

"After I've telephoned the police, really pursuing nor, this Boy, will this be a sensation! Am I throw it off the track lucky. I can see my picture in every. She elimbed a fance, and found herpaper in the country. Along with off in a cometery. A small brocze yours, of course." She inclined her sighad gently, the coor of white phlos head to Doris mockingly. "I see it all came from behind a white stone, It now. Schoolgirls together. Rocky the was time to find an officer of the law,

big Galahad. Nobody would ever think of looking here for Diane Merrell! No wonder you didn't want to see me."

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rushing over me to call up the police.' Beatrice closed her eyes. Then she said in a calm tone: "Let me show you the telephone."

pretty mouth took a last look at Doris and tollowed Beatrice.

Beatrice opened a door. It led to small clothes closet. Before Molly quite knew what was happening Beatrice had pushed her in. She locked the door, "It will give you

time to get away, Doris, My roadster is right outside

Doris clutched Beatrice by the hand. "All right. Only-I'm going to give myself up-in the nearest town." "No-don't. Wait. I'll give you some money. Drive toward Canada.

tell Rocky if he comes, I'll swear I've at her kindly. never seen him before,"

'No. Doris, No. "Yes, Please, You've done so much, diawled the old fellow slowly, can't stand it. It would break my diawled the old fellow slowly, "I'm - I'm - I't was hard to say I can't stand it. It would break my

heart if you got in trouble." Beatrice had found her purse. She gave it to Doris.

"The key to the car's "uside." Doris can through the door on the screened porch, and out over the lawn huery." to the side road. She slid into the seat, and inserted the key. The ear started. Her hands were on the wheel, She did not stop to think that she

knew how to run a var. She drove, She came out on the highway and hesitated for the fraction of an instant -to the right lay the town, St. Gardens' town-the place where Rocky was known. She must go the other way, then.

A car was coming from the town.1 It might be bringing Rocky from the train. She could not resist a fleeting glance. It was not Rocky's ear-and learn it don't pay to get yourself ex-he would be in his own car because he cited." had driven it to the train. She drew a deep breath. Did she hope Rocky would come and save her? She must not allow herself to think that,

She turned away from the approach ing ear- a mud-splattered black sedan it wasn't Rocky it didn't much mat- of Diane Merrell. Now she was on the smooth coment, and finding that Beatgace's our

She was doing seventy, and the speedometer was slowly mounting. Perhaps she would be arrested for speeding. All the better. Then she would be able to tell the cop who arrested for break letters. It led into a small office where, Doirs followed the rested for herself. She wouldn't man all office where, Doirs followed the

rested her herself. She wouldn't even old manhave to think about giving herself up. He seated himself in a swivel chair As she drove she caught sight of an very deliberately. "Bout everybody" other car in the marror. Was she be been in for their rail, so I ruess wiing pursued after all? won't be intercapted," he said.

ing pursued after all ?
Her tot on the accelerator, she Her Let on the accelerator, she "I'm affaid you can't have taken soon lost sight of the car behind, what I said very seriously, Constable," Now the signs of a rown were appearing at last. And here was the little hidden road she had hoped for. She about it. What makes you think you're

ought to be here soon. Perhaps he She had come out on the road by now, and was approaching three half-"I'm a woman of impulse," said grown men who were standing under Molly, "and I feel a strange whim a large elin tree and staring at her curiously. She stopped before the boys

"Can you tell me where I can find a policeman." The boys looked harder than ever. Molly with a small sneer on her Perhaps they had already guessed why A dark eyed stocky boy jerked his head sideways. "You want the con-stable, That's him."

"Hey, Vance, someone wants to see

It seemed a long time before the tail ness? skinny constable roused himself. As that he was a very old man with a see around weating skirts. Why only He snatched t that he was a very old man with a stoop in his thin shoulders. He straightened his hat and blinked for

a minute inquiringly. Duris hurried toward him.

"Wa-al now," said the old fellow and Rocky will overtake you at at amount as she came near, "you want let me see at Burlington." to see my about something?" The "No. Beatrice. It's too late. And faded hazel of his eyes (winkled down

"You're the officer of the law or charge in this town?

who she was It seemed so reliculous by untrue—Tm Diane Merrell. The girl wanted for murder. I've come to give myself up.

"Now, now, don't be in such

28a you're the factle gart that done the mander?"

