

Casual Slaughters

By VIRGINIA HANSON

YESTERDAY: Unable to sleep, Kay starts thinking. She comes to the conclusion that Sandra was blackmailing the murderer. Suddenly she remembers her rejected manuscript and decides to get it.

'Lover's Return'

THE corridor was not quite dark. A dim light had been left burning on the cross hall that led to the lounge, and a small fanlight over the side door let in a little light from the street. To my left, not more than a dozen steps away, was the door to my rooms. Directly opposite Felicia's door and mine were those of two empty guest rooms which I knew were kept locked when they were not in use. To my right, beyond Felicia's room, and beyond the cross hall, stretched a double row of cryptically closed doors. Now that Sandra and Jeff were gone, only one other room in this wing was occupied, and that by the chaplain, Gerald was upstairs somewhere, among the bachelors.

There was no one in sight in either direction. Nevertheless that strange chill persisted. I told myself that I had imagined the creaks and rustles, the click of the door latch, I had to get that manuscript! It would take me only a moment. I would simply unlock the case, open it, extract the manila envelope and bring it back to Felicia's room to read. It was in any danger—

Clasping my pocketbook tightly in hands that were suddenly damp, I edged along the wall that distance of twelve steps, found the knob of the other door and pulled myself toward it as if I were walking a tight rope. I was tempted to turn back as I faced the mystery of what might lie within that closed room, but I listened as well as I could above the hammering of my heart, and heard nothing so presently, rebuking myself for a coward, I turned the knob and swung the door wide.

There was no light, no sound within the room. Fearing I pressed the switch and inspected the light-flooded room, not neglecting to peep through the crack behind the wide-swinging door. I had been fooled by that just once in my life, and it had been a costly error.

There was no one there. I crossed the room on light steps, leaving the corridor door open behind me, and repeated my maneuvers in the bedroom. I looked under the dress and bed; I looked in the closet; I looked in the bathroom. There was no one in the suite.

Feeling considerably better, I went back into the sitting room, closed and locked the corridor door and switched off the overhead light. There was a small, shaded lamp on the table. I had turned that one on and, looking down the thick blinds of the sitting-room windows. Then I closed the door to the dark bedroom, and reasonably safe from interruption, unlocked the wardrobe case and got out the manuscript.

It was just where I had left it, the seal still unbroken. I carried it over to the table, sat down facing the corridor door, and prepared to open it. I had thought better of my resolution to return with it to Felicia's room. I did not want her waking up and coming in on me with her everlasting curiosity. For the matter of that, how did I know I dared trust her? I was in no mood to trust anyone.

Rear Vision

IT was lying on the table, just beyond the lamp. On top of some magazines I intended to give the orderly. Where Jeff had found it; where I had looked for it in vain when I returned from the hospital.

If it had been a coiled snake I could not have felt a more fascinated horror. Then someone had found it in this room since I left it! I forced myself to reach for it, but as I drew it toward me I felt a sudden consciousness of the spot between my shoulder blades that acts as a third eye. I glanced nervously behind me, but there was nothing there—nothing but the closed door to the bedroom which I had just thoroughly searched.

"Don't be a fool!" I muttered crossly. But I reflected that if human beings were cars someone would long ago have contrived for them some form of rear vision.

Why not contrive a little of my own?

There was a fair-sized mirror set into the inner side of the flap of my pocketbook—one of those envelope-shaped affairs. I turned it inside out and propped it against the lamp so that the mirror reflected the knob of the bedroom door.

I still have that pocketbook. I expect to will it to my grandchildren, if any. For if they ever have any existence, they will owe it to that mirror. Without it I

ported that the heavy and continuous stream of mice over the iron bands holding the wheat sacks together was so great that the nuts became unscrewed, causing the bolts to fall out.

Blitzkrieg Field Mice.
Sydney, Australia.—(U.P.)—Seven thousand mice were killed in an individual "killing drive" in New South Wales where they are attacking the wheat fields. One farmer re-

On the Radio Chains

Where to Find Them on the Dial
KEX, 1160, Portland, KFI, 540, Los Angeles; KGA, 1470 Spokane; KGO, 790, San Francisco; KJW, 120, Portland; KJH, 970, Seattle; KNA, 1050, Los Angeles; KOS, 490, Denver; KOIN, 540, Portland; KOMO 920 Seattle; KPO, 630 San Francisco; KSL, 1130, Salt Lake.

