

WOMEN WON'T TALK

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LIGHT
CHAPTER XXII
THE luncheon gong broke up the conference.

I couldn't tell you what Clara served to us that noon. I made a pretense of eating by jabbing a fork at the food on my plate whenever anyone looked my way. But I needn't have bothered. Walter and George became involved in a business conversation almost immediately we sat down at the table, and Kathy and Connie, judging from the expression on their faces, were busy with their own thoughts, and none too pleasant ones, either.

Kathy got up and excused herself while dessert was being served. I left the table myself as soon as I decently could after that and started for my study. I wanted to be alone where I could think things out.

When I reached the hall Kathy was coming down the stairs. She had gone to her room and changed into the flamboyant polka-dotted dress that she had worn the day of Derek's death! But she wasn't wearing the coat that went with it. She carried that carelessly over one arm.

I gaped at her open mouthed and a hundred horrid suspicions whirled through my head. She moved quickly toward the hall door, flinging an abrupt explanation over her shoulder. "I'm going down to see Clint. Maybe I can persuade him not to give your gun to the police."

Then she was gone before I could say anything even if I had been able to. As I stood staring at the door swinging shut behind her, the phone rang.

I answered it automatically. It was the telephone girl in the village. She said she had a telegram for me, and asked whether she should read it to me, or send it out to the house.

"Read it to me, of course," I said.

It was from the Peabody Brothers Publishing Company and the message was terse: CLINT MATTISON UGLIEST MAN WEST OF THE ALLEGHENIES.

IT is one of the tragedies of life that the people we know the best we know the least. I had gone to a great deal of bother to check up on Clint Mattison, suspicious of him because I didn't know who his father and mother were, where he had gone to school, how many love affairs he had had. And yet Kathy, whom I had known from a baby, was more of an enigma to me than he was.

And Connie with her beautiful sweet face... what did I really know about Connie? She had been a poor girl, she had had to nurse for her living, and her story-book marriage to Walter had lifted her above all that. I had thought that she loved Walter, but might it not be ambition and greed that motivated her? And what would she do if someone, who had known her too well in her youthful past, threatened that security and position? I had told George that Derek had been blackmailing Kathy. But what if he had been blackmailing Connie?

And what did I really know about myself? A rather arrogant old woman stared laughingly back at me when I looked in the mirror. A woman with masses of white hair, and a fair for clothes. A woman brittle and worldly-wise, with violent emotions which even sixty years of living hadn't burned out. But what was really in my heart?

It wouldn't have taken much at that moment to push me over the edge into hysteria. And I knew that wouldn't do. If it came to the worst, I was going to need all my vitality—and my wits. The thing to do was to stop thinking, to relax.

I WENT up to my room and lowered the shades and lay down on the bed, but it was no good. Sleep was a million miles away. If I had had a sedative to take—but I'm so disgustingly healthy that there's nothing in my medicine cabinet. Then I thought of Walter. He suffers from insomnia. He probably had something.

I went down the hall and into the back bedroom that he was using as his dressing room and into the bathroom beyond it. Sure enough, the medicine cabinet was crammed with bottles. There were cold tablets, mouth washes, gargles, cathartics, and one bottle

bearing a pharmacist's label. I opened it and poured a few of the tablets into my hand. They looked like the ones the doctor had left for Margaret. I read the directions. Take one or two at bedtime. They were evidently sleeping tablets.

I laid a couple of them on the rim of the wash stand and started to put the rest back into the bottle, and then paused, looking at them curiously. There must have been two dozen of the tablets altogether. If one took them all—it would be easy to sleep and forget—everything—forever. I came to with a guilty start. What was it that Deputy Shaw had said when he questioned me about the attempt on Margaret's life? That women my age didn't commit suicide, that we had lived too long, been through too much to ever think of taking the easy way out. Maybe he was wrong. Maybe

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HOLD EVERYTHING!



"Little Miss Blatt will now entertain you with selections on the bugle!"

young Deputy Shaw didn't know just how tired one could get.

