THE DIVORCE COURT Y-MILTON PROPPER ***

the six persons. There is a new the last I seen of 'im." "Yes, under "Yes, under elopment in the case. After ing to defend himself against the rge of adultery in earlier hear-s, Mr. Rowland digs up evidence d asks the court's permission to oduce witnesses and resist the Judge Dawson overrules the watching, Blake?" d objections of Mr. Willard, The taximan so d orders the witness brought in. vland's lawyer goes to get the head kew. She is Mrs. Barbara Keith of a prominent Philadelphia siness man. Detective Tommy nkin is assigned to the case. He now questioning all of the parties olved in the case.

OW GO ON WITH THE STORY when Jenks returned, m of a cab driver.

nmented. "It isn't three

Far enough to prove he ver boarded thtat twelveenty-five train," Jenks res- Rowland's account with a grunt the Rowlands?" added cheerfully. "Almost the of satisfaction.

Mr. MacQuire st person I questioned was tion stand."

'His story," Jenks continued, his baggage?" that Mr. Keith no sooner

The detective turned to the n was this Mr. Keith?"

I don't know his name," ke replied, gaining assur-e, "but if he wasn't the same step was a visit to Mr. Mac-what way, I didn't go into." out, then he's got a double. kard limosine, driven by a had given. ffer. It ain't hard to reepless Sundays."

see," Rankin nodded. "In from a directory. r own way, Blake, tell me

afternoon; and the car The second member of the back for it; and he tip- or the murder itself. 'im a buck. Then he moed for my bus and climbed the more pressing subject. in a whale of a hurry."

as to tell it, y'unnerstan," inued the cabman. "And named James Tarleton?" he got in my cab, his limwas only leavin' the stayard. He says, 'Follow rect," he said. car; don't get too close,

In West Philly, he turns a regular client of yours?"

n Forty-fifth Street and "On the contrary Mr. D.

Blake, the next destinawas Chestnut Hill?"

nat's right," the driver "It was easy followlong there, though they ed some. We went to a anky apartment house, ldwich. I stayed outside entrance and the shoffer out and walked in; and in ute, a pretty, swell young n joins the gent in the e. Then, a little after we was all off again." here to this time?" Ran-

ueried. ck to town—to the Wolff ing, at Sixteenth and Street. My passenger get out right away; he a couple of minutes af-lady andt her escort went ore he followed the

ELEVENTH INSTALMENT The shoffer stayed outside in I suppose, that he sought your the car. I got orders to wait advice?" asked Rankin. ix persons are in an inner office the law firm of Dawson, McQuire too, but not over ten minutes; Where the lawyer had spoklearing in the divorce case of hearing in the divorce case of show up by then, I was o leave. itated. wland vs. Rowland is under ways. Rowland, represented by her
wyer brother, Mr. Willard; Mr.
wland, the defendant, and his at-

> cealed eagerness. "Did any of where a heinous crime is con- a three-room apartment. Takthe people you were interested cerned, there are exceptions. irk Rankin's hat, the girl indi-

The taximan scratched his papers?" head and replaced his cap as-

and spoke to 'im," he replied, as gedy first-hand from Mr. Dawif just remembering. "I guess son." to dismiss 'im or give 'im orders, because he drove off as didn't mark the resemblance

ide illuminating his features. this happened? It's important Mr. MacQuire's uneasiness

"Back already, Jenks?" he clock all the while I waited, I ed he wanted to obtain a recan tell you pretty close," Blake lease from paying alimony." urs since you left to check returned. "My own ticker said "A rather weak excuse," Ran-Keith's Washington trip; twenty to three; and by the kin smiled thinly. "Did anythan a minute or so slow."

"At quarter after three, Tomt his own machine in the my," the other answered. "In ahead of him, who he thought tion yard than he hired time to catch the three-twenty train.

"And that would bring Keith ciman. "Is that so, Blake? into Washington about three w can you be certain the hours later—say six-twenty," Rankin observed.

this bloke's been askin' Quire to learn the object of Mr. "Tarleton's" call, the name the learned it was a divorce case comes in a maroon colored telephone operator said Keith that brought him there?"

In answer to his ring, a maid together. ctly what happened. At opened the door. She escort- "That was at two fifty, ed him through the sun porch wasn't it, Mr. McQuire?" the About twelve-fifteen, yes- into a larger living room.

ned into the station drive- firm, whom he had not yet met, my club at three-fifteen, and ated to carry in his bag but a practical business man. Af- the clock." told 'im never mind and to ter introductions were completon, and handed it to one of ed, the detective's preliminary porters. He ordered the questions disclosed that he had re to check it for 'im inside no special knowledge about hold the check until he either Mrs. Rowland's divorce

Presently Rankin turned to "I understand, Mr. Mac-Well, all this didn't take as Quire," he said, "that you had a caller yesterday afternoon

The lawyer displayed surprise but nodded. "That's cor-

"You were acquainted with don't lose it, whatever you him, of course?" The detective kept his tone casual. "He was

nk the place was the West- out. He stated that he had Apartments," he added.

inkin nodded. "Of course,
went for Allen Rowland,"
informed Jenks. "I suppose

"And it was about a divorce."

