



The Secret Adversary

by Agatha Christie

(Continued from last week.)

ALBERT Tommy felt that cost him of uncertainty. It seemed impossible to believe that these people were other than they seemed. Had he been fooled once more?

Tommy slept badly that night. The next day Albert brought the first piece of hopeful news. There was a French young lady staying in the house. Tommy put his doubts aside. Here was confirmation of his theory. But time pressed. Today was the 27th. The 29th was the much-talked-of "Labor Day," about which all sorts of rumors were running riot. Newspapers were getting excited. Sensational hints of a labor coup d'état were freely reported. The government said nothing. It knew and was prepared.

Tommy felt that, thanks to Mr. Carter, he understood the position fairly accurately. With the fatal document in the hands of Mr. Brown, public opinion would swing to the side of the labor extremists and revolutionists. Failing that, the battle was an even chance. The government with a loyal army and police force behind them might win—but at a cost of great suffering. But Tommy nourished another and a preposterous dream. With Mr. Brown unmasked and captured he believed, rightly or wrongly, that the whole organization would crumble ignominiously and instantaneously. The strange peremptory influence of the unseen chief held it together.

"This is a one-man show," said Tommy to himself. "The thing to do is to get hold of the man."

That evening he and Albert once more penetrated the grounds of Astley Priors. Tommy's ambition was somewhat other to gain admission to the house itself. As they approached cautiously, Tommy gave a sudden gasp.

On the second floor window some one standing between the window and the light in the room threw a silhouette on the blind. It was one Tommy would have recognized anywhere! Tuppence was in that house!

He clutched Albert by the shoulder. "Stay here! When I begin to sing, watch that window."

He retreated hastily to a position on the main drive, and began in a deep roar, coupled with an unsteady gait, the following ditty:

*I am a Soldier
A bold British Soldier;
You can see that I'm a Soldier by my feet.*

It had been a favorite on the gramophone in Tuppence's hospital days. He did not doubt but that she would recognize it and draw her own conclusions.

Presently an unimpeachable butler accompanied by an equally unimpeachable footman, issued from the front door. The butler remonstrated with him. Tommy continued to sing, ad dressing the butler affectionately as "dear old whiskers." The footman took him by one arm, the butler by the other. They ran him down the drive and neatly out of the gate. It was beautifully done—sensibly and with perfect decorum. Anyone would have sworn that the butler was a real butler, the footman a real footman—only as it happened, the butler was Whittington!

Tommy retired to the inn and waited for Albert's return. At last that worthy made his appearance.

"Well!" cried Tommy eagerly. "It's all right. While they were a running of you out the window opened and something was chucked out." He handed a scrap of paper to Tommy. "It was wrapped round a letter weight."

On the paper were scrawled three words: "Tomorrow—same time."

"Good egg!" cried Tommy. "We're getting going."

Tommy retired for the night in a state of some elation. He had elaborated a careful plan for the following evening. About twelve o'clock however, his calm was rudely shaken. He was told that some one was demanding him in the bar. The applicant proved to be a rude-looking carter well coated with mud.

"Well, my good fellow, what is it?" asked Tommy.

"Might this be for you, sir?" The carter held out a very dirty folded note, on the outside of which was written: "Take this to the gentleman at the Inn near Astley Priors. He will give you ten shillings."

The handwriting was Tuppence's. Tommy appreciated her quick-wittedness in realizing that he might be spying at the Inn under an assumed name. He unfastened it.

"Dear Tommy:

"I knew it was you last night. Don't go this evening. They'll be lying in wait for you. They're taking us away this morning. I heard something about Wales—Hollyhead, I think. I'll drop this on the road if I get a chance. Annette told me how you'd escaped. Bued up.

"Yours,
TWOPEACE."

Tommy raised a shout for Albert. "Pack my bag! We're off!"

"Yes, sir." The boots of Albert could be heard rattle upstairs.

Hollyhead? Did that mean that after all—Tommy was puzzled.

The boots of Albert continued to be active on the floor above.

Suddenly a second shout came from below.

"Albert! I'm a d-d fool! Upane that bag!"

"You ask an impossibility." "Sure that's a pity for you," said Julius cheerfully. "But the world in general will benefit." He raised the revolver.

"Do not shoot. I will do all you wish."

Julius lowered the revolver.

"Where is the girl?"

"At Gatehouse, in Kent. Astley Priors, the place is called."

"What about the other girl, the one you decapitated away over a week ago?"

"She's there too," said the Russian sullenly.

"That's good," said Julius. "Isn't it all panning out beautifully? And a lovely night for the run!"

"What run?" demanded Kramenin, with a stare.

"Down to Gatehouse, sure. I hope you're fond of motoring?"

