Salem Market Quotations

FRUITS
(Buying Prices)
(The prices below supplied by a local grocer are indicative of the daily market prices paid to growers by Salem buyers but are not guaranteed by The Statesman.)

Apples — Jonathans 60 to 85c; Spitz. 60 to 85c; Delicious 65 to 95c; Pinnins 35 to 55c; Grimes Golden 60 to 85c; Baldwin 60 to	.85
Bananas, lb. on stalk	.06
Hands	06½
Grapefruit, Texas	3.65
Grapefruit, Calif., Sunkist crate	2.50
Ground Cherries, lb.	.10
Huckleberries, qa.	1.00
Dates, fresh, lb.	.14
Lemons, crate	5.00
Oranges, crate	$2.65 to 3.15

VEGETABLES
(Buying Prices)

Beets, doz.	.25
Cabbage, lb.	.02
Carrots, local, do.	.25
Cauliflower, Seattle	.70
Celery, Utah, crate	1.35
Celery hearts, doz.	.80
Lettuce, Wash.,	1.25
Onions, boiling, 10 lbs., No. 2	.14
50 lbs.	.80
Green onions, doz.	.25
Radishes, doz.	.30
Peppers, green, local	.02
Parsley	.40
New Potatoes, local, cwt.	1.50
50 lb. bags	.40
Spinach	.60
Danish, doz.	.30
Hubbard, lb.	.01½
Zucchini squash, flat	1.65
Turnips, doz.	.30

NUTS
(Price to Grower)
Walnuts — Franquettes, fancy, 12c; medium, 10c; small, 8c; orchard run, 8 to 10c. Walnut meats 25 to 30c lb.
Filberts — Barcelonas, large, 12¼c; fancy 11½ cents; babies, 11c; orchard run, 11 to 12c. Duchilly, 1 cent higher.

HOPS
(Buying Prices)

Clusters, nominal, 1937, lb.	10 to .12
Clusters, 1938, lb.	18 to .20
Fuggles, top	.23

WOOL AND MOHAIR
(Buying Price)

Wool, medium, lb.	.22
Coarse, lb.	.22
Lambs, lb.	.18
Mohair, lb.	.23

EGGS AND POULTRY
(Buying Price of Andresen's)

Large extra	.34
Medium extras	.29
Large standards	.30
Pullets	.17
Colored frys	.15
Colored medium, lb.	.15
White leghorns, lb. No. 1	.12
White Leghorns, frys	.13
White leghorns, lb. No. 2	.10
Heavy hens, lb.	.15
Roosters	.05

LIVESTOCK
(Based on conditions and sales reported up to 4 p.m.)

Spring lambs, lcp	6.00
Lambs	3.00 to 3.50
Ewes	1.75 to 2.25
Hogs, tops, 150-210 lbs.	7.75
130-150 lbs.	7.00 to 7.50
210-300 lbs.	6.75 to 7.00
Sows	5.50 to 5.75
Dairy type cows	3.00 to 3.50
Beef cows	4.00 to 4.50
Bulls	4.50 to 5.50
Heifers	4.50 to 5.50
Top veal, lb.	8.00
Dressed veal, lb.	.12½

MARION CREAMERY Buying Price

Butterfat, A grade	.28½
Leghorn hens, over 3½ lbs.	.10

Grade B raw 4 per cent milk, Salem basic pool price $2.20.
Co-op. Grade A butterfat price, FOB Salem, 28½c.
(Milk based on semi monthly butterfat average.)
Distributor price, $2.32.
A grade butterfat—Delivered 28½c; B grade, 26½c; C grade, 22½c.
A grade print, 31c; B grade 30c.

Leghorn hens, under 3½ lbs.	.08
Colored fryers	.14
Colored hens, over 5 lbs.	.15
Leghorn fryers	.14
Stags, lb.	.06
Old Roosters, lb.	.05
Rejects, market value. No. 2 grade 5c less	
Large extras	.34
Large standards	.31
Medium extras	.29
Medium standards	.25
Undergrade	.20

GRAIN, HAY AND SEEDS

Oats, white, ton	18.00 to 20.00
Wheat, white, bu.	.53
Wheat, western red, bu.	.50
Barley, feed, ton	18.00
Oats, gray, ton	22.00 to 24.00
Alfalfa, valley, ton	13.00
Oat and vetch hay, ton	11.00 to 12.00
Alsike clover seed, lb.	.09 to .10
Red clover seed, lb.	.12

Farmers' Night Schools Drawing In Linn County

ALBANY — Farm evening schools, under the direction of George Gentemann, Smith-Hughes instructor at the Albany high school, reports are attracting a great deal of attention. Three schools have been organized so far, one at Riverview having been organized Wednesday night of this week.

