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had never run a wolf. Mr. Elliott maintains that a pack of hounds of the right type properly trained and led, can rid any section of wolves.

Goerner Denies He Killed Wife

CALDWELL, June 7.—Claiming he was the victim of brutal methods employed by officers investigating the fatal shooting of his wife, Ed Goerner, 55, charged with murder, denied on the witness stand here that he had anything to do with his wife's death.

Europa's Captain



Captain Nikolaus Johnson, above, for many years captain of the S. S. Columbus, has been made commander of the North German Lloyd Line and will be in command of the new S. S. Europa when she is placed in service.

Prominent Lawyers Represent Robison

AUSTIN, Tex., June 7.—Dayton Moses of Ft. Worth, Lloyd Price of Austin, and E. F. Smith of Austin will represent State Lard Commissioner J. T. Robison as attorneys in the hearing to open Monday morning on charges against the lard commissioner filed in the House of Representatives.

Explosion Victims' Last Rites Saturday

DALLAS, June 7.—Triple funeral services will be held here Saturday afternoon for Mr. and Mrs. Gene Frank Lawler and their young daughter, Doris, all of whom were killed by an explosion at Abilene earlier this week.

Clerks' Convention In 3-Day Meet

FORT WORTH, Tex., June 7.—A discussion of the new state marriage law is expected to feature today's session of the 37th annual convention of the County and District Clerks' association of Texas, holding a three-day meeting here.

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Adams Case Will Go to Jury Soon

CORSICANA, Tex., June 7.—Testimony was expected to be completed today in the case of V. Ray Adams, charged with the death of Orville L. Mathews, Dallas banker. Attorneys expected to have the case in the hands of the jury by tomorrow.

Federals Clash With Rebels In Lavilla Battle

MEXICO CITY, June 7.—Mexican federal troops and rebel Cristobal were fighting today in the mountains of Jalisco where the insurrectionists were driven after a defeat at Lavilla.

COOLIDGE INVITED TO HOUSTON

AUSTIN, Tex., June 7.—The Texas Legislature joined today in inviting former Pres. Coolidge to visit Houston and to be honor guest of the Houston gridiron club.

CONSTRUCTION WORKER KILLED

DALLAS, Tex., June 7.—James Hooper, 23-year old construction worker was killed here today when he was scooped up by a drag line bucket before warning could be shouted to him.

TODAY'S STOCKS

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes Chrysler Corp., Studebaker, Wright A. C., etc.

HUNTING HOUNDS BIG FACTOR IN WOLF ERADICATION

When and where this occurs, Elliott asks that he be notified at once so that he can call for his dogs. One or two hounds are usually lost in this way on each hunting expedition but are fortunately nearly always recovered.

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METHODIST CHURCH

Program of Methodist Booster class, June 9, 1929.

Learning. Song: More About Jesus. Devotional reading: Mrs. Claude Boles. What is the Joy of Learning: Miss Ruth Mitchell. Solo: Mrs. V. T. Seaberry. Scripture lesson: Miss Imogene Hatten. Lesson lecture: Judge H. C. Shropshire, of Weatherford, Tex.

George Waverley Briggs, president who made the announcement of the selection. Wade succeeds M. J. Norrell. In order to tighten the organization under Wade's leadership, we have decided to create an executive secretary's position in order to invest practically all power in the general manager's office," Briggs said.

Homer D. Wade Elected Head Of Dallas C-C

DALLAS, June 7.—Homer D. Wade of Fort Worth, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, was unanimously accepted as vice president and general manager of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce by its board of directors in executive session here today.

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No Clues to Olden Postoffice Robbery

No light this morning had been thrown onto the identity of the burglars who broke into the United States postoffice at Olden Wednesday night and secured a C. O. D. package and about \$8.00.

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by Anne Austin
Author of
The Black Pigeon, etc.



"A letter from Iris," he announced as excited and eager as a boy with his first love letter

THIS HAS HAPPENED

JOHN CURTIS MORGAN, lawyer, has lost his professional honor because of his friend, CRAWFORD, who is in disgrace because of embezzlement.

CRAWFORD, secretary to the woman who is in love with Iris, discovers she is in love with him, and, being honorable, resigns. Her resignation is postponed when she learns that Morgan is defending Crawford. She distrusts the man and Morgan will have need of her during the trial.

Means of a listening-in device overhears a conversation between Crawford and his secretary in which he admits the operator's evidence against his interest in Iris.

