

(Continued from last week.) the cloak room. She then repaired Tuppence smilled, gratified at the with a handbag to the fustnesses of

success of her efforts. "We haven't exactly proved it yet. But we're after her. And"-she pro-duced a long-drawn-out wink-"I guess she won't get away with the goods this time."

Albert uttered another ejaculation indicative of delight.

"Mind you, sonny, not a word of "I this," said Tuppence suddenly. guess I oughtn't to have put you wise, but in the States we know a real smart lad when we see one. What's this about the girl you say is leaving ?"

"Annie? Regular turn-up, they 'ad." An idea was dawning in Tuppence's brain. She thought a minute or two, then tapped Albert on the

"See here, son, my brain's got busy. How would it be if you mentioned that you'd got a young cousin, or a friend of yours had, that might suit the place. You get me?"

"I'm there," said Albert Instantly. "You leave it to me, miss, and I'll fix the whole thing up in two ticks."

"Some lad!" commented Tuppence. with a nod of approval. "You let me know, and if it's O. K. I'll be round

tomorrow at eleven o'clock." "Where am I to let you know to?" "Ritz," replied Tuppence laconically. 'Name of Cowley."

Albert eyed her enviously. "It must be a good job, this tee

business." "It sure is," drawled Tuppence, "especially when old man Rysdale backs the bill. But don't fret. son. If this goes well, you shall come in

on the ground floor." With which promise she took leave of her new ally, and walked briskly away from South Audley manslons, well pleased with her morning's work. She went straight back to the Ritz and wrote a few brief words to Mr. Having dispatched this, and Tommy not having yet returnedwhich did not surprise her-she started off on a shopping expedition. Starting with a cheap clothing store, and passing through one or two second hand establishments, she had finished the day at a well-known hairdresser's.

w, in the seclusion of her bedroom.

pleased. She's stopped on till todayto oblige, she said, but really it's so as to put you against the place. Are you going up now, Miss? Step inside No. 20 did you say?" And the lift. he winked. Tuppence quelled him with a stern glance and stepped inside.

the ladies' waiting-room. Ten min-

utes later a metamorphosed Tuppence

walked demurely out of the station

It was a few minutes past eleven

when Tuppence again entered the hall

of South Audley mansions. Albert

was on the lookout, attending to his

duties in a somewhat desuitory fash-

ion. He did not immediately recog-

nize Tuppence. When he did, his ad-

"Blest if I'd have known you! That

"Glad you like it, Albert," replied

"Your voice, too," cried the delight-

ed boy. "It's as English as anything!

No, I said as a friend of mine knew

a young gal. Annie wasn't best

Tuppence modestly. "By the way, am

I your cousin, or am I not?"

miration was unbounded.

and entered a bus.

rig-out's top-hole."

As she rang the bell of No. 20 she was conscious of Albert's eyes slowly descending beneath the level of the floor.

A smart young woman opened the door.

"Tve come about the place," said Tuppence.

"It's a rotten place," said the young oman without hesitation. "Regular old cat-always interfering. Accused hand, me of tampering with her letters. Me! The flap was half undone anyway. She's a wrong 'un, that's what she is. Swell clothes, but no class, Cook

knows something about her-but she won't tell-scared to death of her. And suspicious ! I can tell you-" But what more Annie could tell,

Tuppence was never destined to learn. for at that moment a clear voice with a peculiarly steely ring to it called: 'Annie !"

The smart young woman jumped as if she had been shot. "Yes, ma'am." "Who are you talking to?"

"It's a young wohiap about the situation, ma'am."

"Show her in th

seemed to her, as she did so, that the tension of Mrs. Vandemeyer's attitude relaxed. "I see," she remarked at length. "Is

there anyone I can write to for a reference?" "I lived last with a Miss Dufferin, The Parsonage, Llanelly. I was with

her two years." "And then you thought you would get more money by coming to London, suppose? Well, it doesn't matter to I will give you whntever you want. You can come in at once?"

"Yes, ma'am. Today, if you like, My box is at Paddington." 'Go and fetch it in a taxi, then.

It's an easy place. I am out a good deal. By the way, what's your name?" "Prudence Cooper, ma'am."

"Very well, Prudence. Go away and fetch your box." "Thank you, ma'am."

Tuppence withdrew. The adventure had begun, but she felt less elated than she had done earlier in the morning. It crossed her mind that if the unknown Jane Finn had fallen into the hands of Mrs. Vandemeyer, It was likely to have gone hard with her.

CHAPTER VI

Enter Sir James Peel Edgerton. Tuppence betrayed no awkwardness in her new duties. The daughters of the archdeacon were well grounded in household tasks. Mrs. Vandemoyers cook puzzied her. She evidently went in deadly terror of her mistress. The girl thought it probable that the other woman had some hold over her. For the rest, she cooked like a chef, as Tuppence had an opportunity of judging that evening. Mrs. Vandemeyer was expecting a guest to dinner, and Tuppence accordingly laid the beautifully polished table for two. She was a little exercised in her own mind as to this visitor. It was highly possible that it might prove to be Whittiagion Although she felt fairly confident that he would not recognize her, yet she would have been better pleased had the guest proved to be a total stranger.

