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# THE MAELSTROM

By FRANK FROEST. Late Superintendent of the C riminal Investigation De partment of Scotland Yard.

He gave a number into the tele- ferce to appreciate a compliment phone and hours seemed to elapse | from the veteran detective. before he got Menzies. In quick rush of servant next door, sir," he answered. detective and recited happenings of zies rubbed his hand with satisfaction tective and recited the happenings of as he turned on the uniformed inspecthe evening. He was not to know tor by his side. that barely a dozen disconnected words had reached the detective. His strength was waning and he wanted Menzie to know everything before he gave way. As he finished the receiver dropped listlessly from his with me, inspector. It sounds unhand, and for the first time i his life commonly like a case." Jimmie Hallett fainted.

At the other end of the wire Weir Menzies was left with one of those harassing little problems that he hated. It was an irregular houran hour when he had reckoned on being safely on his way nome. For all the insistence of the voice at the telephone it might be quite a trivial affair. Menzies did not like losing for trivialties. People in trouble are apt to take distorted views of the importance of their difticulties. That is why private inquiry agencies flourish.

Menzies had once been asked to investigate a highly important West End robbery at the house of a duke. The duchess herself had demanded the services of "the ablest and most experienced detective possible," and had refused to give details to any one Menzies went-to discover that a pet Pomeranian had strayed. 'Madam," he had remarked after frigid five minutes, "at one period I should have been delighter to try

to find your dog. I was then paid t such matters. I am now paid for other things. There are many men as competent as I for the investigation to which you attach such importance. I regret that it would be a breach of duty for me to undertake it. I am merely a detective, but the salary I am paid for the use f my time would be out of proportion to the result, even if successful I must refer your grace to the local police-station. Good evening."

Since then he nad been very cautious of ambiguous messages. lought of his well-aired bed and Half was he tempted to turn over the affair to the local division of police to deal with the case or lead it to the night staff of the criminal investigation department. The fact that he had been appealed to by name ultimately swayed him.

In two minutes he had set in motion the machinery which would reyeal the point from which the voice originated. It needed no complex reasoning, no swift flash of inspiration. He broke up a game of dominoes and emerged with two menfrom the Kensington director a list of thoroughfares ending in "Gardens," and the names of persons who resided at the respec-

tive thirty-fours, and the other with a telephone directory to eliminate all hose not on the telephone. "And get a move on," he added. "I don't want to hang about all night. Ask Riddle to come up and 'phone

em through the local people as you check 'em off. Tell 'em they'll oblige me by sending out as many spare men as they've got to ask at each address if any one rang me up."

He adjusted his coat with precision, lit a cigar, and sauntered over to the underground station opposite. Baring accidents, the address would be ready for him by the time he reached

His anticipation was not disapnointed. One of the advantages which the criminal investigation department has over the individual amateur detective, beloved by Magersfontein Road, is the co-operation at need of a practically unlimited number of trained men.

True, the detective staff at Kensington had long since gone home, ince there was no extraordinary business to detain them, but in this case a dozen ordinary constables served as well. Nine of them had returned when Menzies walked in. There was only one who interested him. He had reported that he could get no reply from Linstone Terrace

"Did you find who lives there?" questioned the chief inspector. The reply was prompt. "Yes, sir. Old gentleman named Graye-Stratton. He lives alone. Had two servants until last week, when he sacked 'em both because he said they had been bribed to poison him."

"Ah!" Menzies nodded approval l'ou're got your wits about you, my Where did you get all this from?"

The constable flushed with pleas-He was young enough in the



"That will do. Thank you." Men-

"It begins to sound like a case," he muttered. All his petulance had gone. When he came to the point, the man was an enthusiast in his profession. "I'll get you to come along

CHAPTER III.

The First Step. The eminent Tooting churchwarden, perched on the stalwart shoulders of his uniformed colleague, wriggled his way on to the roof of the porch with an agility that was justifiable neither to his years nor his weight. He was taking a certain amount of risk if there were so serious emergency within the place, for even a chief detective inspector may not break into a house without justi-

fication. He worked for a while with a big clasp knife on the little landing window with a skill that would have done credit to many of the professional practitioners who had passed through his hands, and at last threw up the sash and squeezed himself in-

"Wonder if I'm making a damned fool of myself after all?" he muttered with some misgiving as he struck a match and softly picked his way along the corridor. He was peculiarly sensitive to ridicule, and he knew the chaff that would descend on his head if it leaked out that he had elaborately picked cut and broken into a house, empty for quite a plausible reason.

