

The Creeping Man

by Frances Shelley Wees

YESTERDAY: Smith tells Michael that because he needed money he agreed to submit to an experiment by Murchison. How little he fears that Murchison will ask him to keep his bargain . . . Michael's father, the District Attorney, comes to dinner.

Chapter 16 Letter From Chicago

"I WILL forgive you for keeping this mystery from me," Tuck solemnly told Michael's father, "on condition that you use your keen and agile brain in solving my little private mystery. Michael can't. He's too dumb. I can't. It has a mechanical bent that is quite beyond my poor feminine mind. Bunny can't. I asked her. So it's up to you."

"Certainly," John Forrester agreed. "And what is it then, my dear?"

"It's my necklace," Tuck said. "Where is it? It's gone."

"Gone?"

"Gone. Disappeared. Michael says the insides of the pipes are smooth. And even . . . can see that if you drop a small and slippery thing down the inside of a large pipe it would have a tendency to land at the bottom. But it didn't."

Her father-in-law surveyed her from beneath bushy brows. "You are not talking to Michael," he reminded her, "whose mind works in a scatter-brained fashion. I am a bit slow and ponderous, perhaps, but I feel that I could do with a wee little more detail."

Tuck explained.

"It's not in the pipe? In the basement?"

"No."

"Nor yet in the furnace?"

"No."

"Well, then," he said, and settled comfortably back in his chair, "it must be somewhere in between."

"Very simple indeed," said Michael.

Tuck sighed. "I suppose it's gone forever," she said. "I can't quite see you pulling the house to pieces for a string of corals. It will break my heart to hear it." She looked sideways at her father-in-law. "I thought perhaps it had found out where the diamonds were hidden and gone to keep them company," she said.

"Humpf. Diamonds?"

"Diamonds," she repeated firmly. "You may all laugh if you wish, but I am more and more firmly convinced that the diamonds—Professor Murchison's diamonds, are hidden somewhere in this house, and that someone knows it and is looking for them. Higgins, probably. Although, even though he and his five thousand dollars sound very very suspicious, I don't think he has sense enough to hang pots and pans on the doors. It's too bright an idea for Higgins. Somebody else, Father Forrester."

"Mrs. Murchison," Bunny murmured. Tuck seized upon the idea instantly.

"Mrs. Murchison sounds reasonable," she said. "I wouldn't believe anything, she said anyway. I'm sure she's a double-crosser or whatever you call people like that. And I think she read it! 'The Bartered Bride' herself. It shows the kind of a mind she's got."

"If we were sure it was murder," Tuck went on after a reflective silence, "if we were positive he was murdered, it would be simple."

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"Oh, Bunny, not Mrs. Deane. Not Mrs. Deane, Bunny."

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"I wasn't even thinking of you, Michael Forrester. I was thinking about Mr. Deane and those awful squinty eyes that you can't see, and the sarcastic things he says to you when you play the wrong card. And didn't you see that he didn't even have the same salad that we did? She had to fix something very special for him."

"We had lobster, and he had fruit," Bunny contributed.

Michael groaned. "Just because a poor man wears glasses and has a weak stomach. . . I tremble to think of you two being on the police force. I suppose you'd hang all the cross-eyed men just because."

"Well, of course," said Tuck with one of her lightning changes. "We aren't sure. Maybe none of them are. Maybe it's somebody else."

"And maybe it isn't anybody at all," Michael added.

"Michael, such nonsense. What about the diamonds?"

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On the RADIO CHAINS

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Tuesday.
5:00—Aldrich Family, KPO, KFI, KGW, Frank and Archie, KEX, KJR; Sunset Shadows, KGO, Bradlans, KOIN.
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7:30—Pop-Ofs, KNX, KOIN; Drama, KGO, KJR; Dog House, KPO, KFI, KGW, News, KSL.
8:00—Fred Waring, KPO, KFI, KGW; Amos and Andy, KEX, KOIN; KSL; Information Please, KGO, KEX, KJR.

