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THE MAELSTROM

BY FRANK FROEST. Late Superintendent of the Criminal Investigation Department of Scotland Yard.

"H'm!" Menzies stuck his thumbs | mouth and to find out how much you in the arm-holes of his waistcoat. really do know. You went and made sure it was only a half-penny afterwards, of course?" The man's eyes had hitherto not single question. All the talking was met. No they were fixed boldly on his face. "No," he declared. "I

didn't think it worth while." A man may fail to look one in the face and be perfectly honest and merely stroked his mustache serentruthful. But when such a man does do so it is because he has become conscious that an averted gaze may arouse suspicion. Menzies smiled under his mustache and stretched out a hand. "Where is it?" he added quietly. "Give it to me."

The lift attendant fluched and drew back. The directness of the demand had disconcerted him. "I don't Know what you mean" he said. "I haven't

That so?" said Menzies smiling-ly. And then with a swift change of voice: "Now, sonny, don't let's have any monkey business. You can't play with me."

Reluctantly, as though hypnotized, the attendant thrust two fingers into his waistcoat pocket, slowly drew something out and placed it in the detective's hand.

It was a plain heavy circlet of gold - a wedding ring!

#### CHAPTER IX.

News and a Note. Jimmie Hallett had run into Weir Menzies in the police court corridor after the magistrate had formally remanded "William Smith." The detective threw up his hands quickly in the attitude of one parrying a blow.

"Don't hit me, Mr. Hallett," he im-"I've got a weak heart." Jimmie grinned a little shamefacedly. He had not been quite sure | girl. how the detective chief would take the assault on the shadowers of Miss Greye-Stratton. He brazened it out. "Well, what are you going to do about it?" he demanded.

Menzles caught him through the you." orm and pulled him into a small room set apait for consultations between lawyer and clients. "I suppose you know that men have got six months for less than you did this afternoon. You can't knock police officers about with impunity, you know."

There was an underlying current of seriousness in his jocular tone see the man who killed Greye-Stratwhich Jimmie could not fall to percoive. He ran his hand through his

language of the poker table. "What to a sudden halt. "What do you mean

"Tals." The detective laid a thick | Weir Menzies had a well-worn brian forefinger on the palm of his left pipe in one hand and a tobacco-pouch hard. "You've got sense, Mr. Halin the other. He methodically filled lett, and you've had experience. Now, the pipe before answering. not going to stand for any funny about 'em by tomorrow, but I don't up a grand-stand play after lunch to saint, that's ail." win the girl's confidence or if she | Jimmie's temper, held in till now, talked you over."

ar the start and I've tried to treat you | complice of a gang of criminals, he fairly. Don't you forget murder's a did not stop to analyze. dirty thing, however you look at it. I! don't say Miss Greye-Stratton's not straight, but she knows a deuce of a what was plain to him—that if she than she's telling us. She's got of some one else. He regretted now omething up her sleeve. She's no that he was bound not to divulge anyfor all her pretty face. She thing she had told him. seems to have taken a fancy to you.

The other shook his head although he had a very good idea what Menzies was going to pay. His face was door.

For the same reason that the man we've got below tried to get you told you she was married?" this morning. You're an important He spoke casually, as though by an

Jimmie laughed outright. "You're wrong there. She's not asked me a on her side."

Then he realized that he had fallen into a trap. Not that Menzies gave any obvious indication of triumph. He ely. "Well, I don't know that I'm far wrong. She would't be too quick. So she talked, did she? What did

The young man was not to be caught off guard a second time. "It will all be stale to you. She repeated what she said she had already told you."

"All the same, there may be something new,' 'persisted the detective.

"Let's have it." "If you like to let me have a look at her statement I'll tell you if there's anything fresh I can add," parried

Menzies raised his eye-rows. "I think I see," he said. "I'd consider this a lot if I were you. Why man, can't you see she's playing with you? Confidence for confidence is an old trick. She has known you a matter of hours, and here she is pitching a tale to you as though you were an intimate friend. I trust you-you trust me! That's what it comes to. Now, why not play our game instead

won't hurt her, but if she's got her pretty fingers in the tar-" Hallett became conscious of a smouldering rage at the innuendo of the comfortable, ruddy-faced detectice. He did not realize that he was being deliberatly provoked for a purpose. Menzies wanted to discover, without doubt, his attitude to the

"Cut it out," he advised curtly. And then more quietly: "I think you entirely misjudge the lady. If I've only known her for a few hours I guess I'm a better judge of her type than

Bearing a bit hot, eh?" smiled Menzies. "It's no good getting angry with me. I'm clumsy, but I mean well I hate to see a man stepping into trouble. And you'll find trouble on your hands pretty soon, believe me. If I were you I think I'd carry a life-preserver, or advertise that you didn't

Hallett had taken a quick turn or I two about the room, his hands thrust "I'll see you," he said, adopting the deep in his trouser pockets. He came by that?"

