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Neil had no doubt but that Archie's sabout the escape of Laura and Blackcoming wits would soon unravel out ader there was nothing to suggest the swore under his breath. of this that he was to call up 1987 Mount Vernon, and that Netl would be waiting at the phone. Even if it should fall into another's hands only Archie had the key, which was Neil's age, twenty-four.

He despatched it to the Sun office, instructing Cliff to drop it in the box for answers to advertisements if there was such a box and in no case to give it into any hands but those of a clerk behind the counter. He heard himself to wait patiently for results. Cliff returned presently to report the safe carrying out of his errand.

Neil was grateful to the size of the room, which permitted him to ease the strain by pacing up and down. It was out of the question for him to read. All his faculties were concentrated on the innocent little instrument. standing on Parran's desk. Yet when the bell did ring he had all the effect of a shock of surprise.

He pounced on it. With what joy and thankfulness he heard the wellknown nasal drawl out of the infin-

"Hello, there!" "Hello, yourself. Good old boy!" "Same to you, kid!"

"Are you alone?" "Sure! Left my dogs outside."

"Where are you?" "At the dentist's." "The what?"

Dentist's. You see, when I got your note it give me the toothache. I come out of the Sun office holding me face and looking for a dentist's sign. I thought it would be a good chance to call you up while I was waiting in the ers' Association is pulling off a moonwaiting-room."

"How goes it, kid?" "All right."

"Better stop in bed to-day. The weather is damned unhealthy out of

"I get you. Do you know my ad-"Sure! Got it out of the telephone book just now. But I can't call, you understand, because of my friends,

the dogs. There was a brief pause. This conversation was all right as far as it went, and comforting to both friends, but neither dared speak of what he most wished to know. Finally Neil

had an inspiration. "Did you get Aunt Julia's letter?" he asked.

"No!" said Archie. In his mind's eye Neil could see the grin that went with it.

She said she addressed it to George W. Greenleaf, General Delfvery Baltimore' You don't say! Glad you told me.

I'll drop around directly and ask for "Yes, you'd better."

"Well, I'll will surely call You up just as soon as I get it and tell you what she says. So long, old

"So long .old scout." Neil pulled paper towards him and wrote for Archie a brief but comprehensive account of all that had happened to him since he parted from his friend. It was possible to write this in such a way that a third person would have been hard put to find the thread. In any case, since it was all

MOTHERS

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during the time I was looking forward to the coming of my little one that I am recommending it to otherexpectant mothers. Before taking it, somedays I suffered with newraigia so badly that I thought I could not live, but after taking three bottles of Lydis E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound I was entirely relieved of neuralgia, I had

around and do all my housework. My baby when seven months old weighed 19 pounds and I feel better than I have for a long time. I never had any medicine do me so much good."-Mrs. PEARL MONYHAM. Mitchell Ind.

Good health during maternity is a most important factor to both mother and child, and many letters have been received by the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., Lynn, Mass., telling of tealth restored during this trying period the use of Lydia E. Finkham's Vegecase of Neil Ottoway, should it chance

to fall under official eyes. Neil ended it with a fervent appeal to Archie to discover some clue to the pair's whereabouts, and prayed Archie to rescue him from his imprisonment, pleasant though it was.

This despatched by Cliff to the postoffice, the writer resigned himself to another period of waiting. This was not so harrowing as the first, because the automobile start off, and schooled i now he was well assured of getting an answer. He amused himself in chaffing Uncle Isaac, who was delighted with his condescension, and in gazing out of the window up and down the stately street, with the sight of an occasional pretty, languid woman muntering up-town to reward him. It was nearly six, and Geoffrey Par-

ran had come home, whom the telephone rang again. Archie's voice sounded as undisturbed as ever. "My tooth's bad again. So I'm at the dentist's."

"Too bad!" "Well, I'm going to have it out now and be done with it." "You got my letter?"

"Sure." "Why were you so long calling up?" "I wanted to find out something about Blondy and his girl." The possessive pronoun caused Neil to grind his teeth a little. "Well?" he

demanded. "They've gone back to New York." "Are you sure?"

"I am. I'll explain when I see you." When shall I see you?"

