and marsh— choking, the tears running down his checks. Sabra was angry, then frightened for as suddenly as he had be-For as suddenly as he had begun to laugh he became serious. But what would they think-those table. Then he seemed to pull men at the stable. They were the ter of the gourd rattle shaken vighis whole body together like a tiger who is about to spring. He Sabra Cravat driving out into the stood thus a moment, swaying a prairie alone in the middle of the little, "'Actum est de republica,"

"What?" said Sabra, sharply. "Latin, Latin, my love. Pinego. She had to get him. apple and marshmallow salad! 'It is all over with the Republic.'" go, one had to get that the Bixby house. A quiet little up the horses. They sat a mo-She shrugged her shoulders im-figure rose from the blackness of ment, listening. Listening. The patinetly. Yancey turned, stiffly, like a soldier, walked out of the room, flicked his white sombrero sat with their chairs tilted back from the back from the back from the back for the off the hall rack and put it on at against the wall. The red coal of the usual jaunty angle, went down his cigar was an eye in the darkthe porch stair with his light, ness.

graceful step, to the sidewalk and "Sabra" What is this! What up the street, the great head low- are you doing running around at ered, the arms swinging despond- this hour of the night?" ently at his sides. Sol Levy, sitting there in the

Sabra went on with her work Oklahoma night, a lonely little fig

that Yancey had gone.

Doc Valliant. She closed and

reat one at the livery stable.

all over Osage, all over the county.

r. They left the town behind about, darkness, silence. Only that the, Sol and Sabra entered the them, were swallowed up by the pulsing cry and rattle and beat crowded Mescal tepee.

pook off her bat. The night air thought Sabra.

rushed analist her face, cooling it,

A half hour. "fact pre-drawn will your Sods Without a word he entrusted the reins to her strong, accustomed "the hands of one who had come of concratices of horse loydarkness The light buggy rocked the antimin prairie. With difficulty model there in the doorway, be- three days, and bounced over the mutted roads he ground his way to a stimup that withdered, terrified, brave. 6666 Salv

talk, dispantedly. Vet, surprising-What she said sounded absurd : he knew it for tragedy.

. Pincapple and marshmallow firmly. Together they made their 1930. . Ruby Big Elk . . Cim . . his en tepec.

he kept his holster and six-shoot- face Immp .... ers, now that Osage had become so effete as to make them an un-"Sure, Well, sure. The boy will essential article of dress, They

he all right. The boy will be all They stood there, barring the way. were not there. She knew then right. Well, Yancey-you know The little Jew felt Sabra's arm

he has goue away again? I mean -gone?" "I don't know," Then, "Yes." Three o'clock and after. They came in sight of the Osage reser- Eyes. He was in the store only \$10,000 If You Die; before age 65. vation, a scattered settlement of sterile farms and wooden shanties

Darkness. The utter darkness that precedes the dawn. Stillness, as Sabra slowed them down, un-

-the weird wavering cadences of the Mescal song the hail-like clatgossips of the town. It would be orously and montonously: and beneath and above and around it all. reverberating, haunting, ominous, the beat of the buckskin drum. night. Something up. Well, she of the prairie it came to them-to the overwrought woman, and to the

wringing her very heart with clam-

my fingers, yet Sabra spoke matterof-factly, her voice holding a hard little note because she was trying to keep it from quavering.

"He'll be in the Mescal tepet next to Big Elk's house. The

prairie. The reservation was a pounding through the night like. The ceremony was almost at an veloped by the U.S. Departure a second se full two bours distant. Sabra the tide, What if he is not there? end, With drybreak it would be Agriculture, have won the automal

ry pulled up in the road bra at first could discern nothing

eas before the trampled yard that except the central fire and the figheld 'e Mescal tepee, round, 10 un cronched before it. Yet ther typity the sun, built of wood, long eyes went this way and that, er than any other building of the reservation. The houses were surching for him, Gradually her frightened, restive. All about in vision cleared. The figures within the blackness you heard the stante the teper paid no attention to in 30 minutes, checks a Cold the ers. The animals sensed the of other horses' hoofs, heard them those two white intruders. They first day, and checks Malaria in

