

OUR BOARDING HOUSE—By AHERN



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A RESPONSIVE
over her shoulder.
"There was no
if I hadn't taken it all
sumed; 'and I didn't have
press myself. I was leaving.
I told him; didn't care to be hooked
with a bunch of crooks. Bristow
didn't bluster any; just smiled in that
maddening, superior way of his and
when I finished, condescended to ex
plain. He had been humoring a lunatic,
he said; my experience should
have taught me the necessity of sometimes
doing that. The story of the
stolen jewels was pure dementia, but
interesting as an example of unusual
coherence.

"He made the thing plausible
enough, but it didn't sink in as he
expected. I'd heard the two of them talk.
There wasn't any make-believe
about it; they were right down to business.
Actual names and addresses
were given and written down. And
the alleged patient was allowed to de
part, free.

"So I stood my ground, and bluntly
told him that I didn't consider the
circumstances open to misinterpretation.

"Bristow began tapping on the arm
of his chair, but he was as cool as ever.
'It looks as if your usefulness
here is over,' he agreed. 'I regret it.
You would have been a valuable
man.'

"Speak a little lower," she cau
tioned.

"Thanks; I forgot for the moment.
Well, I left him then, and went up to
my room. I've told you. I at
tempted to get away and failed. After
that, I tried to get to Bristow again,
but he wouldn't see me. So I turned
to Morton."

"Morton!" she repeated interrogat
ively.

"How nice." The nurse was com
posed again. "Now give them back
to him dear, and come in the house.
I have a hat I want you to try on."

CHAPTER IX

JUAREZ Charlie was beginning
to feel oppressed and uneasy.
Three days had passed since
the hat was taken out of the Ranger's
car, and there had been no succeeding
developments. Again and again he
had explored the straggling neighbor
hood where he lived, searching each
fence-post and hoarding for another
of those cabalistic communications,
but without results.

On the fourth morning as, after
another fruitless hunt, he brought
out the motorcycle which Ranger
had insisted on his accepting in order
to facilitate his movements, and pre
pared to start for town, he had the
air of a disgraced prophet who had
lost honor even with himself.

He drew up before the entrance
to Loring's office the outer guard to
whom he was now a familiar figure.

Inside, Ranger and Eustace Highy,
the attorney, were in earnest discus
sion over a letter which Highy held
in his hand; while over by the window
dow stood Mrs. Ranger intently
studying a photograph.

The slight noise made by Charlie's
intrusion and his mumbled apologies
for blundering into a family group
roused the three from their pre
occupation; and Ranger stepping quickly
over, caught the retreating Juarez by the arm and drew him into
the room.

"It's come, Charlie!" His eyes were
shining. "Just as you said it would,
old boy. A photograph and the demand
for money. Found them on my desk when we came back from
lunch."

He pulled Charlie across the room
to his wife.

"Mary Lou, this is Charlie."

She dragged her gaze from the
snap-shot, and held the picture up
for him to see.

"It's the hat all right." He tried
to throw some enthusiasm into his
voice; but this atmosphere of jubil
ation left him feeling dry and
meager. It was, as he told himself,
too darned premature. Charlie had
his superstitions.

"Yes; and it's Hope, too," Ranger
declared. "We couldn't be fooled on
that point."

"Oh, yes; it is certainly Hope."

Mrs. Ranger's voice trembled with
emotion. "How can we ever thank
you, Mr. —?" She hesitated, flushing
faintly. She felt that she ought to
know his name, and yet she could
not remember ever having heard her
husband use it. She compromised
hastily on, "Mr. Juarez."

"I'm mighty glad to have, the
chance of meeting you, too, Mr.
Juarez." Highy held out his hand.

"You've been the sole person to
throw any light on the puzzle."

"That absurd hat!" Mrs. Ranger
repeated deprecatingly. "And yet you
were right about him, Mr. Juarez. It
does prove conclusively that the pic
ture was taken within a day or two,
doesn't it?"

"They snapped her when she
wasn't expecting it, I guess," Charlie
explained; "and she's laughing at
herself in that sky-peep."

To Charlie's relief Ranger re
minded him just then that he had not
yet read the letter.

He took it, ran over it perfuncto
rily, and laid it back on the desk with
out comment.

"Well, what do you think?" Ran
ger was growing a little impatient at
this indirectness.

Charlie cocked his eye at the celli

SHE HELD THE PICTURE UP FOR HIM TO SEE.
"Yes; the other house physician.
He's a quiet, non-committal sort of a
fellow. I didn't go into the whole
thing with him; just told him I'd had
a falling out with Bristow and re
signed, but that when I attempted to
leave the place, I'd been prevented.
He didn't show any surprise. He'd
been primed. Just listened, and said
now and then, 'I'm sorry' or 'Too
bad.' I didn't get his attitude at the
time. My idea then was, that he was
too keen on his job to take sides.
But I gained a clearer light on him
when I finally talked to Bristow.
"He was all ready for me, and didn't
waste any time in laying his cards on
the table."

"It's for your own sake that I
have taken these restrictive measures,"
he said in his best professional manner.
"I'm not easily fooled, yet I
confess I had no suspicion of you.
But your violent outbreak and the
persistent way you have clung to
your delusions leave only one course
open to me. Do you remember any
great shock or accident in your life?"

"I saw where he was heading, and
balled over."