Wednesday.
5:00—Frank and Archie, KEX, KJR; Sunset Shadows, KGO; Waring's Orch., KPO, KGW, KFI.
5:30—Kelsey's Orch., KPO, KGW; We Present, KGO, KJR.
6:00—Sketch, KGO, KEX, KJR; Star Theater, KSL, KOIN, KNX; Drama, KOMO; Safety First, KEX; Hollywood Playhouse, KPO, KFI; KGW; Convention, KGO, News, KJR.
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8:00—Waring's Orch., KPO, Breez-

8:15—Jimmy Fidler, KSL, KNX, KOIN; I Love a Mystery, KPO, KFI, KGW.
8:30—Aldrich Family, KGO, KEX, KJR; Johnny Presents, KPO, KFI, KGW; Drama, KOIN, KNX.
9:00—Martin's Orch., KSL; Tuesday Night Party, KOIN, KNX; Good Morning Tonight, KPO, KFI, KGW; Dance Hour, KGO.
9:30—Messner's Orch., KGO, KEX; Battle of the Sexes, KPO, KGW, KFI; We, the People, KNX, KOIN; Garber's Orch., KJR.
10:00—News Reporter, KPO, KFI, KGW; News, KNX, KSL; Madriguera's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KOIN.
10:30—Poeter's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW; Saunder's Orch., KGO, KEX, KJR.

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8:15—I Love a Mystery, KPO, KGW, KFI; Lum and Abner, KSL, KNX, KOIN.
8:30—Whiteman's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN; Quickster, KGO, KJR, KEX; Avalon Time, KPO, KFI, KGW.
9:00—Pearce's Gang, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Radio Guild, KGO, Fred Allen, KPO, KGW, KFI.
9:30—Noble's Orch., KGO, KEX; Gray's Orch., KNX; News, KJR.
10:00—Martin's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX; News, KNX, KSL; News Reporter, KPO, KFI, KGW; News, KOIN.
10:30—Madriguera's Orch., KGO, KJR, KEX; Ravazza's Orch., KPO, KFI, KGW.
11:00—Gray's Orch., KOIN; Nottingham's Orch., KPO, KFI; This Moving World, KEX, KJR; News, KGO, KGW.

Friday.
5:00—Frank and Archie, KEX, KJR; Sunset Shadows, KGO; Waring's Orch., KPO, KGW, KFI.
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ff Percy Webb reported today. Schwarlose forced the two men into an automobile and brought them to Roseburg where he turned them over to the sheriff and filed a complaint against them charging attempted larceny.

In another alleged poultry theft case, Joe Powell, 25, and John Kred Hastings, 21, both of Roseburg, were bound over to

the grand jury and were continued in custody in lieu of \$300 bail each, after waiving preliminary examination on a charge of breaking into a chicken house belonging to P. P. Sullivan of Roseburg and stealing five chickens, Justice of the Peace R. W. Marsters stated.

Lumber Production Up. Washington, Nov. 28.—(AP)—Reports to the National Lum-

ber Manufacturers' association showed today that lumber production during the week ended November 18 was 33 per cent greater than last year's seasonal weekly average. Shipments were 21 per cent and new orders two per cent greater.

Glass eyes are not modern inventions. They were used by the Romans, and before them, the Egyptians.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

For further proof address the author, inclosing a stamped envelope for reply. Reg. U. S. Pat. Off.

ROY ALCIATORE -- Proprietor of Antoine's Restaurant, New Orleans, RECENTLY SERVED THE 1,000,000TH ORDER OF "OYSTERS ROCKEFELLER"! (Invented by his grandfather) THE RESTAURANT IS 100 YEARS OLD!!!

GOT AS A CLUE IS AN ANAGRAM CATALOGUES

A LIVELY STABLE, HOTEL, INN, HARDWARE STORE, DOCTOR'S OFFICE, CHATAUQUA HALL AND FOUR RESIDENCES -- COMPRISE THE ENTIRE CAMPUS OF PIEDMONT COLLEGE, Demorest, Ga.!

PIEDMONT CAMPUS
Strange as it seems, more students of Piedmont College, Demorest, Ga., attend courses off the campus than on—receiving full college credit for field trips extending more than 9,000 miles.

The ten Piedmont buildings were not planned for college. A former hotel is the dining hall and girls' dormitory; a livery stable is the biology laboratory and class rooms and a doctor's office, hardware store, chatauqua hall and four residences make up the unique campus.

GUN WELDER
Pretty Gloria Jacobs, 16, of Woodland, Cal., recently defended her title to the California State Women's Pistol championship with a score of 197 out of 200.

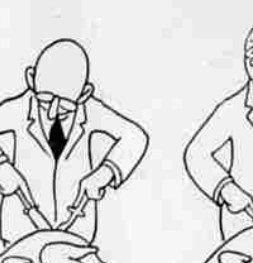
TOMORROW: Mystery of the Buried Crosses.

