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SYNOPSIS refuses, declaring that he shall never Street.

ried Luke for revenge. She does not greeted him with all the superficial would soon be unassailable. leaves her and wanders about Lon- tradesman in this neighborhood. don, trying to understand what hap- "I am Mrs. Fraser," she said. ly brought him a message from Gun- quickly. crook. Danty Morell, a friend of tal-Smith?" saw Gunner Haynes one night when the flap of the counter. ferre's affairs.

she gets a telegram from Paris, sign- would happen next. Now Go On With The Story-

Luke frowned.

gage. He was strong enough to walk, sent, to give me some excuse for the find the truth." Margaret Leferre marries Luke for he had taken an appreciable terrible way I treated Luke." She He was almost livid with a fury he "If he knows Luke-" she began. Maddison, wealthy banker, after he amount of exercise on the terrace of smiled. "I should be awfully un- could hardly disguise. His lips curled "He doesn't—that's just a trick to has transferred to her every dollar the hospital; but he had lost weight comfortably if I thought my money in a sneer. with which to pay an obligation. She go to Mrs. Fraser, at 339 Ginnett rich man."

ruined him, and Margaret had mar- tured woman with brassy hair. who the faith that his financial position making a big difference." Itone of indifference.

pened, when he meets Lewing, an un- "I was told to call and see you," you consult your lawyer?" derworld character who has previous- he began, when she interrupted him | She shook her head.

fraid of him. Haynes is now in pris- respectful almost fawning. "I thought his easy path, and at the moment it made for herself in his life. It was he said. on, and Detective Bird, of Scotland you wasn't coming out till tomorrow." seemed unscalable. He had to play not like Danton Morrell to allow any His tone was as calm as though he Yard, known as "The Sparrow," has She led the way into a frowsy lit- for time now; his native cunning told woman a foothold in the cold thing were announcing himself the member been making inquiries about Rex Le- the parlor and closed the door com- him that so long as he had her on his he called a heart; but insensibly, and of an honorable guild. There is something mysterious a- "It's lucky I had the room done up should lose hope. He had intend- to do me a service—I should like to

greater mystery as to who it was who rare one for getting things done in been certain of tens of thousands; was almost unbelievable. killed Lewing while he is talking with time. Will you come this way, Mr. there was still an odd thousand or And with this came another reali- "Mr. Danton Morrell is a friend of

sciousness two weeks later in a hos- her. At the first sight of that dingy shrewdly. pital, with nothing to indicate his i- shop he had been tempted to turn "When do you expect to leave for dentity. He has a heavy beard and back, to find a new foothold to life; Ronda?" the hospital people call him "Smith." but now he went after the woman al- "In two days' time," she Margaret sees a photograph of the most gaily. For that was the inerad- quickly—so quickly that he realized mysterious "Smith" in a newspaper icable weakness of Luke Maddison: she had worked it out to the hour. but does not recognize it. Meantime a consuming curiosity as to what "As soon as I am certain that Luke is in Ronda I shall go to him."

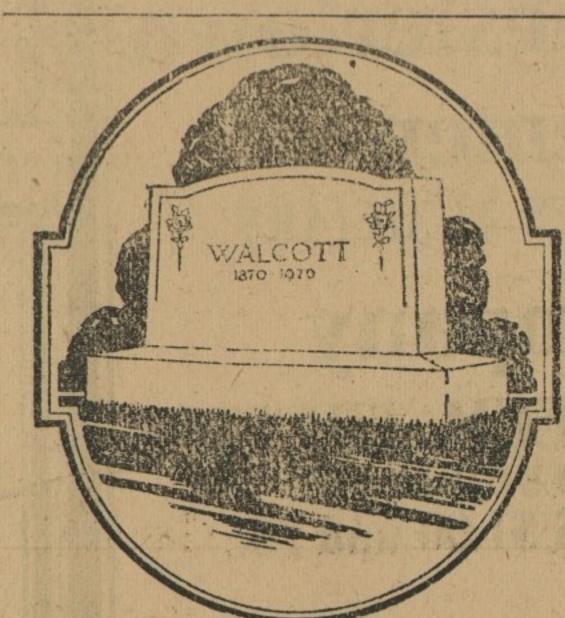
ed "Luke" saying he will not come At some time or other there had "Exactly what will you say to back and will supply evidence for a been built a small annex to the house him?" divorce. Luke Maddison, in the hos- the floors were firmer, the doors He could not resist asking this pital, knowing nothing of this, de- seemed heavier. She opened one of question, though he realized even as cides that he will keep on calling him- these and showed him into a room, he spoke the words that he was guilself Smith and see what happens. | the comfort of which was rather stag- ty of a tactical error. gering. He expected to see some- He saw her stiffen; that cold look thing particularly uninviting, and it came back to the beautiful eyes. "A friend of yours wishes to see is possible that, had this been the "That is entirely a matter between you," she said. "He says he knows case, he would have declined the Luke and me," she said. "I have lodging and gone elsewhere. But the made this mess, I am afraid, and I bed was neat, the sheets spotless; the must get out of it."

