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my hand was raised, ready to

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CHAPTER II

Plumage.

A S I STOLE away from that door, I know that my knees

were loose. So often as I remem-

er that my hand was raised, ready

o knock, the sweat will start upon

I passed down the passage a-tip-

I was halfway down the stairs,

which rose in two flights, and the

loorway of the inn was before me,

when there came to my ears the

slam of the door of a car. I be-

lieve that I stopped instinctively,

but almost before I could think, a

figure was in the doorway-a little

wiry figure - and was heading

It was my old friend, Dewdrop.

Now I saw in a flash that unless

of the four it was he that had been

lying in wait to identify my at

.ass, I stood a very fair chance of

I, therefore, held on my way,

and since he was looking down,

Dewdrop did not perceive me un-

til he was three steps off. And

then our eyes met-for an instant.

His surprise was his undoing.

As plain as though he had said

as he said.

my forehead.

toe, as well I might.

straight for the stairs.

I went by.

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From Last Week) and puts his household in tear. I walked to the door and stood lisshe said, "I shall tening before I knocked. For a guarter of a minute I lis

se don't stand still out: start walking at hank you very much duty to me. Andt that that's ended." er slim hand, her mine.

I. "But my duty ns; and I'm not so that he called upon said the girl.

Impres mistress," I said. may have been would be short a

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"Colossal," says he. There's no other word. However, there's no harm done." He pulled out a map. "And now let's ece where we are. We ran through a village called Wagen some four miles back." We were twenty-two miles from

Plumage, and the hour was just my u'clock. "Tea with the goddess," he said,

'at five o'clock. What could be better? But I don't want to walt till then. Besides, we must find a hulging."

Plumage lay more than two miles from the high road. The farm was set on the floor of a fair-sized valley that ran due west. The dwelling itself was handsome, white and gray and low, with shutters of olive green.

We stole down the lane in siichce and as I brought the car to rest, Lady Helena Yorick came out of the house and behind her a great Alsatian, a very beautiful hound. Here for the first time I saw how truly lovely she was.

before he had spoken three words, I introduced my cousin and the knew why the house was disorlady gave him her hand.

dered and why I had not been re-"I know your work," she said. ceived: I knew why the maid was You painted my mother's brother trembling and why the housewife six years ago." was in tears: and I knew that, be

"In Philadelphia," Geoffrey said. they never so pleasing, the rooms 'lle carried his head as you do at The Reaping Hook were not for and he had the same blue-black 'We haven't found a place yet." Geoffrey and me . . . for the voice hair." was the voice of Pharaoh, who was

For a moment they spoke of her mother's American home. "Plumage," said Geoffrey, "deserves its beautiful name. Will you let me paint it one day, when the

battle is done?" Lady Helena laughed.

"I see," she said, "that you have been reading the map."

For a moment I stared. Then-"This isn't Yorick?" I cried. "No," said Geoffrey. "But it's on

the Yorick estate. Yorick itself is three miles beyond these woods." "And six miles from Annabel."

"You're very generous," I said. said Lady Helens. "Remembering Her eyes left mine-to light on that, Mr. Bohun, do you still prothe driving mirror, all splintered pose to stay there?" and starred.

ened."

you.

sald.

I swallowed.

get at an inn."

I don't understand."

My Lady Sat Down by My Side

"I don't quite know," I answered.

The girl gazed into the distance.

I could hardly believe my ears.

"Here? At Plumage?" I cried.

"I hope so. I can answer for the

"It's ideal." I heard myself say-

ing. "Simply ideal. We'll be on the spot, yet in hiding. But why-

"If you insist on fighting my bat

tle, the least I can do is to billet

man and his wife: and you'll have

a privacy here that you wouldn't

"I hope you'll stay here."

"No." said Geoffrey, "we don't After a long look, they returned We've-er-changed our minds." "I'm glad to hear it." said the siri. "Mr. Spencer is rather head-"Was that?" she said, nodding

a present from Annabel?" strong, and he doesn't seem to con-'Yes." sider that he's rather too young to "And you were driving?" "I was."

Lady Helena then turned to the bench on the left of the door. "Let's thrash this out," she said. She took her seat in the middle and we sat one on each side. drew a deep breath.

being no more than suspected as "You may take it from me." she said, "that this is no ordinary case. I know what these men are out for, and they're not going to stand any

> rot. "They're after something which fully. Thenisn't mine to give them and which sald, "since you got it back?"

they will never get. "Now, how d'you think they f about Mr. Spencer? They

so, I knew that he knew who I was that he has the power pelo and the second he spent in staring served my turn. As his fingers flew to his mouth, I hit him unto prison and death. der the jaw and leaped for the

the brush.

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back look for look.

"I beg your pardon."

egarding his barn. For a mos

wenty-four hours."

can't answer for them. in their position, I'll tel I should feel. I should not

The hall below us was flagged and I was afraid to hit hard lest Mr. Spencer was dead." he should topple backwards and "I'm inclined to agree," said GeofTHE HAUKELL PRES PRES

farm. Her groom led two spare horses, for after we had consulted, Geoffrey and I were to ride to Yorick for lunch.

As I stepped to her side-"Nothing new?" says she. "Nothing," said I. "And you?" She shook her head.

"Except that my brother's returnng. I wish he wasn't just now, but it can't be helped. At least he's coming alone. He's very young, you know; and people spoll him, and-and sometimes he makes the wrong friends, Where's Mr. Bohun?" miles off.

"Map-reading," said I. "His man with our big luggage, will get to Villach tonight. He's got to be met, of course. What Geoffrey is trying to do is to work out how we can fetch him without fetching Pharaoh, too. That show at Annabel's eaten into his brain."

"I wish it would eat into yours." Here Geoffrey walked out of the ouse and gave her good day. "And now tell me this," said he,

"Had young Florin keys upon him? "No," said the girl. "While he's within the castle, the night-watch-

on the pavement and before I could man carries keys: but before he move my lady sat down by my side. goes out, he leaves his keys with his mate." "Where are you staying?" she "Well, you beat them there," said

Geoffrey, "Young Florin was killed for the keys which he hadn't got." "I think you're wrong," said the girl. "To enter Yorick won't help them. I'm the person that matters,

They've got to bring me to my knees." Geoffrey looked at her very hard.