5:00—Dant's Music, KGO, KJH, KEX; Waltz Time, KPO, KGW; Chorus, KNX, KOIN.
5:30—Concert, KGO, KJH, KEX; Drama, KPO, KGW; Grand Central, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
6:00—Public Affairs, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Dou Amehse, KPO, KGW; News, KEX; Swing, KOMO; Philharmonic, KGO.
6:30—Quiz Kids, KPO, KGW; Al Pearce's Gang, KNX, KSL, KOIN; In Spots, KGO, KEX, KJH.
7:00—Fred Waring, KPO, KGW; Amos and Andy, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Messner's Orch., KJH, KEX; Our Musical Heritage, KGO.
7:30—Johnny Presents, KNX, KSL, KOIN; Dance Orch., KGO, KEX, KPO, KGW.
8:00—Treasure Island Varieties, KPO, Sports, KGO.
8:30—Festival Varieties, KOMO; Death Valley Days, KPO, KGW; Garber's Orch., KSL.
9:00—Gordon's Orch., KPO, KGW; Paul Sullivan, KNX, KSL, KOIN.
9:30—In the Good Old Days, KPO; King's Orch., KOIN; Music by Woodbury, KGW.

10:00—Reporter, KPO, KGW; Jurgen's Orch., KNX.
10:30—Primo!, KGO, KJH, KEX; Owens' Orch., KPO, KGW; Garber's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN.
11:00—Nottingham's Orch., KPO; House's Orch., KSL, KOIN; Man With a Pipe, KEX; News, KGO, KGW.

Saturday
5:00—Billmore Boys Orch., KPO, KGW; J. J. J. Orch., KGO, KEX, KJH; Quinroo, KNX, KOIN.
5:30—Busse's Orch., KNX, KOIN; Drama, KPO, KGW; Concert, KGO, KEX, KJH.
6:00—News, KEX; Uncle Ezra, KPO, KGW; Message of Israel, KGO.
6:30—Byrne's Orch., KPO, KGW; News of the War, KSL, KOIN; Melody in the Night, KGO, KEX, KJH.
7:00—Sky Blazers, KNX, KOIN; KSL; Barn Dance, KPO, KGW; James' Orch., KEX, Opera, KGO.
7:30—Voices of 1940, KNX, KSL; Musical Mirror, KJH, KEX; S. S. Fiesta, KGO.
8:00—Morgan's Orch., KGW; City of St. Francis, KPO, KGO; Hit Parade, KNX, KSL, KOIN; News, KEX, KJH.
8:30—Sports Forum, KGO; Held's Orch., KPO, KGW.
9:00—Danos Orch., KOMO; Marriage Club, KGO; Bill Henry, KNX, KOIN; News, KSL.
9:30—King's Orch., KNX, KOIN; KSL; Owens' Orch., KPO, KGW.
10:00—Jones' Orch., KGW; Jurgen's Orch., KNX; Primo!, KGO.
10:30—Garber's Orch., KNX, KSL, KOIN; Martin's Party, KPO; Duchin's

TEST PLANNED FOR ARKANSAS DIAMOND MINES

Murfreesboro, Ark. (U.P.)—The Arkansas diamond mines, the only diamond mines in North America, will be tested during the next few weeks to determine whether they can be operated profitably.

The mines have been idle for more than 20 years. The rising price of diamonds in recent months, however, has renewed interest in the Arkansas fields.

The Arkansas Diamond Corporation, which owns the largest mine in the field, has acted to grant an option for sale of the mine to Ray E. Blick of Chicago. Roy Thompson, president of the corporation, said that Blick will pay \$2,500 for the first year option, \$10,000 for a second year renewal, and

\$175,000 if he accepts the title. Diamonds were discovered in Arkansas in 1906 when two stones were found by John M. Huddelle near the mouth of Prairie creek, two and a half miles southeast of Murfreesboro. Mining operations were started and were carried on until 1912 when they were suspended. The Arkansas Diamond corporation was organized in 1919 with capital of \$10,000,000. A large washing plant with full equipment was constructed but nine months later the plant shut down and has been closed since.

There are five other mines

in addition to that owned by the Arkansas Diamond corporation—the Kimberlite, Mauney, Ozark, American and Black Lick mines.

The largest diamond found in Arkansas weighed 20 1/4 carats, and the second largest weighed 17.86 carats. The U. S. geological survey reported that the average weight of the 3,000 diamonds mined by Arkansas-Diamond corporation was 0.4 carat. Experts have said that many of the diamonds found in Arkansas compared favorably with those mined in other parts of the world.

It has been estimated that 5,300 diamonds have been taken from the Pike county mines. The value per carat of the uncut stones has ranged from \$5 to \$10.

Volunteer Isked.
Sydney, Australia.—(U.P.)—Percy Hunt, enlisted for the war but judged as physically unfit for overseas service, will show the "higher ups" how mistaken they were. He will endeavor to paddle a canoe in the open ocean from Newcastle to Sydney, a distance of 100 miles.

Use Mail Tribune want ads.