Livestock, feeding, pruning of fruit trees, soils, home beautification, special seed crops and weed control were considered. The next meeting of this school will be Wednesday night of next week when feeding dairy cattle will be taken up.

Next Monday night the second meeting will be held of the Connor school. William Pirrett of North Albany will take up the subject of grafting fruit trees. Pruning will also be discussed. Tuesday evening of next week the second night school for the farmers of the Santiam central district, which takes in the territory of Crabtree, Sanderson bridge and Cottonwoods, will be held at Santiam central hall.

Radio Corp Is At Year's Top

Rally Lifts Selected Stocks Though Trading Slow in Many Lines

NEW YORK, Oct. 20—(AP)—Traders took a little more notice of constructive business news today and a selective rally lifted leaders fractions to a point or more.

While dealings were comparatively slow in most departments, there was a heavy turnover in low-priced stocks and, near the finish, a flurry in the oils stepped up the volume considerably. At that, transfers for the day of 1,616,190 shares contrasted with 2,433,890 yesterday when the trend was distinctly downward.

Radio Corp. was far and away the fastest sprinter of the proceedings, getting up a point at 8⅝ to a new year's peak as the corporation's chairman indicated commercial television was approaching. A total of 136,700 shares of this issue changed hands.

Steels, motors, coppers, utilities, rails, department stores and aircrafts were accorded support, after a spotty performance in the forenoon, and closing prices were around the best of the session.

The Associated Press average of 60 issues regained .5 of a point, at 52.5, of the .8 of a point loss the day before.

Auto Stock Is Up

Belated attention was given the reemployment jump in the automobile field, as well as the reported rescinding of price cuts in the steel sector. Helpful also were reports of a substantial pickup in department store sales. Bank clearings took another step forward and freight loadings for the past week were estimated to have shot up more than seasonally to a new 1938 top.

Corn Picking Machine Used at Central Howell

CENTRAL HOWELL—A corn picking machine which picks two rows at a time has been brought into this neighborhood this fall and has picked corn acreages for a number of farmers. It is now busy at the Ernest Roth place.

Quotations at Portland

PRODUCE EXCHANGE
PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Produce Exchange
Butter — Extras 28½c; standards 26½c; prime firsts 26c; firsts 24c.
Butterfat—29-29½c.
Eggs—Large extras 35c; large standards 31c; medium extras 30; medium standards 29c; small extras 22c; small standards 19c.
Cheese—Triplets 13c; loaf 14c.

Portland Grain

PORTLAND, Oct 20.—(AP)—Wheat:

	Open	High	Low	Close
Dec.	62½	63	62⅝	63
May	63⅝	64¼	63⅝	64¼

Cash grain: Oats, No. 2, 38-lb. white 26.00; No. 2, 38-lb. gray nominal. Barley, No. 2, 45-lb. BW 21.00. Corn, No. 2, KY shipment 34.75.
Cash wheat bid: Soft white 63½; western white 63; western red 62½. Hard red winter ordinary 61; 11 per cent 61; 12 per cent 64; 12 per cent 67; 14 per cent 70. Hard white Baart ordinary 64; 11 per cent —; 12 per cent 64; 13 per cent 66½; 14 per cent 68.
Car receipts: Wheat 13; flour 8; corn 4; millfeed 5.

