I am insane?

THE STORY: The climax of many insults aimed at Diana Curt by her sister-in-law, Adeln, comes when the victous, spiteful, girl frames a meeting between Diana when the vicious, aplicful, girl frames a meeting between Dlana and her former employer, filtrasitious Richard. Therpe, Dlana, knowing Thorpe and Adela are having an affair, goes to his hunting lodge belleving Adela is there. Stephen finds them together, is hurt and bewildered evan though his marriage to Dlana is temporary and one of convenience, contracted to secure his \$2,000,000 inheritance which he would not receive unless he married before the age of 55. Others in the story are fail fline, Stephen's heat friend who is strongly attracted to Dlana is the strongly attracted to Dlana who is strongly attracted to Dlana in the strong the strongly attracted to Dlana in the strongly of the strongly attracted to Dlana is the strongly of the strongly attracted to the strongly attracted to Dlana is called to South America. His glana disappears but Dlana reason is called to South America. His plana between the same, Dlana is a psychiatrist, deciding to have Dlana judged insane. Dlana asks Evalya to come append the day with her.

### ADELA'S TRUMP CARD CHAPTER XXIII

PHIL BRUCE dropped in and had lunch with them and Evalyn lost no time in telling him what had happened. Phil was ablaze with anger. Diana's inner strength grew with his indignation. If all the forces of evil in the world were arrayed against her, she believed that the support and understanding of two such people as Phil and Evalyn would see her through whatever trials lay ahead.

"How Adela could be Steve's sister, I can't imagine. I still think they found her under a stone somewhere! Where is she? I'll give that little devil a piece of my mind!"

But Adels was not in the house and, according to the servants, had not been since early morning. Diana did not know whether this was a good or bad sign.

That Adela's trump cards were still unplayed she knew. The girl would stop at nothing, had already indicated that she would risk everything, give anything to see Diana deposed, humbled, crushed completely. Yet somehow there was only pity in the older girl's heart for the vicious selfishness that had led her sister-in-law to so completely forfeit all honor and decency to her own unreasoning

After lunch Evalyn went upstrirs to rest, and Phil followed Dlana into the library. He came straight to the point.

"There's one way out of all this, Diana," he said. "Marry me—now at once!"

She turned in utter surprise. "But, Phil—you're joking—or just trying to help me out, to be kind!" "Do I look like a man who's trying to be kind?" he demanded, and she saw the trembling of his hands, the excited intensity of his gaze. And suddenly he had her in his arms, holding her close to his heart. He kissed her passionately, and she lay like a marble statue in his arms, unresisting yet unyielding. He drew back at last, held her off and looked at her. Her dark eyes were misty with tears, her soft lips trembling.

How could she be angry with him? He was so kind. He was fine and good and his love for her a thing to cherish and be proud of, even though there was no hope of ever returning it. She managed to convey these things without speaking them, her eyes telling a studied b face, that it was Stephen's image that glowed within her heart.

He shook his head, smiling ruefully. "It's no use, is it, Diana? I just don't awaken even a spark,

Her hands were in his, pleading. "I'm sorry, please believe me, Phil. I wish I might love you, truly I do. But don't you see"her voice sank to a soft whisper -"anything I have to give must be given to Stephen, or kept within myself forever!"

"I see," Phil said, and gripped her hands hard.

AT that moment Adela, Richard Thorpe, and a strange, officiallooking man walked into the room. Adela's eyes, hawklike, swept from one to the other. There was no denying her pleasure in what was going to be done. Thorpe had the grace to look sullenly uncom-fortable. The other man stepped forward.

"Sorry to interrupt," he said,
"but are you Mrs. Stephen Curt?"

"Yes," Diana answered, waiting.
"Yes," Diana answered, waiting.
"I have here an urgency order committing you to an institution for mental disorders signed by a Dr. Emil Stutgart, who says that he attended you," he said. "You may, of course, consult a lawyer and institute court proceedings to have the order set aside. Until that time, you will be detained by law in a private institution."

Diana swallowed hard and her face went very white, She heard Phil make an unintelligible sound of fury and strike out at the man, but she held out a restraining hand. "Why—why do they think

Adela's triumph made her lose caution. "Almost!" she retorted insolently. "I'll be completely satisfied when Richard Thorpe gets his divorce and we can be married! Then I'll have had my way in everything. Isn't that right, Richard?"