Then "Lady Helena versus Pharaoh and others. You know I can't help feeling that you ought to go to the

police. My lady pulled off her gloves. "Let's walk in the meadows," she said, "and I'll tell you one or two facts."

In silence, we left the apron and took to the fields. . . . "My father," she said, "had vis-

ion. He knew the great war was coming and he saw that after the war the world itself would fall upon evil times. Mother had a very great fortune, and father was rich, and his one idea was so to invest this money that, while the lean years were passing, it would be perfectly safe. I think he really want-"Tell me exactly what haped it for Yorick. Our motto is: All things pass, but Yorick endures, And When I had told the story, she be wanted to insure that Vorick would always be maintained as it has been maintained for about five "If you'd knocked on that door. hundred years. Well, this idea ob-She shivered. "May I look sessed him, and I think that my mother's death affected his brain. He threw back to his ancestors, and She examined the envelope carehe put his whole fortune in gold. Golden sovereigns, mostly." She put her hands to her eyes. "I tell

you it's the curse of my life." "You don't mean-" began my cousin.

"Yes. I do," said the girl. "Lying in the cellars at Yorick is the best part of two million pounds. It's going, of course. We live upon cap-Ital. But even so, it'll last for a hundred and fifty years. And long before that, of course, the idea

surprise, my Lady rode straight be- | tween them, her horse's head and was sitting at Villach, in the drivshoulders parting them as she went.

In the hall my lady left us, to go and change, and, when we had washed our hands, a servant led us to the terrace where a table

was laid. The view from here was astound ing, for we looked clean over the forest, which seemed to spread out like a fan, on the foothills and mountains which stood in their an-

cient order, the nearest some seven he lifted his voice. An Austrian lady joined us,

Madame Olava, who plainly lived at the castle, for Lady Helena's sake. But though in this way convention was doubtless observed, as I have seat. shown, my lady went unattended

whenever she chose. When luncheon was done, my cousin went off with Madame Olave

to see the gallery of pictures, but Lady Helena walked with me round the ramparts, showing me certain landmarks and telling me the lie

of the land. After a little-

"Was that gray all right this morning?"

> "Yes," said I. "He gave me lovely ride." "I thought he would. You shall have him to take you back. I shall

keep three horses at Plumage as long as you're there. With a groom, of course. You may have news any moment which I should hear." "I shall ride to Yorick," said I.

"to see how you are."

"But not too early," says she.

"Yorick wakes up at six, but its eyes aren't properly open till eight o'clock. So don't ride before then, if you please, either in this direction or anywhere else." "I'm going to ask you to do a difficult thing. It concerns old Florin. You see, it's so awful on him.

anyone moving in Salzburg must plainly be under the hand of the He knows I can take no action, Salzburg police: if, therefore, we And what can he do? He's got to could find him and then arouse sit down helpless under this shatsuspicion sufficient to have him detering blow, while the men that tained, although he might put up a dealt it go free. And so I want fight, his race was as good as run. you to see him and tell him what Secondly, it seemed pretty certain

you told me-that you are out to get them and to see that justice is done." "With all my beart." said "Let me see him at once." Without a word she led

have two men to deal with, and across the terrace and into a lithose very ordinary thieves. (And brary. Then she summoned a servhere I will say that I afterwards ant and bade him ask the warden learned that the fourth rogue was to come to her there. known as Bugle.) Two minutes later a man of

some sixty summers was ushered into the room. Helena spoke in German. "John, this is my warden. Florin,

this is the gentleman of whom 1 spoke. The warden bowed to me, and I

This is the Gentleman

I Spoke."

king. But before I take you

there, I've some work to do. I'm

going to find the fellows that took

his life. And they're going to pay

The warden lifted his head and

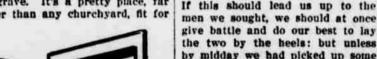
With his hand still in mine,

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"Your servant, sir," he said qui

Geoffrey and Barley and I were to went forward directly and took his visit The Reaping Hook : that Bugle and Rush would be gone, we hand. "I can't bring back your son, had no doubt, but we had some

Florin, but one day I'll show you hope of tracing the damaged car. his grave. It's a pretty place, far If this should lead us up to the better than any churchyard, fit for men we sought, we should at once



Eight hours had gone b.

the burden of Christian's sins. er's sent of the Rolls. My cousin When we had heard them in alle was on the platform. for what seemed a quarter of an The train from Salzburg steamed hour and had inspected the spots

titte Without a word being snoken our baggage was lifted aboard, and as Barley climbed in among it, my

cousin sat down by my side. "Let her go, John." Ten miles on we pulled up by

the side of the road. I felt my cousin nudge me. Then

"Anything to report, Barley?" The answer came pat.

"No, sir. Nothing at all." My cousin sat very still. Then he slewed himself around in his

fountain of talk stopped deals: all their excitement died an immediate "That's strange," he said, "I'd half an idea that you might per-

haps have seen someone-someone you thought you knew." "No, sir," said Barley, firmly,

"No one at all." "Look here," said Geoffrey, "before you left-"

A desperate voice cut him short. "Could I see you alone, sir, a moment ?" "You can speak the truth here and now. Mr. Spencer isn't going.

CHAPTER III

On Patrol.

the wisdom of acting without delay.

that Pharaoh had split his force

and that Rush and the fourth of

the rogues were yet in the coun-

Early the following morning,

definite clue, then Geoffrey and

Barley would leave for Salzburg

plans were laid.

We're all three going to stay." "Very good, sir. Then I seen

Rolls. "And now for Plumage and Pharaoh. And Dewdrop beside, I'll Villach. At least, this means we swear it was them. In Salzburg: can catch an earlier train." this afternoon. Come out of the Four hours later I bade my coustation, they did, as I walked in."

sin farewell.

shortly.

Helena glanced at her wrist and folded the map.

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grievance as I can only com

we had come to ask.

car?

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evil turn.

shook their heads.

The strangers were gone.

at which violence had been com-

mitted or damage done, we ven-

tured to put the questions which

What was the order of their go-

Our words might have been

I have never seen human beings

so suddenly change their tune. As

though we had turned some tap, the

They had seen nothing at all.