Portland Produce

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Live poultry — Buying prices Leghorn broilers, 1½ to 1¾ lbs., 16-17c; 2½ lbs., 16c lb.; colored springs 2 to 3½ lbs. 17c lb.; over 3½ lbs. 17c lb.; Leghorn hens over 3½ lbs., 14c lb.; under 3½ lbs., 12c lb.; colored hens to 5 lbs., 18c lb; over 5 lbs., 18c lb.; No. 2 grade 5c lb. less.
Country Meats—Selling price to retailers: Country killed hogs, best butcher under 160 lbs., 11c lb.; vealers, 14c lb.; light and thin 8-10c lb.; heavy 8-9c lb.; bulls 8½-9c lb.; spring lambs 13-13½c lb. ewes 4-6c; cutter cows 6½-7c; canner cows 6-6½c.
Turkeys—Selling price dressed new crop hens, 23c; toms, 23-24c lb. buying price; new hens, 21c lb.; toms 21c.
Potatoes—Yakima Gems, $1.10 per 100 lbs.; local $1 per cwt; Deschutes Gems, $1.20-1.30.
Onion—Oregon 65-75c; Yakima, 40-50c per 50 lbs.
Hay, Selling Price to Retailers—Alfalfa No 1, $16 ton; oat, vetch, $10.50-11 ton; clover $10.00 ton; timothy, eastern Oregon $19; do valley $15 ton, Portland.
Wool—Willamette valley nominal medium, 23c lb.; coarse and braids, 23c lb.; lambs and fall, 20c lb.; eastern Oregon, 16½-26⅝c lb.
Hops—Nominal; new crop, 18-20c; fuggles 23c.
Cascara Bark—1938 peel 5c lb.
Mohair—Nominal; 1938, 23-25c lb.
Domestic flour, selling price city delivery 1 to 25 bbl. lots: family patents, 49s, 5.65-6.25, bakers' hard wheat net $3.90-5.40; bakers' bluestem $4.25-4.55; blended hard wheat, 4.35-4.65; soft wheat flour, $4.60; graham 49s, $4.35; whole wheat 49s, $4.80 bbl.
Sugar—Berry or fruit, 100s, $4.90; bales $5.10; beet $4.80 cental.

Portland Livestock

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—(USDA)—Hogs: Receipts 550 including 176 direct, market active, fully steady, good-choice 165-215 lb. driveins 8.00, few outstanding lightweights 8.15, carload lots quotable 5.15 and above, 225-55 lb. 7.50, light lights and slaughter pigs 7.25-50, few up to 7.65, packing sows 6.25-50, choice light feeder pigs 7.75.
Cattle: Receipts 150, calves 75, including 37 direct, market active, steady, few common-medium steers 5.50-6.50, strictly good grass steers salable 8.10 and above, common-medium heifers 4.75-6.00; cutters dairy type heifers 4.00 and down, low cutter and cutter cows 2.75-3.50, common-medium 3.75-4.75, including heavier dairy type cows at 4.75, good beef cows 5.00-50, bulls 4.50-5.50, choice vealers 9.00, common-medium 5.00-7.50, few medium good 350-400 lb. calves 6.00.
Sheep: Receipts 300 including 47 direct, market very slow, fat lambs weak, instances 25 lower than week's top, good 74-88 lb. trucked in lambs 6.75, common-medium 5.50-6.25, few medium slaughter ewes 2.00, good kinds quotable 2.50 and above, few 119 lb. breeding ewes 3.00.

Wool in Boston

BOSTON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—(USDA)—A moderate volume of business was being transacted today in the Boston wool market. Prices were strong to slightly higher compared with last week, even though trading was less active. Twelve month Texas wools of average character were bringing 68 to 71 cents, scoured basis. Some very choice lots of twelve month Texas wools running staple combing in length have brought 73 to 75 cents, scoured basis. Occasional sales of graded French combing lengths fine territory wools were being cleared at prices within the range 66 to 69 cents, scoured basis.

