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The Hidden Voice.

with whom Kennedy had ever had

I leaped out of bed, still in my pa-

room. I looked about, rubbing my

"Here I am over on the couch!"

A laugh greeted me Plainly, though,

There lay nothing but a little ob-

it came from the couch. I went over

to it and, ridiculous as it seemed, be-

"Well," I gasped, "what do

gan to throw aside the pillows.

was certainly no one on that couch.

eyes, startled. No one was there.

"Hey-Jameson-wake up!"

no doubt about it, either.

"Jameson, wake up!"

anything to do.

It was snooky

manded.

about It.

apparatus.

"Oh. Mr. Jameson, I've discovered the Clutching Hand papers," she began, more and more excited. "Have you read them?" came back

the voice quickly. "No: shall I? "Then don't unseal them," cautioned

naped by the Clutching Hand, but is res-end by Kennedy, who has discovered her wherea-nots through using third degree methods on one of the trooks. the voice. "Put them back exactly as you found them and I'll tell Mr. Kennedy the moment I can get hold of him." "All right," said Elaine. "I'll do

that. And please get him as soon as The strain of the Dodge case was beginning to tell on me, for it was you possibly can." keeping us at work at all kinds of "I will." hours to circumvent the Clutching Hand, by far the cleverest criminal "I'm going out chopping now." she

returned, suddenly. "But, tell him I'll be right back-right away." "Very woll." Hanning up the receiver. Flaine

dutifully replaced the uppers in the box and returned the box to its secret jamas, and stood for a moment staring about. Then I ran into the living hiding place, pressing the spring and sliding the panel shut. A few minutes later the left the house in the Dodge car

Outside our laboratory, leaning up "Where the dence-are you"" I de against a railing. Dan the Dude, au emissary of the Clutching Hand, whose Suddenly I heard the voice againdress now reatly belied his undering us, watching to see when we left I scratched my head, puzzled. There

The moment we disappeared, he raised his hand carefully above his and and made the sign of the Clutching lland. Far Joy a the street, in a closed car, the Clutching Hand himself, his face masked, gave an answering sign. A moment later he left the car, gaz-

ng about stealthily. Not a soul was in sight and he managed to make his way to the door of our laboratory without being observed. Probably be thought that the pa-

ers might be at the inboratory, for he had repeatedly failed to locate them at the Dodge house. At any rate he was busily engaged in ransacking drawers and cabinets, in the laborstory, when the telephone suddenly rang.

An instaut he hesitated. Then, disguising his voice as much as he could to imitate mine, he took up the recolver.

got up, leaving me snoring. Cases never wearled him. He thrived on ex-"Hello!" he answered. His face was a study in all that as dark as he realized that it was He had gone over to the laboratory Elaine calling. He clenched his crook and set to work in a corner over an-

ed hand even more viciously. "Have you read them?" he asked, urbing his impatience as she unsuppectingly poured forth her story, sup-Half an hour afterward I walked ssedly to me.

"Then don't unseal them." he hastened to reply "Put them back. Then there can be no question about them. You can open them before wit-

"A vocaphone," he replied, still laughing, "the loud speaking telephone, the little box that heurs and talks. It talks right out in meeting,

For a moment he paused, then added: "Put them back, and tell no one of their discovery. I will tell Mr. Kennedy the moment I can get him."

ma'am," apologized Jennings. "Oh. very well." she nodded, taking up her book, to go Then, recalling the frequent injunctions of Kennedy. she paused long enough to speak uietly to Jennings. "Stay here and watch him." she whispered as she went out. Jennings nodded, while Dan opened window and set to work.

Elaine now decided to so h From his closed car, the Clutching Hand gazed intently at the Dodge

his back toward him. Dan turned slowly and made the

which to revert something "and you,

One of the maids was sweeping in the hall as Dan went toward the win-dow, about to enable it. "I wonder whether I betted there windows?" mattered Jennings, paus-ing in the hallway. "I grees Id bet-ter make sure." mits, are a fast!" There was no combating Miss Statis-tix. She overwheimed all arguments by the very exactness of her person-ality. Elaine departed, speechlass, prop-erly squeiched, followed by her chauf-

He had taken only a step toward the library again when Das watchfully caught sight of him. It would never do to have Jennings snooping around there now. Quick action was neces-sary. Das knocked over a costly Neanwhile, a closed car, such as had stood across from the laboratory, had drawn up not far from the Dodge house. Near it was a man in rather shabby clothes and a visored cap on

which were the words in dull gold lettering, "Metropolitan Window Cleaning company," He carried a bucket and a small extension ladder.

There clamsy-see what you've least" berated lennings, starting to pick up the pieces. Dan had acted his part well and promptly. In the library Clutching Hand was busily engaged at that mo-In the darkened recesses of the car was the Clutching Hand himself, masked as usual. He had his watch in his hand and was giving most minment beside the secret panel search-ing for the spring that released it. He ran his finger along the woodwork, tte instructions to the window cleaner about something. As the latter pausing here and there without sucturned to go a sharp observer would ceeding. "Confound it!" he muttered, searchhave noted that it was Dan the Dude.

