## E EXPLOITS OF ELAINE A DETECTIVE NOVEL AND A MOTION PICTURE DRAMA



Elaine is trapped and left to die in a did backing. Just let me show you sawer chamber, where Kennedy finds her and with the aid of his electric marvel be revives her, after medical science had falled. A wrist watch, with a poisoned needie is the next instrument employed by the criminals to destroy Elains; the quick wit of the detective baffles the plot.

Included the Belgians, and we have splendid backing. Just let me show you some of the names on our committee."

She handed Elaine a list, which read:

Belgian Relief Committee.

Mrs. Warburton Fish.

Mrs. Hamilton Beckman.

CHAPTER XII. N your right is the residence of Miss Ellaine Dodge, who is pursuing the famous master criminal known as the Clutching Hand." The barker had been grandiloquent-The barker had been grandmoducative pointing out the residences of noted New Yorkers as the big sight-seeing car lumbered along through the streets. The car was filled with people, and he plied his megaphone as though he were on intimate terms with all the city's notables.

watching Long Sin would have seen that he showed much interest whenever any of the wealthy residents of the city were mentioned. The name of Elaine Dodge seemed particularly to strike him. He listened with subtle interest to what the barker said and looked. This remarkable criminal had established himself in a hired apartment downtown. It was flurate about in trepidation. Elaine gazed about in trepidation. Elaine down in trepidation. Elaine gazed about in trepidation. Elaine down in trepidation. Elaine gazed about in trepidation. Elaine down in trepidation. Elaine gazed about in trepidation. Elaine gazed

This remarkable criminal had established himself in a hired apartment downtown. It was furnished in rather elegant American style, but he had added to it some most valuable Oriental curios which gave it a fascinating appearance.

Wong Sin, now in rich Oriental costume, was reclining on a divan smoking a strange-looking pipe and playing with two pet white rats. Each white tat had a gold band around his leg, to which was connected a gold chain about a foot in length, and the chains ended in rings which were slipped over Wong's little fingers, Ordinarily he carried the pets up the chains ended in rings which were slipped over Wong's little fingers, Ordinarily he carried the pets up the cangaclous sleeve of each arm.

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Mrs. C. August Iselin. Mrs. Belmont Rivington.

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"Why—er," considered Miss Elaine his hands in surrender and submission. Thoughtfully, "er—yes. It must be all right with such people in it."

"Can you go down with me now?"

"Just as well as later," agreed Elaine.

"With a low bow, wong spread out stop at the bank how."

"I will tell you, honorable sir," he ager to get away from the house. At the door, however, Elaine asked her to wait while she ran back on some pre-

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Mrs. Belmont Rivington.

Mrs. Rupert Solvay.

"What's all this?" he growled, "I am known as the Clutching Hand, it allow no interference with my affairs.

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were on intimate terms with all the city's notables.

No one had paid any attention to the unobtrusive Chinaman who sat inconspicuously in the middle of the car. He was Mr. Wong Long Sin, but no one about an Oriental visitor, more or less, viewing New York City.

Any one, however, who had been watching Long Sin would have seen that he showed much interest whenever any of the wealthy residents of the city were mentioned.

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May hesitated. But he repeated the command, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command her try it over, and she plunged the knife fingerly at him: It tolescoped. He command him more resolutely. The water from the bladder poured out.

"Good!" cried Long Sin, much pleased like her. "I want you to lure Elaine, too horror-stricken at what happened even to scream, dropped said her. "I want you to lure Elaine, too horror-stricken at what happened even to scream, dropped size and happened even to scream, dropped size and any too to lure. Elaine, too horror-stricken at what happened even to scream, dropped size and the proclosus and useful persuance of the hinds and taken up his capacious by the finger prints, so to speak, of his way to the dest had forn off the message should all over him and even the following second. A dark red fluid, like blood, oosed the hind happened even two him the leavestments of bladder construction. There they are, "McCann-"McCann"

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"There they are," he said, as he saw shouted above the din of the rat-bait-Elaine and Mary rounding the corner ing:

There was no time for explanations, reported as delinquents in most cases however. He rushed to the door to go out, but it was locked—somehow on the outside. The skeleton key would not work, at

He shot the lock and dashed out, call-

and jerked down the telephone re-

'Hello-hello-hello!" he called.

No answer. There seemed to be no way to get a onnection. What was the matter? He hurried down the hall again. No sooner had Elaine and Mary actually gone into the room than Wong and his servant stole out of 540, across the hali. Somewhere they had ob-tained a strong but thin rope. Quickly and silently Wong tied the handle of the door of 511, in which we were, to the handle of 540, which he

was vacating. As both doors opened inward and were opposite, they were virtually locked.

Then Wong and his servant hurried down the hallway to the elevator.

Down in the hotel lobby, with his follower, the Chinaman paused before

the telephone switchboard. He was listening eagerly and also watching an indicator that told the numbers of the rooms which called as they flashed into view. Just as a call from 509 flashed up Wong slipped the rings off his little fingers and loosened the white rats on the telephone switchboard itself.