"You don't lack on terrible fierce." "Phease this is hard for me, I." She could not make out the old can's attitude. He was stooping over a the ground fumbling for something e had dropped. He found is at last

ng straightened. It was a pipe, Then began a long search of his from ers To kets for a pouch full of tobacco.
"When you've been in this world as long as I have," be said slowly, "you'll

"But don't you understand..." "Why, you'r, all worked up. You me on into my office and we'll see we can't straighten this thing out. Dazedly Daris was beginning to rel ze that the old man had not taken be giously. Perhans he had never hour

He turbed and began watking very dowly toward a greathackie stori-tha was nearby

turned sharply and began pumping Diane Merrill" You know there have over a dirt road toward a broad bend, been lots of girls Jamid, don't you?"

Here she brought the car to a standstill and left it. If that sedan was I was to arrest you and send you on



'I See It All Now. School Girls Together. Rocky the Big Galahad. Nebody Would Ever Think of Looking Here for Diane Merrell."

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The years man turned his case

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up to the police in New Jersey you'd familiar yellow slip of paper.
be about number ten on the list" He car stopped. A man gor out and came swiftly toward them Doris want to be in her shoes, though." Doris felt that she was wasting time | looked up, stepped back in sudden fright, hooked again. He staved at

The office was a blurred jumble. How her as she to convince him of her earnest. "These smart also cops around here led sweeping were here lit was the

the other day they arrested the wife of from the old man's hand. "For G. al's sake, would send." He glancon at the message and complex ome young fellow that was up visit ing the big artist and lon-loro way—glancol at the message and complete fellow the name of St. Gardens you it up in his pocket. Thank G. al Dy, sairly have heard of hind?

The old man looked at the drames.

"I'm going to ask you a few ques ams, and the su can prove to me that suite Diane Merrell, darned if I don't attest you "He grinned showing brown stumps of teeth, "Yes, su rather un'am I should say, darned if I don't arrest rou. Let see Now if don't arrest ron. Let see Now if Done to Girl's been tryiffy (and be on the constable when the property can't be property on a Lanck She wasn't."

"Why yes, I suppose so but I the old man, "Of confer she" not, Mr. R. r. I sug-shouldn't think." That widenloss Met by 211 sector "Wa al, first of all, what's you) ather's full name."

She ranked her brain, Why hadn't be noticed that ween she was reading

be papers? "Why let's see, thereby no Juliu Merrell" "It's Samuel. But I'll give you an other question." He eyed her hu

"Let's see". When was it you went selond?"

"Why I went to look been what the use of all these questions? If I give my-ell un for murder, that buight be be enough, isn't it ""

The constable swing himself back, to his desk, "War al next tim, you sity yourself in you befor get more information. Mr. Merrell," name is Samuel, and I remember you went to Varsar. Now you consists to your usconcand your paper. I expect they're poking for you right now."

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"Han't know a 4 sought to let you to Somebody will be around booking or you like a net and you. Liable a get into rouble.

He spoke half to himself. Be fore

e couff make up his mind therinarched out-As all; made but was through the

upty stone the noticed the sign. Western Cumon. She could send a elegram to her fathe, collecte Same nel Merrell, Morristown, New Jersey Then If the old man wanted to hold there let him. He was pottering along after ther

"Where's the telegraph operator?

Wa-al now, you want to onegram? "Yes, certainly."
"Who you going to telegraph?"

Dorrs loaded at him silently: She R that she was being rule to the d man who was being kind to her in way, but her patience was ebbing. Till rell that to the telegraph open

'I'm him."

Yep, I'm him. I'm the partmaster, and the storekeeper here. in quite a fellow in these parts ouldn't think it to look at me now gld sag?" he handed her a tele 'poso you want to send it collect?

Yes, said Does furnish, A) right. West if out, Let us what it is:

Dorn took hold of the blank angrily Vien this ald follow found out the ruth he wouldn't be quite, or sure of moelf. She wrote rapidly:

'Samuel Merrell, Morristown, New

She interrupted her work to ask, What is the name of this town?"
"CheFry Corners, Vermont."
Doris wrote—"Cherry Colners, Very

ont, I want to give my elf up to the olice." She signed the incomes fanc. She handed it to the agent oper-set, who occupinged is threat. For

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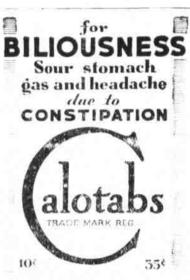
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