There would be no way of keeping the matter dark, for every incident of the night would have to be embodied in reports. Every detective in Londen is bound to keep an official diary of his work, however free a hand he is given in his methods.

He burned only one match to enable him to get his bearings. Noiselessly he descended the stairs into the hall, and his quick eye observed a splash of light across the floor. It came from under a doorway. He turned the handle and pushed. The door resisted. 'Locked," he murmured, and knockd thunderously. "Hello in there-

Any one about?" Only the muffled reverberation of his own voice came back; to him. Frowning, he strode to the doorway, slipped back the Yale lock and admitted the uniformed man.

"If I had nerves, Mr. Ha his place would give me the jumps," he observed. "There's something wrong here and I guess it's in that room. See, there's a light on." "That's queer," commented the

other. "It could only just have been switched on. I didn't notice it outside. "Shutters," said Menzies. "Shutters and drawn curtains. Come on. I'm going to see what's behind that

There was no finesse about forcible entry this time. Half a dozen well directed kicks shattered the hasp of the lock and sent the door flying open. Menzies and his companion moved inside.

For the moment the blaze of the electric light dazzled them. Menzies shaded his eyes with his hand. Then his glance fell from the overturned telephone down to the prostrate figure of Jimmie Hallett. He was across the room in an instant, and made swift examination of the prostrate

"K'nocked clean out of time!" he diagnosed. "Help me get him on the Hello, there's another of couch. He had observed the body on em." the hearth rug.

He bent over the murdered man in close scrutiny, but without touching the corpse. His lips pursed into a whistle as he marked the bullet wound that showed among the gray locks at the back of the head. He was startled, but scarcely shocked. He straightened himself up. "This

looks a queer business altogether, Hawksley. You'd better get back to the station. Send up the divisional surgeon and phone through to the Yard. They'd better let Sir Hilary Thornton and Mr. Foyle know. shall need Congreve and a couple of men, and you'd better send for Carless and many of his staff as can be reached quickly. They'll know the

.The faculty of quick organization is one of the prime qualities of a chief of detectives, and Menzies was at no loss. The first steps in the investigation of most great mysteries are automatic-the determination of

It is a kind of circle from facts to possibilities, from possibilities to probabilities, and from probabilities to irresistible inferences. But the original facts must be settled first. and for any person to fix them single-handed is an impossibility.

There are certain aspects that must be settled by specialists; there may be a thousand and one inquiries to make in rapid succession. Menzies had no idea of playing a lone hand. For a couple of hours a steady stream of officials and others descended on the house, and Linstone Terrace Gardens became the centre of such police activity as it had never dreamed of in its respectability and retirement.

Men worked from house to house interviewing servants, masters, mis tresses gleaming sucr facts as could be obtained of the lonely, eccentric old man, his habits, his visitors

friends and relations. Inside the house the divisiona surgeon had attended to Hallett ("N serious injury; may come round any moment") and waited till flashlight photographs of the room had been taken from various angles ere examining the dead man.
(To be continued.)

# THE ROUND TABLE YOUNG WOMEN

"WHERE WE MAKE FRIENDS OF BOOKS."

Clelland and Stewart, Toronto.

Readers in search of homespun entertainment will find in "Stronger Than His Sea," a cheery chronicle of a Scotch lad's boyhood and the romance of his youth. For any one not greatly concerned with the literary quality of his reading, Mr. Watson's factory furnishes an ideal compinion for a dull evening; there is something indefinably warming about the rich pages of the book are so generously sprinkled, sometimes heartening in the author's adventures of a

band of high-spirited schoolboys. Few will keep their hearts sealed against the appeal of the hero. "Serious Sandy' 'Porter, who particularly endears himself to us as the organizer of a "strike" among his schoolmates. The demands of these unique "strikers" touch a responsive chord in the reader's memory of his own school days. The "terms" on which the pupils of Piershaw's School would consent to return to their classes, as set forth in the scrawled declaration which greeted the flabbergasted Dominie Toderick from the gatepost of the school-house, read:

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When the reader first meets Sandy "light fiction" that scarcely aspires the death of his ne'er-do-well father to the artistic dignity of holding the has just left him, at the age of 5, in mirrar up to life.

