

The Creeping Thing

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It for a sort of living room. On the right side are the parlor and dining room, which are never used these days, it seems. Above stairs are the usual bed rooms, four of them, and a bath near the front. But the point of interest is at the very back of the long central hall that separates the second story in half. Off of this to the left is a narrow passage not any too wide for one person to move through comfortably. It leads to the entrance to the octagonal room. It is about twelve feet long and at the end is a long narrow door with a transom above it entirely too small to admit even a child's body.

Death

"Diaron says it is his custom to carry food to his master whenever

he is busy in the octagonal room at night. But he always waits at the entrance to the corridor for the signal to enter. That was one of his master's drastic rules. He had never disobeyed it till the other night. And even then, only under conditions so appalling that even old Ezra must have understood the reasonableness of them if he were able to speak—which he isn't, being at this moment stretched cold in death in that same octagonal room. But that is anticipating.

"Old Diaron was in the habit of establishing himself in a chair at the entrance to the passageway leading to the mystery room when he had to wait any length of time, which was not an uncommon occurrence.

"Last night, it seems, he was so early, or rather so far ahead of his master's readiness to receive him, that he became drowsy and had leaned his chair back against the outer wall of the wider corridor, and closed his eyes. He must have dropped off to sleep. He swears, however, that he was not dreaming when the incident that he described very vividly happened.

"I was sitting right here," Diaron told us, the policeman and I, when something woke me up with a start. At first I thought it was the trees scraping against the side of the house, but immediately I knew no tree branch could make a noise like that. It was a terrifying sound.

"S-c-r-r-u-s-h, s-c-r-r-u-s-h, like some great body creeping stealthily over a rough surface. S-c-r-r-u-s-h, a huge serpent might make such a sound as it drew its sinister length across the rough bark of a monarch of the jungle forest in quest of its

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FRIED CHEESE TOAST

Put two thin slices of bread together with cheese. Beat 2 eggs, add 1/2 cup of milk and 1/2 teaspoon of salt, dip the cheese sandwich in this mixture. Brown in butter on both sides. Serve with currant jelly.

Australians First Broadcasters

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momentarily over the fire, and as rapidly removed, causing the smoke to issue out of the top in puffs, much as it may be seen coming out of the funnel of a railway engine. By these means, and by varying the length of the intervals between the puffs, which has a special significance, intricate messages are sent.

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