CARVER

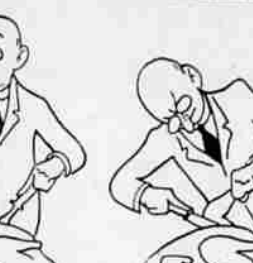
By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



STARTS CARVING, CHEERFULLY ASKING PEOPLE TO SPEAK UP WHETHER THEY WANT LIGHT OR DARK



MUTTERS SOMETHING ABOUT KNIFE'S NOT BEING SHARP AND STANDS UP TO IT



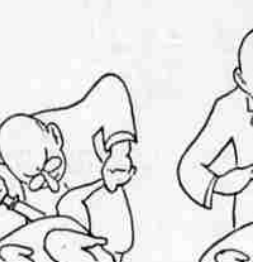
IS GETTING NOWHERE FAST WHEN HE BECOMES AWARE THAT TALK HAS STOPPED AND EVERYONE IS WATCHING HIM



ABANDONS FORK AND TAKES A FIRM GRIP ON DRUMSTICK



AT THIS POINT EVERYTHING COMES TO STANDSTILL ON ACCOUNT OF HIS HITTING GLASS OF WATER WITH ELBOW



RESUMES, ABANDONS ALL FINESSE, HACKING AND TEARING BIRD APART



SERVES GRUMPILY, PAYING NO ATTENTION AT ALL TO WHO WANTED LIGHT AND WHO DARK



SINKS INTO CHAIR AND DISCOVERS HE FORGOT TO PUT ANY STUFFING ON PLATES

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Betty-Lou Risks Her Life To Save Tommy!

BETTY LOU! BETTY LOU! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

Y-YES, TOMMY. B-BUT... QUENTIN... LOOK OUT! HE'S GOT A GUN!

THIS IS THE END... OF THE TRAIL... FOR ME, TOMKINS... AND I'LL MAKE SURE...

IT'LL BE... THE END FOR YOU...

NO!

BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—The Bombshell!

AND I'VE GOT THE ANSWER TO WHERE STEPOCK REALLY WAS ON OCTOBER 6TH, 1935! HE-HHE WAS IN THE PENITENTIARY!

TALK ABOUT EXCITEMENT! BUT A DECISION WAS REACHED TO KEEP ALL DISCOVERIES SILENT SO THAT WILLIS BALLINGER COULD 'SPILL THE BEANS' DIRECTLY AFTER STEPOCK'S FINAL SPEECH OF THE CAMPAIGN!

WE'VE ONLY GOT TWENTY-FOUR HOURS TO WORK—WHERE'S JIM CRANE?

TEEDLE-UM-TEE-UM-TUM! HE'S ON HIS WAY OVER, HIS WAY OVER, HIS WAY OVER!

WELL, MR. MAJOR, I RECKON I KIN CALL YOU THAT NOW! I'LL BE STANDIN' BY AT YOUR MEETIN' IF YOU NEED ME!

BLESS YOU, BOB! SO LONG, MR. ALLEN!

NIGHT, MR. ALLEN!

THE NEBBIS—Women and Children, Back of the Ropes!

AND NOW COMES THE REAL DEMONSTRATION OF THE WORTH OF IVAN EMBERS' POWER PILL

HOLD ON TO YOUR HATS, FOLKS!

ALL THE GASOLINE IS DRAINED OUT NOW FILL THE TANK WITH PLAIN, UNADULTERATED WATER IT'S SO SIMPLE

NOTE NOW... I DROP THE LITTLE POWER PILL INTO THE TANK... ALLOW A FEW MOMENTS FOR IT TO DISSOLVE AND THEN WE CAN START THE ENGINE

EVEN IF IT WORKS, I WOULDN'T BELIEVE IT!

WOW!! LOOK AT THAT, THAT'S A COMPRESSED CYCLONE!

SERVES ME RIGHT—I SHOULD HAVE BEEN SATISFIED WITH ONE DEMONSTRATION, STRONG!

IT'S WONDERFUL BUT THE PILL IS A BIT TOO STRONG!

AMERICAN SHIPS TO PROFIT FROM EUROPEAN STRIFE

senate foreign relations committee, said he believed sinking of belligerent and neutral vessels by loose mines in the European war area would be reflected quickly in withdrawals of other ships of those nations from Pacific and South American service.

"If this war lasts another year," he told reporters, "I don't think we will have any of our ships idle. I think they will all be in trade, replacing the ships of other nations which have been transferred to Europe."

If you can, get a contract to go to work for one cent on the first day providing your salary is doubled every day for 30 days. At the end of the month your day's pay would be \$5,368,709.12.