

THE BLACKBOX

Shown at the Arcade theatre on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

SYNOPSIS.

Sanford Quest, master criminologist of the world, finds that in bringing to justice Macdougall, the murderer of Lord Ashleigh's daughter, he has but just begun a life-and-death struggle with a mysterious master criminal. In a hidden hut in Professor Ashleigh's garden he has seen an anthropoid ape skeleton and a living inhuman creature, half monkey, half man, destroyed by fire. In his room have appeared from nowhere black boxes, one containing diamonds torn from a lovely throat by a pair of armless, threatening hands, both with sarcastic, threatening notes signed by the inscrutable hands. On his return from finding the body of Macdougall, who had escaped on his way to prison, he is arrested for the murder of his valet, Ross Brown, and a Miss Quigg, in his room. Laura and Lenora, his assistants, suspect Craig the professor's valet, trap Craig and rescue Quest from the Tombs to hypnotize Craig into confession, but when Quest arrives he finds that Craig and Lenora have both disappeared. He dodges Police Inspector French, who has discovered his escape.

SIXTH INSTALLMENT

THE UNSEEN TERROR.

CHAPTER XIV.

With a little gesture of despair Quest turned away from the instrument which seemed suddenly to have become so terribly unresponsive, and looked across the vista of square roofs and tangled masses of telephone wires to where the lights of larger New York flared up against the sky. From his attic chamber the roar of the city a few blocks away was always in his ears. He had forgotten in those hours of frenzied solitude to fear for his own safety. He thought only of Lenora. He paused once more before the little instrument.

"Lenora, where are you?" he signaled. "I have taken a lodging in the Servants' club. I am still in hiding, hoping that Craig may come here. I am very anxious about you."

Still no reply! Quest drew a chair up to the window and sat there with folded arms looking down into the street. Suddenly he sprang to his feet. The instrument quivered—there was a message at last! He took it down with a little choke of relief.

"I don't know where I am. I am terrified. I was outside the garage when I was seized from behind. The 'Hands' held me. I was unconscious until I found myself here. I am now in an attic room with no window except the skylight, which I cannot reach. I can see nothing—hear nothing. No one has hurt me, no one comes near me. Food is pushed through a door, which is locked again immediately. The house seems empty, yet I fancy that I am being watched all the time. I am terrified!"

Quest drew the instrument towards him.

"I have your message," he signaled. "Be brave! I am watching for Craig. Through him I shall reach you before long. Send me a message every now and then."

Quest again took up his vigil in front of the window. Once more his eyes swept the narrow street with its constant stream of passers-by. Then suddenly he found himself gripping the window sill in a momentary thrill of rare excitement. His vigil was rewarded at last. The man for whom he was waiting was there! Quest watched him cross the street, glance furtively to the right and to the left, then enter the club. He turned back to the little wireless and his fingers worked as though inspired.

"I am on Craig's track," he signaled. "Be brave."

He waited for no reply, but opened the door and, stealing softly out of the room, suddenly confronted Craig in the deserted hallway. Before he could utter a cry Quest's left hand was over his mouth and the cold muzzle of an automatic pistol was pressed to his ribs.

"Turn round and mount these stairs, Craig," Quest ordered.

Craig turned slowly round and obeyed. He mounted the steps with reluctant footsteps, followed by Quest.

"Through the door to your right," the latter directed. "That's right! Now sit down in that chair facing me."

Quest closed the door carefully. Craig sat where he had been ordered, his fingers gripping the arms of the chair. In his eyes shone the furtive, terrified light of the trapped criminal.

"What do you want with me?" Craig asked doggedly.

"First of all," Quest replied, "I want to know what you have done with my assistant, the girl whom you carried off from the professor's garage."

Craig shook his head.

"I know nothing about her."

"She locked you in the garage," Quest continued, "and sent for me. When I arrived I found the garage door open, Lenora gone and you a fugitive."

Bewilderment struggled for a moment with blank terror in Craig's expression.

"How do you know that she locked me in the garage?"

Quest smiled, stretched out his right arm and his long fingers played softly with the pocket wireless.

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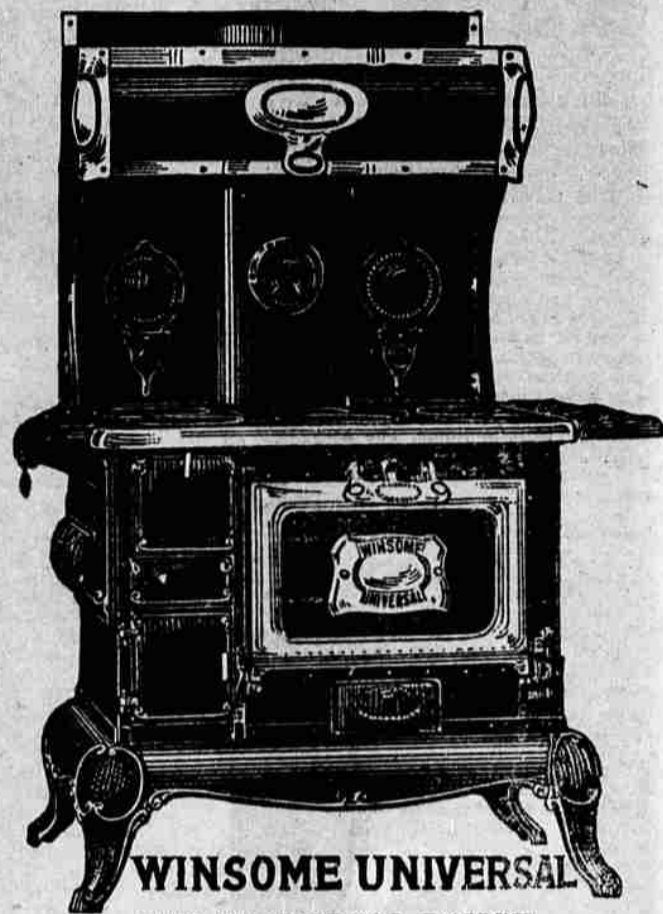
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city in 1812 fleeing before the troops of Napoleon.

London—Large crowds of curious persons gather daily near the war office, sometimes waiting hours to see Lord Kitchener go in or come out.

Fair Is Given Up.

Baker, May 14.—Not only are expressions of regret heard locally that the county fair will not be held this year, but from outside points are being received letters expressing regret that such is the case and urging further effort if possible to hold the fair.

Letters from the State Fair board and Union Stock Show association were read at the Commercial club directors' meeting last night, the former urging a display at the state fair at least, even if the local fair is given up. Baker had a fine display at Salem last fall and it did the county a lot of good.

The matter will be presented to the county court, according to the action suggested last evening, and if the effort to secure funds for the state fair exhibit from this source fails, the club will attempt to finance it in some other way.

Boosters Plan Trip to Union.

Baker, May 14.—Baker people are making plans already to attend the

annual Union livestock show, which will be held on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th of next month, the three days of the show falling on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Booster Meacham is already arranging for a trip to the show and many local autos as usual will make the trip, if fair weather prevails.

The stock show boosters are expected here soon to advertise their show and the entertainment committee of the Commercial club will arrange some kind of a reception for them, probably a luncheon at one of the hotels or something of the sort.

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