One minute the strangers were

there, and the next they were gone.

They had not seen them go: they

knew nothing of any car: when

we spoke of its being disabled.

they glanced at one another and

"Scared stiff," said Geoffrey

In silence we returned to the

afty

death and the two became as

and sullen as though we had

to trap them and to do them

ing and what had become of their

We were sitting by the water at F BARLEY'S news had given us Plumage, and had been for half an something to go on, it pointed hour, for when I got back from Vallich, a note from my lady was This for two very good reasons. In waiting to say that I might expect the first place, Salzburg for Phaher at five o'clock. raoh was dangerous ground, for

"Do you think you can find your way?'

"I think so," said I.

"By night, without lights, upon roads that you've never seeu?" I swallowed.

"I propose to watch certain points - the turning to Lass, for instance, and the coppice that you call Starlight: that's where the road turns closest to Yorick itself.'

tryside: and that meant that if we "And the car?" could find them, we should only

here?"

"I'll find some track or other and park her there."

Helena drew in her breath. "And supposing they're there before you and watch you arrive. . . .

They'll let you park the car and I will not set out our discussion steal back to the road. They'll let of these very obvious points, for you pick your position and settle fully three hours had gone by bedown. . . And tomorrow at dawn fore with many misgivings our they'll be digging another grave."

"Be honest," said I, laughing. "Why on earth should Rush and his fellow be watching these roads?" "I don't care," said Helena swift- rd. v. "It isn't a one-mun tob. Mr. Bohun must be out of his mind. Will you take Sabre with you? At

least, he'll give you warning if anyone else is at hand." "I will, indeed," said I. "What time are you leaving

"Sabre shall be there tonight at

"About ten o'clock." said I.

Where His Master may have been see : in which case, as the job, whatever it by the board, and Co.'s one idea will be thed the car in the limes which grew m the inn, on the of the way. me. I imagin 6

his pipe and ping Hook. asant inn, stand road. great, stone tap-Pictu

that some lately disor-d I began to It is V sure the host was ab-suffered some Press is There is she saw me, over her hold We t to her grief. lers. to the scullion and I had to 100 shoulder before ed that the heat

> T to the staircase the hall, and a 14 ---thich ran the les a pd the maid who had

lit his skull on the stone And so, though the blow was heavy, it was not heavy enough. Lay hold of me he could not, for his balance walked into their arms." was gone, but as I gained the fore-"My God," said the girl. court his piercing whistle rang out.

My cousin heard it-I saw him. He had his back to the inn, and the bonnet of the Rolls was open and he was making some adjustment, spanner in hand. For an instant he stared. And then the bonnet was shut, and the spanner was in his pocket and a pistol was

in his hand. Before I could speak-"Take the wheel," said Geoffrey, "and back her the way we came.

back. Turn her around there and wait. Is that their car?" "Yes, but-" "Quick," cried my cousin. As I flung myself into the Rolls.

saw Dewdrop, running towards us, stop in his tracks. As Geoffrey fired, the fellow turned and doubles dodging from side to side.

Then I lifted the car towards Geoffrey across the road. A closed car was standing

the inn. As Dewdrop whipped behind it my cousin fired again.

frey's life.

deoffrey was speaking.

another time you simply must do as I say. It's you they're after, not me. And now please put her ald baled their petrol-tank, so

Twenty minutes in distance." out of arreas on a grass-grown track this peried into Wiped the strengt from the clutch.

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could be in London tomorrow if you left Salbzurg tonight." My cousin sighed. "My lady," he said, "for one thing, he wouldn't go and, for an-other, it wouldn't be any use. Their finding that letter was deadly; it bore his London adjusts." There's a corner a hundred yards "Then what's to be done?"

Geoffrey. "Fate has played into his hands, and the only thing he can do is to stand and fight." Lady Helena arose. As Geoffrey and I stood up-

The engine of the Rolls was running and I let in the clutch.

the forecourt beside the door of

Pharaoh was standing in the doorway, with a hand to his hip: as he drew arms, Rush thrust out from behind him and sent him against the jamb. I shall always believe that this blunder saved Goof-

I had never stopped the Rolls and a Geoffrey leaped for the step 7 her go. In an instant two sho pre fired, and a bullet went by ing through the we were flash-

"Im much obliged, my son, But "I said Tm damned if I'm going.' And I'll tell you another thing. I'm damned if I'm going to be treated as though I were seven years old."

hard's think they'll start: all the

running-board, staring on the beau-ty before me and cursing my na-ruly tongue, when I heard a stop an exactly

Dear Mr. Spencer: The gentleman in green had done something which he must have known I should not like. That is "We bumped into them at why he was being buried. Verbun Annabel. They'd made the inn there up. their headquarters, and John

ed and easy to read.

at that letter of yours?"

I put it into her hand.

I raised my eyebrows.

never gave it a thought."

"Have you looked inside,"

"As a matter of fact I haven't

She pushed aside the torn edges

drew out the shoemaker's bill.

Tours very truly. We had read the words together. her face two inches from mine. "But, as you see," said Geof-Then we turned and looked at frey, "he also walked out. To tell each other. But I had no thought you the truth, we had the best of for the note. Her hair had stung my temples, and I could only won-"We put their car out of action der whether she knew how terri-They won't be able to move for bly attractive she was.

She sat very still for a long mo "That's a start worth having. He ment. And then she was up and was pushing her hair from her temples as though to be rid of her thoughts.

"Come. Let's talk to your cousin and then we can look at your rooms." Over her shoulder she threw me a dazzling smile. "To tell you the truth, they're ready. If you insisted on staying, I hoped "He must have his wish," said you'd stay here."

