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INSTALMENT II.

Eight Clocks In All

"I'm afraid I was a bit late and practical one. coming down,' 'said Mr. Wade with "He will hear them ticking when engaging frankness. "It's an extra- he goes to bed." happen to be staying, I'm always other. last to be down."

"I don't know why it is," said The brainy one passed on.

think. I'm sure." suggested Lady Coote.

plicity of the solution rather took guess something's up." him aback. Meanwhile the expedition was Thesiger.

doing well. The principal emporium of Market Basing had been invaded and the sudden demand for Ronny stared at him. alarm clocks was considerably puzzling the proprietor.

murmured Bill. "You know her, it isn't possible for any one to be don't you. Jimmy? Oh, you'd like quite the ass old Gerry makes her. She's a splendid girl—a real himself out to be." get brains too. You know her, was a serious look on

Ronny shook his head. "Don't know Bundle? Where brains."

"If you'll allow me to advise 7-11 one. It's a good clock—I'm not about these clocks?" at 10-6. Reliability, you under-Jimmy. stand. I shouldn't like you to say Pongo, urged to bring his great

"We don't want a reliable one," gave his decision.

"We don't want a subtle one," down on the floor." said Socks. "We want one with a "Little Pongo's right again."

good loud ring." was unable to finish, because downstairs and disarm suspicion minutes the shop was hideous was conscientiously pointing

many alarm clocks. ters were selected.

it. He shall be represented among to tell me." those present." "That's right," said Bill. "And actly the same errors.

I'll take an extra one for Lady At intervals, Gerald Wade said Coote. The more the merrier. And to Pongo: she's doing some of the spade "Well played, partner, jolly well work. Probably gassing away to played." old Gerry now."

Indeed at this precise moment culations with Ronny Devereux.

zled air. Very spirited the young giggles and low whispers. people of the upper classes nowa- "His light went out about twenty kind of dripless teapot.

Concerning Alarm Clocks

"Now where shall we put them?" difficulty arose. -not that suggesting is the right the door."

were partners against Lady Coote eral clumsiness which latter clause and Gerald Wade, which was a he fiercely denied. Jimmy Thesvery happy arrangement. Sir Os- iger and Ronny Devereux were wald played bridge, like he did considered possibles, but in the everything else, extremely well, end an overwhelming majority deand liked a partner to correspond. cided in favor of Rupert Bateman. Bateman was as efficient a bridge "Pongo's the lad," agreed Jim-Gerald Wade were amiable and down and not raise his suspicions discursive and the young man "Something subtle," suggested never failed to say at the conclu- the girl Socks thoughtfully. sion of each hand, "I say, partner, "Exactly," said Jimmy. you played that simply splendid- Pongo performed his job neatly ly," in tones of simple admiration and efficiently. Cautiously openwhich Lady Coote found both ing the bedroom door, he disapnovel and extremely soothing. peared into the darkness inside Bill Phillips

dancing to the wireless in the big the threshold and two more were ballroom. In reality they were handed to him and then again grouped around the door of Gerald twice more. Finally he emerged. Former Captain of Vancouver Lions Wade's bedroom, and the air was Every one held his breath and lisfull of subdued giggles and the tened. The rhythmical breathing

loud ticking of clocks. question.

A Champion Sleeper "And what shall we set them at? What time, I mean? All together so that there's one glorious what

not, or at intervals?" One party argued that for a cham- that the offense cannot reach it. "Yes sir-an' 'e was very peace- truff we ain't got none," was the pion sleeper like Gerry Wade the -Decartes.

combined ringing of eight alarm clocks was necessary. The other party argued in favor of steady

at one after the other, starting

is coming up the stairs." There was a panic.

in the situation at a glance. He then made a comment, a simple

ordinary thing, but wherever I The conspirators looked at each

"What did I tell you?" "Very extraordinary," said Lady Jimmy in a reverent voice, "Pongo always did have prains."

