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Many a man writes down on paper

women, taciturn and silent as he was,

wrote down the thoughts which he

ry, well thumbed, held the history of

many a lonely night; but all of these

the things he can not articulate.

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in his mind:

had not known.

his only child.

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athirst. I famish for a cooling draft!" "All right then," said the barkeeper, "have a glass of water on the house!" And he produced a cold, brimming glassful.

For a moment the colonel contemplated the offering sourly. Then he raised it to his lips and in a resigned tone of voice said:

"If the great philosopher Socrates could drink hemlock without a shudder I suppose I can swallow this!"-Saturday Evening Post.

Not For Sale.

Henry A. Franck, the author, telling of a trip down the spine of South America from Bogota to Buenos Aires, sold:

"Eggs are plentiful, though in the Andes, when you enter a shop with four bushel buskets of them sitting around in various corners, the invariable reply is "Fliey are not for sale." The proper and a la mode answer to this is to say in your most fluent and regal Quecha: 'Of course I know very well they are not for sale. No Andine hady who considers herself a lady would think of selling eggs'-meanwhile you are filling your basket or tacks with the fruit in question-'but I have taken three dozen. How much do I owe you?

"The answer is sure to be a meek 'Dos reales, senor.' "

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for funds to carry out his experiment and if he let out anything he would forfeit a small fortune. When a man became too persistant Billy opened a bottle of wine.

Fire island was sighted at 5 o'clock in the morning. At 10 Mickleton was ready for his flight. The last article he put on his machine was a small box He opened it and showed provisions.

From the size of the box it might contain food and drink to last a week. It was evident from this that the flight was to be a long one, and it was the opinion of most of the passengers that Mickleton was intending to make straight across the Atlantic back to Gibraltar. If necessary he would have stopping points at the Azores and Madeira.

Just before starting Mickleton went to the wireless office and sent a mes sage in cipher to a New York news paper. If any one had any doubts as to the truthfulness of the aeronaut's excuses for not telling his intention this removed them. Leaving the wireless office, he returned to his aeroplane, went under the canvas, made a final inspection of the parts, then, removing the cover, got aboard. Sailors on a run pushed him along the deck; he caught the air, hardly striking the water surface, then rose gradually.

Yes, Wilkerson, the partner, was lon had realized this, and his fears

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Wilkerson still alive tonight.

shall never have the key that will unlock my girl's happiness. I will trust John Dore."

But it was no aparition that Gallon had seen, first on the crest of the hill and then in the window; it was really Wilkerson who, after one satisfied glance rode swiftly away toward Val-

It was midnight when he rapped on the door of the railroad station he sent: Valle Vista, Cal.

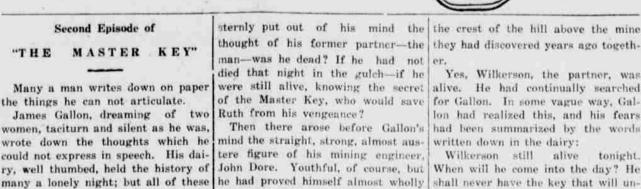
Jean Darnell, Astor House, N. Y. "Have found Gallon at last, Address Master Key Mine tomorrow. "Wilkerson"

Who was Jean Darnell? Well she had a mission of vengeance, too. Incidentally she welcomed money. Wilterson had to have it if he ever expected to possess her. When Ruth get reappear at strange times, came to make her flight with the help lutely distinct and clear: What was James Gallon saw the ghost of his of her sweetheart, John Dore, she had

The Dread Alternative.

drinker in a Mississippi town served notice on the local dramshop keepers -this was in the old days before prohibition-that she would prosecute any one selling her husband intoxicants So when the gentleman in question. slightly waverous on his pins but dignified and scholarly as always. dropped into his favorite saloon that evening and called for a toddy the

"Can't do it, colonel," he said "Sorry, but you know how it is." "Rat sir," said the colonel, "L am



nights there was one that stood out competent in every task that had been given him. And as though Fate desired to give It was the darkness enclosing a woman upon a bed. He still heard her further proof of Dore's manliness, whispered cry: "You speak of God, she arranges for him shortly after

this, a fearful undertaking. Ruth, Tom; but I have no religion but motherhood." Before his closed eyes while exploring the tunnels, is thrown came the vision of a lamp lit-then into an ore car by a terrific explos- ley Vista. the aparition-the face of his daugh- ion. This explosion sends the car on ter. One life had fled, possibly ap- its downward flight out of the tunnel palled by the horrors of a world that and over the trestle. She is in dan- and called the sleepy agent waiting recks not of pure humanity. Yet ger of a tragic death if the car goes for the express. This is the telegram there was in the dead woman's arms over the dump at the end. Dore, supa child grotesquely asleep, as if a- erintending the operations of a travwakened to the sorrows this mother eling bucket, sees her predicament.