"Well, the Lexington Market Butch. light excursion and crab feast at Rock Hall across the bay to-night. I thought you and me might take it in. It looks

good." "How about the dogs?" "Oh, I'll manage to kennel them. could have done it before, but as long as they were at my heels I knew what they were up to. Seven-thirty from pier three, Pratt street. Do you get me?

town in his automobile. So logg!" CHAPTER XVIII.

"Sure thing!"

Geoffrey Parran approved of Archie's plan. "They'd scarcely think of any body trying to get out by way of Rock Hall, a God-forsaken wharf en the bay But you can get a motor to take you to some railway station. There are motors everywhere newadays."

Neil entered the steamboat over the gangplank and stood in the shifting crowd on the main dock; looking about and car to car." him a little helplessly. At is happened, Archie was within ten feet of him. but it was some time before Neil saw him, and then he felt an inclination to rub his eyes. For Archie was the centre of a laughing party, which included both sexes and every age. Amazing Archie! Where had he

collected these? Archie at the same moment caught sight of Neil, and darting forward seized him and dragged him back into the circle and introduced him all around in a breath. There was Momma Bowles and Poppa Bowles and Aggre Bowles and Aggie Bowles' fellow, and Elvie Bewles, whose fellow Neil had to be because her steady couldn't get off. and Hattie Bowles, who was toe young to have a fellow, and Joey Bowles and Billy Bowles, small fry the last two,

besides cousins and an aunt. The introductions were accomplished amidst enormous laughter. Archie was like a king among them; all hung ready to split their sides upon his affghtest word. All the Bowleses were fat except Poppa Bowles, who looked as if the rest of the family lived off h.m and ate pretty close. Momma was the fattest. It was really a question whether they could get her upstairs. Archie made a great business of boosting from the rear, and she laughed so hard she almost fell over on him. and vowed she had broken her stays. Between them all in paper bags and shoe boxes they carried lunch enough to feed a circus.

They got up the companionway at last, and managed to squeeze and shove themselves into a favorable position in the nose of the vessel on the upper deck. They made as much racket as a flock of blackbirds setling themselves. Only little Poppa Bowles was strangely quiet. He smiled depreciatingly at Neil as one hard-pressed male to another. Archie planted himself with a little boy on each knee and made believe he was a ventriloquist, until the girls begged him to stop or they would die. Archie winked gravely at Neil.

Some disguise, ch?" he murmured, indicating the small fry on his knees. "Where did you meet them?" asked Neil, in dumb show. "Picked them up in the wharf,

Cracked a couple of jokes about my onely state and got myself adopted. Comedy goes down with everybody." Archie furnished comedy in abundance. He addressed the elders as Momma and Poppa, he tried on the girls' hats, he flirted outrageously with the maiden aunt, who was something of a sport herself.

"Ain't he the card!" Elvie gasped n Neil, wiping her eyes.

As the excursion boat with a final blast of her whistle began to move slowly out of her berth, there was a small commotion on the wharf below. All who were near enough to the rail craned their necks to see the cause. They saw two burly individuals run down the pier, leap over the widening space to the boat, and get themselves sauled aboard.

From the decks above came cries of: Yump, Yon, yump! You can do it in, two yumps!

Neil and Archie looked at each other silently. They recognized their table companions of the previous evening, Messrs, Johnson and Wilson, Archie Later an opportunity presenting it-

self, he whispered to Neil: "Sit tight! This is as good a place as any. We're so crowded they ean't push infront of us to see our faces." Meanwhile the supply of comedy never failed. Neil gazed at his part-

ner, astonished and admiring. When the vessel got out into the open water of the Bay and the softening influences of the evening made themselves felt, they must needs sing. of course. They sang "Silver Threads Among the Gold," "My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean," "I Didn't Raise My said. Boy to be a Soldier," and other hits. ancient and modern.

When we come home let's slip off by ourselves," whispered the plump damsel in Neil's ear. "Sure!" he said, grinning until his face cracked.

Thus the voyage passed. If a secret anxiety was gnawing at the breasts of the Bowleses gentleman friends, nothing of it showed in their faces. They were not approached from behind.