"What do you mean? I refuse to go."

"Now, don't get mad. You must see I'm not such a kid as to leave you here. You'd fix up your friends on that telephone first thing! Ah!" He observed the fall on the other's face. "You see, you'd got it all fixed. No, sir, you're coming along with me. This your bedroom next door here? Walk right in. Little Willie and I will come behind. Put on a thick coat, that's right. Fur lined! And you a Socialist! Now we're ready. We walk downstairs and out through the hall to where my car's waiting. And don't you forget I've got you covered every inch of the way. I can shoot just as well through my coat pocket."

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Household Dept.

VALUABLE HOUSEHOLD RECIPES AND SUGGESTIONS

Crisp Nut Meats

If you will let the hot candy cool for about five minutes before adding the nut meats and then stick the nuts about half way into the candy the nuts will remain crisp and tender.

Use A Grater

When baking cake, cookies, or bread and it happens to burn a little and would spoil the taste unless taken off, try using the grater to scrape it with and you will have no trouble with it breaking.

Meat Loaf

Two pounds of good hamburger steak, ¼ lb. pork sausage. Soak in two cups of cold water six slices of bread toasted as dry as crackers, grate or put through meat grinder a medium-sized onion, place meat, bread and onion in a pan large enough to permit of mixing thoroughly and mold into a long loaf and bake slowly until done, about an hour. You can spoil it by baking too long or too rapidly. This is fine hot and slices well for sandwiches.

Potato Pastry

Sift together ¼ cup baking powder and rub in ¼ cup lard. Add 2 cups mashed potatoes and make a stiff paste with cold water. Roll out ¼ inch thick and use as ordinary pastry.

Ham and Eggs

Slice ham as thick as possible and place in a pan in the oven. As it fries it will cup. When it has all cupped and fried enough break an egg on each slice and return to oven, until the egg is cooked.

Mend Silk Stockings

Runs in silk stockings or underwear can be mended so they

will hardly show if the following method is used: With a fine crochet needle pick up the stitch that is running and crochet it into the next thread, just drawing it through, the next through that, and so on to the end. It will be necessary to thread a needle to fasten the last stitch but the mend will hardly show.

To Clean Rugs

Two simple things about cleaning rugs are: First a few drops of chloroform or ether will remove gummy substance from rugs. Second six parts of yellow cornmeal and one of salt mixed, heated and scrubbed over a rug will remove dirt spots and brighten rug like new. If spot is made by grease, spread mixture thickly and let stand over night.

Wicker furniture

used in combination with oak or mahogany often adds to the attractiveness of the living room.

A nutritious salad

is made by mixing cottage cheese with

Summons

In The Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, For the County of Washington.

State of Oregon, Plaintiff
vs.
Liberty Touring Automobile License No. 11411, Motor No. 2469, Model No. 1934, Serial No. 10000, Driven by Jean Hammer and all persons claiming any interest therein, Defendants.
County of Washington ss.

To Jean Hammer, Address, 390½ Morrison Street, Portland, Oregon, and to Anna C. Hammer, whose address is 390½ Morrison Street, Portland, Oregon, And to Whomever it may Concern:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON

You, and each of you, are hereby notified and will take notice that the following described personal property, to-wit: Liberty Touring Automobile, License No. 11411 for the year 1934, Motor No. 2469, Serial No. 10000, was seized by the sheriff of Washington county, Oregon, on the 11th day of February, 1934, at about the hour of 12:00 o'clock p.m. of said day, in the County of Washington, State of Oregon, in the Territory of the City of Beaverton in said county; that said Liberty Touring Automobile ever since has been, and now is in the possession and custody of said sheriff of Washington county, Oregon, and is being proceeded against in the above entitled Court for the forfeiture of the same for a violation of Chapter 18 of the General Laws of Oregon for 1923, the same being an act relating to the forfeiture of boats, vehicles and other conveyances used in the unlawful transportation or possession of intoxicating liquor within the State of Oregon; and that all persons having or claiming any interest in said Liberty Touring Automobile are hereby required to appear before the above entitled Court in room No. 4444 in the County Court House of Washington county, Oregon, at Hillsboro, Oregon, by the 17th day of May, 1934, which said day has heretofore been duly set by the above entitled Court as an answer day herein, and to defend against said proceedings, and that upon their failure so to do, a judgment of forfeiture of said automobile will be entered.

This Notice is issued and given to you, and each of you, pursuant to an order duly made by Hon. Geo. H. Hagley, presiding Judge of the above entitled Court on the 15th day of April, 1934.

Witness my hand and the seal of said Court affixed at Hillsboro, Washington County, Oregon, this 15th day of April, 1934.

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By Edw. C. Lane, Deputy
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