When Morgan confronts Crawford that she has heard and tells her the price of her silence is to give up Iris immediately.

On the last day of the trial Nan convinces proof of Crawford's guilt in a note which little MORGAN has evidently hidden in his mother's handbag.

When Iris returns with a "not guilty" verdict and is spared the disgrace of giving Morgan the evidence of his adored wife's faithlessness and the perfidy of her friend.

Days later Crawford calls on Morgan with a check for \$10,000 as his fee, and when Morgan gives it to Iris, she announces he is leaving her. When Iris Morgan leaves for a trip to New York, she later, Morgan is using the money to pay for her. She learns her agony of suffering Morgan has been just what she needed.

GO ON WITH THE STORY

CHAPTER XVI

What are you doing here, Nan? John Curtis Morgan decided to look over at her office at eight o'clock one night. "I thought I'd take a night off, for you'll be getting me with the labor committee if you don't watch out. The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children is about 13 years old in the city and with that haircut, she had risen at her entrance, flushed and whirled before him of a smart, flat-headed man Oxford, plunging her to the pockets of her fifteen suit. "New dress! Junior department," she said. "Like it?" "There was a serious, downward quirk of her mouth that Nan delighted to call forth. "Look like a naughty but very small boy in skirts," teased her. "No," he deprecatingly with frank eyes. "I'm sorry to disturb you, if you're congratulating yourself on looking boyish, but you're incurably feminine. Not only in looks but in spirit. It's your femininity that's keeping you out of the shop when you ought to be with your best big fancying holes in a pair of blue chiffon stockings." "Positively!" Nan flushed with indignation, to hide her emotion. Was it possible he had that she was watching almost unable to let him see his sight lest the blow fall who was not there to comfort. But that was silly, of course. How could he suspect? "Well, I like that! Here I am, myself, says I, 'Poor Mr. Morgan will be working at the office all hours on that Lois case, and the least you can do is to sit by your notebook and pencil.'" Morgan grinned. "You're dying to know all about Ward's testimony. Could you tell me the morning papers? But if anybody should say that I really think, young man, you ought to admit that I don't trust me to handle the case of a trial by myself. If you're going to have an inferiority complex, you haven't a woman's intuition." "Nan retorted, "But what do you know—who's been my insatiable curiosity for years? Who's taught me to trust my intuition? All right!" Morgan retorted to capitulate. "Get your notebook and your woman's intuition. It's YOUR health! You can be permitted to if you insist."

They were seated at Morgan's table with the leaf for her drawn out between them, and that a magic circle drawn about them, between evil and change and which could not pass.

"Yes," she loved him thoughtfully in her mind, "you of her heart, every body. But she thought she could be spared the pain of the moment which she still was battling inevitably like a deadly missile. Her beautiful, cruel eyes would be happy to go with him forever.

"Morgan asked so shivering. "I'll be coming up."

"Nan denied it, she told me about An- He's a rotter," of

course, but I believe he's really in love with Lois. If he threw her down today, you can chalk up a long black mark against my woman's intuition."

"No black mark yet," Morgan assured her, his deep-set black eyes twinkling. "He behaved pretty much as you predicted he would. Brainerd was wild by the time court adjourned, for he'd turned Ward over to me at half-past four and within five minutes he was making a better witness for the defense than he had for the prosecution."

"Brainerd had to get it into the record, of course, that Ward had been making love to Lois Downs, so that he could establish a motive for Lois's murdering the old lady. Ward also admitted on the direct examination that his wife and he had quarreled over his attentions to Lois, just the day before the old lady was poisoned."

"Just a minute," Nan interrupted, frowning thoughtfully. "Is there no loophole at all in Ward's alibi? He says—and of course can prove—that he was playing bridge in another apartment in the same apartment-hotel that he and his wife lived in. Why couldn't he have slipped out of the room when he was dumpy, hurried over to his own apartment, and slipped the poison to his wife in her medicine?"

"Brainerd had half a dozen witnesses on the stand today to prove he didn't," Morgan answered. "The Ward's apartment is on the seventh floor, remember, and Andrew Ward was playing bridge with the Delaneys, on the second. No hotel employee saw him; he surely would have been missed, and—most important of all—Mrs. Ward, as her daughters have testified, had a morbid fear of being poisoned and always refused to take a dose of medicine or a bite of food that had not been prepared by a nurse. No, I'm afraid that's a washout, partner."

