

# ASK NO QUESTIONS!

By BELDON DUFF

SYNOPSIS: Ananna West, young and impetuous, leaves her home in a remote district in Connecticut, to a remote district in Connecticut. She moves in and installs her machine. The private graverdigger who discovered the body of the murdered man, the man who was the murderer, is brought to justice. "If the murderer is human, the police will attend to all that. It is his duty." "Oh, please," she said. "Don't try those silly arguments on me again. I don't believe in ghosts. And neither do you." "Well," the visitor smiled apologetically, "since you put it that way, I don't suppose I do. But I had to try every argument."

CHAPTER III.—(Cont'd.) Ananna got as far as the barn door, only to go back, glad of the excuse, to pick up a halter that had been left lying on the floor. The halter took her into the harness room, where she saw that the trap door which led into the cellar of the barn had been opened and left open. Without a second's hesitation, she walked over and looked down into the hole. It was as black as pit as the hole in the floor. She was about to turn back when she saw a white light at the bottom of it. . . .

At first glance the ordinary trash discarded by five generations of pioneers. Worn-out farming implements, bottles and jam jars. Old harness. Packing cases, both large and small. The girl had turned to retrace her steps to the floor above when she saw a white light at the bottom of it. . . .

Familiar but always dread object—a coffin! For the first time in her life Ananna West knew what it felt like to have the hair rise on her head. But after a moment, with small, hesitating steps, she began to pick her way across the floor. . . .

She felt she needed a smoke before attempting the climb to the upper storey. On investigation the capacity of the pocket was found to contain a pack of cigarettes and one solitary match. . . .

What could have brought that coffin down here, and why? Had it come from the freight dig grave in the burning ground or was it just being made ready to go into it? And would the ghastly job be done in the complete way of the body of the bride to wear the veil and orange blossoms she had worn at the wedding. . . .

"Not a bit," he made haste to assure her. "But don't you worry. I have never been in the habit of dropping in the first mail box I come to." . . .

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while he took her at her word and did so. Mr. Gately Terhune, The Hare and Hounds Club, East 47th Street, New York City. Miss West seemed to read what was passing through his mind. "Mr. Terhune and I were at one time engaged to be married," she said rather hesitantly. "It has since been broken off. In fact, we haven't spoken to each other for—weeks. But now I thought maybe he would be anxious to know that I was still alive. The papers will be full of it—my name, I suppose, and all sorts of exaggerated rumors. It would be a pity for Mr. Terhune to be anxious about me."

The interview had all but terminated when some chance movement on Miss West's part drew the managing editor's eyes to the great open fireplace before which they stood. The girl, in the hunched position under the mantle shelf, he saw three dogs, dug crudely and deep, as though the implement used had some other matter at the point of a chisel. . . .

"By Jove! the very clime in the hearth! What a coincidence!" The girl looked at him rather oddly. "Scarcely a coincidence. It's much more likely one was suggested by the other. I do not know that if we were to discover exactly what this 'Ask No Questions' on the fireplace refers to, we should be any the wiser. It hangs over the House."

"Have you indeed? Now that's very interesting," Crosey adjusted his spectacles. "Handwriting is rather a hobby of mine. And this," he best to examine the lettering more closely, an eager light in his short-sighted eyes. "Looks as though it had been done under the stress of some violent emotion—fear, possibly—or rage. . . .

"I do not care to accept the offer," she said. "I once appeared to the Free Press had a disturbing effect. 'What has John Diamond done that he has been so angry at?' 'A very natural desire to help a neighbor,' said Crosey, who did not believe one word of what he was saying. 'I do not care to accept the offer.' . . .

She poured her strength into a torrent of household trifles, nor did she shrink. A single word of her work. Soap she made from bacon drippings. Quits she pieced from rag-bag snippets. She ground the dried-up parts of bread. . . .

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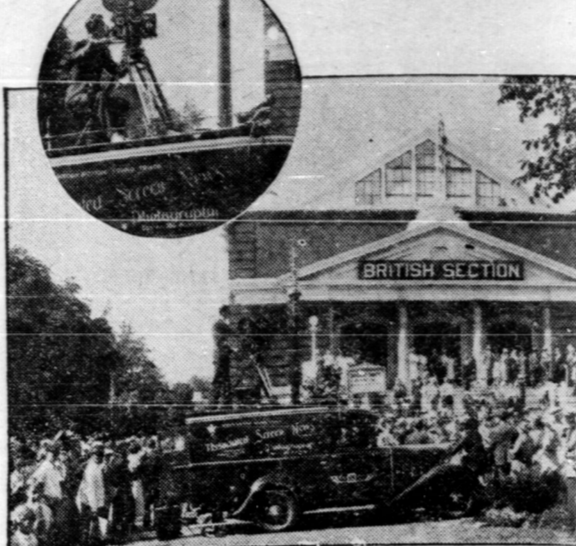
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## Fresh and Fragrant—Always

# "SALADA" GREEN TEA

"Fresh from the Gardens"

Canada In Sound-Films



Inset shows a typical unit of sound-film equipment in operation. Photo shows one of that battery of Canadian sound-trucks that patrol the Dominion in the filming of outstanding Canadian news-events.

