

Simon Judd, amateur detective, and William Dart, an undertaker, are visiting John Drane, eccentric man of wealth, at the Drane place. Suddenly John Drane ...... The Human Sphinx Elm Street and Grand Avenue; he think when he had to. the household is shocked to find that Amy John Drane has been murdered. The Robert Carter dead man is first seen by Josie, the maid, then by Amy Drane and Simon Judd. The latter faints.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY-Police officers call and investigations begin. Dr. Blessington is called, and after seeing the murdered John not a man but a woman.

shock Amy Drane as much as cause about it." her amazement. The shock had come when she faced the blood stained said. her mind was still so dulled by that keep your eye on this girl. I don't was of value to him in his work. A sured him. "Two cops up there; you grasp what the doctor was telling her. - "A woman? Uncle John was a woman?" she repeated gropingly. "But is that we don't know yet-that this that-that couldn't be, you know, murder is not the work of a maniac; looked not over thirty. For twenty Why, he's always been a man. I perhaps a maniac here in this house. years he had been picking up crimin- the officers greeted him with a "Hello, don't know what you mean, doctor." If one murder has been done another als. He had never "studied" crime, Dick!" and Brennan replied "Hello,

"The murdered person in the bed upstairs there," the doctor said, "is -or was-a womn. I am merely stating the fact. I thought you should know it immediately as you are, I understand, the only relative here."

is horrible! It's like some frightful nightmare! It doesn't seem as if it could be true, any of it."

you a simple bromide until your ner- murder no doubt about that, sir!" ves recover from the shock."

"No, thank you," she caid. "I think Judd exclaimed.

he asked Simon Judd. "I suppose you him I will be back in an hour or soa murderer. Just keep an eye on this hard day." young lady, will you? I'll leave my card: it has my telephone number. If she seems to be about to flop just one, by the way," he asked Amy, "who doctor, ain't you?" could stay here with you a few days? I'd suggest that you go elsewhere, but I have a notion the police will want ly doctor here; I have a larger bill you here, until they've done some here each month than with any house questioning, at least."

stay here during the days.

asked.

"Yes. He's-we're great friends. I expect him to come this morning."

"You've not had breakfast yet?" "No: I was waiting for it when-When I heard Josie the maid, scream."

"Well, my prescription for you is hold of sick help. It's as bad as a that you go in now and eat a good hospital; I don't see how a person breakfast. That will help you more can bear to have so much sickness than anything I could give you. And around. But John Drane-or this woas for the things to be attended to in man who pretended to be John Drane such cases as this, you may leave them to me. What is your name?" he I've never known her to discharge a asked Simon Judd, and Judd told him. "Mr. Judd, I'm sure will act for you as here twenty time a month. A good far as necessary. There can be no woman, even if she did choose to funeral he added, to 9fmon Judd, "un- masquerade as a man."

tered the house to try to eat a break- clothes and let on they're men. Sort fast, and Dr. Blessington led Simon of queer, though, somehow." Judd to the far end of the veranda.

til the law has gone through its form-

speak to you a moment or two."

be attended to later," he said; "It was not that I wanted to speak about. As by the universal vehicle, the taxicab, soon as possible I will get a proper while Anty Drane and Simon Judd death certificate, and I suppose Wil- were at breakfast. As he turned from liam Dart is the man Miss Drane will the cab, after having slammed the want to have. He is an old friend of door, he cast his eye over certain Drane's-of the dead person; one of salient features: "Three story manthe few close friends the dead manwoman-had, I think."

"Hold on, now!" Simon Judd said. "Wait a minute now! Is that the little in diameter supporting the third floor feller with the beard that was here mansard projection-" yesterday?"

"I don't know that he was here-" name. Old feller about seventy years | stand against criminals he had trackold or so, ain't he? All dressed in ed odwn. A silver watch was never black. That the man?"

"You have described him."

of Principal Characters in this Amazing Mystery Story

William Dart ... Simon Judd ... Dr. Blessington .... The Family Doctor it was not for Brennan to decide which that afternoon but his intention had Dick Brennan .. A Detective Servants in the Drane Household

think of was undertaker. And he is tion to Amy Drane that her "uncle" is won't want him after all. I don't He resembled no one in particular followed the circular drive to the The announcement of Dr. Blessing to keep trade away from any friend of that man!" and then immediately, farthest and when he had mounted ton that the body of the murdered John's-or whoever it is up thereperson above stairs was the body of but you might give me the name of looks quite a little like that man." You a woman and not of a man did not another funeral man while you are say this of people resembling the

> "Later, if necessary," the doctor best to try to be safe. What I mean may be attempted, you see? Probably but the way and habits of criminals Joe!" be another victim, Judd."

doc," Simon Judd said, "and you can so valuable; another reason was that bet on that. She's a nice kid, this "I don't understand it," Amy said, Amy is. But how about it being mur-"Why, it's dreadful, isn't it! Oh, it der all so sure? You talk like you knew it wasn't a suicide."

"It was no suicide," said the doctor positively. "There are good reasons "It is only too true," the doctor said. for knowing, it was not. The blow He looked at the girl with keen pro- that drove the knife into the heart was fessional eyes. "You don't feel that a far more powerful blow than that this is too much for you? The shock old woman could have struck; death and the strain must be considerable, was so instantaneous that a suicide but you seem a normal sort of person. could not have withdrawn the knife What I mean exactly is that if you from the wound; and, finally, there feel too nervous over this I can give was no knife in the room. It was

"Ain't that a shame, now!" Simon

"When this man Brennen comes," "Are you going to be here awhile?" the doctor continued, "you can tell will," he added with a slight smile, I have a call I must make now. You "considering the circumstances and had better get some breakfast yourthat he police will have to be finding self; you're apt to have a long and

Dr. Blessington turned away, but Simon Judd called him back.