"No shock like finding you a scoun
drel and a thief!" I jumped up from
my chair. "Of course I see your game,
Doctor. I knew too much for my

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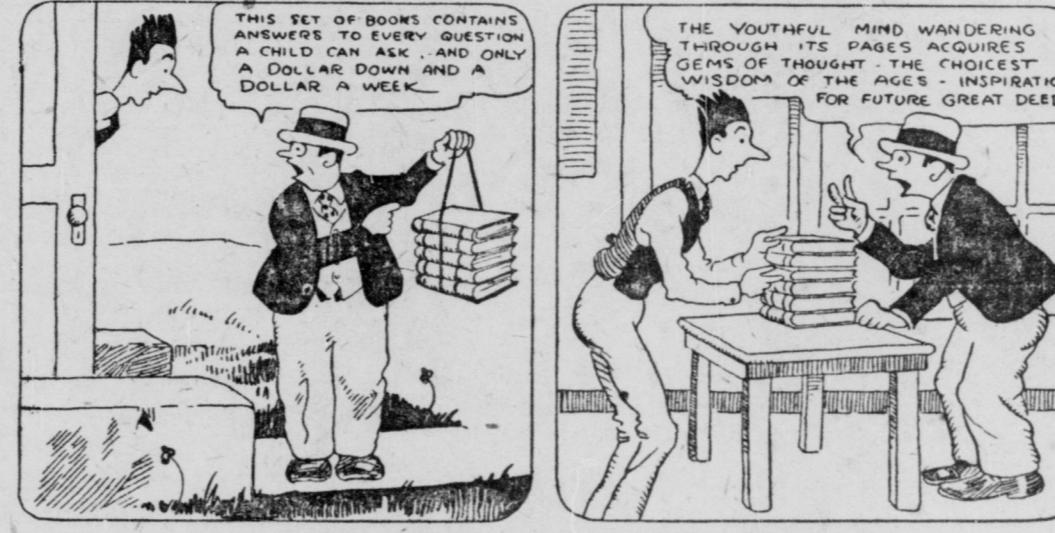
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OUT OUR WAY—By WILLIAMS



ADAM AND EVA



The Book Agent



ing, and made an heroic attempt to
look thoughtful.

"Seems fairly plain," he said.
"They tell you, if you leave \$100,000
under a railroad crossing on the Lone
Hill road at 4 o'clock tomorrow after
noon, your daughter will be returned;
and they warn you that if you fall, or
try to double-cross them in any way,
you'll never see her again. That's
about all there is to it, so far as I
can see."

Highy, more astute than the
others, realized that he was not go
ing to be led into expressing his real
opinion in the presence of Mrs. Ran
ger, and tactfully succeeded in get
ting her to leave with him.

(Continued in Our Next Issue.)

CREDIT MEN TO ELECT

Tickets for Two Parties Announced
for Oct. 11 Ballot.

Two tickets are in the field for of
fices in the Indianapolis Association
of Credit Men. Election is to be held
Oct. 11.

Candidates on the first ticket are:

O. A. Farthing, president; E. C. John
son, vice president; A. R. Taggart,
second vice president; Ulysses Jordan,
treasurer; P. T. Downey, H. A. Brown,
L. M. Patterson, C. W. Steege, directors.

Candidates on the second ticket in
clude: O. A. Farthing, president; H.
F. Pavey, first vice president; O. A.
Kuehrmann, second vice president;
Ulysses Jordan, treasurer; J. G. Mar
tin, E. A. Morris, B. J. Smith, C. W.
Steege, directors.

A petition asking members of the
Sullivan County Horse Thief Detec
tive Association be shorn of their
power is being circulated by coal min
ers of the county.

HOOSIER BRIEFS

Three Marion firemen ran 100 feet,
took materials from a pumper, made
six connections and had one stream of
water going in fifty-eight seconds.
The world's record for such afeat for
men is thirty-two seconds.

Hon. Wilson D. Lett, Marion lawyer,
is considering his candidacy for the
nomination of judge of the Indiana
State Supreme Court, Fifth District,
at the Democratic State convention.

W. S. Arnold, Morristown, is new
president of the Shelby County Sun
day School Association. He was ele
cted at the convention at Flat Rock.

A new gas well producing 500,000
cubic feet of gas an hour has been
drilled in rear Petersburg at a depth of
1,253 feet.

A movement toward the erection of
a new Masonic Temple in Columbus
is expected to be launched soon. If
built, it probably will be located down
town, where the lower floor could be
used for business purposes.

Probably the youngest high school
student in the State is Martha Lucile
Porter, 11, Greensburg. In the eighth
grade her year's average was 96.2. As
a freshman she has already completed
half of the four-year high school read
ing course.

Washington Bureau, Indianapolis Times, 1322 N. Y. Ave., Wash
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Northern Indiana Railway at La
Porte, citizens hope for discontinuance
of interurban freight cars on main
streets.

A Johnson County council of Boy
Scout troops will be formally effected
Friday night at a mass meeting at
Franklin. Troops are now located at
Franklin, Edinburgh, Bargersville,
Hopewell and Providence.

Roy Richardson, 17, Clinton, who
escaped from the Indiana reformatory
at Pendleton to visit his sweetheart,
will not be punished, according to Jo
nathan.

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A campaign for 1,500 members has
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M. C. A.

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