"Contound it is in interest, series, ing feveriahly. Kennedy, having, made the arrange-ments with the telephone company by which he had a clear wire from the Dodge house to his laboratory, had re-joined me there and was putting on A few moments fater, Dan appeared at the servants' entrance of the Dodge house and rang the bell. Jennings, who happened to be down there, came the door. "Man to clean the windows." sa the finishing touches on his installa ted the bogue cleaner, touching his tion of the vocart

Every now and then, he would switch it on, and we would listen in it as he demonstrated the wonderful little instrument to me. We had at in a way quietly to call attention to the words on it and drawing from

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lan. The mortgaging and sale thereof will be made on or after April 27. 1915, and bids will be received by the undersigned at his postoffice addre namely, Hildebrand, Klamath county,

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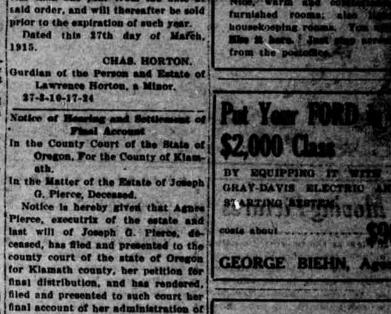
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sensitive that even a whisper could be magnified, and I certainly did hear something. Pierce, executrix of the estate and last will of Joseph G. Pierce, decensed, has filed and presented to the county court of the state of Oregon for Klamath county, her petition for

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What is it?" I asked, indicating the

like pyramids." He was standing at a table, careful-ly packing up one of the vocaphones and a lot of wire.

"I believe the Clutching Hand has been shadowing the Dodge house," he continued thoughtfully. "As long as we watch the place, too, he will do nothing. But if we should seem, ontentatiously, not to be watching, perhaps he may try something, and WO may he able to get a clue to his identity over this vocaphone. Bee?"

I nodded. "We've got to run him down somehow." I agreed. 'Yes," he said, taking his cost and hat. "I am going to connect up one of these things in Miss Dodge's library and arrange with the telephone

apany for a clear wire so that we can listen in here, where that fellow will never suspect." At about the same time that Crais

and i sallied forth on this new mis-sion, Elsine was arranging some flow-ers on a stand near the corner of the Dodge library where the secret panel was in which her father had hidden the papers for the possession of which the Clutching Hand had murdered him

She had moved away from the table. but, as she did so, her dress caught in something in the woodwork. She tried to loosen it and in so doing touched the little metallic spring on which her dress had caught.

instantly, to her utter surprise, the panel moved. It slid open, disclosing strong box. Elaine took it, amused, looked at it

ment, then carried it to a table Inside were some papers, sealed in an envelope and marked "Limpy Red

at the

"They must be the Clutching Hand papers!" the exclaimed to hereoff, hesitating a moment, is doubt what to

ment and then grabbed the telephone again

"Hello, Dan," he called when he got his number. "Miss Dodge is going shopping. I want you and the other Falsers to follow her-delay her all you can. Use your own judgment. It was what had come to be known

in his organization as the "Brotherhood of Falsers. There, in the back room of a low dive, were Dan the Dude, the emissary who had been loi-tering about the laboratory, a gun-

man, Dago Mike, a couple of women. slatterns, one known as Kitty the get him." Hawk, and a boy of eight or ten, whom

they called Billy. "All right, Chief," shouled back Dan, their leader, as he hung up the telephone after noting carefully the hasty instructions. "We'll do it-

trust us." With alacrity the Brotherhood

went their separate ways. Elaine had not been gone long from the house when Craig and I arrived there.

"Too bad." greeted Jennings. "but Miss Elaine has just gone shopping and I don't know when she'll be back.

Aunt Josephine greeted or cordially, and Craig set down the vocaphone package he was carrying.

"I'm not going to let anything hap-pen here to Miss Blaine again if I can help it." remarked Craig in a low tone, a moment later, gazing abort the library

What are you thinking of doing?" asked Aunt Josephine keeniv.

"I'm going to put in a vocaphone." he returned, unwrapping it. What's that?" she asked.

"A loud speaking telephone con-nected with my laboratory," he em-plained, repeating what he had al-ready told me, while she listened al-most awe-struck at the intest scientific

He was looking about, trying to the ure out-just where it could be placed to best advantage, when he approached the suit of armor.

"I see you have brenght it back and

chauffour, the mester criminal spoke a low hurried words in a low tone and

the driver burried off. A few minutes later the driver might have been seen entering a near by drug store and going into the tele-phone booth. Without a moment's hesitation he called upon the Dodge house, and Marie. Elaine's maid, answered

"Is Jennings there?" he asked 'Tell him a friend wants to speak

Wait a minute," she answered, "Fill

Marie went toward the library, leav Marie went toward the library, leav-ing the telephone off the hook. Dan was washing the windows, half in-side, half outside the house, while Jen-

nings was trying to be very busy, al-though it was apparent that be was watching Dan closely.

"A friend of yours wants to speak to you over the telephone, Jennings," said Marie, as she came into the

The butler responded slowly, with a ert giance at Dan.

No sconer had they gone, however than Dan climbed all the way into a room, ran to the door and looked and them. Then he ran to the winds them. Then he ran to the window. Across and down the street, the Clutching Hand was gazing at the house. He had seen Dan disappear and suspected that the time had come. Sure ebough, there was the sign of the hand. He hastly got out of the car and burried up the strest. All this time the chauffour was keeping Jennings busy over the telephone with some trumped-up story. As the master criminal same in by

As the master criminal same in by, the ladder through the agen window, Dan was on guard, listening down the allway. A signal from Dan, and clutching Hand sild bent of the por-tieres. Jennings was returning. "Twe finished these windows," an-nounced Dan as the butter responsed. "Now I'll clean the ball windows." Jennings followed like a shadew. No socker had they some than Clutching Hand stealthily came from behind the portleres.

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the time. Once, however, Craig paused, and I new him listening more intently than

"They've gone out," he muttered, out surely there is some one in the

"I listened, too. The thing was so

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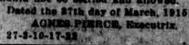
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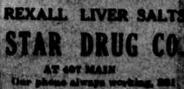


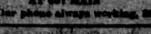
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