Mr. Wade meditating. "I can't "It's true," admitted Ronny Devereux, his head on one side. "Eight "Why don't you just get up?" clocks all ticking at once do make a devil of a row. Even old Gerry "Oh!" said Mr. Wade. The sim- ass as he is, couldn't miss it. He'll

"I wonder if he is," said Jimmy "Is what?"

"Such an ass as we all think." "We all know old Gerald." "Do we?" said Jimmy. "I've "I wish we'd got Bundle here," sometimes thought that—well, that

good sport—and mark you, she's They all stared at him. There

"Jimmy," he said, "you've got have you been vegetating? She's "A second Pongo," said Bill, en-

couragingly Mr. Murgatroyd, owner of Mur- "Well, it just occurred to me gatroyd's Stores, burst into elo- that's all," said Jimmy, defending "Oh, don't let's all be subtle."

you, miss, I should say-not the cried Socks. "What are we to do running it down, mark you, but "Here's Pongo coming back I should strongly advise this kind again. Let's ask him," suggested

brain to bear upon the matter,

"Wait till he's gone to bed and "It's got to go for one day, that's got to sleep. Then enter the room very quietly and put the clocks

said Jimmy. "On the word one all "We want "," began Bill, but park clocks, and then we'll go Jimmy, who was of a mechanical Bridge was still proceeding—with turn of mind, had at last grasped a slight difference. Sir Oswald was the mechanism. For the next five now playing with his wife and with the loud raucous ringing of to her the mistakes she had made during the play of each hand In the end six excellent star- Lady Coote accepted reproof goodhumoredly and with a complete "And I'll tell you what," said lack of any real interest. She re-

a shame that he should be out of "I see, dear. It's so kind of you And she continued to make ex-

Bill Eversleigh was making cal-Lady Cooke was detailing a long Ronny Devereux, who had the story about MacDonald and a room next door to Gerald Wade's, prize peach and enjoying herself was told off to report progress. At a quarter to 2 he crept around The clocks were wrapped up and tapping at doors. The party, papaid for. Mr. Murgatroyd watch- jamaed and dressing-gowned, ased the cars drive away with a puz-sembled with various scuffles and

days, very spirited indeed, but not minutes ago," reported Ronny in at all easy to understand. He turn- a hoarse whis c. "I thought he'd ed with relief to attend to the never put it cat. I opened the door vicar's wife, who wanted a new just now and peeped in, and he seems sound off. What about it?" Once more the clocks were solemply assembled. Then another

Dinner was over. Lady Coote had "We can't all go barging in been once more detailed to duty. Make no end of a row. One per-Sir Oswald had unexpectedly come son's got to do it and the others

preference and those around him the grounds that they would gighastened to accomodate themselves gle. Bill Eversleigh was rejected on to the great man's wishes. | the grounds of his height, weight Rupert Bateman and Sir Oswald and heavy tread, also for his gen-

player as he was a secretary. Both my. "Anyway, he walks like a cat of them confined themselves -always did. And then, if Gerry strictly to the matter in hand, should wake up, Pongo will be able merely uttering in curt short to think of some rotten silly thing barks, "Two no trumps," "Double," to say to him. You know, some-"Three Spades." Lady Coote and thing plausible that'll calm him

They also held very good cards. | bearing the two largest clocks. In The others were supposed to be a minute or two he reappeared on of Gerald Wade could still be "Under the bed in a row," sug- heard, but drowned, smothered and

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gatroyd's eight alarm clocks.

When one man has offended and then you go and throw a The point was hotly disputed me, I try to raise my soul so high brick at Casey!

the National League this year with a percentage of .398. He made man, Brooklyn, was second with a percentage of .381 and Rogers "Hist," cried Jimmy, "Somebody Hornsby, Chicago, third with .380 Hornsby held the old record of 250 hits and scored the most runs 156, a new league record. O'Doul and Lloyd Waner, Pittsburgh, tied August, 1930. In the century's hisof being for the most one-base hits, 181 tory of the association, this is only dummy, Mr. Bateman was going each. John Frederick, Brooklyn, the third time it has come to Canto his room for a handkerchief. made the most two-baggers, 52, ada. The other occasions were in He paused on his way and took and Lloyd Waner, Pittsburgh, the 1867, when it convened at Montreal, most triples, 20. Charles Klein, and in 1906 at Toronto. Philadelphia, playing his first year | Canadian medical men who exers. 43, a league record. Philadel- ish association will make every efpercentage of .309. Other clubs great organization, in conjunction came in turn as follows: Pitts- with the Canadian Medical Associlyn, .291; Cincinnati, .281; Boston, carried out in Great Britain, when