. . . . "We must go to bed," said my

"We've had an Arabian cousin. day." "I'm sorry," she said coldly. "From what Mr. Spencer told me, I fully believed I could count upon We had bathed and changed and eaten and now we were strolling on

the apron under the stars. your support. He's very young and "Never fight Fate," Geoffrey said downright, and he can see nothing but red. But I fully believed you My one idea this morning was to get you out of the way. To say so would see that my consent must would have been foolish, for the be given before you took on these blood was up in your head and you men. The man who is dead was wouldn't have gone. But I meant my servant, and the men are after to cool you at Annabel-let you my goods. If you stand and fight my goods. If you stand and fight you will therefore be fighting my battle, and that gives me the clear right to decline your help. And L do decline it, Mr. Bohun. If Lon-don's not safe, then leave for Paris irt with the hope of finding your port that he'd seen Pharaoh in Villach tomorrow, you'll see it's the first thing he'll say. So we should have left for Salzburg. . . And "I'm damned if I'm going." said I. fter a week or two there, young Lady Helena turned upon me Florin's face would have faded and you'd have come home. Very dis-honest, of course. But put your-My blood was up and I gave her self in my place, and you would

have done the same." "I don't think I should," I said, frowning."

"Yes, you would," said Geoffrey. "I'm your keeper, you know: and when people like Pharaoh get going, ordinarily people like us must Lady Helens did not reply. uddenly felt ashamed. Uneasily I turned to my cousin, but he had ment Barley comes back, we've got to locate these blackguards. First come, first served, you know." He drew in his breath. "We simply must find them, John, before they find us." strolled down the apron and was besitated. Then I made my way to the farther side of the Rolls. . . .

And there I was sitting, on the With that, he insisted that aid rotire for the night.

vas to change it back.' "Good God," said Geoffrey. And then, "But what astonishing foresight your father had."

"He was wise-in theory. But how would you like to have charge of two million pounds in gold? The only people who know are old Florin and I. I said it was in the cellars, but it is not as easy as that. it's in a private cellar. The way to which nobody knows.

"But of course it was bound to come out. I've done my very best, but there's been a leakage somewhere, and Pharaoh knows.

"Well, there you are. He obviously can't get away with a million pounds. He could never transport t, for one thing. Very well, what's his object? I imagine to levy blackmail. Of course I shan't submit, but I can't afford to let the position be known. That's why I can't go to the police. I'd be an outlaw tomorrow if people knew. Every-one's hand would be against me and half the thieves in Europe would be camping outside my gates." "The remedy's too obvious." said Geoffrey. "Why don't you get rid of the stuff?"

for it, Florin. I'll never rest till "Because I have passed my word. they're taken, alive or dead." My father made me swear that until the world was settled I'd keep looked me full in the eyes. Then our fortune in gold. he turped his head to his mistress

"Well, now you know why Phaand looked at her. Though he nevrach the Great is here. He may er spoke, he seemed to ask her prove hard to deal with, but I'm in some question, for after a moment no personal danger-I think that's clear." This was too much.

warden went down on one knee. "Clear !" I cried. "I don't think it's clear at all. I think you're etly. And then, "I am very grate in very great danger, by day and ful, sir. I cannot say more. My night. The man is ruthlessson will not rest in his grave if you know It." come to hurt."

"I entirely agree," said Geoffrey. Then he rose and turned to his "And I'll tell you another thing. In view of what you've told me this morning, I think it was no to me and left the room. mere chance that sent John down

to that dell."

Torick was like no castle that I have seen, for though it was mont ed, the moat was not under its walls, and the pile seemed to rise from an island which Nature had brought from a distance and set

We crossed the most by a draw-As she caught her breath-"Your oprvant," I said get that could no longer be moved, and a gravel road brought us up to the easile gateway, which must have been twenty feet high. This was new abut by vast cur-tains, of silver-gray, and to put

by train, whilst I remained at Plumage, lying low during the daytime and patrolling the roads about Yorick from dust to dawn. "And I give you my word," said Geoffrey, "if only you'll mind your step, I think you're more likely to get there than Barley and I. We've got PGto search a city, and we don't know where to begin. But your field is much more narrow. In the first place, Yorick's a loadstone, and Bugle and Rush will naturally turn that way. . . . But you simply must watch your step. You're out to get information, not to attack. If you find them, you must not strike: lie

down and see them home, and then drive all out for Salzburg and Barley and me. Will you give me your word to do that? And always to be back at Plumage before it's light?"

I gave him my solemn word, but I knew in my heart that he would never have left me if he had thought it likely that I should find Bugle and Rush, and that, though he disliked the idea of my work-

ing alone, he was doing his best to choose the lesser evil and to keep me away from Pharaoh at any price. Thanks to my lady's foresight

we could now send word to Yorick without any waste of time, and before we left the next morning our groom was on his way to the castle, bearing a note from my cousin in which he had set out our

plan. It was barely eight o'clock when we ran into Annabel.

By Geoffrey's direction I stopped the car at cross roads out of sight of The Reaping Hook: then he and Barley descended and walked as far as the forge which was walling one side of the forecourt that

nistress, and when she had smilled graced the inn; and there Geoffrey stood by the corner while Barley and nodded, he bowed to her and

walked up to the house. As luck would have it, a servant As the door closed behind was washing the steps, and a word from Barley brought him to Geof-

> Then my cousin turned and waved, and I brought up the Rolls, for, as we had fully expected, the birds were flown. One minute later we were speaking to the host and

his wife. . . . Now we had had no doubt that noment we questioned their indesirable guests, the two be only too ready to talk ate undesirable a ready to this would be only too ready to this themesives hearse; but we were rest arepared for the upste of inco-

poarter past ten." "And I'm not to thank you," I sald. "I stay at your house. I ride your horses: and now I'm to have your dog. As partnerships go, it seems to be rather one-sided."

"That," said my lady, "is foolish. What am I doing that, if you were placed as I am, you wouldn't be glad to do?"

"That ought to be the answer," said I.

She was sitting sideways, propping herself on an arm: and either because of her pose or because her hair was tumbled, she seemed no more the fine lady, but only a beautiful child.

Suddenly I knew that I was in love.

That night was very dark, and I would have given a lot to have seen but once by daylight the roads that I was to patrol: quite apart from picking my way, I could nee no track or turning until I was actu-

ally there. It follows that after ten minutes the only idea I had left was to get to where Sabre was waiting at the mouth of the castle drive : and

this, after great tribulation, I found about half-past ten. I overran it, of course. However, I knew I was right, so I stopped the eninto the road.