I've gone into your credentials, and believe you're straight. But I'm from what I have gathered the lady's in with a tough mob. I'll know more of murder and any one that stinds in the way is liable to get hurt. Now.

don't interrupt. Let me finish. I You must do as you like. Only don's don't know whether you were putting go believing she's a little blue-eyed

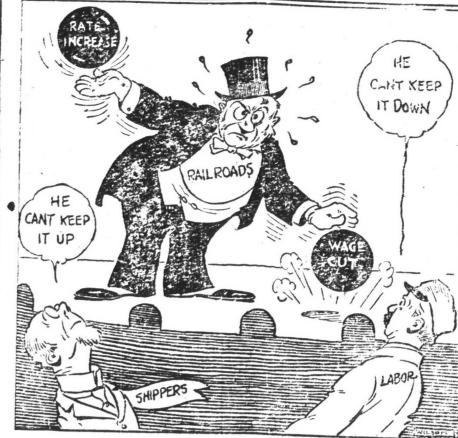
continued to rise. Whether it was the He pan od inquiringly. Hallett implication that he was being made pressed his lips together firmly. "Go Miss Greye-Stratton's catepaw, or whether it was the suggestion that Right. You were butted into this the radiant girl was the willing ac-

We was wroth with Menzies because he did not know by intuition sight more than she ought to-or was acting a part it was for the sake

"I guess you're a fool, Menzies," he sneered. "You're barking up the wrong trest'

Menzies took the handle of the "You think so, do you? Well, we'll les it go at that." He swung open the door. "I suppose the lady witness. She wants to shut your afterthought, but he was quick to ob-

## DIFFICULT ACT



serve the change that passed over Jimmie's face. "That's a lie." he blurted out.

You've got something at the back of your head." The detective swung the door to again and took something from his pocket. "Look at that," he said, and smoothe a sheet of paper before Hal-

of hers? If she's innocent you lett's eyes. Jimmie read it over twice, unable at first to completly grasp its significance. It was an attested copy of a communication was by word of marriage certificate between Peggy

Greye-Stratton and Stewart Reader "She didn't tell you about this," went on the detective levelly. "That

may alter your idea that she intends to play straight with you." Jimmie was struggling with a tangle of thoughts. "Who is Ling" he demanded.

(To be continued.)

#### **TABBY-CAT MOTHERS** CHICKS AND DUCKS



A poultry dealer in Chicago found a very much battered-up kitten back of his shop one day. He took it in and fed it. And now tabby, a grown and well-fed cat, is returning good for good. Nothing delights her more than when she is mothering a hatching of baby chicks or little ducklings -or both at the same time, as shown here.

#### LOOK FOR DROP IN PRICE OF COAL.

DOMINION AND U. S. GOVERN-MENTS CONFER WITH MINE OWNERS.

With the event of Spring the chances are that the price of anthracite coal will take a drop. Conferences are in process between representatives of the Dominion and United States Government officials of the mines respecting a proposition to reduce the price of anthracite fifty At present the joint conferences are | er book confining their efforts solely to dealing with the price of anthracite coal.

It was stated that the proposition under consideration stipulates that commencing May 1, the price of anthracite be reduced fifty cents and that the rate be increased ten cents per ton per month for the following five months, at the termination of which the price would be equal to the present price when the Fall season sets in. This proposition has been favorably received by many of the mine dwners; in fact there is a chance that the new rate may become effective owing to the continued mild spell of weather There is a possibility that the prices of coal for manufacturing purposes may also be reduced along similar lines.

The beginning of cheese factories in Canada dates from 1863. In 1868 Ontario had 180 factories and Que-

Spanish is the most popular of the modern languages in the high schools the least attention.

## THE BEGINNING OF THINGS

#### The Alphabet.

Primitive man's only means of mouth. Soon however, came the instinct for some tangible representative of ideas which led man to scratch on rock or bone figures of the bear, the mammoth, the birds and his fellow men, which he placed so as to convey ideas. Later, with the use of colorings, came the picture writing on papyrus and cloth.