> fielding, led the first basemen of the world. the National League with a put- In 1832 the British Medical Asout percentage of .996. William H. sociation was founded by Dr. Terry, New York, was second with Charles Hastings of Worcester and Selph. St. Louis, was second with vancement of the medical profesled the third basemen with .9672, problems facing its members indi-Arthur C. Whitney, Philadelphia, vidually and collectively. It was to shortstop division, Travis L. Jack- scientific information and the inson. New York, was the leader vestigation of endemic and epidemic with .969 and Walter J. Maran- diseases; it was to aid in the adville, Boston, second with .961, vancement of medico-legal science Ethan N. Allen, Cincinnati, was through contact with the courts of the leading outfielder with .988 justice, and probably most importand Lloyd Waner, Pittsburgh, second with .987. Miguel Gonzales Chicago, was the leader among the catchers with .992 in 60 games and John DeBerry, Brooklyn, secteam fielding. Chicago led with .9754, New York, Cincinnati. St Pittsburgh, Philadelphi Brooklyn and Boston following in order mentioned.

William Walker, New York, was the leading National League pitcher with the lowest average of 3.08 runs earned per nine inning game, another high record mark. Charles H. Root, Chicago, was the leader on the basis of games won and lost with 19 victories and six defeats for a percentage of .760. Guy . Bush, Chicago, took part in the most games, 50. Claude Willoughby. Philadelphia, allowed the most runs, 156. Charles F. Incas, Cincinnati, engaged in the most comstrike-outs.

Rogers Hornsby, Chicago, heads time of the opening. the sluggers for the second conse- A large mounted buffalo head is Lewis R. Wilson, Chicago, had the hall. most runs batted in, 159, setting a In front of the British Medical new league record. Wilson also Association house stand the beauti-Melvin Ott, New York, drew the the Court of Honor, and surmountmost bases on balls, 113. Of the ed by a bronze shield inscribed in regular players, Harold J. Tray- "Memory and Praise," of 574 memnor, Pittsburgh, struck out the bers of the association who gave least number of times, 7, in 130 their lives in the great war. bases on balls, 589, and struck out by distinguished doctors. word. Sir Oswald, as became one of "Ho' discussion then arose as to the most times. 567. New York Smaller sectional meetings will be "Our Captains of Industry" (No. 7 the proper person to be selected. had the most batsmen hit by of Series 1), merely expressed a The three girls were rejected on pitcher, 36. Chicago's total of 933 runs batted in established a new

Trainers of Angus McDonald. giant of the Cariboo lumber camps. next summer by which time should have had a chance to topheavyweight boxers. In training is expected it will be safe to send him in against some of the fighters who have professed a willingness to meet him.

Played First Game With Montreal on Sunday

MONTREAL, Dec. 31.—Bill Philgested Jimmy in answer to Bill's buried beneath the triumphant, lips, former captain of the Vancou- fast in a hotel in the States. impassioned ticking of Mr. Mur- ver Lions, who was sold to Windsor, "Boss," said the colored waiter, has been taken over by the Mont- "mebbee you better tak' somethin' real Maroons and played his first else. I would not care to reckergame with that team Sunday night, mend de eigs dis maunin'."

> "You say you're a lover of peace, man. "Aren't they fresh?" ful, too, after I throwed it!