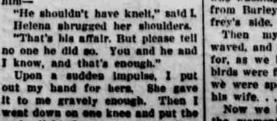
I was hastening back in the shadows when I suddenly found that something was moving beside me, and then, before I could think. the Alsatian was licking my hand. At once I turned, to make my way back to the car, but the dog did not turn with me and when I put my hand on his collar, he would

not move. (To Be Continued Next Week)

Mr. and Mrs. Collier Moore and daughter, Marjorie Sue and Mrs. Minnie Ward of Albany, visited in the home of Mrs. A. A. Frierson Christmas Day.

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Year's Political Calendar Shows Dates for All Political Events

With the advent of 1936, an expense report. Election Year" in which voters will choose from aspirants to prac- voting in person, in first primary. ically all offices from Constable President, voters and candidates mail voting. like will be interested in the folowing political calendar for the conventions held.

Dates of this political calendar grubber out of the confused and July 27-County executive com-complexed election status through mittee shall canvass returns; or tion of members of Attorneral William McCraw's staff. Include:

January 31-Last day for paying poll taxes.

May 2-Democratic primary conventions to name delegates to county conventions, for ultimate gins by mail. selection of democratic national convention delegates.

May 5-Democratic county con- ed in July. rentions.

May 26-State convention ominate-and perhaps instruct-|sent. delegates to democratic national

convention. June 1-Last day for candidates to file applications for place on primary ballot for state and distract offices.

June 8-State democratic executive committee meets at Austin ends. and prepares first primary ballot. and elects September convention city

June 13-Deadline for filing by candidates for county offices. June 15-County executive committee prepares ballot.

June 25-July 1-First campaign expense accounts must be filed. July 5-Absentee voting by mail

day starts July 13-17-Second campaign



ends.

al election for state office.

July 22-Last day for absentee July 23-Last day for absentees

July 25-First primary, Precinct July 26-Election judges shall deliver returns to county chairman.

July 27-County executive comif not filed, shall meet not later than August 1. July 25-28-Third campaign ex-

pense statement. August 1-County conventions

held, to elect state delegates. August 2-Absentee voting be-

August 4-Final compaign expense statements of those nominat-August 7-Absentee voting be-

to gins by persons expecting to be ab-

August 10-State executive comin run-off primary in August. August 10-14-Campaign ex-

pense statement, second primary. August 19-Absentce voting August 22-Second primary.

August 24-September 1-Final September 7-State executive

committee canvasses returns of econd primary. September 7-State executive committee canvasses returns of boys.

second primary. September 8-State convention or person to be away on election meets, declares party nominee,

adopts party platform. September 21-Last day for inlependent and non-partisan can-

idates to file for general election. October 14-State executive ommittee certifies names to secetary of state for officials general lection ballot. October 14-Absentee voting by nail begins for general election.

October 19-Absentee voting begins for those expecting to be absent on general election day. October 31-Absentee voting

November 3-General election

day. November 6—Election officials ertify returns of general election. November 18-State election board canvasses returns of gener-November 23-State election

board certifies election of presi-

dential electors. January 11, 1937-Presidential electors meet at Austin and cast ote of state as a unit for president and vice president. January 12-Forty-fifth legisla-

ure convenes. January 12-18-Legislature canasses returns for governor and lieutenant governor. January 10-Governor

lieutenant governor inaugurated. Judge Lynch Still

the acre.

News of Haskell SEVERAL INJURED **County Boys** In C. C. C. Camp WHEN CARS COLLID

The Trip In Christmas

When we started in Friday morning the weather was fine in Las Cruces but when we began crossing the Oregon pass we had to don our heavy clothes. I don't **Five Occupants of Haskell** know whether the cold weather or Car and Oklahoma Couple just seeing the snow made us "so cold, but anyway our heavy

clothes felt good. We rode all afternoon and all night and reached 'askell at 10:00 three seriously, in a collision in-o'clock Saturday n_ ning. volving the automobile of R. o'clock Saturday n, ning. The thing that caused the most

mittee canvasses returns of first the dwelling houses, tourist camps, primary and certifies candidates garages, etc. are made on the old

ly, Olen Jones, and Eldon Hall did not come home for the Christmas holidays. The trip was made on a new

xpense report of second primary. Dodge truck owned by Mr. Roger Gilstrap and deven by Mr. Richard Clark. We plan to return the same way. A large tarp was spread over

the truck for the comfort of the It certainly is great to be back

home again. Agent's Report_

(Continued from First Page) people join for the purpose of learning how to be better farmers. There are 29 Haskell County boys from the age of 10 to 18 who are enrolled in the 4-H Club.

There are now 21 community Farm organizations in Haskell County. There are 2,500 members of these various organizations which are composed of members

from 51 school districts. Another new innovation for

West Texas Farmers is the trench **Postal Receipts** silo. This type of storage for stock feed has long been advocated in the Last Quarter 1935 county and during 1935 there were two of these silos built. The builders of the silos are high in their A rush of Christmas mailing for

praise of the high type of stock feed that it is now possible to use. In the demonstrations, other

of the Haskell postoffice to the exthan the canning and beef cutting tent of a 100 per cent increase over and other minor savings that go last year during the eight-day to make up the life of the farmer, period between December 18 and 25, according to J. M. Diggs, postthere were some crop growing demonstrations. E. R. Wilson experimaster. Receipts for the entire holiday period were greatly in exmented on cotton and on a 12 acre patch, set aside for the special ex-

periments, he made 500 pounds of int cotton to the acre. The Oat Demonstration on another farm made 40 bushels to the

ess of any previous year, the postnaster added. Reflecting improved conditions in the territory served by the Hare

kell office, postal receipts for the acre, There was a 10 acre field of last three months of this these particular oats. Another tract showed an increase of \$1,182.5 over the same period in 1934. on the same farm was cultivated id planted with an inferior grade

FF'S **OF**FICE RECORDS MAN

THE BASKELL FREE PRES

MONDAY

Are Involved

Motorists and a bus passing the

ene shortly after the wreck carri-

ed occupants of both cars to Stam-

ford, where they were treated at

the Stamford Hospital, Examina-

tion disclosed that Mr. and Mrs.