Stocks & Bonds

October 20
STOCK AVERAGES
Compiled By The Associated Press

	30 Indus	15 Rails	15 Util	60 Stocks
Net change	A .6	A .4	A .4	A .5
Thursday	76.5	21.5	36.5	52.5
Prev. day	75.9	21.1	36.1	52.0
Month ago	69.2	17.5	31.6	46.6
Year ago	70.0	24.8	35.2	49.8
1938 high	77.4	22.0	37.1	52.9
1938 low	49.2	12.1	24.9	33.7
1937 high	101.6	49.5	54.0	75.3
1937 low	57.7	19.0	31.6	41.7

BOND AVERAGES

	20 Rails	10 Indus	10 Util	10 Forgn
Net change	Unch.	D .1	Unch.	A .1
Thursday	59.6	99.1	94.9	64.7
Prev. day	59.6	99.2	94.9	64.6
Month ago	54.7	97.7	91.6	62.5
Year ago	79.3	98.7	91.9	65.6
1938 high	70.5	100.3	95.1	67.0
1938 low	46.2	93.0	85.8	59.0
1937 high	99.0	104.4	102.8	74.7
1937 low	70.3	95.5	90.3	64.2
1932 low	45.8	40.0	64.6	42.2
1928 high	101.1	98.9	102.9	100.5

New AAA Ruling

CORVALLIS, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The AAA has established a rule permitting crop loans on mixed wheat, Edgar Ludwick, state crop loan supervisor, said today.

Gardeners' and Ranchers' Mart

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—(US Dept. Agriculture).
Apples—Spitzenbergs, fancy and face and fill, 1.00-1.25; C grade, 60-75c; delicious, wrapped and packed, extra fancy very large to large, $2.00-2.25; C grade medium 90-$1.00; inclassed loose pack, 80-85c; Jonathans, fancy, $1.50-1.60, unclassed, face and fill, 65-75c.
Artichokes—Calif., $3.25-3.50 box.
Avocados—California fuerts, $2.85-3.
Beans—Oregon, green, 5½c; Kentucky, unquoted; Yount, large, 5c; Limas, 5-6c. Limas, 5-6c.
Broccoli—Lugs, 35-40c.
Brussels Sprouts—12-cup crt, 85-95c.
Cantaloupes—Oregon, $1.25-1.50.
Cabbage—Oregon, Ballhead, $1-1.10; red 2½-3c lb.; broken lots 2-2½c.
Cauliflower—Local, No. 1, 75-85c; No. 2, 40c.
Celery—Oregon, Milwaukie Utah type, 90c-$1 per crate; Labish white, 70-75c; hearts 70-80c.
Corn—5 doz., $1.00-1.25; Wash., $1.25.
Citrus Fruit—Grapefruit, Florids, 64 96s, $3.65-4.00; California's 64-126s, extra fancy $2 75-3.00; choice large $2.40-2.55; Texas Marsh seedless $3.75-3.85; Foster pink, $3.85-4.00; lemons, fancy, all sizes, $4.50 5.00; choice $3.25-3.50; Limes, California 50-pound boxes, $5.50-6.00, display cartons 75c; trays, 65c; oranges, California Valencias, fancy 126-176s, $2.90-3.25, 200s, smaller, $2.40-2.80, choice $2.00-2.25.
Cranberries — ¼ bbl., McFarlands, $3.50-3.75; Ore., $3.50-3.75.
Cucumbers—Ore., flats, 40c.
Dill—6-8c. lb.
Endive—Local, 35-40c doz.
Eggplant—5-7c per lb.; flats, 65-75c.
Figs—Local white, 60-65c flat; black, 50c.
Grapes — Oregon Concords, 20-pound nia lug boxes, Thompson seedless, 1.30, ordinary $1.10-1.25, poorer, $1.00; Tokays, $1.00-1.10; unlidded, 80-85c; Lady Fingers, $1.00-1.25; malagas, 90c-$1.00; Rilliers $1.00.
Lettuce—Dry pack 3 and 4 dozen, best local, $1.00-1.25; ordinary, 75-85c.
Mushrooms—Cultivated, 1 lb. 35-40c.
Onions—Washington, Yakima yellows, No. 1 medium, $1.00-1.10; large, $1.20-1.30 hundredweight; 50-pound sacks, 55-65c; No. 2, 50-60c; Idaho 50-pound sacks white globes, $1.10-1.25; Oregon Labish yellows, 50-pound sacks, 65-75c; boilers, 50-pound sacks 50 55c, 10-pound sacks 15-20c.
Peaches—Orange clings, 50-60c; Krummels, 50-60c.
Pears—Oregon, Bosc, loose, 45-50c; ex. fcy. 90c; Anjou, fancy 80-88c; med., $1.35-1.50, C grade, 75-85c; loose 1 grade 40-60c; Bartletts from storage, 60-70c loose.
Peas—Oregon Lower Columbia, 25 lb. boxes, 65-85c; Warrenton, No. 1, $2.00-2.25.
Peppers—Oregon lugs, 35-40c; orange boxes, 65-85c; red, 8-10c; flats, 25-30c.
Potatoes—Oregon local Russets and Long Whites, No. 1, 90c-$1.00; Washington Russets, $1.15-1.25; 25-pound sacks, 32-35c; No. 2s, 40-45c per 50-pound sack; bakers, 100 pounds, $1.50-1.60; Deschutes, No. 1 Russets, $1.15-1.25.
Squash — Oregon, Washington Crookneck, scallop Zucchini, 40-45c per flat; Danish, flats, 45-55c; crates, 85-90c; Bohemian, lug, 50-65; pumpkins, 1¼-1½c.
Tomatoes—Local, No. 1, 75-85c; No. 2, 50-60c.
Spinach—Ore., 50-55c orange box.
Bunched vegetables — Per dozen bunches, beets, 20-22c; carrots, 25-30c; green onions 20-25c; parsley 25-35c; radishes, 20-25c; turnips, 30-35c dozen; broccoli, lug, 40-45c.
Melons—Cassabas, crates, $1-1.25; Ice cream, Ore., 1-1¼c; watermelon, ¾-1c; honeydew, $1.35 crate.
Root Vegetables—Carrots, lugs 45-50c, sacks, $1.25-1.50; rutabagas, $1.00-1.25 cwt, lugs, 50-60c; beets, $1.25-1.35; turnips $1.65-1.75; parsnips, hundredweight 50-55c lug.