At last they made a landing. had become quite dark. On shore could be seen the fires under the great pots which contained the piece de resistance of the crab feast which was to follow. It occurred to everybody simultaneously that there might be enough crabs to go around, and there was a general shove to get off. "Here's touch and go," said Archie

to Neil. "Keep your eyes peeled, and stick close to your girl. She's your best cover." Neil tucked Elvie's arm under his

own and followed. On the companionway Archie touched Neil's arm warningly, and called his funny to me," he said. "No, I won't attention to the gangway below. Johnson and Wilson stood one on each side,

scrutinizing the faces that passed betwen them. There were no other way to reach the shore. Archie looked partner away. "Let's go for a wal ards the opposite door. instead. "You go on with the family," Neil said to Elvie. "I'll fellow directly." She went, the trusting, plump maid-

en, and he never saw her again. Neil and Archie edged thes way unobirus ively through the other door, out on "Get your friend to carry you down- the narrow deck which looked across the water. It was deserted. "Here's a pretty kettle of fish!" Neil muttered.

"All my fault," groaned Archie. got you into it."

Nonsense! I'd have been in jail dozen times over but for you." "I can't see how it happened! wasn't these two that followed me all day, but a pair of youngsters. No sight, if not out of hearing of the landquestion but I shook them. For an ing place. In a quarter of a mile it hour I hopped from jitney to jitney

"Never mind how they did it," said "Heer they are. I suppose some other buil spotted you and telephoned headquarters."

For the moment the resourceful Archie was at a loss. "What'll we do?" he muttered biankly. "Naturally soon. as the crowd is off they'll search the boat. "We might drop off here and swim.

ashore," suggested Neil. "Can't swim no more than an iron in shadow, now in wan radidog," sighed Archie, dejectedly. 'I suppose I've got to do it." said Neil. "Let them take you again. They haven't got anything on you. Soon as they let you out you can join me in

New York. Archie squeezed his arm. "I want to travel with the big show. That's where the fun is.

"It's only for a day or two." "I suppose there's nothing else to Hold on!" he whispered, sharp-

Neil paused in the act of creepings under the rail. A heavy row-boat had just come into view around the stern

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Take us ashone, will you?"

"My wife's looking for me," said Archie. "I want to give her the slip." The young men laughed, and the one at the oars brought the small boos close under the vessel's counter. "Come ahead," he said. "Mind von don't drop through the buttom of the

of the steambest, ... It contained two young fellows, one loading at the ours

the other sprawling on the stern seat.

"Hey, fellow!" called Archie, softly.

The deck of the steamboat was about eight feet above the rowboat. At the vessels gangway only the top rail bar red the way. By ducking under these and letting themselves down with care they were able to make the transfer without undue noise. Two minutes later they were safely landed in the

"Many thanks, old man," said Archie. "I'll do the same for you some day." "My regards to the old woman."

beach.

was the answer. The two partners made haste to mix in the crowd again. "Ware Bowleses," warned Archie.

Shoreward the prospect, was exclusively rural. There was nothing but the wharf with its little warehouse, and a sandy road leading inland. Two or three farm-houses and their fields filled the middle distance. Leaving the wharf, the crowd turned to the right into a grove where the crab feast was to be held. A few of the local population stood about watching the influx.

A single battered motor car stood in the road with one presumably the owner, a lean and malarial individual, leaning against the fender. "Is the landaulet for hire?" Archie, genially.

The chauffeur looked him ever sourly before replying. "Maybe," "What price?" asked Archie.

"Where do you want to go?" "Oh, just around. Where's the nearest town?" "Chestertown, fifteen miles."

"Waft us over there, then." "Can't make it. She's only goin' to stay here an hour to let 'em feed."

Never mind," said Archie. "We don't have to go back on the boat. Is there a railroad there?"

'Sure.' "Well, we'll take that somewhere." The chauffeur drew a long breath, and blurted out: "Five dollars each." "Say, friend, you're wasted driving a jitney," Archie grinned. "You ought to be in Wall street."

"Take it or leave it!" said the other excitedly. Neil nudged his partner as at warning against the threatened argument. Oh, well, we need the air."

Archie. "Come on, let's go." But the queasy native was seized with a kind of panic at the unexpected granting of his demand. "No, it looks go, not at any price."

Archie started to argue with him sweetly. "Oh, come on," said Neil, pulling his 12 persons and is delicious.