Norris and Mr. Lowe were the

most seriously injured. Morris sus-

taining head injuries and his wife being injured about the head in

iddition to receiving several frac-

tured ribs. Lowe received a severe

gash on his right knee cutting al-

most through the knee-cap. Ram-

sey, teacher in the Haskell schools

suffered a fracture of the left

shoulder. Other occupants of the

Lowe car, superficially cut and

bruised, were badly shaken up but

returned to their homes after

he 1935 season boosted receipts

Show Big Gain

first-aid treatment.

ARRESTS Drunks Are at Head of

List of Charges Past Year

and helped the District Court here

set a new record in cases tried. Mrs. Hettie Williams, the office deputy in the sheriff's department has compiled the figures for the past year. These figures do not in-clude those that were not confined to fail but not figures do not in-

to jail, but pair fines or made bond Seven persons were injured, before they were incarcerated. There were 273 arrested for o'clock Saturday n., ning. The thing that caused the most excitement on the trip was a large black bear up in the mountains near Almagorda. The country there is very rough and is used for horse ranching. The timber is pine and the dwelling houses, tourist camps, garages, etc. are made on the old log cabin style. Out of the timber sawed at the local saw mills. We are sorry that W. T. Holmes-were damaged considerably. In the car with Mr. Lowe were his son, the duellon homes and Fidon Hall did car with Mr. Lowe were his son, to murder, one operating car with-Hugh, and R. L. Harrison, Leon out license and assault, one con-Pearsey and L. S. Ramsey. They were coming home after attending a wrestling match in Stamford. The Oklahoma City couple were en route to Sweetwater, Texas.

operating pool hall, one child desertion, one removing mortgaged ounderfeiting, six forgery, one insanjty, one given up by bondsmen, two driving trucks with excess weight, ten investigations, six out

of town, three operating a still and one drunk and disturbing the peace. There was one arrest made on

January first and there were i3 prisoners confined in the County Jail on January first.

Birthday Edition— (Continued From Page One)

terview on the times and conditions of the county. He recalls when there were 200 families camped in tents at Rice Springs, waiting for the workmen to build Picture if you can, three men, homes from the material that had handcuffed together and the offi-

to be hauled in by wagon trains cers feeling their way along up the from Abilene, Seymour and in hills and down the dales, trying some cases, from as far away as to get back to their cars; and the Wichita Falls. prisoners begging for a drink of

Advertisers who were the first patrons of the Free Press have been responding in numbers. On the front page of the first issue is a two column ad of the Tower Fish Brand Slicker. The Tower people have asked for space in the anni-creary edition and have comised a history of the raincoat, when we states rightly) was in-vented by a scotsman, Mackar

ented by a scotsman, Mackar by name. Hundreds of features will be the reward of the readers of the Free Press and it is carnestly requested

Raid-(Continued From Page One)

two or three miles from the loca-tion of the still and walked. Rather they waded, slid and swam, to the place were the faint red glow told them of the activity of the shiners.

Nature has been neglectful of our law enforcement agencies in not providing them with webs be-tween their toes to be used in Whiskey raids. However, the men

finally got up to the site and were within hearing distance of the moonshiners. They could hardly The Haskell County Sheriff's de-partment made several hundred arrests during the past year, in-vestigated several hundred calls restrain themselves when they heard one of them say, "Yeah. . stick your double blank head up for the Laws to shoot at."

funny part of this was that the "laws" could have shot all three of them with ease. A bean shooter would have carried the distance. The shiners were merrily piling in the wood. They had a nice fire going and the alleged whiskey was pouring out of the spout and they were dry except where the water was standing and all was so cozy. . The officers arranged themselves around the hole and listened. The conversation was intelligent and enlightening. The methods best used in distilling hootch. The proper preventatives to be employed by the makers to keep the mash from eating out the sides of the iron barrels. Oh, it was better than a Forum lecture, but the officers were soaking wet and discouraged.

There were only three and they expected a dozen. About the time one of the shiners started on a long discourse about the proper way to get out

of the clutches of the law. Just as property, two shop lifting, two he looked up at Mart Clifton who was dressed to resemble something between a dinosaur and a two row, soon

Peanut Thresher. His six feet and seven inches of height and 250 pounds of beef didn't make the tendent, summarized briefly the work done under his direction during 1934, saying that 1700 trees and 2000 shrubs had been planted shiner doubt his eyes. He gave a scream that sounded like Amos' on the right-of-way of highway

traversing the county. Fifty per bleat when Andy has them behind cent of these plantings are living, the eight ball and tried to scramble up the side of the bluff. He Mr. Hollar said. didn't pick his trail and when half

He further explained that the way up the side of the bank his State Highway Department would feet went out from under him and landscape and plant and take over with another "Awaaa" he was back down where he had started from. By this time the officers were laughing and they had to get out of the way to keep from stepping on the 'shiners. They finally came to a halt and let it go at that. Dicture if you can the main and plant and take over sites were secured and title given sites were secured and title given be outside of city or town limits, and alongside state highways. It of the way to keep from stepping to a halt and let it go at that.

Lions Club members indicated hearty support of the 1936 beautification plans, and the countywide program for the ensuing year, was given decided impetus as a result of Tuesday's meeting.

> "Yellow Lantana" **Centennial** Flower for Haskell County

Members of the Lions Club were given first-hand information

were given first-hand information regarding progress already made and plans for the coming year of the Highway Beautification Pro-gram inaugurated in 1934 by the State Highway Department, when the county committee in charge of this work met with the Lions Club of this exculute noon mentions These

at the regular noon meeting Tues-day. Committee members present were Mrs. J. U. Fleids, Mrs. Sam Newsome, Mrs. Edd Hollar, Has-kell; Mrs. Gene Smith, Mrs. H. Weinert, Weinert; and Mrs. M. W. Rogers of Rule. Edd Hollar, state highway superintendent of Has-kell county was also in attendence

Mrs. J. U. Fields in a brief talk

urged that 1936 be made an out-standing year in beautifying State highways, because of the

Texas Centennial. In connection,

Mrs. Fields advocated a county-

wide Clean-up and Paint-up cam-

and tourists.

kell county was also in attend

ket as has been ou Dec. 16-11:40. 17--11:51. 18--11:46. 19--11:50. 20--11:56. 21--11:64. 22--Sunday. 23--11:65. 24--11:67. 25--Holiday. 26--11:61. 27--11:60. paign that will make Haskell County more attractive to visitors Mrs. Hollar gave a report on the work done on the park South of town last year and told of efforts made to secure park sites at various other places along state high ways. Greater efforts along this ine will be made in 1936, she said. 27-11:60. Mrs. Rogers outlined the situation regarding a park near Rule, and expressed confidence that a suitable site would be secured

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ed show that aloust 00.5 cen paid out of the Government sidy guarantee. Edd Hollar, highway superin-

Boone Rites-

Besides her parents, she is vived by one sister, Dorothy lie, and two brothers, Wallace Pallbearers: John Bates, G

Jesse George Newsome, Wei Harold Brickhouse, Weinert; S ley Furrh, Haskell; A. L. B man, Munday; E. D. Earle, W ert.