The connecting link between such forms of picture writing and our alphabet lies in the Egyptian hieroglyphics of which many examples are to be seen in museums today. These hieroglyphics consist largely of natural appearances to each of which some particular meaning was assigned which dealt usually in abstract qualities. For instance, the queen bee represented loyalty; the bull strength; an ostrich feather, from the evenness of its parts, truth and

The coloring of the hieroglyphics per cent. of them. was not, as in the earlier picture | Through the discoveries of great | teeth have been pointed out. The this, too followed a system of representation. So man's flesh was painted red, woman's yellow. Wooden instruments were yellow and bronze

It is the later writings that lead us to the alphabet, for here the figures begin to be abbreviated, being repreented only by some principal or disinctive parts. A combat, for instance, is shown by two arms, one bearing a shield, the other a pike. And apper and lower Egypt, respectively, are merely a blossom or a feather, uggesting the lotus and the papyrus.

HAS MARRIED 2,161 COUPLES

Canon Dixon's Record-Rev. J. D. Morrow Last Year Alone Tied the Knot for 345 Couples Fees Are Not Magnificent.

Toronto clergymen agree that an average of one wedding per week is good business, but a few overstep this average, as a glance through the city's registration book for 1920, and the 7,786 weddings entered therein,

Out on the American border, at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, there is a Methodist minister, Rev. T. R. Easterday, 84 years old, who, in his 57 year in the ministry, has tied three thousand and six nuptial knots. Mrs. 57 years in the ministry has tied three thousandth bride, and Dr. Easterday gave her a set of silver spoons, each cents a ton to dealers at the mines. marked '3,000," and also a white pray-

### 345 in the Year.

Some Toronto ministers said it was, of course, only a "border" record, with the advantage of catching an elopement "trade." However. Rev. J. D. Morrow, of Toronto, topped the local list of, marrying minister with 345 couples in 1920. Canon H. C. Dixon came second with 241, and Reg. Logan Geggie had 125. The Methodist ministers had 1,431 weddings among them, but they divided them pretty well, and Rev. G. Norris Gray at Carlton street church scored the highest number, with 82 couples. Married 2,161 in 14 Years.

Few of the ministers kept any record through their ministry.

Canon Dixon has married 2,161 couples during the last 14 years Dr. Isaac Tovell, in the Methodist ranks, counts up over one thousand in his 47 years in the ministry. He had married the parents and the grandparents of one young couple, and the in New York City; German attracts other day was called upon to baptize calling her mother several times dur-

#### encircle a large part of their home city. Ottawa has more Scouts per capita than any other city of 100,000 or more people in America. tawa "go to school!" But to spec-

to join hands they would be able to

Instead of arithmetic and spelling ronto. and all that they study boys, and scouting, and games, and discuss with

from drowning-and at three differ-

If the Boy Scouts of Ottawa were, Increased interest is being shown throughout Ontario in the Wolf Cubs -the junior branch of the Boy Scouts' Association. A new booklet called The Wolf Cub has just been published and will be sent to men Scoutmasters in Hamilton and Ot- and women interested upon application to Provincial Headquarters, ial schools organized just for them. Bloor and Sherbourne Streets, To-

The annual meeting of the Canaexperts the best ways of running dian General Council of The Boy Scouts' Association was held in the Governor-General's office Ottawa, on Assistant Scoutmaster Ed. Walker, Wednesday, March 23, His Excelof Grimsby has been instrumental in lency the Duke of Devonshire, Chief saving no less than three persons Scout for Canada, presiding. Reports presented showed splendid deent times. The provincial Board of velopment of the movement in all Honor recently recommended him for provinces, and plans for still further ene of the highest Boy Scout decora- field and extension work were approved.

# CAN DECAY OF THE TEETH **BE AVOIDED**

WHAT THE BOY SCOUTS

ARE DOING

How shall this question be an- Health Department in the last ten swered? If one considers the num- | years, two thousand fewer people per ber of people suffering from this dis- annum die than if the former rate ease, and the number of Dentists had been maintained. It has been there are to treat it, it would almost said that one third of all poverty is seem unavoidable, yet it is avoid- caused through sickness that the able. This is a strange paradox vast majority of chattel mortgages unavoidable yet avoidable. Teeth are the result of sickness, that sickwere not made to decay, but to do ness is the deciding factor between their work, free from disease, the | contentment or worry over the famsame as other organs of the body. | ily finances.

with any number of diseases, yellow the people interested in the lessenfever, diphtheria. typhoid, malaria, ing of tooth decay, and hence the tuberculosis, cancer, smallpox and elimination of the far reaching many others. None of these are so troubles and expense that arise therecommon as tooth decay. In some from. Many people of middle age localities ninety-five per cent. of the say "How I regret that I neglected school children are suffering with my teeth, when young." At middle this disease. If all the people sud- age one appreciates the necessity, the dealy decided to have their teeth put | comfort, and the health value of in healthy condition, there are only sound and efficient teeth. dentists enough to care for thirty . In previous articles the pre-natal

scientists and the organization of rules laid down are simple and easy our health departments, a good many to follow. In the next two articles diseases have been rendered prevent- the influence of mastication and able. Some still seem unavoidable, mouth cleanliness on the teeth and among these is tooth decay.