"Ruth," he cried. There was no answer from the still woman in the legs, he swings over the girl and darkness-but thus he had christened

And Gallon knew he was getting ore heap. old. The problem before him was no longer dim and vague-as it had been in the days of his prime-but abso-

But what of Gallon? Those whom we most want to for-

The long suffering wife of a habitual

barkeeper only shook his head.

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By FRED L. YOUNG When the steamer Orinoko, on her

way from Naples to New York, stopped at Gibraltar a man came aboard with a number of boxes, which were marked "Machinery." He was # pleasant spoken, hall-fellow-well-met sort of person, who made acquaint ance rapidly with the other passengers. He bet freely on the daily run of the

He orders the bucket swung loose by its cable and, hanging down on his pulls her in and up to him, the car rushing on and smashing over the

to become of Ruth when he died. He partner, whom he had murdered on two crafty persons to contend with.



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ship and if he won opened wine to celebrate his good luck and if he lost opened wine to celebrate the winner's luck. In either case he opened wine. Billy Mickleton, the gentleman referred to, soon became known as the best fellow on the ship.

"What's in all those boxes, Mickle ton, you brought aboard with you?" asked a passenger.

"When we approach the Atlantic coast you'll all know. I'm going to make an experiment that will attract the attention of the world."

"Why not tell us now?"

"I'm under contract with a New York newspaper to keep the secret till the last moment. The paper is to have the exclusive rights of publication."

Nothing so absorbs people as curiosity, and the Orinoko had not long passed Madelra before everybody was talking about Mickleton and the experiment he was going to make. Some belleved it to be a trial trip of a new kind of boat, whose parts were packed had invented a light submarine to be put it in the water when the ship was off Sandy Hook and, moving under to be shot out of a mortar from the ship's deck and come down with a patent parachute.

When the shir was 500 miles fron. port Mickleton secured the permission of the captain to remove the contents of the boxes to the upper deck. When they had been unpacked and carried to the deck Mickleton set to work and put together an aeropiane. The passengers gathered about him to watch, some who knew something about aeroplanes curious to see the machinery put in. But Mickleton waited till they all turned in for the night to da this work, and when they came on deck in the morning they found the aeroplane concealed under a canvas cover.

The captain kindly ordered the ship's carpenter to make a passage for the machine by taking down the stern rails and otherwise render a start possible. When all these things were done and the passengers had nothing to do but wait they crowded around the aeronaut and plied him with questions. "Is it a new power you're going to test?" "Are you going in shead of the ship or going to make a transatiantic flight? "Is it to break a record for speed or for height or for distance?"

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The ship was steaming westward along the Long Island const. The aeroplane, rising, turned toward the land. passed over the eastern end of the

Island and gradually passed out of sight. The Orinoko reached Sandy Hook about noon, but, being delayed at quarantine, was not docked till the next morning. Every passenger was on deck and eager to read the account of the aeroplane flight, the start of which he had witnessed. - Not a single

newspaper mentioned it. Mr. Mickleton passed out of the minds of the passengers of the Ori in the boxes. Others guessed that he noko as he had passed out of their sight over Montauk Point and was formanaged by one person. He would gotten. But the time came when they read the newspaper account, which was a very different one from what water, beat her to her dock. A third they had been told about. It reported crowd guessed that Mickleton intended how the slickest smuggler working between Europe and America, who had long evaded customs officers, had been caught red handed Among his smug

gling devices the article gave an ac count of his getting a million dollars' worth of diamonds in free of duty by means of an scroplane from the deck f a lines

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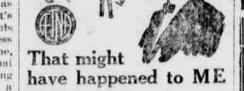
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WE, never know when to look for it. Well and happy to-day—sick, disabled or dead to-morrow. Wonder if that poor chap left anything.

Well-if my time ever comes, I'll know that the wife and babies are provided for. At least \$5,000 if I'm killed, and from \$25 to \$50 a week if I'm disabled. My/ETNA ACCUMULATIVE ACCIDENT POLICY will take care of us all. Pays for a surgical operation or hospital expense, too.

Man on a salary certainly ought to couple up with this ÆTNA proposition. Those chaps who put it-off-until-tomorrow don't realize what a pitiful fix a penniless, fatherless family is in. Be wise-

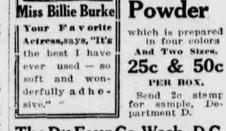
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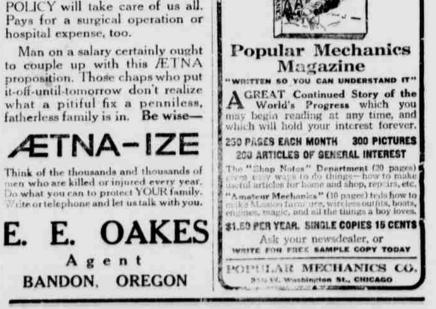
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