long way toward making the home

then can be utilized to the best ad-

on paper and should show where each

vegetable is to be planted, the num-

ber of rows of each kind, and whether

t is to be grown as an inter-crop, a

succession crop, or will occupy the

ground during the whole season. So

far as space will permit, the garden

should furnish a supply of fresh vege

tables for table, use throughout the

growing season and a surplus for van-

ning and storing. In making the

plans these points must be consider-

ment of the garden; kind of cultiva-

ion to be practiced; soil; crops, and

arieties, and their adaption to local

A garden one- eighth of an acre in

size, if very productive and inten-

the summer and fall and leave a sur-

and herbs sufficient for a small fam-

Generally too little attention is

given to the needs and preferences

of the family when the garden is

planned. Crops that are not relish-

ed should never be grown unless for

experimental purposes. In many

gardens there is a too great supply

of lettuce and string beans and not

enoughh of beets, carrots, and other

vegetables. In studying vegetables

to be planted, especially where the

space is limited, the food and the

money values, as well as the space

required, should be considered.

Size of Garden.

Size, location, and arrange-

season's activities.

time and confusion.

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Now Is the Time for

By Edward Owen Dean.

be done out of doors in February, crops and those preducing large

but it is an excellent month in which | yields in proportion to the space re-

to begin preparations for the coming quired should be planted-for exam-

A well-thought-out plan will go to carrots, parsnips and onions. Af-

vegetable garden a success. Space other vegetables may be planted in

vantage and seed supplies and equip- onions, or early beets may be follow-

planting days, thereby saving much | celery. In some locations the second

This is the month most of the seed of spinach, lettuce, or beets. In a

catalogues are cut. It pays well to small garden it would be unwise to

study them carefully. They con- plant such crops as potatoes, corn,

tain a great deal of valuable infor- and cucumbers. These crops re-

sively cropped, should supply the av- fruit trees. Fall planting of fruit

erage family with fresh vegetables all trees has become popular in recent

as fifteen feet square will yield salads A vague unnamed something is felt

plus for winter use. Gardens as small | year is the real growing season.

The garden plan should be set down the food produced.

ment provided in advance of the ed by string beans, late cabbage, or

Not much actual garden work can | In a limited area quick maturing

"Stronger Than His Sea," by Rob the position of man-of-the-family to ert Watson. Published by Mc- his mother and sister. Courageously he struggles to lighten the financial burden of his widowed and impoverished mother He delivers milk, runs errands and does odd jobs whenever he gets a chance. And

every penny that he earns helps with the household expenses. It is a commentary on the different sources from which affection and admiration spring that Sandy is less lovable and less convincing, too, in his character as stalwart paragon of all the filial virtues than in his role of the rebellious ringleader of the "strikers."

The hero's transition from boyhood

to munhood is arrestingly abrupt. In one chapter he is a schoolboy and in the next a man. The years of growth "elapse" almost as arbatrarily as they do in a theatre programme, and the suspicion intrudes that their passage has been hastened by the author's impatience to introduce his "love interest." .. The hiatus is more easily ignored than it might be, however, because of the tenderness with which Mr. Watson tells the simple love story of Sandy and Doreen Telford. There is nothing unfamiliar in this pastoral romance, but the author has successfully skirted the pit of

sentimentality. "Stronger Than His Sea" illustrates perfectly the difference between the novel that is literature and the story that is simon-pure entertainment. It is good of its kind-

ple tematoes, beans, lettuce, beets,

ter early crops have been removed

the same space. Radishes, lettuce,

crop may be followed by a fall crop

quire a large space in proportion to

Quality of Seed to Buy.

to be supplies. Most of the inexper-

ienced gardeners order and plant

more seeds than are needed. This

results not only in a waste of seeds

Two ounces of beet seed will plant

one hundred feet of row; an eighth

of an ounce of celery seed will yield

about 200 plants, and a quarter of an

ounce of lettuce seed will produce ap-

Planting of Fruit Trees.

It is getting time now to order

years, but after all, the spring of the

in the air, in the soil-everywhere-

that seems to compel life and action.

In Australia the invention is claim-

ed of a chemical solution for treat-

ing apples and some other fruits

which enables them to be kept for

An inventor has patented a wedge

of, rubber to be nailed to a worn shoe

Sir Frank Baillie, K.B.E., a prom-

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Wellesley Hospital, following an ill-

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## **SHORT NEWS ITEMS**

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During last year the population of Walkerville jumped to 7,400, an increase of 1,190, while assessment of to my youngest daughter talking to property values increased to \$8,701,-580, an advance of \$2,147,496.