And something I had said in answering him then came back to me. Something I had said not really believing it myself at the time, but had said hoping to fool him. But what if it was true? I held on to the thought for a moment, examining it. If it was true—

With a blinding flash of understanding I saw the whole thing! I knew who had killed Derek Grady!

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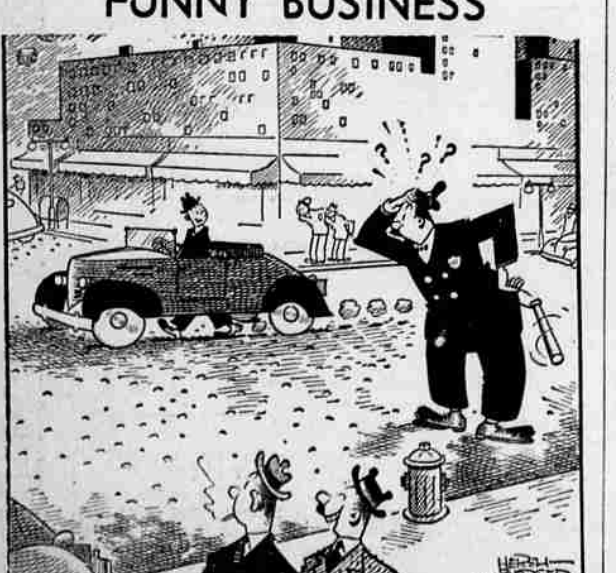
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29 French plural article
30 First woman
32 Babylonian god of the sky
37 Steps
38 Contrive
39 Ship jalls
42 Asseverate
43 Be carried
44 Cain's brother
45 Indian mulberry
46 Cast a side long look
47 Dagger part (abbr.)
48 Woody plant
51 Coin
52 Most Worshipful (abbr.)
53 Lieutenant (abbr.)
55 Toward
58 Royal Navy (abbr.)

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Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams



AND DON'T CALL HIM A BIG JERK EITHER

ON THEIR TOES

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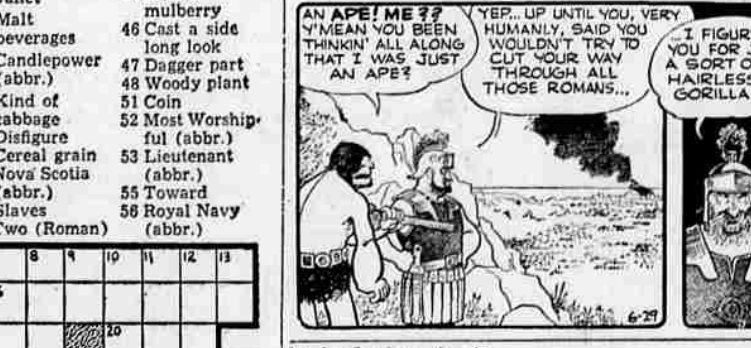
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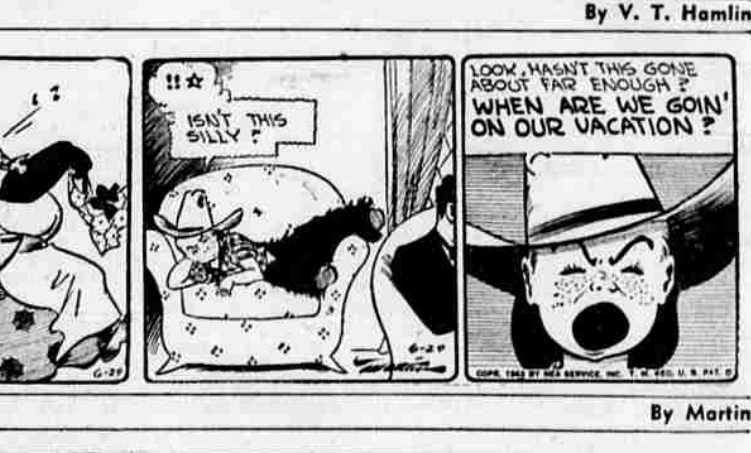
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