"A friend?" he repeated. "I'm sure furniture, though plain, was ample, In his desperation he blundered ahe's mistaken me for somebody else." and a small fire burned in the grate. gain.

"No, he particularly asked for you. "To air the room," she explained al- "You owe something to Rex's mem-He said the man who was stabbed; of most apologetically, and led him to ory," he said. "I don't know what The only radio with tone fifth of the entire population of Aryou're feeling about Luke, but there's quality approved by the a fact that can'e be blinked. Luke world's great could have saved your brother's life; instead, when he found he was ruined, artists. he hounded him still further into the mire. His god is money-"

"Yet, he gave me everything," she said quietly; "and when I refused him money, he went away without a word Don't you realize, Danton, that had he gone to his lawyer, had he gone to

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the courts—had he done anything—I slightly," the girl went on, "and he must have given him the money back, wants particularly to see you." not because he had any legal right to Danty gaped at her. it but because I would not have dar- "You didn't tell him I was here, ed to face a public inquiry. He may did you?" he began, and saw the look have been mean, he may have been of astonishment in Margaret's face. terribly cruel, but I cannot right one "Do you know him?" wrong with another. That is the con- He nodded, and glanced significant-

almost friendly. "We shall have to maid had gone and the door was thresh out this business of Rex-it's closed: "Dho is he?" very ugly and hurtful, and I can't "He's a man I don't wish to see, think of it calmly even now. Luke and a man I don't think you ought to may have some explanation; there see. He's a criminal, the fellow who may be a very excellent reason why was arrested that night at the Carl-

he has in the world. After the cere- and his clothes hung loosely upon him. made any difference to you in your "It seems to me that the result of and he's a pretty dangerous man." mony he asks her for some money The mysterious man had told him to scheme, Danton. Happily, you're a your reconciliation—I suppose that's "Then you'd better be here when what it is coming to-will be to leave he comes," she said, and saw by his Danty noddedly slowly. He had that me in the lurch and put me wrong consternation that this was not an have a cent of his money back. She He pushed open the door; a crack- morning letter with anybody. Financially it may ruin acceptable suggestion. "I'd better discloses to him the fact that her bro- ed bell clanged, and after a while from his banker, for he had been me. Luke had a big influence in the see him," she said. "Will you wait ther, Rex. who was found shot, had there emerged through a door lead- spending money and losing large City, and even now the mere sugges- in the little drawing room?" left a note saying that Maddison had ing to the shop parlor a sharp-fea- sums at his favorite gaming house in tion that I was antagonstic to him is Margaret in that mood he could not

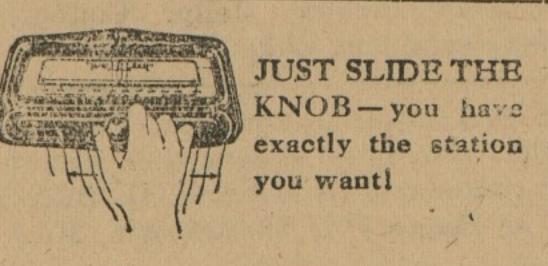
name to a large check. Maddison was the normal attitude of the small balance and forced his voice into a "you're making me feel a pig! You the Gunner pass the closed door.

Danton Morrell was puzzled. Why and a certain refinement which she "In matters of conscience one does was she so cheerful? And then he re- had not expected. municating with the shop carefully. side there was no reason why he for some reason which he could not "I met your husband once; he tried bout Gunner Haynes, and an even for you today." she said. "I'm a of hundreds of thousands; he had ed as a dupe had become a factor. It do him one, Mrs. Maddison."

Maddison and seriously wounds Mad- What's-your name " two for the picking and possibly a zation that momentarily left him a- yours, isn't he?" he asked. dison himself. Luke recovers con- Curiosity impelled him to follow greater haul if he played the game ghast. She was in love with her hus- "Yes," she said coldly. "Why?"

> He had opened his lips to speak "I was wondering. Mrs. Maddiwhen there came a discreet knock at son, would you think I was impertinthe door and the maid entered. ent if I asked you why wour husband "There's a gentleman wishes to see left you?" you, Madam—a Mr. Haynes.' Had Margaret been looking at him, "Do you think you would be?" she

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sideration which made me give back ly at the girl. the money to Mr. Stiles," she went on | "Just wait a moment outside, will in a voice less tense, more agreeable, you?" said Margaret, and, when the

Rex. At any rate, it's my job to him away." She hesitated.

see you. He'll probably want money,

combat; he agreed sulkily to her sug-To his surprise she laughed. gestion, and was in the little drawing know that Rex had forged Maddison's unfriendliness which he discovered his "Danton," she said, almost gaily, room when he heard the quick step of don't imagine I would allow a friend | Margaret was unprepared for the "I'm not sure that you're wise. Did of Rex's to suffer because of the help type that came into the drawing room. he tried to give me?"