An order has been officially gazetted fixing February 1 as the date on and after which importation of alcoholic liquor into Nova Scotia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba will be illegal. The Perth Shoe company, limited

one of the largest manufacturers in Before ordering seeds or plants it Canada of women's fine shoes, has important to consider the size of announced the reopening of all dethe garden and the number of persons partments of their factory. That there will be an increase in egg production this year in Canada was the prediction made by William but also in extra labor of thinning, or

A. Erown, chief of the pourtry divis-

else growth is seriously checked by ion of the livestock branch of the department of agriculture. Albert Jackson and George Grandine, South Dumfries, farmers, both aged fifty and each with five children were killed when a beam fell on them and crushed them to death. The barn raising was on the farm of

Fred Charlton. The fuel commissioner estimates that the mild weather has saved Toronto householders \$1,072,000 in coal.

A further reduction in prices on the menu in the dining cars and hotels of the Canadian National Railways was announced by Walter Pratt, Toronto, manager in chief of the sleeping, dining, parlor cars, hotel and news department. New menu cards will be issued within the next two weeks showing the reduction. Mr. Pratt stated that while prices have been most reasonable despite the high cost of commodities and expenses, he anticipated a further reduction during the year.

William Fitzgerald, former superintendent of insurance for the Dominion Government in the finance department, died at Ottawa in his 78th

He was a native of London, Ont. and came to Ottawa as assistant deputy minister and superintendent of insurance on December 1, 1885. Previously he had practised law in Teronto.

The contract between the Ontario Government and the Provincial Paper Mills, Limited, whereby the company gets a pulp limit of 1,220 square miles and agrees to erect a paper mill in Port Arthur, includes a clause to the effect that the mill will supply all the book paper wanted by the Ontario Department of Education for a period of twenty-one years. An announcement is made from the

sales offices of Ames, Holden, Mac Cready, Ltd., of Montreal, that compared with prices quoted big reductions in wholesale prices of shees would be made all along the line in leather footwear to accord with reaccment values. The company has announced that it is basing it prices on a net profit of four per cent on turnover. The company's plant have been closed down since early autumn, but it is now proposed to recommence production on an active

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THE WALKER HOUSE

#### RUST IS COSTLY.

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### THE HARDEST PART.

Judge-Did your wife hit you with a piece of bric-a-brac? Mulligan-Divil a brack about it. yet honor, just a brick.



CARRIES 4 TON OF BONE. The record yield of bone taken from one whale was 8,110 pounds. This occurred in 1883.



Bismarck, who was an ardent lover f the game of checkers, had what was without doubt the most valuable checker-board that ever was. It quares were made of gold and silver o represent the dark and light squares; the men were made of onie precious metal, with the addiion of a diamond in the centre of each gold one. Bismark told some friends once that it was practice of he game on that valuable board that gave him the strategy he displayed in building the German Empire.

Dread of Asthma makes countless thousands miserable. Night after night the attacks return and even when brief respite is given the mind is still in torment from continual anticipation. Dr. J. D. Kellogg's Asthma Remedy changes all this. Relief comes, and at once, while future attacks are warded off, leaving the afflicted one in a state of peace and An English inventor's padlock is happiness he once believed he could almost everywhere

Old Age Deferred

Business men who must speed up the works and make business boom during these days-after the war-must recognize the neces-

sity of keeping fif. When mind is befogged, when you have dull headaches or feel legy, when not "up to snuff," keep the bowels free with a mild laxative. In the morning take a tepid sponge bath (cold water may be used if it does not chill), follow with a brisk rub down; a sufficient "setting up" exercise in good air until you are in a warm glow. Have you tried it lately?

Don't let the poisons accumulate in the intestines either, but try a dose of castor oil the first thing on arising, or a pleasant laxative occasionally, such as one made up of May-apple, aloin and jalap, rolled into a tiny sugar-coated pill, and sold in every drug store as Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Then a cup of hot water before breakfast, and you'll feel better than a king! If you continue in life thus, you can pass a Life Insurance examination at sixty.

If you wish to prevent old age coming on too soon, or if you want to increase your chances for a long life, you should drink plenty of soft (rain) or distilled water daily between meals. Then precure at the drug store Dr. Pierce's Anuric (anti-urio-acid). This "Anuric" drives the uric acid out and relieves backache and rhoumatism, samell as kidney trouble. Anuric dissolves uric and. Try it now!