With a shrick the telephone system of the Coste went temporarily out of The operators fled to the nearest chairs, drawing their skirts about them.
There was the greatest excitement among all the women in the corridor: Such a display of hosiery was never contemplated by even the most daring

Kennedy had succeeded in finding the alcove of the floor clerk in charge of the fifth floor. There on his desk was an instrument having a stylus on the end of two arms, connected to a system of magnates. It was a telauto-

Unceremoniously Craig pushed the clerk out of his seat and sat down him-self. It was a last chance, now that the telephone was out of commission. Downstairs in the hotel office, where the excitement had not spread to every-one, was the other end of the electric long-distance writer. It started to write, as Kennedy wrote,

upstairs:
"House detective—quick—hold wom-an with blue chatelaine bag getting out of elevator.'

excitement to cover a little pantomime. The papers, McCann," Kenndy was say-Wong Sin had been about to slip out of a side door, thinking all was well, it wouldn't sound well for La Coste. As when he caught sight of Mary being for that woman—well, I've got the

In the meantime I had gathered up what stuff we had in the room we had entered.

If he had been might have understood the look on her face, but, with a nod to me, he turned and went.

As she looked first at him, then at the saling tenth of the hand. Wh-what's it all about? Inquired As she looked first at him, then at the pairty ten thousand in her hand. Elaine stamped her little foot in vexation. The pairty ten thousand in her hand. Elaine stamped her little foot in vexation. The glad I didn't say anything more, she crited "No-no-he shall beg my pardon first—there."

"Now—not a word of who she is in

money back. You can take her off—make the charge."

As the house man left with Mary I handed Craig his bag. We moved toward the door and as we stood there a moment with Elaine he quietly handed over 10 her the big roll of money. She took it, with surprise still writ-ten in her big blue eyes. "O-thank you...I might have known it was only a blackmail scheme," she cried cagerly. Craig held out his hand and she took

it quickly, gazing into his eyes. Craig bowed politely, not quite knowing what to do under the circumstances. If he had been less of a scientist he might have understood the look on her

## BLAME FOR DELINQUENTS IS PLACED ON PARENTS

Peter McIntosh, Juvenile Court Probation Officer, Declares That Majority

to the servant.

They were conversing eagerly and laughing, and did not hear a noise in the back room.

A sinister figure had made its way by means of a fire escape to a rear window that was not barred, and silently he had stolen in on them.

They turned at a slight noise and saw him. Genuine fright was how on their faces as they looked at him, open.

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With a scream, Elaine was on her feet in an instant.

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are only unfortunates.

Supposing, for instance, they were never found out, as the majority of cases are not, I believe they would He shot the lock and dashed out, caling back, "Walter, stay there—with Ellaine."

Mary had just succeeded in getting on the elevator as Kennedy hurried down the hall. The door was closed and the car descended. He rang the push button furiously, but there was no answer.

Had he get so far in the chase only to be outwitted?

He dashed back to the room with us and Jerked down the telephone re-Court, motion picture
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the complaint. report of the matter, names and ad- against the parent for allowing his dresses, and then the matter is re-ferred to the Juvenile Court.

Officer Often Peace Messenger. For these reasons and many others we try to settle as many cases as pos-sible out of court. The probation of-

the ones whose troubles have been settled outside the influences of the court. The boy or girl given this chance usually appreciates it and especially so when you tell them no of-ficial record will be held against them. The neighbors or their children will not even know their names were mentioned and should anyone infer that they were before the court on an in-formal charge, we will personally notify such parties that we consider only cases that are brought before the court as ones where names and rec-crds are held against children, and then only as long as the court sees fit to keep such a record—as Judge Gatens, Juvenile Judge, had a law passed two years ago which gave him the power to destroy all court records against minors, when, in his opinion, these minors ceased to be delinquent, and up to the present time he has destroyed hundreds of records, which no court. longer will stand as a blot on their

were given a chance outside of the the will to the two sons who are exclerks downstairs saw it and clerks downstairs saw it and court on their first, second or even third offense, conditions might have

of Offenders Are for Pranks Many Good Citizens of Today Have Done.

Court. If every police officer in the City of Portland would study Juvenile Court methods and make it his business to settle as many cases as possible out of court, reporting the matter make as good citizens as the average, providing, of course, they are being sonally interested in each and every brought up under the proper parental child in his district, it would do more

Majority Indifferent to Children

But as it is now, three different of-ficers change places each day in each district, and the majority of them do

boy this privilege. There is a city ordinance which is aimed directly at the parent, after he has been warned

once for its intraction.

Personally I believe the parent is responsible for the existing condition of many of this county's delinquent children. As it is impossible to punish the parent for the acts committed by their children, the only solution I know of is to educate the child, with the assistance of the result and sible out of court. The probation officer calls on those who have been complained against and makes a careful
investigation, then, drawing all parties
concerned together, a settlement is
made, damages paid for, neighborhood
quarrels settled, stolen articles returned or paid for and boys watched
carefully until they give up the use of
tobacco or some such habi.

Five years' experience has taught
me that the boys that make good are
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## SONS LEFT HALF MILLION S. Weir Mitchell, Author and Physi-

clan, Had Stocks and Bonds.

PHILADELPHIA, April 7.- The es-Court.

The executors set forth in the accharacters.

I can point out the origin of nearly every gang organized by boys in this city in the past five years. And the whole thing in a nutsnell is, if they were given a chance outside of the