

INSTALMENT XXXVIII.

"Anyway, I am here," said Adele "Can't we finish our business so guard you are!" she cried. I can go home?"

the first place, instead of con-marks of villainy in his face. tinuing to deal directly with your fett sat, and the two conversed wished to lead up gradually to a scious." Her thoughts flew back the doorway across the room. Her the homesteads to men who will we want.

To the turbulent scene in the nar- nerves jumped tortuously at each come there to farm.

J. W. M. quented place like this."

regarding this visit.

police went away without finding sat. what they looked for. The other incident passed off harmlessly. Mr. guest. The fates are smiling. What me. Miss Conway saw me, but she "Dr. Moffett!" she cried. more could one ask?"

The Discovery

His voice was pleasant, yet had a disagreeable edge. She imwreathing his lips.

hard cash."

it made it come as a shock.

than that you should suffer any downward. She felt as if someharm. He will make the check thing loathsome were touching good. In the meantime you will her. Soon he withdrew his hand, stay here as a pledge against the laughed a little, then moved away.

fulfillment, of the obligation." She heard a door open and close. A shudder of horror ran through Instinctively her hand went into

her, but for the moment indigna-

tion was uppermost.

taken from her.

by a single horrible thought she

flung the door open. On the other

side was a smaller room illumina-

ted by an oil lamp. Could she

a slim wedge of light.

"What a contemptible black-"Oh, no," said Dr. Moffett other door the however, was an- the party, as he had travelled smoothly. "I am only a peaceably Dr. Moffett ignored the question, inclined gentleman who intends to "Yes, I hoped you would feel safe correct the absurd mistake Proto come out here. I permitted vidence made when I was born other—
poor." He laughed softly. "I was Her hea Dale to go ahead up to a certain brought up in cotton, but my point, and then I set my foot tastes run toward purple and fine

proached you in this matter in green light seemed to accentuate point where I could persuade you row hall and the motionless form approaching step. Her heart There are, in fact, two classes of up anything the others do, and visit in an isolated and unfre- guide come back to consciousness?

called how Dale had opened her speaking in a voice so low that blood run cold. Axelson withdrew. "And, now everything is serene She heard a sigh of satisfaction again,' 'the speaker went on The from the chair in which Moffett

"Good old soul. Axelson," he was whirled giddily as she fixed her mumbling. "The only man trust, the only living person who tangled threads seemed to dissolve Castle's charming daughter is my has seen my face and recognized in her mind with a loud burst.

For a moment longer the other A shiver ran through Adele. Dr. man stood as if transfixed. Then Moffett appeared to have been he smiled-a faint, malevolent, 'alking to himself. She felt that, deadly smile. consciously, his words had be- "Yes, I am Dr. Moffett," he said lous part within the province of them, even in playing bridge with agined a smile of satisfaction traved the motive for the murder evenly. "You have found me out, Alberta."

of Miss Conway. "I have a little matter to attend thing for you." slowly, "when our business is fin- to," he now told her, and in the Adele felt an overwhelming we picked up the three delegates— Highway," in which Terrace will ished, and our business will be same instant she heard a click weakness dragging her down. The George Little, E. D. Kenney and J. also play a prominent part.

finished when the check you and the green light faded out, roo mswam in crazy blurs before K. Gordon-at Terrace, and decorbrought has been converted into leaving her in darkness. "You will her eyes. Dr. Molfett's words and ated them with Prince Rupert She caught her breath. This was She trembled again. She won- accompanied them jumbled cha- ervations and some Prince Rupert exactly what Dale had predicted, dered what the nature of the otically in her brain. Her head but Dr. Moffett's way of putting matter that required Dr. Moffett's felt curiously unsteady, as if all literature. As a reward one or two attention. His tone had been the blood had deserted it. She of them took one of our men into "What do you mean?" she ask- pleasantly suggestive. And then, reeled, staggered and would have camp and relieved him of his spare

ed quickly pretending she did not while a growing trepidation was fallen if Axelson had not caught cash in a game of bridge. taking hold of her, she heard him "I understand Mr. Castle adores coming toward her. She drew With surprising strength for a you." he replied after a little farther back in the big chair, giv- man who looked so old and feeble, pause. "That will make it easier. ing a little jump as his hand Axelson carried her to a chair. He will go to any extreme rather touched her head and fumbled Her head fell limply on