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS



BOVINE BLUNDER!
A COW OWNED BY H. R. MORRIS, Kingstree, S. C., SWISHED HER TAIL AROUND A TREE, ACCIDENTALLY TYING IT IN A KNOT!

by JOHN HIX



TWINKLE WATTS—4 BOWLS CONSISTENTLY ABOVE 100!
SHE ONCE AVERAGED 140 2/3 FOR 3 GAMES...
—Los Angeles—



TIMELESS CLOCK
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THE TIMELESS CLOCK!
A FACELESS TIMEPIECE WAS KEPT BY THOMAS EDISON IN HIS LABORATORY!
(A GENTLE REMINDER TO CLOCK-WATCHERS)



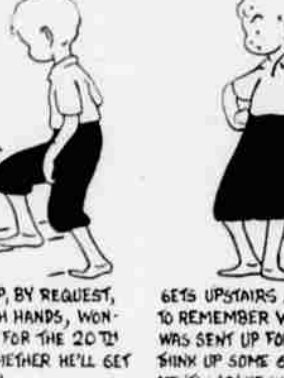
ALL 5 EMPLOYEES OF STOKES GROCERY, Andalusia, Ala., ARE LEFT-HANDED...
(And even the telephone!)

BALL PLAYER

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



COMES DOWN TO LUNCHEON, HIS MIND ON THE AFTER-NOON'S GAME WITH THE ELM ST. TIGERS



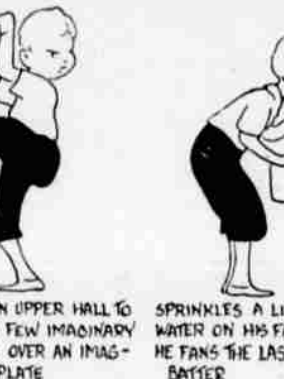
GOES UP, BY REQUEST, TO WASH HANDS, WONDERING FOR THE 20TH TIME WHETHER HE'LL GET TO PITCH



GETS UPSTAIRS AND TRIES TO REMEMBER WHAT HE WAS SENT UP FOR AND TO THINK UP SOME GOOD ARGUMENTS WHY HE SHOULD PITCH



GOES UP VERY SLOWLY, PLAYING AN IMAGINARY GAME IN WHICH HE GOES IN TO PITCH WITH BASES FULL IN 9TH INNING



STOPS IN UPPER HALL TO BURN A FEW IMAGINARY STRIKES OVER AN IMAGINARY PLATE



SPRINKLES A LITTLE WATER ON HIS FACE AS HE FANS THE LAST BATTER

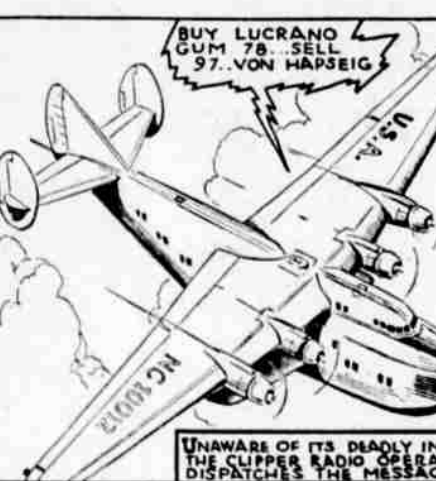
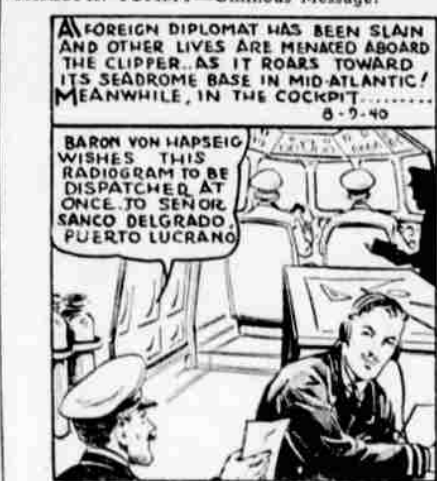
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TINY BOWLER

Using a six-pound ball, Twinkle Watts, 4, consistently bowls more than 100. Her high game so far is 165, rolled in a three-game series in which she averaged 140 2-3.

TAILSPIN TOMMY—Ominous Message!



BEN WEBSTER'S CAREER—Challenge!



THE NEBBS—That's Enough



Defends Drinking.

Helena, Mont.—(U.P.)—Federal District Judge James H. Baldwin championed the rights of man in an illegal-entire case being tried before him in court here. When court attaches cited a previous arrest of the defendant on drunkenness charges Judge Baldwin said: "Ever since 1862 (when Montana became a territory) it has been a man's privilege to get drunk every 30 days."

Melbourne, Australia.

Prof. G. S. Browne of the University of Melbourne believes that with the end of the war, English will become the international language, replacing French. He believes the next generation will be bilingual, everyone speaking his native language and English as a secondary international tongue.

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