"I wonder why he did it?"

then. But now-

"MASTER of MONEY" BY ROY VICKERS



"He told me to put \$25,000 in Corto Bellas and sell when they went to fifty-eight."

CHAPTER XV

ute or two," he interrupted. afraid you'd succeed," said Shir- morrow."

they went to fifty-eight." Roger. "Half a second!" He a markedly successful venture. A

up an evening paper. He found bought at forty-eightthe financial page and then: 'Good heavens, they're at fortyeight!" he exploded.

per and turned to Shirley.

Curtains?

Shirley drifted about the room still occupied, apparently, with Brennaway a check on account for the lights. Some of them shone say, fifty thousand dollars. There up into her face as she bent over would be no brusquerie; he would them, others sprang up at her in fact, impart just a little touch touch behind screens of silk or of the grand seigneur. The whole porcelain and poured their shaft incident would serve as a lesson

in delicacy to Brennaway. He would convey that the mere handing over of part of the money in no way diminished his sense of gratitude for Brennaway's signal

His mind went off at a tangent. For a moment his emotional being caught the echo of that eestasy of gratitude he had felt the day Brennaway had come to his

Looked at over a stretch of twelve crowded weeks, the incident took on a queer hue of unreality. He could not quite remember the sequence of events. He could remember only a mad moment when Alan Brennaway was million dollars. He himself had that in helping me, Brennaway tic about Brennaway's action wait a bit!" which had seemed convincing Roger had the sensation of be- really he was making Shirley a

penditure. "I believe he was carried away by the drama of the moment. He

doesn't get it." His mind still dwelt on that 12 weeks old interview with Alan wonder he is sore and wants to Brennaway. Odd how memory make himself as objectionable as became blurred by intense emotion! What exactly had been said by Brennaway and what by himself about that impossible Macedonian project. He could remember only isolated fragments of the scene. At one point he had shown Brennaway the list of clients

money back. He intends to make

himself a thorough nuisance if he

"By Jove! When he saw that list, Brennaway must have spot-

ing oh the verge of an important present of the money.

discovery. "Out of friendship for him- "Let's work it out . . . Brenna- tempt to get me to go out there self? But friendship could not ex- way is keen on Shirley. He finds before we were married. Maceplain all the hectoring about that she is going to lose \$200,000. donian Developments was a bit of Macedonia and his personal ex- To prevent her doing that he paid luck for him. It turned out to be felt that he must rise to the occaped a hundred or two to save her get out of this particular trick." sion. He has had his little hour of glory and now he wants his from a crushing disappointment."

He whistled softly.

were engaged. That must have been a bitter pill to swallow. No "Brennaway then found that we possible. No wonder he wants me to go out there and mop up one of those tropical diseases. That puts Machiavelli amongst the amateurs.'

Suddenly he was angry, with a made his breath come in gasps. Brennaway had his eye on Shirley whose securities the firm had when he was going through that sickening pantomine of friendship. And as for the Macedonian giving him, as he thought, a half | ted Shirley's name. Must have! So | business, Brennaway had merely mentioned it in the first instance been in a highly emotional state. may really only have been con- to cover his real motive. He pre-There had been something drama- cerned to help Shirley . . . No, tended that he was making more or less of an investment when

"He made a half-hearted attempt to get me to go out there up a half million. Rather an ex- useful to him after all, Lord, how pensive and roundabout way of he must have laughed when I told setting to work! But he is enor- him that I was grateful . . . He's mously rich. It's as if I had drop- had all the laugh he's going to

Is Very Active

(To be continued tomorrow.)

RICKREALL, Dec. 24. - The card party given by the Grange last Saturday night was well atof 500. The highest score for primitive emotional anger that women was Mrs. Robert Pence and highest for the men went to Grace Pence. Refreshments were served at midnight.

The grangers are going to have a New Year's dinner at the Grange hall, and that night they will have another card party.

Read the Classified Ads.

PRE SCHOOL CLINIC Gervais Activities

TURNER, Dec. 24.-Dr. Russell and Miss Margaret McAlphine of the County Health demonstration zation.

Talbot will visit her two children for the house. tended. There were fine tables and return for her bank duties, before the last of the week.

> evening. The rooms were decor- and wholesome. ated in keeping with the holiday

fined to his home for some time | ing recently accepted employment with sickness, was not so well the with a logging company.

last of the week. A. S. Funston, of Portland was up Tuesday, being called as a witness on a court case in Salem.