Convention of British Association at Winnipeg Next August Will Bring Leaders In Medicine to Canada For Third Time

medical body, the British Medical Association, is held in Winnipeg in | *

as a regular, made the most hom- tended the invitation to the Britphia led in team batting with a fort to see the deliberations of the burgh, .3029; Chicago, .3025; New ation, are conducted on the same York, .296; St. Louis, .293; Brook- high and dignified plane they are papers of world importance are annually presented by some of the Earl H. Sheely, Pittsburgh, in greatest physicians and surgeons in

.994. Hugh M. Critz, Cincinnati, a group of 50 physicians, in retopped the second basemen with sponse for the demand for some .984, a new league record. Carey organized body devoted to the ad-.981. Andrew A. Hugh, St. Louis, sion. Its aims embraced all the was second with .9671. In the be a medium for the collection of ant of all, it was to devote itself to the maintenance of the honor and responsibility of the profession generally, by promoting friendly and free relations between its members. and by establishing among them that harmony and good feeling which ought ever to characterize a liberal profession.

From this modest beginning the mother and model of the majority of medical bodies throughout the world has evolved into a vast organization whose branches reach out into every part of the Empire, with a membership of 35,000, grouped in 345 local bodies, the Canadian Medical Association is affiliated with it Through its annual meetings, the British Medical Association affords opportunities for social contact, deliberative assembly and scientific

Headquarters Headquarters The headquarters of the association in Tavistock Square, London, were opened in 1925. Under the plete games, 28, being the only roof of this most imposing strucpitcher to take part in as many ture all the departments as well as as 20 complete games. William W. one of the finest libraries of its kind Clark, Brooklyn, pitched in the in the world are housed. There also most innings, 279, lost the most is to be found the great hall in decisions, 19; faced the greatest which are hung the flags of the donumber of batsmen, 1189, and al- minions and below them flags comlowed the most base hits, 295. memorating the annual meeting of Ronny handsomely, "I'll get one iterated, not once but many Pierce L. Malone. Chicago, had the the association, presented by local most victories, 22, and the most divisions where these have been strike-outs, 166. it being the first held. One feature of the meeting in time since 1922 that a pitcher Winnipeg will be the presentation other than Arthur C. Vance, of a flag from this city. On the Brooklyn, has led the league in dias of the hall is the presidential chair, presented by the Australian branches of the association at the

> cutive year, with a percentage of to be the very appropriate gift of .681. This is figured on the basis the Canadian branch to be presentof times at bat and total bases, ed next year and later hung in the

> struck out the most times, 83. iful Memorial Gates, opening into

games. James D. Welsh, New York- It is expected that attendance at | Boston, was hit most often by a the Winnipeg meetings will be in pitched ball, 11 times. James L. the neighborhood of 2000, compris-Bottomley, St. Louis, batted in ing medical men from all parts of more than 100 runs for the sixth the Empire, and visitors from the consecutive year. Among the clubs, United States. The local headquar-Philadelphia leads in slugging per- ters will be in the Winter Club, entage with .467, and also had where the two main floors will be the most total bases, 2559. Chicago used for commercial exhibits, and had the greatest total of runs bat- the ice floor for luncheons and mass | * to the rescue by suggesting bridge can hand him the whatnots from ted in, 933; received the most gatherings and afternoon lectures

held in the law courts and the university class rooms. A very outstanding occasion will be the religious service on the afternoon of the first day, traditionally this is one of the most cherished features of association meetings, and is alstate that they have no intention ways conducted with the greatest dignity and ceremony, members parading in academic attire to the

> Another important event will be the annual dinner open to physicians and their wives, which is one of the most imposing and brilliant features of the meeting. Academic dress is again worn and on this occasion some of the finest afterdinner orators of the Empire are to

It is hoped that the Prince of Wales may be able to accept the invitation which has been sent him to visit Manitoba next August and open the meeting. The governorgeneral and the prime minister are both expected to be present to participate in this most outstanding Joins Maroons event which, medically speaking, has ever taken place in Canada.

> NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH Here is an instance of the difficulty the uneducated Negro has in saying what he means directly. A man ordered eggs for break-

"Why not?" asked the white

"I don't know ef dey is or ef dey isn't, cause to tell you de astonishing reply.

Thursday, Friday, Saturday

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