"And it was about a divorce, store.

ney, Mr. Trumbull; the court most fifteen minutes, but he treat a client's affairs strictly an apartment house.

in appear while you were Have you noticed the pictures cated a chair. of Mrs. Keith's husband in the

Mr. MacQuire's perturbation I need a bit of information you increased. "I... not very close-can supply immediately." "Oh, yes, the gent the shof-ly, I'm afraid. Besides, I had fer first picked up came out all my information of the tra-

"That would explain why you Rankin was in the captain's soon as he went inside again." between your caller and Morti-"Could you say what time mer Keith," said Rankin.

hind him came a young, thin, for you to be as exact as pos-turned into astonishment. "Mr. Keith?" he exclaimed. "But that statement." "Well, since I watched the that's incredible! He explain-

couldn't have got very far City Hall clock, I wasn't more thing Mr. Keith say suggest he came from." was really interested in what The detective received this his wife was doing there? For unexpected support of Allen instance, did he mention her or

Mr. MacQuire's jaw tighten-"Now, Jenks, with regard to ed. "Tes, he mentioned Allen s fellow, Jim Blake. He has this redcap at the station," he Rowland; but so casually I ellow cab at the West Philly said. "How long afterward did could hardly surmise he had an Mr. Keith return to him for ulterior motive. He said he had observed some one slightly familiar enter the office just was Rowland whom he had

> 'And how did you reply to that?" Rankin asked.

"Well, I let him understand that while I, personally, had no

"But Mr. Keith at least

The lawyer flushed uncom-As it was now almost seven fortably. "He seemed familiar mber him; I haven't had o'clock, the detective could no with his domestic troubles h a fare and run up such a longer reach Mr. MacQuire at without my telling him; in fact bill in a half a year of the Wolff Building. He obtain- if his object was to pump me, ed the lawyer's home address he was very cautious. We dropped the subject and left

detective inquired

"To the instant. I was due at r, right beside the cabstand. descended from above. Tall was so worried about being and ungainly, Julian MacQuire late for my game that toward he said. The shoffer suggested a scholar rather than the last I constantly watched

At which time, Rankin reflected, the cabman Blake, had already stopped waiting for Mr. Keith and driven away. "And what became of your

visitor?" Mr. MacQuire replied slow-

ly, unconscious that on his answer rested the accuracy of Rankin's deduction.

"At the lobby we said goodby and parted at the entrance of the building. I had to catch

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a regular client of yours?"

"On the contrary, Mr. Rankin, I never met him before in my life. As is my habit when strangers consult me, I inquired how he happened to seek me out. He stated that he had learned of the firm's special repartments," he added. The stated that he had learned of the firm's special repartments, and it was about a divorce, and it was about a divorce, are representations. They make your gums sore, are very embarrassing to you and your friends. They make your gums sore, are very embarrassing to you and your friends. They make your gums sore, and interfere with proper chewing. This soften a cause of indigestion. Thousands of grateful users of FASTEETH out. He stated that he had learned of the firm's special repartments, he added.

"On the contrary, Mr. Rankin, I never met him before in my life. As is my habit when strangers consult me, I inquired how he happened to seek me out. He stated that he had learned of the firm's special repartments, and interfere with proper chewing. This soften a cause of indigestion. Thousands of grateful users of FASTEETH out. He stated that he had learned of the firm's special repartments, and interfere with proper chewing. The same is often a cause of indigestion. Thousands of grateful users of FASTEETH out. He stated that he had learned of the firm's special repartments, and interfere with proper chewing. The same is often a cause of indigestion. Thousands of grateful users of FASTEETH is often a cause of indigestion. Thousands of grateful users of FASTEETH with the false teeth as they have found real security and comfort with their false teeth. It holds the plate title have found real security and comfort with their false teeth. It holds the plate title have found real security and comfort with their false teeth. It holds the plate title have found in terfere with proper chewing. The security and interfere with prope

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he started back into the lobby, thousand dollars to act as Alto buy some cigars at the stand and that was the last I saw of

Rankin rose with a smile of satisfaction and reached for

Rankin determined to interview the ex-secretary that very night. She lived in Logan on

Jill Edmond, though surpris-"Yes, under ordinary circum- ed at his visit, did not appear Rankin spoke with ill-con-stances," Rankin agreed, but especially disturbed. She had

"I must apologize for intruding at this time of night. Only

"Of course, if I can," Miss Edmond returned curiously. "What do you want to know?"

"It's about the evening you went with Mr. Rowland to Sunset Inn. You told me before you had no idea why Mortimer Keith turned up, right after Mrs. Rowland interrupted you. I've come to let you reconsider

The secretary stiffened, on guard. "Add to it?" she repeated, affecting perplexity. "No, it is still a puzzle to me what brought him there or where he

Rankin's features set in steern frown.

"You don't believe that your-

self and you are hiding the len Rowland's . . . sweetheart, "Have you any idea in which truth." Harshness crept into and correspondent in the didirection Mr. Keith went?" the his tone "In fact, Miss Edmond. vorce!"

you kept to yourself a great' He saw that the shot thrust "I could tell you that," Mr. deal I should have learned. For home, as she caught her breath Liquid - Tablets MacQuire replied. "As I left, instance, that you received four her eyes full of consternation. (Continued Next Week)

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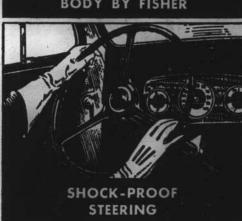
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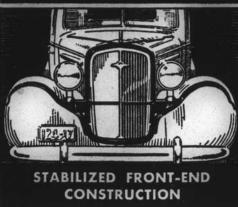














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