Closing Quotations

NEW YORK, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Today's closing prices:

Al Chem & Dye	192	Comwlth & Sou	1⅞	Nat Pow & Lt	8¾
Allied Stores	12⅞	Consol Edison	32¼	Northern Pac	12¾
Amer Can	101½	Consol Oil	9⅜	Packard Mot	5⅛
Am For Pow	4⅝	Corn Prod	69½	J C Penney	84⅝
Am Pow & Lt	6⅝	Curtiss Wright	6⅝	Phillips Pet	39½
Am Rad Std San	18¼	Du Pont de N	147	Pressed Stl Car	10¾
Amer Roll Mills	19	Doug Aircraft	57½	Pub Serv NJ	33⅛
Am Smelt & Ref	54½	Elec Pow & Lt	12⅝	Pullman	34
Am Tel & Tel	147	Erie RR	2⅝	Safeway Stores	20¾
Amer Tob B	90½	Gen Electric	44¾	Sears Roebuck	76½
Amer Wat Wks	13⅞	Gen Foods	39	Shell Union	15⅞
Anaconda	39⅞	Gen Motors	50⅝	Sou Cal Edison	24⅝
Armour Ill	5⅞	Goodyear Tire	32½	Southern Pac	20⅛
Atchison	38⅝	Gt Nor Ry Pf	23⅞	Stand Brands	7⅝
Barnsdall	17⅞	Hudson Mot	9½	Stand Oil of Cal	29⅞
Balt & Ohio	8½	Illinois Cent	14½	Stand Oil of NJ	53½
Bendiv Avia	24	Insp Copper	17⅝	Studebaker	8½
Beth Steel	64	Inter Harvest	62¼	Sup Oil	3⅝
Boeing Airp	28	Int Nick Can	56	Timkn Roll Brg	53
Borge-Warner	35	Int Pap & P Pf	43½	Trans-America	9⅝
Budd Mfg	6¼	Int Tel & Tel	10	Union Carbide	87¾
Calif Pack	21½	Johns Manville	104	United Aircraft	33⅜
Callahan Z-L	2⅛	Kennecott	49	United Airlines	11¼
Calumet Hec	9⅜	Libby-O-Ford	57	US Rubber	53⅛
Canadian Pac	6½	Lig & Myers B	101½	US Steel	63⅞
J I Case	92	Loew's	55⅝	Walworth	8⅞
Cater Trac	54	Monty Ward	52⅝	Western Union	28¾
Celanese	22⅝	Nash-Kelvinator	10⅞	White Motors	14½
Certain-Teed	11⅝	Nat Biscuit	26⅞	Woolworth	49¾
Ches & Ohio	35⅝	Nat Cash	26⅞	New York Curb	
Chrysler	82¼	Nat Dairy Prod	14¼	Cities Service	8⅞
Com Solv	10⅛	Nat Dist	27⅝	Elec Bond & Sh	13¼