Sel asked her nothing. They drove served as hitching post, and the in silence. Presently sic began to the horses. As he helped Sabra

down her knees suddenly bent, and From 1920 to 1930 factor tenancy ly crearch, he seemed intuitively to be caught her as she sank. "Oh! increased in 41 states, decreased in understand-to fill in the gaps with It's all right. Stiff, I guess-from 0, and did not change percentage his own instinct and imagination, the ride," She leaned against him in South Carolina. In the whole a moment, then straightened de- country the tenancy was 38.1 per terminedly. He took her arm cent in 1920 and 42.4 per cent in

salad , hates that kind of thing way toward the tent-shaped wood-. . . peyote . . . Theresa Two great, silent blanketed fig-

ares at the door through which the "I see," said Sol Levy, soothingly, fitful flame of the sacred fire flared. The figures did not speak.

how he is-Yancey. Do you think trembling in his hand. He peered

up into the face of the silent, iramobile figures. Suddenly, "Hello, Joe!" He turned to Sabra. "It's Joe Yellow yesterday. Say, Joe, the lady here -Mrs. Cravat-she wants her son

should come out and go home." The blanketed figure stood silent. \$100 per month for life, if disabled; Suddenly Sabra thought. "This s ridiculous."

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of tidying up the house. Her eyes ure, sleepless brooding. He had and they still use it regularly for burned her throat was constricted, never before called her Sabra. Men! Men! Cim off with that "Sol! Sol! Cim's out at the squaw. Yancey angry because she reservation. Something's happened here," She stopped and cleared had given him this very feminine I know. I feel it."

dish of left-overs. What was the He did not scoff at this, as use of pride, what was the use of most men would. He seemed to ambition for your children, your understand her fear, her premonihome, your town if this was all it tion, and to accept it with oriamounted to? Her work done, she ental fatalism. "What do you want to do?"allowed herself the luxury of a deliberate and cleansing storm of "Take me out there. Hitch up and drive me out there. Cim's tears.

Eight o'clock. 'She heated some got the buggy. He went out with of the afternoon coffee and drank her."

it sitting at the kitchen table. She He did not ask where Yancey went out on the front porch, was. He asked nothing. "Go trying to forget their misery Darkness had come on. A hot home," he said. "Wait on your Come," Perhaps no man ever made September evening. The crickets porch. I'll get my rig and come squeaked and ground away in the Do you want me to go home with weeds. She was conscious of an aching weariness in all her body, you first?"

"No, no. I'm not afraid. I'm but she could not sleep. Her eyes not afraid of anything." felt as though they were being Sol Levy had two very fine pulled apart by invisible fingers. She put her palms over them, to won the races regularly at the shut them, to cool them. Nine. local fairs. The little light rig Ten. Eleven. Twelve. She unwith its s art rubber tires whirled dressed, unpinned the braids of her behind t' ver the red dusty thick hair, brushed it, plaited it Oklahoma prairie roads. His dim for the night: All the time she hands were not expert with hors was listening. Listening. Onc. es. He was a nervous; jerky drie Suddenly she began to dress

again with icy fumbling fingers. She did up her hair, put on her hat and a jacket. She closed the door behind her, locked it, slipped the key into the mail box. The Wigwam office. Yancey was not there. The office was dark. She shook the door, rattled the knob, peered in, unlocked it with the key in her handbass. Her heart was pounding but she was not afraid of the darkness. A cat's eyes gleamed at her from the printing shop. She struck a light. No one. No one. The linotype machine grinned at her with its white teeth. Its iron arm and hand

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1233 the ceremony. Yancey showed it to me once, when he drove me out

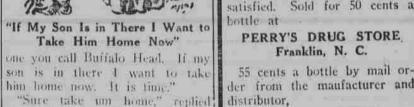
her throat, for her voice was sud- him home now. It is time," denly husky. She wondered, confusedly, if that sound was the drum the Indian that Sol had addressed or her own heart beating. She gave a little cracked laugh that aside. Blinking, stumbling a litas Joe Yellow Eyes. He stood bordered on hysteria. "A drum in

the night. It sounds so terrible So savage." Sol Levy now took the reins from her shaking fingers. "There

is nothing to be frightened about. A lot of poor ignorant Indians for you. They shouldn't see you, little sensitive Jew was terribly a more courageous gesture, for the frightened.

Uncertainly, in the blackness they made their way toward the drum heat. Nearer and nearer, horses; really good animals. They louder and londer. And yet al





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