"It's just that he's the only person who really had a motive for killing the old lady," Nan worried. "Here he is: a young man, who fancies himself a sheik, married to a wheel-chair invalid of 54, whom he can't divorce without losing the fortune he married her for, and in love with a pretty young nurse who, he figures, wouldn't be so indifferent to him if he were free and rich in his own right. Gobs of motive."

"And apparently not one ounce of opportunity," Morgan supplemented. "It's a pity, Nan, but I'm afraid we can't pin the murder on Sheik Andy. But to get back to my story: Brainerd deftly extracted only the facts that would help his case, then had to turn Ward over to me. I thought the boy was going to rise up out of the witness chair and embrace me, he looked so glad of a chance to be cross-examined. Brainerd had undoubtedly warned Ward that he could easily get himself indicted as an accessory, if he tried very hard to help Lois from the witness stand, but he evidently cares more for the girl than—"

"Or believes her innocent, as we do," Nan interrupted eagerly. "If Lois is acquitted, there'll be no basis for an action against Ward as an accessory before the fact, but he may find himself indicted for the murder itself. SOMEBODY killed the old lady! But go on! Sorry!"

"Ward admitted, with the utmost willingness, on cross examination, that Lois had never encouraged his love-making; that she told him she had a sweetheart already; that he had defended the girl to his wife, taking all the blame upon himself. The old lady had seen him trying to kiss the nurse, you know—"

"And what I can't see," Nan interrupted, "is why Mrs. Ward didn't fire the girl then and there, since she was apparently so crazy about her husband that she didn't want to kick him out. Lois insists that she had no quarrel with Mrs. Ward, but that when Andrew told her his wife was insanely jealous of her she wanted to quit and told Mrs. Ward so the very night the old lady died."

"Yes," Morgan frowned. "Her

daughters have admitted as much on cross examination. They say the old lady was going to change nurses the next day, but asked Lois to stay until she had someone else. Of course Brainerd will contend that Lois, knowing she would be there just one more night, took advantage of her opportunity and slipped the strychnine into the old lady's medicine—"

"Which Lois says she never gave her," Nan interrupted. "Well, it's obvious that SOMEBODY gave it to her. I tell you, Mr. Morgan, our only bet is those fingerprints on the medicine bottles and on the bathroom cabinet. I've been hoping that something would point toward Ward as the guilty party, since he had the strongest possible motive, but as long as that's out, we'll have to trust to those fingerprints to create a reasonable doubt in the minds of the jury."

"Funny there were no fingerprints at all on the glass. It looks as if the murderer would have thought of fingerprints in the cabinet and on the bottles if he remembered to wipe them off the glass on the bedside table—"

"Hold on!" Morgan admonished her. "You're forgetting that those mysterious prints were made by a woman's fingers. It's 'she,' not 'he.' Well, we must be thankful for what we have. Those fingerprints prove that some woman—we know they weren't made by Lois Downs, either of the two daughters, or by any woman servant that had access to the apartment—SOME woman was in that bathroom handling poison bottles and touching the cabinet. But how in heaven's name she got there without being seen or heard, mixed a lethal dose for the old lady and persuaded her to take it, as morbidly afraid as Mrs. Ward was of being poisoned—"

"Wait!" Nan cried. "I—I think

I've hit on something! Don't breathe for a minute—"

Nan screwed up her eyes and brows in fierce frown, twined the fingers of her right hand in her short, tumbled brown hair, and fairly radiated thought waves, while the man opposite her leaned back in his chair and regarded her with fond indulgence, but with a gleam of excited anticipation in his black eyes.

The sound of sudden, violent pounding on the outside door of the suite penetrated into the inner office. Nan started to rise, but Morgan pushed her back into her seat.

"Keep on with that heavy thinking," he commanded, laughing. "I'll see who it is."

In a minute or two he was back, his face alight with joy, a special delivery letter in his hand.

"A letter from Iris," he announced, as excited and eager as a boy with his first love letter. "Go right on solving the mystery while I read it, won't you, Nan?"

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J. L. Bisbee is attending the summer session at Randolph.

D. F. Brown and family took dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Dovie Collarman.

ARREST 32 IN LIQUOR RAID

NEW YORK, June 7.—The arrest of Count Maxence Thomas Marie Joseph Michael de Polignac

as the alleged European representative of a liquor syndicate that supplied New York millionaires was revealed today as the opening drive of a campaign which prohibition agents will wage against "higher-ups."

The count, who was seized yesterday, while in the bathtub at his suite in the exclusive Savoy-Plaza hotel, was free on \$25,000 bail today along with 32 other men

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