Are Numerous

GERVAIS, Dec. 24 .- J. S. Har will hold a pre-school clinine per started the construction of a Thursday afternoon, January 2, at new house on one of his lots facthe rest room at the school house. ing the highway leading into town All mothers interested, can make Saturday. It will be of double cenhour dates with Mrs. E. C. Bear, struction throughout and will conlocal representative for the organ- tain four rooms, bath, nook and garage. Otte Engdahl of Salem is Mr. and Mrs. U. S. Talbot left the contractor. Mr. Harper al-Saturday evening for Seattle. Mrs. | ready has five prospective tenants

Following their regular custom of sending a sample of the city Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Bond of water to the state department Portland spent Christmas at the twice a year or oftener to be test-Robert Pence, and the lowest parental Bond home, Mr. Bond is ed for purity and healthfulness, a member of the Oregonian staff. Mayor Moisan received a report Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bones enter- Saturday on the last test and it tained a party of friends Sunday said the water tested "A" pure

J. N. Atkinson and family left Sunday for Klamath Falls where W. H. Purdy who has been con- they will reside, Mr. Atkinson hav-

By PIM

"I know what's wrong with these curtains now," she said, as it did now, tonight . . . "When this light is thrown up-

"It's a funny thing, dearest.

000 in Corto Bellas and sell when she had slapped it. He felt his

"I'm afraid that's lost on me,"

said Shirley. "I can only repeat what he said. Corto Bellas- simplest nature. They did not re-

had no idea that that lovely head | for the purpose of reducing Alan hold stock market jargon. Brennaway's impudence but of course I watched you once

"It doesn't matter."

of radiance dawn upon her. Never had her beauty cried out to him "It she a cross little girl tonight?"

"Don't be silly, Roger. When I that you didn't seem to realize I am tired it doesn't necessarily wanted Cynaz to myself for a min- mean that I'm bad tempered. I haven't had enough exercise late-I know you did-and I was ly. I shall start riding again to-

ley, still manoeuvering with So matter-of-fact was her tone "He told me to put \$25,- that his face tingled, as though temper rising. He checked "Did he, by jove!" exclaimed it. Absurd to quarrel after such went to the paper-rack and picked | queer bird, Cynaz. Five thousand

His pursuit of Shirley forgotten, Roger became engrossed with a pencil and pad. When she left the room he did not follow her. His calculations were of the

fifty-eight. I've been repeating ally require a pencil. Twentyfive thousand dollars in Corto Kelton felt his pulses beating. Bellas if he bought at forty-eight It was well-known that Cynaz did and sold at fifty-eight would yield not give dud tips. Forty-eight - a profit of five thousand two hunfifty-eight. He dropped the pa- dred odd dollars. That would be "You clever little darling! I but it would be no kind of use very useful for current expenses

It followed that \$250,000 in or twice and could see that you Corto Bellas similarly bought had absolutely knocked him. . . . would yield a profit of fifty-two What were you saying about those thousand dollars. That would be a very reasonable instalment off Brennaway's loan.

He pictured himself handing

Today's Cross-Word Puzzle



POLLY AND HER PALS





By CLIFF STERRETT



TILLIE, THE TOILER

"Greetings From the Happy Hour"

By RUSS WESTOVER



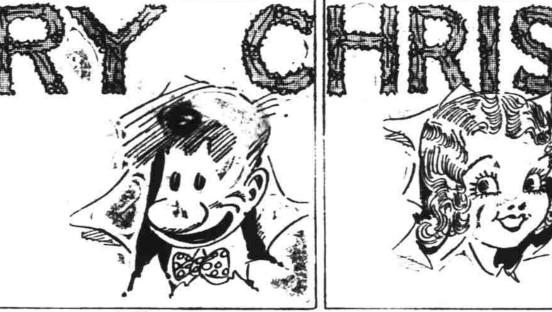
RIGHT--BUT

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TILL I GET

THERE!

DON'T LET



"The Merry Christmas "Tree'"



By BEN BATSFORD

LITTLE ANNIE ROONEY SLIP YOUR CLOTHES ON QUICK, PADDY-ANNIE'S UP AND DRESSED AND SHE'S ANXIOUS TO SEE THE HORIZONTAL . -- river in 5—join 22-small two Italy winged 1-inclined 6-negative 42-congealed flies runway 7-afflict with water having -West vexation 3-towards many-Indian 8-a falling jointed 44-piece out indigo behind

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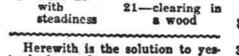




"The Greatest Gift of All"

By JIMMY MURPHY





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mine

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51—decorated

Nevada

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-mother

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terday's puzzle.