"What I don't get, doc," he said, "is send for me. Not," he added, "that I how you didn't know this was a wothink you'll have to. Have you any man all the while. You're the family

"That's rather peculiar, too," he said, frowning a little, "I am the famiin Westcote; I'm called here again "I'm not afraid to stay here, I think." and again. But, I've never been ask-Amy said. "No; Mr. Judd will be here; ed to so much as feel John Drane's I'll not be afraid, I'll have Mr. Cagter pulse or look at his tongue! The man -or woman-has never been sick, or 'That's Bob Carter?" the doctor if she has she never called me. The servants have had all my attention, and plenty of it, too."

"That colored man sure has a bad cough," said Simon Judd.

"They're all sick," said Dr. Bless ington. "I never knew such a house--has certainly been good to them. servant for ill health; she's had me

"Well, I've read of such doin's bealities. However, if I might just fore," Simon Judd said philosophically "and I don't know that I blame Amy, as she had been advised, en- some of 'em for wantin' to wear man

"It is queer," said the doctor. "It is "The funeral arrangements can all apt to be queerer that we imagine." Dick Brennan, the detective arrived sard-roofed house-painted whiteveranda full width of house in frontfluted pillars, approximately six feet

His brain registered physical objects in this way, a result of his in-"Dart-William Dart-that's the numerable appearances on the witness a silver watch to Brennan-it was "one white metal watch, hunting case "Well, black my cats!" Simon Judd No. 1,249,563, fourteen jewel moveexclaimed. "I was tryin' to think what ment No. 985,003." For Brennan no that feller looked like, and all I could one ever lived at seven hundred and

no one ever stood on the corner of not acting according to rule. He could The Girl stood "on South-west corner of inter- Brennan was not particularly an-Her Sweetheart section of Elm Street and Grand Ave- noyed because he had been put on The Undertaker nue." For Brennan gold was "yellow this case on a Sunday morning. He Friend of Drane | metal" and brass was "yellow metal;" had planned to see a football game

one, is he? Well, now, maybe we Dick Brennan resemble a detective. know but what maybe he's mixed up except himself; you were apt to say to veranda, glancing past the house toyourself when you saw him "I know ward the back where the drive curved "No, I'm wrong—I know someone who to the veranda he rang the bell. Norclerk, who waits on you at the grocery. Dick Brennan's face was so like thou-"There will be ample time, sands of other faces that it was hard body of her supposed uncle John and What I wanted to urge was that you to remember. Not infrequently this shock that she did not immediately want to alarm you needlessly but until man who so nearly resembles many can go right on up. Should I take we know more about this affair it is other men could easily make himself your hat, sir? No; you goin' to take look unlike himself.

Dick Brennan was forty-two, but he Yes sir!" there is nothing in the idea, but keep had soaked into him; an understandan eye on Miss Drane. Don't let her ing of their probable actions and re- Dick," the officer said. actions had become instinctive in "I'll look out for her the best I can, him; this was one reason why he was about it being an old lady?"

six five South Street." For Brennan nize that times when a criminal was

was which. Not on the witness stand, been to pick up a couple of pick-In no respect, except that he re- pockets there, if they were still worksembled thousands of detectives, did ing the football crowds, and a murder was apt to be more interesting. He bert, the colored houseman, came to

"I'm the detective assigned to this case," he said without flourish. "The body upstairs or downstairs?"

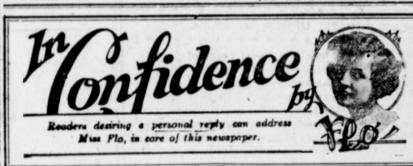
"Upstairs, sir; yes sir," Norbert asit with you. Right up these stairs.

At the head of the stairs one of

"Mean piece of business this is,

"Stabbing, is it? What was that

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BETTER STUDY

Dear Miss Flo:

I am engaged to a young man who seems to be very nice, and has always treated me with great respect. I love him dearly, and he tells me that he loves me. My love affair with him seems to be different from all others I have ever had although I am only seventeen years old. He is twentyone. Do you suppose this is a "puppy love affair" or true love?

In the meantime I have planned to finish school and go to college. but he objects to this. He says it will be too long to wait. Which do you think is best for me to do, give him up and go to school, or do as he likes. Will he wait for me if he loves me truly?

PEGGIE.

. . . Dear Peggie, I think you should con- BOTH upper and lower bowel and retinue your studies. At least finish moves old waste matter you never school even if you do not go to college. thought was there. No matter what The young man, will, I believe wait you have tried for your stomach and for you if he really loves you.

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you continue school and I am sure you can get the young man in question to realize that. Show him how sincere your desire for education is.

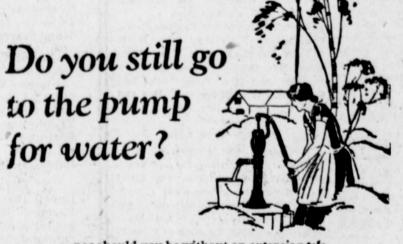
Explain to him that you feel you can be a better wife and mother if blessed with the advantage of a good general knowledge.

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