

The Creeping Man

by Frances Shelley Wees

Chapter 20
Breakfast Guest

TWELVE sparkling stones lay on the desk in the study, divested at last of the hard coating of wax which had dimmed their luster and concealed their brilliant beauty.

"On a snap guess, I'd say they're worth fifty thousand dollars," the District Attorney said.

Tuck drew a deep breath. "We've accomplished something," she said. "We've made the first grade."

Bunny had a tinge of bright color in her cheeks. "I'm glad," she said happily. "Somehow it seems to clear the air. There's something tangible to fasten to. Somewhere to start from."

"And," said Michael, "a million questions to answer. Who put the diamonds there? Are they Murchison's, or did he steal them, and hide them where they never be troubled?" he inquired.

"You mustn't be prejudiced, dad. Wait until you get a look at her. She's very good looking."

Tuck sniffed, but her heart was not in it. There was, for the first time, a hint of some serious emotion in her eyes. "I don't just like her," she said. "I think I really believe any of it before. Now I know some of it's true. It makes me wonder..."

The District Attorney put his hand for a moment on her bright hair. He frowned. "How would you like to go down to the lake for breakfast?" he inquired.

Tuck leaned back and stared up at him. "A lake?" "Um. A lake. I hear there's a new pier, and regattas and the like. Dancing, perhaps."

Michael was regarding her thoughtfully. The District Attorney spoke to Tuck again. "You haven't even a good dog?"

"No, but we've a perfectly lovely cat, Father Forrester."

He rose. "I'll give up, however unwillingly," he said. "But you must have a talk with the Commissioner, Michael, and tell him everything. Everything," he repeated firmly, looking Michael in the eye.

"Everybody happy?" he inquired in a husky voice.

"Of course," Tuck replied. She straightened the asters in the bowl on the table. "Why not?"

Charlotte Jean came in to report that a gentleman had called to see Mr. Forrester. "He says it isn't important, he'll wait," she repeats the message, but Michael had gone. He came back in a moment, followed by Professor Jared Devoe, who was rubbing his hands.

"Mr. Devoe called on a little matter of business," Michael explained to Tuck as she held out her hand to her guest.

"Why, that's lovely," Tuck replied. "We're glad to have you, Mr. Devoe. Michael, do hand me another cup from the cabinet, will you?"

DEVOE bowed to Bunny and turned back to Tuck. "I'm sure I had no intention of intruding this way, Mrs. Forrester, it was just... I assure you I didn't dream of your breakfasting so early, and I saw Mr. Forrester out in the garden, and wanted to have a little talk with him."

"But you must have a cup of coffee first. Michael hasn't had any, and his mind will be terribly foggy until he does." She smiled at her husband, smoothed down her crisp yellow linen frock, and picked up the silver coffee pot. "Cream and sugar, Mr. Devoe?"

On the RADIO CHAINS

Where to Find Them on the Dial
KEX, Portland, 1180; KFI, 840; Los Angeles; KGA, 1470; Spokane; KGO, 790; San Francisco; KGW, 620; Portland; KJR, 970; Seattle; KNX, 1050; Los Angeles; KOA, 830; Denver; KOIN, 940; Portland; KOMO, 926; Seattle; KPO, 630; San Francisco; KSL, 1180, Salt Lake.

Sunday
5:00—Edgar Bergen, KPO, KGW, KFI; Festival of Music, KPO, KGW, KFI; Festival of Music, KGO, KJR, KEX; Adventures, KNX, KOIN, KSL.
6:00—Note Book, KGO; Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, KPO, KGW, KFI; Sunday Evening Hour, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
6:30—Organist, KGO, KJR, KEX; Familiar Music, KPO, KGW, KFI.
7:00—William Hillman, KGW; Playhouse, KNX, KOIN; Sleep Serenade, KPO; Hour of Charm, KGO, KEX, KJR, KFI.
7:30—Carnival, KPO, KFI; Cheerio, KGO, KJR.
8:00—Ranny Weeks, KOMO; Hobby Lobby, KNX, KOIN; Night Editor, KPO, KGW, KFI; News, KSL.
8:15—Drama, KPO, KFI, KGW; Banny Weeks, KEX, KJR.
8:30—Sweet and Low, KGO, KJR; Jack Benny, KPO, KFI; March of California.
9:00—Walter Winchell, KPO, KFI.

KGW: Ben Bernie, KNX, KOIN; Mr. District Attorney, KGO, KJR, KEX; 9:30—Rogers' Orch., KNX, KOIN; Martin's Orch., KEX; One Man's Family, KPO, KFI, KGW; News, KJR, KEX; 10:00—Martin's Music, KGO, KJR, KEX; News Reporter, KPO, KFI, KGW; News, KNX, KOIN.
10:30—Owens' Orch., KOIN; Noble's Orch., KGO, KJR.
11:00—News, KGO; Gray's Orch., KOIN, KSL; Nottingham's Orch., KPO, KGW, KFI; News, KNX.