"Fainted." he announced. y, then shrugged. "Too bad!"

his shrewd, bleary eyes. "You are not thinking of-

terprises. "But she is worth a hundred thousand dollars to us."

ly. You will get word to Castle, to send a wire to one of Prince Rup-Axelson. I can trust you to state ert's friends telling him that we the situation as-er-graphically were on the way and asking for a as is necessary. Tell him to rake conference. In view of the way dollars in currency or securities and come here tomorrow afternoon and get his daughter."

"Yes. but I thought-" "Dir't think." Dr. Moffett ada little more deeply into the lines or his face. "It isn't necessary to health and vouth."

voice shaking a little, but-er- he paced the floor until Axelson do we have to ---"

"Please don't argue," Dr. Mof- "It's Castle!" announced the old fett interrupted. "I want to live man excitedly. in peace." Miss Castle has unfor- "Castle?" Dr. Moffett stared for tunately discovered my identity a moment. "Virgil Illsworth Cas-How many peaceful moments do tle?" you suppose I would have if she The old man nodded in a permore allowed to go bac and prat- turbed way. tle about her discovery? And what would become of our plans?" Axelson nodded, but his gray mirthlessly, "How did he find his

face twitched uneasily Apparent - Way here?" the argument had persuaded him, but he gazed uncertainly at the unconscious figure in the

"She will need a ahem! bled brow showed that this was a fett murmured "Ym have seen the scheme the small bottle with the blue "Turn on the green light in the lahal on the shalf in the pentry sitting room." he directed. "I'll see Next to it, is a still smaller bottle Castle there. And." with a glance with a white and red label. It at the girl in the chair, "you need would be a natural mistake " not hurry about the er-stimu-His voice trailed off into a si- ant." Jence more eloquent than words | Axelson looked somewhat reliev-Axolson shuddered a little. Dr Moffett had been contemplating

of ours has been full of surprises, coming to." You had better act before the next

He broke off abruptly. A long. loud peal went through the house,

her pocket. The check was gone. Well, it didn't matter greatly now. BREATH OF THE PEACE Sooner or later it would have been She moved about in the dark room, tormented by a suspense that demanded activity. Suddenly she stopped, the blood pounding violently in her head, her whole body trembling. What was it? A scream? She could not be positive out that voice—

Terrace Wins First Round of Bridge and New A wave of horror seemed to engulf her. She controlled herself with a desperate effort. Governed ... Game Is Suggested; Seven Delegates; Olof Hanson Joins Party

(By H. F. PULLEN)

have been mistaken? But no-the EN ROUTE EAST OF PRINCE GEORGE, Sept. 4. impression was clear and sharp. Quickly she crossed the floor and This morning the Prince Rupert delegates to the Canadian her stretched a dark hall, but to- Chamber of Commerce convention got their first breath ward the farther end there was of the Peace River. At Prince George the train was board-In a moment she was there ed by Harold L. Campbell, B.A., inspector of schools, who breathless and trembling. Directly was on his way to the Peace country to inspect the schools in front of her was a door. Her for the British Columbia department of education. Mr. knob and pushed it open. There Campbell was formerly supervising principal at Prince was a light in the room, but no Rupert and was well known to a number of members of

other door that stood partly ajar, through the Peace River country things were going in the bridge and she could hear footsteps ap- when making a previous inspection. games, we got the message franked proaching. Two men were talking, he was able to tell us much about through. We are wondering later One of them was Axelson, and the the country. if we shall be able to use a frank

Her heart seemed to stop beat- It is Mr. Campbell's opinion that for our meals or if it will be necesing of a sudden. Yes, she knew the Peace is the best grain growing sary to steal our way home. the other voice, too. It was Dr. section of British Columbia and Alderman Theo Collart is full of down. Everything has come out as Well Axelson?"

