## PUBLIC SALE THURSDAY, DEC, 7th <br>  <br>  1 twwobotom Oliven plow. 1 two-bottom Dearing Plo 1 five-section Harrow. 12 -foot Weader Blade. 12-foct Weader Blade 1 Fanning Mill. 1 Grind Stone. 1 14-inch Walking Plow. 12 . ft Galvanized Watering Trough, 7 now. Wood. <br> 1 Sharples Cream Separator. <br> 1 Orchard Spraying Barrel and Pump 8 Dozen Chickens. 3 Barrels Vinegar. 300 Sacks Winter Apples 100 Black Pine Poles. <br> Sale Starts 10 a. m. <br> Free Lunch at Noon <br> TERMS-All sums under fifty dollari cash, all sums over fifty dollars, time will <br> O. P. Roberts, Owner <br> COL. YOHNKA, Auctioneer. E. L. SMITH, Clerk.



## The RIMSON STAINMYSTRRI <br> Novelized byAibert PAYsON TERHUNE

| How It All Began.$H^{\text {arold }}$ gTavLer, son of a | opring lock reateted hia hest efforta Stops aounded from withln. Bome one was crowalng the laboratory to- | of a duplleato key, had fuast entered it. <br> "tris all rikht," he was mying Tro got ont of the men posted aid | terious "plan" of thetre, which Harold had rofused to mxyinis to her. She was a littlo late, no ahe hurriod |
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| of the murderer tchen stantevts tather is made the ftleenth Crimans |  |  |  |
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| CHAPTER VIII. <br> "In the Shadow of Death." |  |  |  |
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| old's hand or heard the young man's words-he gave no sign. Harold, covertly romoving the reit |  |  |  |
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| of his diskuine, went out of the room, <br> eaving them alone together. <br> Directly after lunch, next day, he |  |  |  |
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| called at the Montrone house. Felix ushered him into the library and |  |  |  |
| went in mearch of Elorence. Preseatly the girl entered the Hbrary. |  |  |  |
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| ed at once. "When I phoned yout thls morning you promised to. Tell me. I don't understand any of It." |  |  |  |
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| "I think," replled Harold, reluct- |  |  |  |
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|  | plensantily; and he followed her into her living-room. |  |  |
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| ence "You sald you and Bob-" "Wait till wodve tried it," he evaded. Then If it nuoceceds Inl tell you all about it. I believe I am on the right trail at lact |  |  |  |
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| they were milting moved ever so <br> slifhty. Netther of them noticed it. |  | Thio suppod Piero Li Rup opened |  |
| thing that flamed and glittered and flachied from a thousend points as he held it up in the millight. Florence |  |  | range Yet Plerre continued his leiliurely hand-over-hand procens along the rope toward the opposite roof. |
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|  |  |  | athota hit hili. He tuyned and grinned. amusedly back over hif alowider at the marksman. |
| claimed. "You-jou haven't roturned <br> it to her, thent" <br> "No," be made answer. "And I |  | at the qurvering and mensoles body |  |
|  | ton had not caught her. Almost infustantly, she broke free from his |  | the marksman. <br> A thrill of nomothing tike super- <br> fey an he saw ho thengo stan <br> iey hat he saw hid fallure to hit the |
|  |  | deftly bound the hands and lem of thelr vectim to the lege and arms of the ble chair <br> "He's coming to lis sener- |  |
|  | "Mm 30 gorry 1" ehe mald, amiling in deprecntion. "Ir's silly of me to keel over ilike that. Wait a minute. ${ }^{1 \mathrm{~m}}$ |  | iey ata he saw hia fallore to hit the cany target. <br> bewillered In a dovil" he mutured bewillered to bimiself. "Buflots can't |
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| Ho wir avit to drop the traskrod |  | tend La Roer "Ho must toilike a atore wall I thour uke a stone wal 1 thour where Vanya. He mustu: wee you | A Hurt him" into his brialn, dilpolling the mobar and tuged at the snot la Ruo |
|  | gotng to take some aromatic spirite of ammonia." <br> Stie left the room; presumably in |  |  |
|  | puest of the medicine she had spo of. Instead, she went awifuls Into the next room, and there drew out from |  |  |
|  |  | here with tme" <br> Preseatly the stricken man op wed <br> his cyes, Buinked dazedy and sented | hard tled. <br> Fint ra Rite hand fratened it too <br> cunninitly, for all hils haste, to permite |
|  | the fowing stecve of her blouse-the from Robert Clayton's hip pocket durling the briet tinstant she hind | fbout him. Then his wardering sazo focused on Pierro La Rue, who atood with folded arme and a anoering half- | Harost to tinte it soon enoush for the purpose be had in mind. Stanley |
|  | "Breathins" the revolver, she ex- |  |  |
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|  | tracted lis alv cartriderel. Then, from a box aho fook six "blanku" and put them into the cylindera in place of |  | th not tead cont kal him wotl try <br> oold ntelp he hucked foveriatily at the |
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|  |  | and permanentiy: <br> "Xou proumptuous fool" he enarlad fierely. "Up wo yesterriay 1 |  |
|  | with Cinston. As ho turned to go, sho exclaimed: |  |  |
|  |  | should bave been conteut to give you a dimple death, with the "uner nek lace' Today 1 am no.. |  |
|  | the world have sou been leaning against? Thare's a line of whit powder or motor dust across your |  |  |
|  |  | io to dio by lorkiur The msot acuth tortura <br> why" <br> Ho parieed as if for an answer. The |  |
|  | Becon he cond prives her liteots |  |  |
|  |  | He parred as if for an answer. The ound man in the chalr merely gaped at him in fuscinated biorror. | stones a hundred foet below. |
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|  | Alluafully unaw ware that his plotol had been stolen, rendered harmless, and back in hiss pocket agaln by hls |  | dowaward, cilinging frintically to the rope. |
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|  | ravclnating hontess. <br> Clayton went direetly to Stanley's <br> home where he found Harold awat- | beard. And oneo more the chilledsteel norves suatalined distinct shock Robert Clayton instead of the sup- |  |
| ciosely than the first. <br> In the moment of dazed natonishment while Harold stood marveling at thes phenomeson the manked man took advantaks of the hrief foll speed up the stalrs. Harold, recoverling | ing him. Thera in puramaneco ot the pian they had hit upon that up" tho artist as nearly as poessblo to resemble Pierre La Rue He himmir was content with such uspuimas chaunfeur livery affortded him. |  |  |
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|  |  | posed Btanley's. <br> "I weat hunting for a fox," com- |  |
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| But the otber had gotten a atart of soveral yaria and was as aglile na la cat Hurry as ho woul. Hoas fust in time at asst to soong man door With emitt noleveemesss botind him. tance at an bound and ectrod thotaboratory"doorknob. But the |  | querades as a llon cannot expect to He leaned forward, his long, lean flugers slowty enctrcing the helplow Clayton's throat. Florence Montrosa true to her res- olution, had come down from Riverdalo to the studio bultduyg arraugfng to be there by 3 otcloch, wo thet ley to let her lielp them in this mys. <br> stanley saw hlme crish to the floor and shaking from the jur of the fail and ntarger away out of atcht <br> "Yes, he ls a devill" mused stanloy. tho studlo. "A devilt Ho beare a titer, the suling to brock the (To ie sontinuod pext week) |  |
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