Monday
5:00—Party, KPO, KFI; Frank and Archie, KEX, KJR.
5:30—Time and Tempo, KGW, KFI; Kelsey's Orch., KGO, KJR; Master Singers, KPO.
6:00—Radio Theater, KSL, KNX, KOIN; Quiz Program, KPO, KGW, KFI.
6:30—Templeton Time, KPO, KGW, KFI; Drama, KGO, KEX, KJR.
7:00—Hall of Fun, KGO, KEX; Hour, KPO, KGW, KFI; Lombardo's Orch., KSL, KNX, KOIN; News, KJR.
7:30—Blondie, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Sensations and Swing, KPO, KGW, KFI; Radio Forum, KGO, KJR.
8:00—Amos and Andy, KNX, KOIN, KSL; Aloha Land, KGO; Doe's Music, KEX; Fred Waring, KPO, KGW, KFI.
8:15—Richard Groves, KPO, KFI, KGW; Lyman's Orch., KEX; White-man's Orch., KOMO; Model Minstrels, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
9:00—Sherlock Holmes, KPO, KFI, KGW; Tune Up Time, KNX, KOIN, KSL; True or False, KGO, KJR.
9:30—Hawthorne House, KPO, KGW, KFI; Herbeck's Orch., KSL, KNX; News, KJR.

PROSPECTS ROSY FOR DOCK PEACE

San Francisco, Dec. 2.—(P)—The San Francisco waterfront situation "is more hopeful now than it was 24 hours ago and we are making progress," Dr. Louis Bloch of the Maritime Labor Board said today at the conclusion of a meeting with the ship clerk's negotiating committee.

SPRING WEATHER COMES TO STATE

Portland, Dec. 2.—(P)—Moderate temperatures provided Oregon with spring-like warmth today. Minimum readings sagged below freezing at only two reporting points, Baker and Burns.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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

Breaks Word Jinx

Fremont, Ohio (AP)—Loyal Chaney, high school basketball star, is accurate with long words as well as long shots. He won the school's annual spelling bee—the first boy victor in many years.

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

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By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



EMERGENCY CALL WHEN THE LAST THREE GUESTS ARE DISCOVERED IN THE COAT CLOSET, EACH LAYING CLAIM TO TWO OF THE FIVE RUBBERS, WHICH ARE ALL THERE ARE TO BE FOUND

PROSPECTS ROSY FOR DOCK PEACE



WITH 4 STRAIGHT CUTS-- DIVIDE THE "E" INTO 5 PIECES WHICH, REARRANGED, FORM A PERFECT SQUARE-- WITHOUT TURNING ANY PIECE OVER... (Answer Monday)

THE ARCH-AGGRESSOR, CLAIMED THAT HE NEVER FOUGHT AN OFFENSIVE BATTLE! (In his memoirs, dictated at St. Helena)

KATHLEEN WHITE-- Ashland, Ky., marriage license clerk, ISSUED A LICENSE TO LEWIS WHITE AND MABEL WHITE-- BOTH OF WHOSE MOTHERS MAIDEN NAMES WERE WHITE!

TWIN ZINNIA-- FOUND GROWING ON A SINGLE STEM BY GRANT ANDREW, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

NAPOLEON'S CAMPAIGNS
The genius of Napoleon Bonaparte made the Republic of France an Empire, for a time the most powerful nation in Europe. Through his wars of aggression, Napoleon conquered armies in Egypt, Austria, Prussia, Spain, Holland and Bavaria.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—The First Students Arrive

THREE POINT'S AN AIR COLLEGE NOW, BETTY-LOU! WE'LL HAVE MIXED CLASSES...

BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Ballinger's Question

BOB ALLEN, YOU BETTER SLIP THOSE FALSE WHISKERS ON RIGHT NOW BEFORE WE GO UP THERE--

THE NEBBS—My Partner

SAY, IVAN, YOU GOT TO GET THIS STUFF OUT OF HERE. YOU'LL RUIN MY HOTEL BUSINESS IF YOU DON'T

By HAL FORREST

CHUCK GALOON'S TH' NAME, KID... BROOKLYN! I'M LEMUEL CORNSWATH, FRUM APPLE VILLE, IOWA...!

By EDWIN ALGER

...AND, AS I WAS SAYING... YOU'RE OVER YOUR TIME, STEPLOCK-SCRAM!

By SOL HESS

EVENIN', FOLKS! HOW'S ABOUT A LITTLE EXCITEMENT!

Derby

Derby, Dec. 1.—(Sp.)—Mrs. George Kirby and Mrs. M. F. Haynes visited at school Thursday. They admired Mrs. Ruth Hayes' school keeping and the festive decorations begun for the holidays.

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Mr. and Mrs. John Meyer, friends from Glasnevin, Sask., who have been visiting at the Richard Kaye home, left Tuesday for California.

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Ben I. Balb has moved his family over on the Applegate to be near his work.

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Frank Hill sold some very nice calves last week.

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Vernon J. Haynes and family have the flu this week. Frank Chapman's family also are confined with it.

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More than 100 countries offer more or less protection for inventions.

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