Moffett's but for once the unnathat, given transportation, it will energy and was able to take a quick I planned. I plan far ahead, Miss The old man had entered the castle. Why do you suppose I ap- room with a catlike tread. The speaking naturally, and she recognized the voice. Her limbs people are severely handicapped by the writer after his morning He shook with excitement so that she lack of railway facilities and many orange. He is of opinion that if we stepped close to where Dr. Mof- could hardly stand and she lean- of the homesteads are held by men do not get a western outlet for the ed against the wall. The two men who are there, not so much for the Peace pretty soon there will be war, father? Why, only because I fore- an undertone. The only word saw certain eventualities and Adele could distinguish was "con-J. W. McKinley is ready to back

to come out and favor me with a on the floor. Had her mysterious bounded chokingly. She felt as if settlers. There are those who have Olof Hanson met us at Smithers something was clutching her Was that what Axelson was tel- throat in an icy, strangling grip, gone in to farm and have remained and we created him a knight of the An instinct seemed to whisper there in spite of adversity, growing Royal Order of Peace River Wan-She said nothing, but she re- Dr. Moffett was talking now. in her ear. "Run!" Her muscles wheat and shipping it over the long derers, carrying the credentials of would not obey her will. She was haul to the end of steel. Then there the Associated Boards of Trade of eyes to Dr. Moffett's true intention she could not hear a single word, all starts and quavers. A cry are the other class who have no Central British Columbia. That entered the room. followed by idea of farming, but who, at the gives us one more vote. Axelson. The servant's gray face first opportunity, will sell out and The sun is shining here, although lengthened as he saw her. The take up other lands farther away it rained a good deal of yesterday other stopped, and her brain on the frontier of civilization. They afternoon coming through the ctaring eves on him. A maze of always live on the frontier. mountains, notably from Pacific '

We were all much interested in eastward. Mr. Campbell's map and his de- While the delegates recite in uniscription of the country and are son "We Are Seven," they feel like soxing forward to visiting the forty, fortified by the feeling that British Columbia section of the they have a just cause and that the country as well as the more popu- people of Prince Rupert are behind Terrace. Later we shall invent a

and that's a very unfortunate. Possibly I should say here that game to be known as "The King's the smiling, murderous look that badges and handed them their res-

Bridge Playing Member

J. C. Brady, M.P., is a good poliher tician, but he has not yet learned to hold his own against George Lit-Dr. Moffett nodded. "Pretty tle at bridge. After a somewhat young thing,' 'he observed musing- lengthy session last evening he was down some twelve hundred odd Axelson stared at him out of points, which he was able to settle on the basis of ten cents a hun-"I am not thinking at all." Dr. dred. Ed. Kenny was Mr. Little's Moffett interrupted. "I am mere- collaborator at the game. I might ly acting in accordance with cer- remark right here that Terrace is tain inflexible rules and safe- putting up three-sevenths of the guards which I have formulated putting up three-sevenths of the for my self-protection and the man power in the delegation and success of our pleasant little en- about nine-tenths of the bridge

Perhaps I should mention that "I know." The Dr. smiled faint- the delegation last evening decided

> His lips tightened and a shadow of annoyance crossed his face. Axelson had turned deathly pale. "See who it is," directed Dr. Moffett evenly.

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in the big offensive.

"General" stated.