The tanned, hawk face had a strength

ner Haynes, a famous American "Are you the man from the hospi- not consult lawyers," she said quiet- membered—she would be in Ronda in "Are you Mrs. Maddison?" drawled a few days, would be united with her the visitor, and she inclined her head Margaret's and of her brother, Rex, Luke smiled and nodded. She lifted It was difficult enough even to husband. The thought made him slightly. "My name's Haynes—the make intelligent conversation. Her wince; he was beginning to under- police know me as Gunner Haynes. Maddison was with him, and is a- "Come in, will you?" Her tone was a dead wall built across stand how big a place this girl had I'm a jewel thief among other things,

She saw his lips twitch.

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she would have seen Danty's face go asked quietly, and saw that faint smile of his. CONTINUED NEXT WEEK

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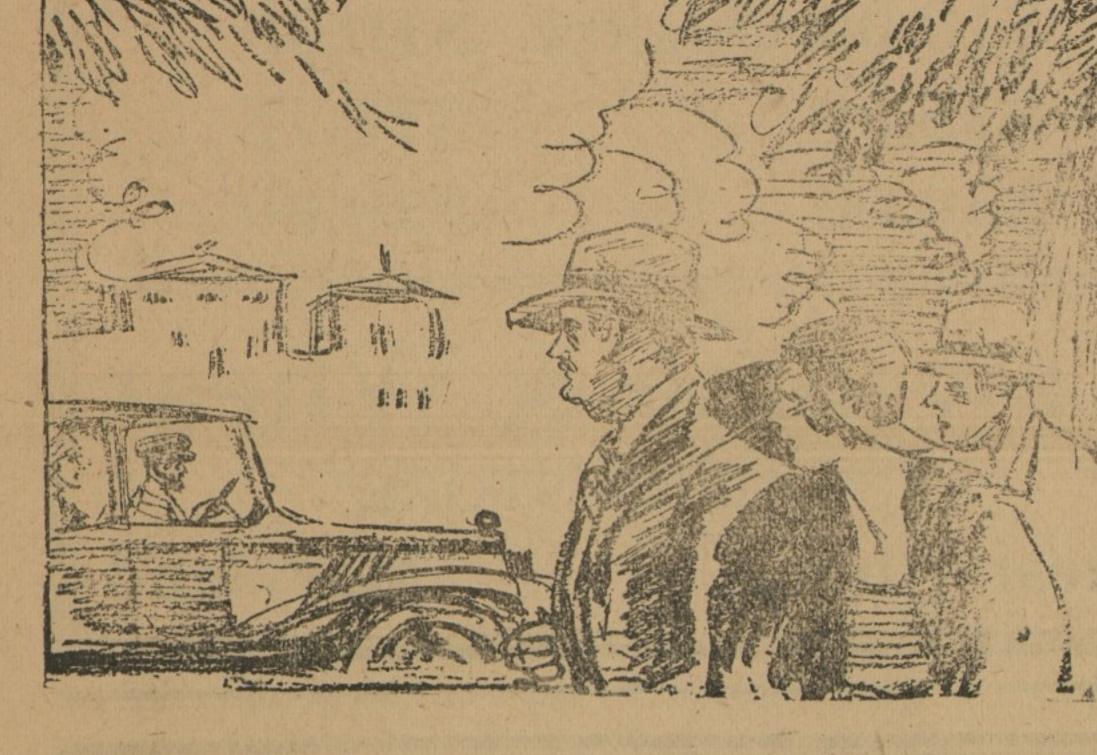


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"You've given back all the money he gave you?" he stammered

was Smith, because it isn't." "Oh, yes, it is, sister-I'm profoundly curious; let him come in." seen before. His shabbiness was re- was almost comic. heved by a collar of such surprising "You've given back all the money whiteness that Luke guessed it had he gave you " he stammered. been bought for the occasion, as also | "Why shouldn't I? I have enough man with a very small face, sharp- trustee of the fund, is making me a featured; his heavily lidded eyes sufficient allowance."

he came stalthily to the bed. "All right, sister." His voice was been blown away as a feather that Lewing's voice was that way, him the trouble of speaking and gave and wondered if this was a relative.) him time to recover himself, for she "Is this your friend?" asked the went on:

The man nodded. "That's him all right, miss." The nurse disappeared and the man bent over the bed. He smelt musty and unsavory, as though his clothes was had been stored in a damp place. "Joe says that as you didn't squeak

he's going to make things right for

"Didn't what?" asked Luke. "Speak. Don't be funny. When you come out, see him." He slipped a dirty piece of paper under the pollow, and Luke heard a well-remembered rustle. "There's a fiver for you. Joe says he'll look after you." "God bless him." said Luke soberly, for if ever there was a man who wanted looking after, it's me!" He left the hospital on a sunny afternoon, and could walk out without

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assistance, for he had carried no bag-

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course, I didn't tell him your name understand that this luxuary was im-

permanent. Danty looked at Margaret in horri-The man who came in he had never fied amazement. His construction

glanced furtively left and right before He could only gaze at her, dumbfounded. All his fine schemes had high and husky (Luke remembered steam is blown by a gale. She saved

> "Luke has never been in Paris since he went away-some interested person must have sent that wire. I almost feel as though I willed it to be

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