Ladies who assisted with flowers were: Mrs. Dimple Mrs. A. L. Buckman, Munday; Claude Reid, Mrs. Ruby Co Weinert; Mrs. Stanley Furth kell; Miss Mildred Sadler, Wei Miss Irene Martin, Munday; Maxie Dingus, Munday; Jonelle Stodghill, Munday;

Thelma Therwhanger, Weit Miss Dorothy Mae Therwhar stamford. Honorary pallbearers: C. T. C. ter, G. C. Newsome, Sr., G. Newsome, Jr., I. N. Furth Sr. N. Furth, Jr., John Wallact, A Mayfield, Grover Jones, A

The Yellow Lantana, flowering shrub which can be easily culti-toold get them back ann. The Yellow Lantana, flowering shrub which can be easily culti-ton, frvin Corgin, John L. I field, Dr. J. F. Cadenhead, C Baker, Jerry Kane, Sr., Pete H Haskell county for 1936, Selection the still the next morn-after Reiley Lewellen had tting in the front seat, dir-





Funeral services for Alice, infant daughter of Mrs. M. E. Hilliard were the family home at 3:00 P. day, December 27.

The baby was born Dec The baby was born Dec 17, and died December 26. She is survived by her and four brothers, Newton, Roland and Frank Wiley; 5 ters Nellie Mae, Rosalla, N

Rev. J. L. Scheets officiated the services and burial was at Willow Cemetery with the Kin Funeral Home, J. H. Kinney charge of the burial which in Willow Cemetery.

Spot Cotton Avera

The Spot Cotton market for

past two weeks was down the previous reports. Due to fact that the Free Press was p

ed several days early last we were unable to report the

ket as has been our cu

Francis Evelyn.

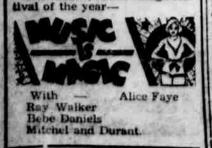
These two weeks when a

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ELLERY Dorothy WILSON Russell HARDIE Bill ROBINSON A POX PIC Admission 10-35c Tuesday, January 7

James Dunn TRE PAYOFF Admission 10-25c Wednesday-Thursday, Jan. 8-9

The PLAY ROCKED NATION! WILDERNESS ALLACE BEERT Friday-Saturday, Jan. 10-11 The fastest, funiest laugh fe



Institute in Alabama seems to be past year but, in his report to the ather non-committal about the ynching question. We present the next year. igures for the past year, but they are not compared with the figures

by Institute Shows

Holds Court, Report

for 1934 According to the records comailed in the Department of Re-

ords and Research of the Tuske- their luck on Friday 13th. The day gee Institute there were 20 before Christmas was quite popu-persons lynched in 1935. This is lar. Six couples were in the holiday derstandings which arose out of more than the number 15 for spirit or thought that the holidays the contract for 1935, is provided 1934; 8 less than the number 28 or 1933; and 12 more than the number 8 for 1932. 13 of the per- there were seven who depended on producers soon by the Division of sons lynched were in the hands the 7th to give them a good start Cotton of the AAA, A. L. Smith, of the law; 5 were taken from on the troubled seas of matrimony, chairman of the Cotton Allotment tails, 6 from officers of the law.

to death in a jail. There were 53 instances t lynchings, 9 of these were in

istances the prisoners were re- Watkins; J. Elvin Berryhill and division of the remaining 50 pernoved or the guards augmented or Joan Derr; Bernice Onstead and cent in the proportion that ther instances, armed force was Mazie King, Louise Jackson and used to repel the would be lynch- Georgiana Lee Brooks; George W. payments will make unnecessary ers. A total of 84 persons, 17 white Vernon Jr. and Anna Lila Oliver: the and 67 Negro, were thus saved William Cordell Henry and Vera Smith pointed out. from death at the hands of the Mae Edwards, Robert S. Calloway mobs

Of the 20 persons lynched, 2 C. McClennan and Betty Fae Mo-were white and 18 were Nego. The well; Doyle Mansel Littlepage and offenses charged were: murder, 7; Lois Guinn; Raymond D. Henslee attempted rape, 3; rape, 3; alterca- and Eva Wooldridge: Robert Pierce tion with man, 1; activity in share Holcomb and Otta Mae Kelley: ropper organizing, 1; attacking Herbert L. Lehman and Alma person, 1; taking prisoner from of- Niedereck; Paul F. Schwartz and ficer of the law, 1; killed by mob Vida Evelyn Simpson; Fred Grifn search of another person, 1; fin and Ertha Marie Spikes, Toldapping a woman, 1; communistic bert Emmit Beason and Ardelle Lorene Williams; John Belton activity, 1.

The States in which lynchings Duncan and Lucille Kendall; Aloccurred and the number in each gie Peters and Arline Mapes, Otho States are as follows: California, 1; Walter Nanny and Florine Stodg-Florida, 2; Georgia, 2; Louisiana, 4; hill; Robert Rex Murray and Sena Mississippi, 7; North Carolina, 1; Mae Davis; Robert Speck and Mississippi, 7; North Carolina, 1; Tennessee, 1; Texas, 2. Shelly Hanson; Roy Jones and Mary Davis; W. L. Trimmer and

1936 Ladies Birthday

Almanacs Now Available Local stores selling Black-Draught and Cardui have a limit-

Vineta Blake; Clyde W. Covey and d number of copies of the new 936 Ladies Birthday Almanac. Demand for these popular alman-J. Clark and Clara Mae Hunt. es is reported to be heavier this ear than ever before. They are ree to those who ask for one, as

ong as the supply lasts. isted here were on the record as Miss. Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Kennedy and children of Skellytown, were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dulaney of guests of their uncle. Mr. and

Bonham, are visiting Mrs. Du-Mrs. J. F. Kennedy and family the laney's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E past week-end. Black this week.