Axelson went out. The doctor book a pistol from his pocket, examined it carefully, and dropped into his pocket again. Without "I understand," said Axelson, his 3 glance at the unconscious girl,

"That's curious. Still another surprise!" The doctor chuckled

"I didn't ask him.' '

Te doctor reflected. His wrindevelopment that did not fit into

the floor, but now he raised his into the sitting room," the doctor head. went on, still gazing at the unconscious girl, "take this young

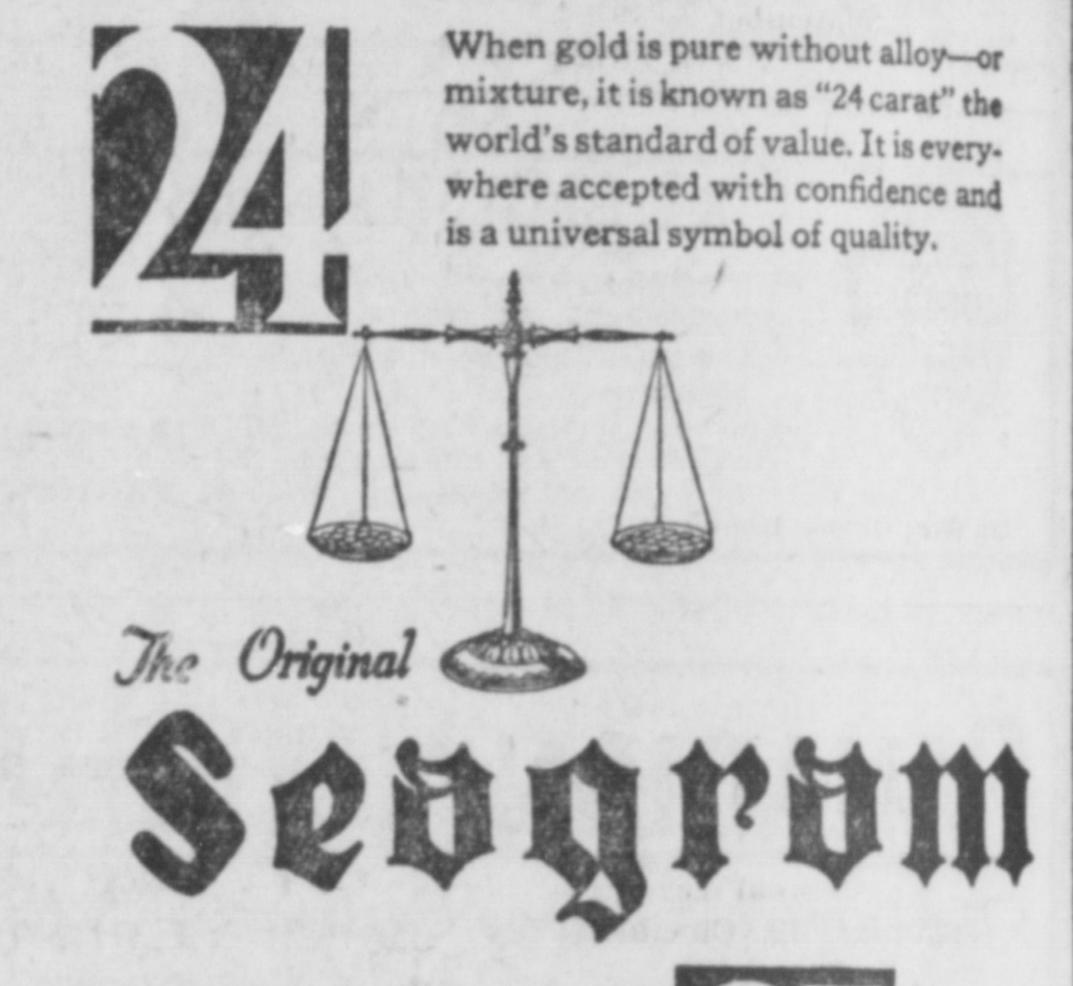
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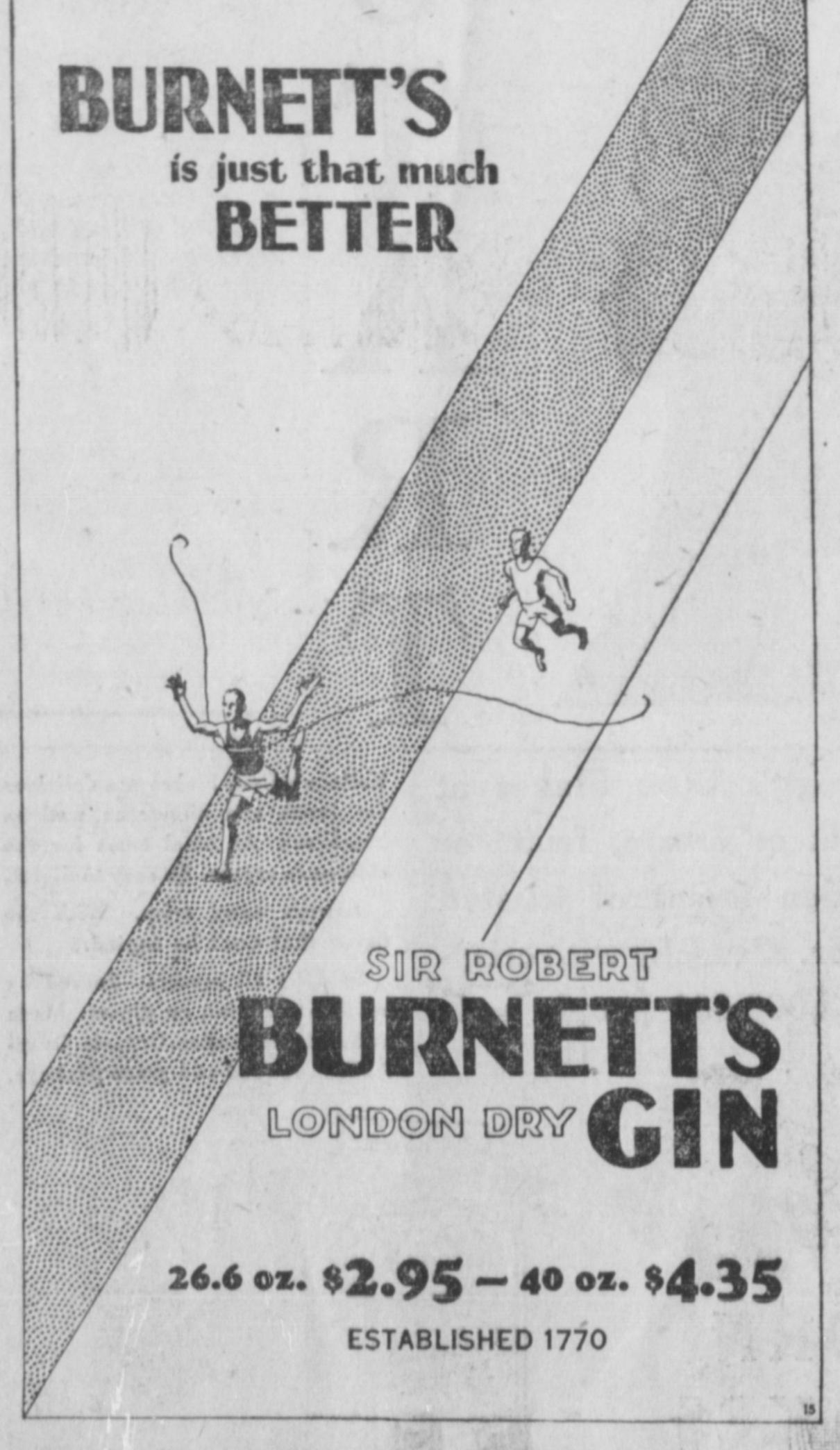


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