Ballard Says Planning Vital for Farm Setup

CORVALLIS, Oct. 20—(AP)—F. L. Ballard, vice-director of extension of Oregon State college told the fourth annual farm security administration workers conference today that agency planning was becoming a necessary step both for the farm administration and other governmental and private agencies concerned with farm betterment.

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The Eleven of Diamonds

By BAYNARD A. KENDRICK

CHAPTER XXVI

Millie was looking across the room. "The man and girl who just came in. Do you know them?"

"I hope not—if you mean the fellow in the chocolate suit with balloons in the shoulders."

"He's a trigger man in Caprilli's mob."

"Maybe it's just his night off," Stan suggested, "and he won't shoot. Once an evening is as much as I can stand. Could he have been driving Fowler's car?"

"He could have. I don't think he was. He hasn't nerve enough to drive a car that fast—"

"Does he know you?"

"I don't think so. I've only seen him once before."

"I feel in a mood for retaliation. Do you ever feel in a mood for retaliation, Millie?"

"Retaliation?" She found the word a trifle difficult. "I'm feeling a bit tight. I think we better finish our wine."

"Cheek for cheek," Stan explained. "When your opponent has gouged out your eye and you get him down you kick him on both cheeks."

"I know that. A tooth for a tooth. Let's finish our wine."

"Exactly," said Stan delightedly. "There you have it. Retaliation in the unvarnished rough and tumble. I've been hit on the head and insulted. I've been put on a roof and shot at. I've had glass stuck in my ear—drawing the Rice blood. Shall I stand for that? Shall a Rice have headaches without retaliation?"

"If we finish our wine we could get another bottle. It mixes so well with the rum and Martini cocktails. Then we could have a tooth for a tooth and I'd be only too glad to help."

"You're a brave girl, Millie, a very brave girl. And I'm glad to have you working with me instead of against me."

They shook hands solemnly and returned to the table to toast their bravery in the balance of the Chateau d'Yquem. When it was gone Stan ordered another bottle. While waiting for it to chill properly, Stan wrote a note on the back of a menu, and started across the room to a table near the door. Two men were seated at the table, and rather anxiously they watched Stan's progress in their direction.

"He's full to the ears," Hogue remarked sotto voce.

"I doubt it," said Patterson. "But if he is I don't blame him. We'll be that much more careful."

Near the table, Stan stumbled and almost fell into Hogue's arms. When he straightened up with grave apologies, the menu was on the table in front of the plain clothes man. He continued on to the men's room, and in a few minutes was back at his table with Millie. He beckoned Thomas to personally supervise the opening of the new bottle, and the replenishing of glasses.

Tennessee Johnson's orchestra went into action. Most of the tables in the Alligator Inn were filled, and in a short time the floor was crowded to capacity with dancers. The young man in the chocolate suit, dancing too near to a pretty hard-eyed girl, swung by close to where Stan and Millie were seated.

Stan got up and held out a hand. Together, he and Millie worked a way through the jam of dancers. They had circled the floor twice, and were receiving plenty of sour looks and remarks, when they found themselves close to Caprilli's henchman and his partner. Stan swung Millie around in time to catch a glimpse of pinpoint pupils in snaky black eyes, and bitten-down fingernails on the hand resting on the girl's back.

"Snowbird!" He said the word close in Millie's ear.

"Most of them are," she whispered back. "They have to be hopped up before they can shoot. What are you going to do?"

"Start trouble."

"That's nice. Let's hurry. I'm getting thirsty."

They maneuvered close to the chocolate suit. Stan stumbled awkwardly and came down painfully on the young man's toe. At the same instant, Millie kicked the girl violently on a silk clad ankle.

Then the tough, young gangster reacted with proper justification, his remarks low and furious. "Get off the floor, you old stew, before I poke you in the puss!"