Mae

of seed and made but 25 bushels to SPLIT IN PAYMENT All in all, County Agent Chesser is well pleased with the work shown by his department for the OF COTTON County Judge, Charles M. Conner, he hopes to improve this record SET

Marriage Licenses— (Continued From Page One)

A new division of payments between landlords and tenants on a would make as good a start as any. for in the new four-year cotton ad-In spite of the 13th avoidance, justment contract to be offered to Those who obtained licenses in Board at College Station, said in

outside of jails and 2 were shot December were: Reece Clark and explaining this provision today. Frances LeFevre; V. C. Holloway The division of the payments

in and Gertrude Whitaker; Odis C. will be made on the following brwhich officers of the law prevent- Taylor and Lorce Driggers; Morris sis: 37 1-2 percent to the person Simpson Walker and Velah Mae furnishing the land; 12 1-2 percent rthern and Western States and White; George Kay and Josephine to the individual furnishing the in Southern States. In 42 of the Carver; Earl Couch and Dottie work stock and equipment; and a her precautions taken. In the 11 Odessa Tenney; Oran Bernard and cotton or its proceeds is divided. "This provision for division or classification of tenants. Operating under the 1936 con-

and Selma Delilah Mapes; Wallace tract, the share cropper will receive 25 percent of the payments as compared to 15 percent in 1935. A share tenant, one who furnishes work stock and equipment, will re-

the payments in 1936. "The percentages arrived at in the above comparisons were based on a division of three-fourths of the cotton to the share tenant and one-half to the share cropper," Mr. Smith said.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this method of thanking our many friends and neigh-Smith, Junction, Texas. Twenty-seven grand-children and twentyborsbors for their deed of kind-Lois Hall; Fred R. Jander and Ida ness and words of sympathy ex-Mac Messinger; James Nelson and tended us during the recent illness vive. John Decker, W. T. Sarrels Chas. Jones. Inez Shaw: Croft A. Laird and and death of our dear son and Rose Cousins: O. N. Garrett and brother.

Also, we wish to express Leota Mae Brooks; Norman A. thanks to Dr. Taylor and Dr. Cum-

ago

Martin and Lois Mauldin, Melvin mins for their untiring efforts and Potter and Thelma Frost; Ernest tender faithfulnes in his behalf. To ected by J. H. Kinney of the Kinthe Haskell Baptist Sunday School ney Funeral Home

NOTICE

or oats left that you want to sell,

report the quantity to me. I will be shipping a car of each next week,

The widows seem to be losing Class and to those, who sent the ground inasmuch as all the ladies beautiful flowers. May the Heavenly Father bless If you have a remnant of wheat

each one of you is our prayer. and children.

which will be my last for the sea-B. T. Britton of Benjamin, was son. visitor in our city Tuesday

Press and it is granted of the remersion of giving away for the still. He is a good night configure of the which is incorporative during the still. He is a good night trailer the still area of telephone us of the state fuit how the still the is a good night configure of the still the still the is a good night trailer the still the still the is a good night trailer the still the st

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Woolridge_

J. S. Fox of Tulsa, Okla., and invited to inspect the equipment iron Pearsey of Haskell, were that made a Not of Christmas guests at the home of A. B. Barnett Christmas Eve.

To look at the sides of thos barrels that have been eaten this by the whiskey that was made in better than the Keely Cure The pictures were made on

dark day with clouds hanging over antry. He was wounded in action the country and as a result, they are not quite bright enough to reprint in the Free Press but Sheriff Giles Kemp has a set of them and will be glad to show them to any and all comers who care to sec what they have been drinking late-

quet now. Everyone is invited and To date, none of the men have made bond and are waiting the ac-tion of the Grand Jury which meets next week.

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Surviving children are: one son, of Haskell and Miss Lois Stuart B. Woolridge, Rule; daughters, Mrs. Julia Wade, Rule; Mrs. Mag-gie Daniel Odell, Texas; Mrs. Willie grandchildren and one great McAfee, Aspermont; Mrs. Effie grandchild also survive.

Pallbearers were: Virgil Brown Arthur Merchant, Garland Orr. and

Active pallbearers were: E. W. Flowers were handled by Misser Simpson, Charlie Trilby, S. Town-send, Tobe Hatch, Jim Pierce and Tom Cogburn. Funeral arrangements were dir-Funeral arrangements were dir-Geraldine Fouts.

Volma Johnson is Taken To Mineral Wells For Tr

Johnson of Haskell, the Crazy Rotel in M

on will take the

Miss Velma John

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pleasure that we present for the approval of the voters: Mr. Ver-non D. Adcock, for the office of District Attorney; Mr. Sebo Brit-ton for the office of City Marshal; Mr. W. B. Sarrells for Sheriff Wilton Kennedy for City Marshal and Roy Ratliff for District Clerk

"Brief Biographies"

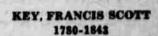
1780-1843

An American lawyer and statesman who wrote the Star Spangled Banner after wit-nessing the shelling of the American Forces by the British all night and the Flay was still there

Insurance such as we write will make you want to sing an-thems, when you know that we are still there in case of trouble

F L. Daugherty





greater returns

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An orchard is like

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at the Battle of Murfreesboro, Dec. 31, 1862, and was detained in hospitals at Marietta, and Dalton, Ga., until he was discharged because of disabilities caused by his wounds, March 5, 1864.

Returning to Paris, Texas, he was married to Miss Julia L. Herrington in that city Oct. 18, 1865, and they were the parents of ten ceive approximately 50 percent of children, five of whom are living. The family moved to Erath county in 1876, next to Eastland county in 1880, and from the latter county

came to this section in 1888. Mrs. Stuart-Woolridge died a number of years