When he got him out of hearing he added: "Everybody is off the boat now. In a minute or two the alarm Will be raised." Archie was ruffled. "Say, these hookworms from the back counties

give me an inflammation," he said. "It's all right, anyhow," Neil sooth-"If they should take after us in the ice-wagon we can hear them coming miles away, and if he won't hire it to them any more than to us, why, we can outwalk that beefy pair with

The road wound among low banks and trees and they were soon out of brought them to a highway. After a brief discussion they turned to the

"If it's the right way it's the right way." said Archie, philosophically, 'and if it's the wrong way we'll lose anybody that comes after us." The highway was hard and smooth

under foot and the light breeze was sweet with the smell of freshly turned earth and young growing things. The moon was flirting with silver-edged cumulus clouds and they waiked now ance. Faring forth into the unknown, the spirit of adventure was strong upon them. Their spirits rose

"Jiminy! I ain't walked in the country by night in years!" said Archie. 'It's out of sight! So cosy under the sky, and all. When the moon comes out, blame if I don't feel like cakewalkin' with my shadow in the road."

They had been walking about twenty minutes when, far off behind them, they clearly heard the automobile start with a couple of backfires and the whir of loose gears. "Here comes Pegasus," Archie

grinned They could follow it every rod of the

way as they came clanking through the night. "All of fifteen miles an hour," said

Archie, sarcastically. "The Empire State Express ain't in it!" At the junction with the highway the car turned in the direction they had taken. The two pedestrians vaulted a fence and lay down in the grass at the other side. The automobile banged past

them without lights. "They think they're going to sneak up on us in the dark!" Archie chuckled?

They had no more than climbed back in the road when they heard a report like a pistol shot a few hundred yards ahead. "Blow-out," said Archie. "Come on.

Let's see the fun. Run in the soft stuff." Coming within hearing of a chorus

of hearty profanity, they slowed down. Ahead was a grove of trees beside the road, in the shadow of which stood the disabled car. Neil and Archie took to the field again, and making a detour around the trees, crept close in the shadows, and lay down to listen. (To be continued.)

HIS MISTAKE.

(Boston Transcript.) "Why don't you have your relative examined by an alienist?"
"I guess not. An American doctor is good enough for me."

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SUMMER RECIPES

When the housewife goes into her garden or into the market in these midsummer days she finds an abundance of fresh fruit, and early vegetables from which to make good any shortage of more substantial foods.

These are the days when there is no special hardships in cutting down the wheat and meat ration and living on the abundance of early outdoor growth and cultivation. What cannot be estained near at hand is poured in from the tropics. It is the time when fruit harvesting begins and keeps on till the front comes. It is the season of supply for all the jellies, marmalades, preserves and dried days to follow.

win the war than to conserve the food supply by eating perishable fruits and vegetables and pickling, canning, drying and preserving them for later use will be useful. A few neighbors could in days of scarcify and shortage. The following timely hints and recipes may be found useful: PEACH WHIP.

Dissolve one package orange gellatin in one teacupful boiling water. Just me it begins to set add one-nalf pint of peach juice and whip. Then beat in one cupful whipped cream and one cupful crushed peaches. Serves

CRHAM STRAWBERRIES. Boil together without stirring one-

half pound granulatest sugar and one-half canful water. When it spins a thread pour on a greased platted. When cool, but not cold, stir with a spoon until it granulates and is perfectly white. Kneed for a moment and put at once into a little saucepan and set this in another one containing boiling water, stirring continually, until it melts. If it is then too thick, add. drop by drop, sufficient water to make of the right consistency. Select perfect berries, pull off the hulls close to the stem, dip into the cream and replace the stem. Drop at once on paraffin paper and set near the 10% RHUBARB PIE.

Two cupfuls rhubars, one and onehaif cupfuls sugar, two heaping teaspoonfuls flour, pinch of salt, yolk of one egg. Mix sugar, salt and float. Beat separately the egg, then add to other ingredients. Mix well and put

PRUNE PUFFS.

One cupful seeded, stewed prines. Have a rather rich biscuit dough stirred as stiff as you can with spon, then add prunes. Have ready six or eight well-greased glasses or cups, fill twothirds full of dough, put in steamer or double boiler for 30 minutes. Serve with hot milk and nutnieg. Any other fruit may be used.

A SIMPLE DESERT. Pour a pint of boiling water over a 10-cent box of raspberry gelatin. After it has become firm cut in cubes. On each cube of jello put a tablespoonful of red raspberry jam and pour whipped cream over the whole. This servee six.

