

THE LIFE OF BERT WILLIAMS No. 3 . . .

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1. He was a great friend and lover of animals; and kept a little menagerie of his own.



2. He was a natural musician. He made a pilgrimage of the various cafes in old San Francisco, playing a banjo which was his first instrument.



3. He was handsome and very large for his age, and soon had the general appearance of a man, enabling him to earn a man's pay by capitalizing his inherent talent for mimicry.



4. A group of Hawaiians having heard him sing, hired him to impersonate a Hawaiian guitarist. This he did for steady pay, in order to aid his needy family.

THE CREEPING THING

By CORA JEAN MOTEN

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the rest of the watchers of that hideous night, watching fearfully and listening to the awful sound.

"My throat seemed parched. I moistened my lips with my tongue and tried to speak—to say something to the broad shouldered bronze-colored man who stood in front of me facing that fateful door that shut us off from the sinister mystery beyond it. I saw his great shoulders hunch forward. He seemed to tense himself for action and then, with a determined motion, he laid his hand on the knob of the door and turned.

"I saw the sudden jerk of muscles, balked in their purpose, as the knob failed to turn. Then I saw the tightening of the grip in the tautening skin above the joints of the closed hand.

"The knob did not move. Surprised chagrin dawned in the eyes of the big man as he turned his face to me.

"Something is holding it from the other side," he whispered in an awed and unbelieving voice.

"I felt the breathing of Alene Hardmore on the back of my neck. Her breath seemed eager, almost as if she had been racing and saw the goal ahead of her.

Blocked

"Let me try," she said, and tried to push ahead. But the narrow corridor was scarcely large enough to allow of the passage of two people, so, unless I gave back against the wall, there was no chance of her passing and just then I did not intend to give back for anyone. In spite of the fear I felt of that continued scraping, creeping mystery that lay beyond that closed door, I

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was determined to try to find out what might be known of it.

"I reached under Garland Selwyn's muscular arm and gripped the knob of the narrow door. It was absolutely rigid. As I gripped it, and tried with all my might to turn it first forward and then back, there came a sudden, far-away thumping sound—a faint thudding, and then smothered gurgles like a man sinking in deep water, and—silence. I paused.

"The THING that held that door closed was not human, and it was no known reptile or other creature of earthly origin that I knew of. And

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Information on the Recent Poll by the Illustrated Feature Section, may be had by addressing a letter to the Editor, in care of this newspaper.

Hot Weather Hints

Drink plenty of water, cold milk, lemonade and iced tea with plenty of lemon juice in it. Yes, even iced tea will be a healthful beverage when it is well flavored with lemon.

Eat plenty of fresh, green vegetables and fresh ripe fruits—raw, in salad form, in fruit cups, in light desserts or any way in which they may be relished. Be very partial to oranges. They serve the body with an abundance of liquid and tend to reduce or prevent acidity that may come from the overeating of heavy acid-producing foods. Eat plenty of berries—wild and tame. Feature lettuce, celery, cabbage, carrots, string beans and greens of all kinds.

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