## Africa at Her Best

Although Gwelo was not on the direct route to Salisbury, we decided to make for it, being anxious to see a friend there. . . .

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## Voice of the Press

Canada, The Empire and The World at Large

**Blindling Lights**  
The death of two cyclists, struck by automobiles, were found by inquiring juries to have been contributed to by glaring headlights of approaching vehicles. . . .

**Help For the Farmers**  
The authorities are acting wisely in giving assistance to those who never should have left the agricultural life to return to it once more, but they should not forget the true farmers who have not been fascinated by the town, and who, at the cost of numerous sacrifices, have stood four-square against all the blasts of the depression. . . .

**Army One Up**  
A tank has been invented that will travel under water. The army appears to be one up on the navy again. . . .

**Question of Homework**  
The views of The News were expressed a few days ago. While admitting that there is a danger of loading young pupils with too much homework, this journal cannot see the merit of abolishing it altogether, as a certain amount of review work at home, undoubtedly is of great benefit. . . .

**England's Education**  
Sixty years ago in this field we lagged far behind the other Western nations. Not till thirty years ago had we an all round system such as we have today. . . .

**Back To Windjammers**  
One of the results of the depression has been for communities to return to a simpler life. . . .

**Pepper Imports Lead**  
London—Pepper may sing of exotic spices which scent the Orient with delicate perfumes, but it is left to household pepper to buttress India's trade in spicy commodities. . . .

**Woods Are Expansive**  
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**Accident Rating**  
Statistical genius has discovered that a disproportionately large number of those who figure in automobile accidents is made up of persons who are listed as bad credit risks. . . .

**Fine Photography**  
Big Aid to Astronomy  
Montreal—That there is a possibility of more planets being discovered as photography improves is the opinion of Prof. A. J. Kelly, McGill University astronomer. . . .

**THE EMPIRE**  
Depends On Manchurians  
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## Using Desperate Measures



Caught in the act: Bales of Princeton tried a little diving act during the game with Columbia. But was mailed in mid-air. Princeton tried hard, but lost, 29 to 7.

**Reports of British Coal**  
Break All Previous Records  
Montreal—British anthracite imports through the port of Montreal for this season have surpassed those of any previous year. . . .

**Fathers' Age Affects Mental Talents at Birth?**  
New York—A child begotten by a father aged more than 70 has 50 times the average number of inherited mental talents than one whose father was under 45, writes Howard W. Bikes. . . .

**Locust Swarms Delay Freight Trains in Argentine**  
Buenos Aires—Freight trains have had to be shortened and locomotives supplied with 1,500 pounds of sand instead of the usual 150 pounds because of the large number of locusts that get onto the rails and make them slippery. . . .

**Plane Service Ends Hebrides Isolation**  
Edinburgh—The isolation of the Hebrides from the rest of the world is at an end. . . .

**Scottish Clans Organization Receive Money Donation**  
London—The Highland Society of London has received a gift of money to aid a scheme that seeks to establish Scottish clans in districts of Scotland. . . .

**Hitching Posts Reappear**  
Orangeburg, S.C.—The once obsolete hitching post is coming back in the section. . . .

**\$400,000 Reservoir Planned To Supply 400,000 Persons**  
Newport, Eng.—One of the biggest municipal development projects ever launched by Newport was initiated recently with the cutting of the first sod of the corporation's new reservoir. . . .

**What sort of a dinner did you get at the New York? Oh, the dinner itself was worthy of their employer, but the coffee made one think they hadn't a bean.**

## Around the World

**President of Spain Held Up by Madrid—Spain Traffic Officers**  
Madrid—Spain boasts the world's most zealous motorcycle cop. He works in San Sebastian. . . .

**What's your name, officer?** asked Minister Bulnes. "Juan Cordeiro (John Lamb)," replied the policeman. . . .

**Leaves, England—A perfect piece of Roman road has been discovered in the middle of the marshes at Barrow Mills, near Lovers. . . .**

**Hold Girl As Security**  
Madrid—Just what is good collateral for a loan is a problem that is troubling bankers these days. . . .

**Vienna.—A remarkable operation has been successfully performed in a child born in the village of Ruz Dattelmayr, who is now running around the wards quite cheerfully with three stitches in his heart. . . .**

**Peasants Take Wine Baths**  
Budapest—In the little village of Leuthény the peasants are enjoying a luxury attributed to the aristocrats of Imperial Rome. . . .

**Through Street Jay Paid Money**  
Lancet, London, has ordered Charles Rutledge to lay aside the shovel and the hoe of the Street Overseer. . . .

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