Pressing Thumbs.

The eastern Caucasian mountaineer never shake hands. When two men greet each other they merely clasp hands, with upstanding thumbs pressed closely together. There is no up and the boy is called T. N. and down motion of hands and arms.-George Kennan in Ontlook

"She married the son of a street railway magnate and made him settle a fortune on her first." "One of those | any spellin'," he said. "It's just capipay-as-you-enter marriages."-Life.

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are preyed on by the lumin caterparts and of the later an them easily identified a bright, red head with two long, black plumes; and with two long, black plumes; and supply coursed body with three dark stripes four white tufts or tussocks on the back and another upright plume, at the hind and long, the entire body can emperor in unipredatory.

When gorged to full size it spins cocoon ground itself and spend in this, to emerge the period in this, to emerge the period of the color of th The male moth has prettily marked

ash gray wings with a spread of about old and district inclined. The rit gray brown temple is wingless. She produced an increase to deposit from 300 ages within 500 ages within 100 ages with to 500 eggs within a white, from mass, on the bark of the trees or on the cocoon from which she emerged.

The cocoon from which she emerged.

The cocoon from white egg masses may be shell everywhere during July and August and again in winter. They become quite brittle as they dry and that is the time to get after them breaking them of the section of the stroying them with fire A stiff wire hook, attached to the self of a fishing rod and used like a scraper will serve

well for this purpose. As soon as the eggs hatch the diminutive amber larvae begin devour ing the foliage, eating and growing rapidly. finat is the time to spray with arsenate of lead particularly on the under side of the leaves, where they are generally found. Use one ounce (two level tablespoonfuls) of arsenate of lead paste (a poison) in twelve ip ntsof water; in large operations, fruits laid up in store against wintry four pounds of 100 gallons. All spraying should be done on a calm day. The There is no better way now to help little syringe sprayer is futile in tree spraying. Some kind of compression tank with an extension pipe will be found necessary. Even then a ladder use the equipment jointly.

When a tree is move or less denuded the larvae drop to the ground to migrate to other trees. Therefore every tree should be banded with tree tanglefoot, not a paper but an olive tinted paste that is applied from tubes in a two inch band just above convenient reach. Many forms of insects will climb the tree trunks and, arrested in their travels by this band. congreste under it in great numbers. They should then be killed

Every time you go up stairs you can test your state of health-the condi-

tion of your blood. Do you arrive at the top of the stairs breathless and distressed? Does your heart palpitate violently? Do you have a pain in your side? Perhaps you even have to stop half way up, with limbs trembling and head dizzy, too exhausted to go further without resting. These are unfailing signs of anaemia. As soon as your blood becomes impoverished or mpure the staircase becomes an instrument of torture. When this is so you are unfit for work: your blood is watery and your nerves exhausted. you are losing the joy of an activa ife and paving the way for a further break down and decline. In this condition only one thing can save you. You must put new, rich, red blood into your veins without further delay and so build up your health anew. To get this new, rich blood give Dr. Williams Pink Pills a fair trial, and they vill give you new vitality, sound health, and the power to resist and throw off disease. For more than a generation this favorite medicine has been in use throughout the world and Las made many thousands of weak, despondent men and women bright. active and strong .

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The Anonymous Pupil.

A teacher friend of Miss Ann Thrope (who will please invent a new and unpunning pen name) relates that ser has three colored children in her room, all belonging to the same family. The girls are Lucy-May, Susy-May

At the beginning of the year the teacher asked this boy his name and he told her just that-T. N. Rather mystified, she asked him how he apelled it. "Why, teacher, there ain't tal T. dot, capital N. dot." "Well, but what do those letters stand for?"

"Why, they don't stand for nothin' ma'am. It's just one of them 'nitial And that's all there was to it.-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Watches, Thick and Thin.

Although some of the early watches were very small in circumference, they were thick and the front and back fairly bulged so that they were more the shape of an apple than a cookie, which they really resemble to-day. The waferlike watch is an invention of very recent times, and the process of thinning it is even now going on. The obvious advantage of the thin watch is that it can be placed in the belt or pocket without making a bulge. If watches had Mways been worn round the necks they might still be spherical rather than disklike in snape.—Exchange.

It's a pretty staunch little Don't Worry Society that can survive the war and the high cost of living.