At a few minutes past eight the front door bell rang, and Tuppence went to answer it with some inward trepidation. She was relieved to see that the visitor was the second of the two men whom Tommy had taken upon himself to fellow.

He gave his name as Count Stepa-Tuppence announced him, and nov. Mrs. Vandemeyer rose from her seat

on a low divan with a quick murmur of pleasure. He bowed low over her Tuppence returned to the kitchen.

"Count Stepanov, or some such." she remarked, and affecting a frank and unvarnished curiosity ; "Who's he?"

"A Russian gentleman, I believe." "Come here much ?" "Once in a while. What d'you want

to know for ?" "Funcied he might be sweet on the nissus, that's all." explained the girl. adding with an appearance of sulkiness: "How you do take due un !"

"I'm not outto ease in my mind about the souffle," explained the other, the bout the souffle," explained the other, the following described personal "You know something," thought Tup property, to-wit: Maxwell Touring pence.

Whilst waiting at table, Tuppence the year 1923, Motor No. 339205.

in the forenoon of said day, the County Court room of said Court has been appointed by said of said Court as the time and place for hearing of objections thereto and the settlement thereof. Date of First publicat

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Attorneys for Administrator.

the Circuit Court of the State a Oregon, for the County of Wash-ington. State of Oregon

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This Notice is issued and given by you, and sach of you pursuant to a order duly made by Hon. Geo. E. Bagley, presiding Judge of the show entitled Court, on the 15th fay of January, 1324. Witness my hand and the seal of raid Court affixed at Hillshoro. Washington County Oregon, this 15th fay of January, 1324. H. A. Kurath, Court? Clerk.

(Neal) C 8-10 Deputy.

Oregon, for the County of Washlogton.

State of Oregon -vs-Maxwell Touring Automobile, Motor No. 339205, Model 1922, Oregon Idcense No. 102998 for 1923, and all persons claiming any interest therein. therein

Automobile, License No. 102998 for

the 7th day of June, 1922, in the County of Washington, State of Ore-son, in the vicinity of Road No. 662, may Beaverton, Oregon, in said county; that said Automobile ever since has been, and now is, in the possession and custody of said sher-iff of Washington County, Oregon, and is being proceeded against in the above entitled Count for the for-feiture of the same for a violation of Chapter 29 of the Genoral Laws of Oregon for 1923, the same being an act rolating to the forfeiture and she of boats, vehicles and ther conveyances used in the un-lawful transportation or possession of Intoxicating Hquor within the State Of Oregon; and that all per-nors having or claiming any interest in self Automobile are hereby re-quired to appear before the above entitled Court in the County, Ore-son, at Milisboro, Oregon by Monday, the 18th day of February, 1924, which said day has heretofore been fully set by the above entitled Court as an answer day herein, and the defend against said proceedings, and that upon their failure as the and that upon their failurs an in

do, a judgment of forfeitute of said tutomobile will be entered. This notice is issued and given to

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> By Edw. O. Luca. Beputy.



Dean's Drug Store, Beaverton,

County Clerk. By Edw. C. Luce,

In the Circuit Court of the State of

State of Oregon, State of Oregon, County of Washington, SS. To C. S. Wood, Room 2. Maxwell Apts. 207-14th St., Portland, Ore-son, and to A. H. Ahern, Room 102. Madison Apts., 262 Park St., Portland, Oregon, A. M. Nelson, Jack Fisher, and the Eidelity & Deposit Company of Maryland, Gas-co. Building, Portland, Oregon. And to Whomever It May Concern: You, and each of you, are hereby notified and will take notice that the following described personal

IT WOULD BE BETTER

Two Irishmen' were looking pick in there?" "Begorry, in a jewelry store window at a would ruther have me shovel. lot of diamonds. One Irishman said to the other, "Mike, how



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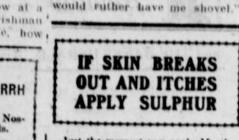
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she unwrapped that final purchase. Five minutes later she smiled content edly at her reflection in the glass With an actress' pencil she had slightly altered the line of her eyebrows and that, taken in conjunction with the new luxuriant growth of fair hair above, so changed her appearance that she felt confident that even if she came face to face with Whittington he would not recognize her. From höspital experience she knew only too well that a purse out of uniform is frequently unrecognized by her patlents,

"Yes," said Tuppence aloud, nodding at the pert reflection in the giass, "you'll do." She then resumed her normal appearance.

Dinner was a solitary meal. Tuppence was rather surprised at Tom my's non-return. Julius, too, was absent-but that, to the girl's mind, was more easily explained. It was quite on the cards that Julius P. Hersheimmer had left for Constantinople at a moment's notice if he fancied that a clue to his cousin's disappearance was to be found there.