disease rests largely with the 'indi- Our hope for the prevention of vidual. One's habits, diet and mode tooth decay is in the children and the of life are the principal factors in- coming generations. At present the volved. As civilizaztion has advanced ideal should be, that when children so has tooth decay. If it cannot be leave school, they will not only be quito bite will cause yellow and ma- healthy teeth. There is now, conwater and unsanitary conditions will cation, a Dental Inspector. Any lack of fresh air and neglect of colds any time, get advice on the best will cause tuberculosis, that contact method for the prevention of tooth with the many contagious diseases decay in the school children. of Toronto, through the work of the cay avoidable.

Humanity has been and is afflicted | The object of this article is to get

influence and the care of children's the influence of diseased teeth on the It has been demonstrated that this general health will be considered.

prevented entirely it can be greatly mentally fit for the battle of life, lessened. It is known that the mos- but physically as well, with sound and larial fevers, that drinking impure nected with the Department of Educause typhoid, that direct contact and school section or municipality can at

will produce them. Through the All parents and others interested elimination or modification of the are asked to get behind this movecauses many of these diseases are ment for tooth preservation. Thus becoming unnecessary. In the City it will be possible to make tooth de-

## **GOOD JOKES**

HAD AN EYE FUR TRADE.

A Sunday school teacher had been ! describing to her pupils the joys of heaven. At the close of the lesson, she asked: "How many would like to go to heaven?"

All; save one, raised their hands. Turning to the exception the teacher asked:: "Surely, you don't want to go to hell!"

The youngster nodded his head "Sure, I do," he asserted. "My

father said that's where business has gone, and I want to go in business."

## FIFTY-FIFTY.

Butcher-This pound of butter you sent me is 3 ounces short. Grocer-Well. I mislaid the pound

weight, so I weighed it by the pound of chops you sent me yesterday.

#### PAINFUL. Son-But smoking doesn't hurt me,

Father-Oh, no; but it hurts me to see you smoking up my expensive

### COULD DO ANYTHING.

Judge-You have attacked this. man, Can you deny it? Prisoner-Certainly, I can sir, if it will help me."

MOTHER'S LITTLE GAME. Little Bessie, 5 years old, after ing the night and receiving no reply,

said: "Mother, are you really asleep, or are you just pitending you're a telephone girl?"

# ABLE TO DO

After Long Suffering Mrs. Peasey Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Toronto, Ont .- "I suffered with irregular menstruation, was weak and

Trun down, could headaches. The worst symptoms thought I would smothering. I was in this condition

not seem to work. I tried all kinds of medicines and had been treated by physicians but received no benefit. found one of your booklets and felt inclined to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I received the best results from it and low I keep house and go out to work and am like a new woman. I have recommended your Vegetable Compound to my friends and if these facts will help some poor woman use them as you please."—Mrs. J. F. Peaser, 387 King

Toronto, Ontario. Wou are one of these women da suffer for four or five years as Mrs. Peasey did, but profit by her experience and be restored to health.



A young man who practiced medicine in a rural district became famous and was called in consultation in many towns and cities because of his success in the treatment of disease. The finally made up his mind to place some of his treatments before the entire people and, moving to Buffalo, N. Y., he put up what he called his Favorite Prescription, and placed it with the druggists in every state in the

Union and in Canada. That was over fifty-five years ago. For fifty-one years this Favorite Prescription of Dr. Pierce's has sold more largely throughout the land than any other medicine of like character. It's the

testimony of thousands of women that it has benefited or entirely eradicated such distressing ailments as women are prone to.

Over 50 Years Ago

For over fifty years some of Dr. Pierce's home medicines have been selling over the drug counters, so that more than fifty million bottles have been sold during that time. This speaks well for the reliability and value of Dr. Pierce's standard home remedies. Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery is a blood tonic and strength-builder which contains no alcohol, yet has tonic qualities that have endeared it to the American public. Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets, composed of May-apple, Alein and jalap, have long been considered a reliable vegetable laxative, in the same way that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has long been recognized as a tonic for diseases peculiar to womankind. More recently that wonderful discovery of Dr. Pierce's namely, Anuric (anti-uric acid), has been successfully used by many thousands of people who write Dr. Pierce in unqualified terms of the benefits received—that their backsche and other symptoms of kidney trouble have been completely conquered by the use of Anuric.