His companion was standing on one foot, nursing her ankle, her face contorted with pain. Stan recovered himself with difficulty, hauling himself upright hand over hand on Millie. "Exhuse me, pleashe," he apologized thickly. "No offensh. No offensh." He released Millie and extended one hand, then toppled forward and came down on the young man's other foot.

Millie burst into shrill laughter, and threw one arm around the girl's neck, separating her from her escort. With her face close to the girl's ear, Millie said sweetly: "If you try to pass him his rod, honey, Millie will blow open your little tummy! Better stand to one side and let nasty mens fight it out!" The girl choked down some choice words, but made no effort to move.

Goaded into rashness, and seeing no chance of getting his gun from his partner, the young man struck out madly at the smiling face of the drunk who had spoiled his evening. Somehow he found himself on the floor looking up at a circle of startled faces. Blood was running out of a cut over one eye. Forgetful, for an instant, and lusting to kill, he started to reach for the place where his gun should have been. A number eleven shoe pinned his wrist to the floor. He was jerked to his feet by the rough hands of Detectives Patterson and Hogue. Five minutes later he was seated in a chair in an upstairs room, gazing defiantly into the frosty blue eyes of Miles Standish Rice.

"Charlie Carew, Mr. Rice," said Patterson. "We found a letter on him from a dame. He's staying at the Tivoli Arms Hotel. It's a dive. We've got enough to hold him." He pointed to a small metal case on the table. "Hypo outfit and morphine."

Stan shook his head sadly. "That's too bad. They tell me these hopheads suffer when you cut out their dope. Maybe we can do something for the poor fellow. Did Caprilli send you gunning for me, Charlie?"

"Go to blazes! You've got nothing on me. I don't know what you're talking about—and I never heard of this guy Caprilli." Carew's mouth twitched nervously at one corner. "I've got a user's permit from a doctor. You better let me go."

"Tough egg," said Hogue. "The Captain likes 'em that way. He's peeved about Caprilli coming back to Miami anyhow."

The door of the room opened to admit Millie. She was carrying the silver bucket of ice containing the bottle of Chaeau d'Yquem. "Is she with you?" Hogue asked Stan.

Stan nodded. "Pour us some wine, Millie. Glasses are there on the sideboard. I'm thirsty. Did you ever hear of Charlie Carew?"

Millie took the bottle from the ice and arranged four glasses in a row on the sideboard. She filled them carefully almost to the brim. "Help yourself, boys, it's delicious—and only eight bucks a bottle. I just ordered another—so there's plenty to go around. So you picked up 'Sniffer' Carew?"

"You know him?" asked Patterson.

She walked around in front of the man in the chair, and slowly sipped her wine. He shifted his gaze, toying at his upper lip with discolored teeth. "Now think of you being picked up by the cops in a hick town like Miami, Sniffer." Millie's violet eyes suddenly blazed with hatred. "Do you remember what happened to Leila Covington? Even Zorrio got after you for that—didn't he?" She whirled around on Stan. "This skunk tortured a girl to death in Chicago five years ago. They lynch such lice down here, don't they?"

Stan took his glass of wine and drained it. The two detectives came up and stood ominously silent, one on each side of Carew's chair.

"Where's the girl who was with him?" Stan asked.

"I turned her over to the men in the radio car you called. They've taken her to headquarters."

"Good!" Stan pushed back his hair with a slightly dramatic gesture. "I don't think Mr. Carew will ever see the inside of a jail in this town. We're sworn to protect a prisoner from mobs and violence—but we're not sworn to keep snakes alive. What about it?"

"That goes for me," Patterson agreed. Hogue nodded with him. "What's your idea, Mr. Rice?"

"Certainly I'm mad, Carew, quite mad—but maybe for the first time I'm sane. I've seen with opened eyes the proper fate for your kind. With a sharp cleaver from the kitchen—I'm going to cut you up, Carew. A finger at a time—a toe at a time—a wrist at a time—! I'll nurse you tenderly so you can keep alive and watch—"

"You can't! You can't, Stan!" Millie was openly sobbing.

"Oh yes I can," Stan contradicted flatly. "While the dog looks on and remembers—piece by piece—joint by joint—I'm going to feed him to Jake!"

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