The morning brought a note from Mr. Carter:

"Dear Miss Tuppence:

"You have made a splendid start. and I congratulate you. I feel, though that I should like to point out to you once more the risks you are running. especially if you pursue the course you indicate. Those people are abso lutely desperate and incapable of elther mercy or pity. I feel that you probably underestimate the danger, and therefore warn you again that I can promise you no protection. You have given us valuable information. and if you choose to withdraw now no one could blame you. At any rate. think the matter over well before you decide

"If, in spite of my warnings, you make up your mind to go through with it, you will and everything arranged. You have lived for two years with Miss Dufferin, The Parsonage, Llanelly, and Mrs. Vandemeyer can apply to her for a reference.

"May I be permitted a word or two of advice? I suggest that you should represent yourself to be what you are. a former V. A. Is who has chosen domestic service as a profession

There are many such at the present time. That explains away any incongruities of voice or manner which otherwise might awaken suspicion. "Whichever way you decide, good

luck to you. "Your sincere friend,

"MR. CARTER."

Tuppence's spirits rose mercurially. Mr. Carter's warnings passed unheeded. The young lady had far too much confidence in herself to pay any heed to them.

There was still no word or message from Tommy, but the morning post brought a somewhat dirty postcard with the words: "It's O. K." scrawled upon it.

At ten-thirty Tuppence surveyed with pride a slightly battered tin trunk containing her new possessions. It was artistically corded. She drove

"Yes, ma'am." Tuppence was ushered into a room

on the right of the long passages A roman was standing by the fireplace.



A Woman Was Standing by the Fires

place,

She was no longer in her first youth. and the beauty she undeniably pos sessed was hardened and coarsened. In her youth she must have been dozzling. Her pale gold hair, owing a slight assistance to art, was coiled low on her neck, her eyes, of a piercing electric blue, seemed to possess faculty of boring into the very soul

of the person she was looking at. Her exquisite figure was enhanced by a wonderful gown of indigo charmeuse. And yet, despite her swaying grace. and the almost ethereal beauty of her face, you felt instinctively the presence of something hard and menacing. a kind of metallic strength that found expression in the tones of her voice and in that gimlet-like quality of her

For the first time Tuppence felt afraid. She had not feared Whitting-

ton, but this woman was different. As if fascinated, she watched the long, cruel line of the red, curving mouth, and again she felt that sensation of panic pass over her. Her usual selfconfidence deserted her. Vaguely she felt that deceiving this woman would

he very different to deceiving Whittington. Here, indeed, she might expeet no mercy.

Mrs. Vandemeyer motioned to a chair.

"You can sit down. How did you hear I wanted a house-parlor maid?" "Through a friend who knows the

lift boy here. He thought the place might suit me." Again that basifisk glance seemed

to pierce her through. "You speak like an educated girl?" Glibly enough, Tuppence ran Glibly enough, Tuppence ran County, Oregon, and that the through her imaginary career on the 25th day of February, A. D., 1924

listened closely to all that was said. She remembered that this was one of the men Tommy was shadowing when she had last seen him. Already, although she would hardly admit it, she was becoming uneasy about her partner. Where was he? Why had as word of any kind come from him? She had arranged before teaving the Rits to have all letters or messages sent on at once by special messenger to a small stationer's shop near at hand, where Albert was to call in frequently. True, it was only vesterday morning that she had parted from Tommy, and she told herself that any anxiety on his behalf would be absurd. Still, It was strange that he had sent no word

of any kind. But, listen as she might, the conversation presented no clue. Boris and Mrs. Vandemeyer talked on purely indifferent subjects. Tuppence Dean's Drug Store, Beaverton, brought in the coffee and liqueurs and Oregon, unwillingly retired.

She cleared away and washed up with a breathless speed acquired in hospital. Then she slipped quietly back to the boudoir door. The cook, more leisurely, was still busy in the kitchen, and, if she missed the other, would only suppose her to be turning down the beds.

Alas! The conversation inside was eing carried on in too low a tone to permit hearing apything of it. She dared not reopen the door, however gently. Mrs. Vandemeyer was sitting almost facing it, and Tuppence respected her mistress' lynx-eyed powers of observation.

Nevertheless, she felt she would give a good deal to overhear what was going on. Possibly, if anything unforeseen had happened, she might get news of Tommy. For some mements she reflected desperately, then her face brightened. She went quickly along the passage to Mrs. Vande meyer's bedroom, which had long French windows leading onto a balconv that ran the length of the flat. Slipping gulckly through the window, Tuppence crept noiselessly along till she reached the boudoir window. As she had thought, it stood a little ajar,

and the voices within were plainly audible.

Tuppence listened attentively, but there was no mention of anything that could be twisted to apply to Tommy. Mrs. Vandemeyer and the Russian seemed to be at variance over some matter, and finally the latter exclaimed bitterly:

You are going about everywhere with Peel Edgerton. Not only is he, perhaps, the most celebrated king's counsel in England, but his special hobby is criminology ! It is mad-

(Continued next week,)

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, as administrator of the estate of Valentine Nehr-bauer, deceased, has filed his final account in the office of the County Clerk of Washington lines suggested by Mr. Carter. It at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. twice a year.

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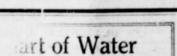
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