Diana thought that the roof must tumble about them in the long moment that followed. Self-

ish as Ade.a was, unscrupulous as she knew Richard Thorpe to be, was it possible that these two could be so brazen?

Thorpe's eyes shifted, but he answered, "Right, Adela."

There was a soft, heart-broken sound behind them and they turned to see Evalyn groping her way toward them. "Richard," she whispered through white lips. "Did you say Richard......................."

"Did you say Richard—?"
Phil sprang to her side, Diana's arms encircled her. "Darling," she whispered, as Evalyn went

"She said—he was going to get

a divorce—marry her. Is—is it true, Richard?" Richard Thorpe stood speechtrue, Richard?"
Richard Thorpe stood speechless before his wife, but something deep within him acknowledged a queer sort of loyalty to
the girl in whose nature he found
qualities strangely like his own.
And after a moment he said
hoarsely, "Yes, Evalyn—it's true.
Adela and I love each other!"

(To Be Concluded)

#### DRINKING STRAWS

I am insane?"

The man's eyes flickered over the paper he held in his hand. "Something about a set delusion concerning your dead husband. And about your flying into frequent rages. It states that this morning you flew into such an ungovernable rage. That you also have strange halluciations—" Hot tea is drunk through a straw or bombilla in Paraguay. The bombilla is a metal tube, much decorated, flattened and perforated at the boftom end.

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# THIS CURIOUS WORLD

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ANSWER: An eclipse of the sun. Each of these terms describes phenomenon that occurs at such a time.

NEXT: The vanity of man.

## **FAMOUS VIOLINIST**

Answer to Previous Puzzle

GEORGE

HORIZONTAL 1 Pictured

musician 10 Rip. 11 Electrified particle. 12 Eject.

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14 Array. 15 Any. 16 Perform 17 Greases. 18 Work unit.

20 Combustible fluid. 23 Meadow. 24 Like.

41 Brother. 25 Perched 27 Supplied with food. 29 Doctor (abbr.).

30 Low sand hill. 31 Light rap.

46 Street 33 Farm (abbr.). buildings 47 City in 34 Greek god of

Holland. war. 48 Buck 36 Eat sparingly. 50 Each 37 Hostelry. 39 Lone Scout (abbr.). school. 55 Portico.

months.

42 Nova Scotia point. (abbr.). 57 Entice 43 Electrical cur- 58 Last. point. 57 Entice. rent (abbr.). 59 He will re44 He was — sume his —
for several concerts soon concerts soon.

language 6 Finales.

56 Compass

grained rock.
43 Embellish.
45 Jungle beast. 1 Apprehen-sions. 2 Pealed. 47 Toiletry case. 49 Young boy. 51 Letter V. 52 Electrical 3 Irritate 4 Ruler of a kingdom. 5 Universal term.
53 Reverend
(abbr.).
54 Cloth measure

7 Northern constellation.

8 Man's name.

10 Act the part

13 Former Rus-sian rulers. 19 Flags.

25 Fine lines of a letter. 26 Left a will

of host.

21 Near.

(law). 28 Mends. 30 Father.

38 View.

32 Writing implement, 35 Slides.

40 Dense, fines

33

**OUT OUR WAY** 

By J. R. Williams



RED RYDER



## LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

OH, DOCTOR!

LET ON YOU KNOW

GIFT. WILL YOU? IT WOULD HURT HER TERRIBLY-

ON'T EVER

YES-AND IT WOULD UNMASK YOUR VILLAIMY IN GIVING AWAY HER SECRET TOO MY GOOD WOMAN-





PRESENT

AMOS.

HOW ABOUT

THAT SET FOR

GUS

NOEL

NOEL =

JONES?

KISSED ME --KISSED ME SINCE -HE WAS A LITTLE BOY-- HE HAS CHANGED, BLESS

**BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES** 

12-23-41







By Crane









By Blosser









ALLEY OOP







By Fred Harman

HEH HEH!



OUR BOARDING HOUSE, with Major Hoople

YEAH,

GUS WANTS

TO BE

ENGINEER

MA

NOAH'S BEARD! WE HAVE SPENT THE #200 COLLECTED FOR

THE ORPHANG AND MOST OF MY

OWN FUNDS AS WELL! HAR-RUMPH

THE SET IS #9.95 7 .... OH, WELL,

TELL THE CLERK TO WRAP IT UP! EGAD, EMPTY POCKETS,

FULL HEARTS, EH, LADS F



HEY, BOOTS !!