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INSTALMENT XXXII.

(Continued)

TOO MANY BISCUITS

"I heard a noise," explained Mr. once more. burglars had got in and I came about these biscuits," said Mr.

Jimmy looked thoughtfully at --- " Mr. Bateman's rubber-soled feet.

"You think of everything, Pongo," he said genially. "Even to a lethal weapon."

His eye rested on the bulge in stared at its emptiness. the other's pocket.

"I am glad you didn't shoot," listening for a minute. being shot at."

said Mr. Bateman.

law if you did," said Jimmy. "You! He got up and opened one of "Oh, Mr. Bateman! I've been have got to make quite sure the the drawers of the dressing table. wanting to see you. Wasn't it you beggar's house-breaking, you know Beneath an assortment of ties lay who was telling me what to do for before you pot him. You mustn't a pile of biscuits. jump to conclusions. Otherwise "There's nothing for it," said ting sore paws?" you'd have to explain why you Jimmy. "I shall have to eat all shot a guest on a perfectly inno- the damned things. Ten to one cent errand like mine."

"By the way, what did you in the morning." come down for?"

sons!

week.

in family budgets.

ARTHUR ROBERG

DOFENE HUMPER

"There are some biscuits in a tin by your bed," said Rupert Bateman. He was staring at horn-rimmed spectacles.

An Empty Box for Starving Visitors' on it. But

dressing-gown pocket a handful of biscuits.

There was a moment's pause. "And now I think I'll toddle back to bed," said Jimmy. "Nightnight, Pongo."

With an affection of nonchal-Jimmy, "you did give me a start! Rupert Bateman followed him. At | Slinking about like that in the the doorway of his room, Jimmy tell you." paused as if to say good-night

Bateman severely. "I thought "It's an extraordinary thing Bateman. "Do you mind if I just

> "Certainly, laddie, look yourself."

Mr. Bateman strode across the room, opened the biscuit box and

"Very remiss," he murmured "It's as well to be armed. One "Well, good-night." He withdrew. never knows whom one may meet." Jimmy sat on the edge of his bed

murmured to himself. "Suspic- do you do, Lady Eileen--" "It would be dead against the prowling around with a revolver." took the field.

Pongo will come prowling around The secretary shook his head. With a sigh, he settled down to else. Miss Wade. Though, as a

"I was hungry," said Jimmy. "I a meal of biscuits for which he matter of fact, I do happen to rather fancied a dry biscuit." | had no inclination whatever. | know---"

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Suspicious

hour of 12 o'clock that Bundle and Jimmy very intently through his Loraine entered the park gates, "One should keep abreast jacent garage.

Lady Coote greeted the two girls your dog's paws-" with surprise, but distinct plea- Terence O'Rourke sure, and immediately pressed sotto voce to Bundle: them to stay to lunch.

when the starving visitor opened O'Rourke, who had been re- writes all those little paragraphs it—nothing inside. So I just tod- clining in an immense arm chair, in the weekly papers. 'It is not dled down to the dining room." began at once to talk with great generally known that to keep smile, Jimmy produced from his listening with half an ear to Bun- etc.; 'The dorper beetle is one of dle's highly technical explanation the most interesting characters had affected the Hispano.

"And we said," ended Bundle. "how marvelous that the brute should have broken down just "And what more harrible two here! Last time it happened was words could you have?" said Mr. on a Sunday at a place called O'Rourke and added piously: "My goodness, Pongo," cried ance, he mounted the staircase. Little Spedlington under the Hill. "Thank the heavens above I'm an And it lived up to its name. I can educated man and know nothing

> "That would be a grand name on the films," remarked O'Rourke. here," said Bundle to Lady Coote. "Birthplace of the simple country maiden," suggested Socks.

> wonder, now." said Lady Coote. "Where Mr. Thesiger is?" "He's in the billiard room, think," said Socks. "I'll fetch and Mr. Bateman on at clock

> She went off, but had hardly man appeared upon the scene with the harassed and serious air "I'm sure Sir Oswald doesn't want usual with him.

said Jimmy, "I'm a bit tired of "That was a narrow shave," he said you were asking for me. How

"I' might easily have done so," lous sort of chap, Pongo. Never He broke off to greet the two seems to sleep. Nasty habit of his, girls, and Loraine immediately tact."

a dog when he is continually get-

General Information

"It must have been some one

"What a wonderful man you It was just on the appointed are," interrupted Loraine. "You know about everything."

having left the Hispane at an ad- modern knowledge," said Mr. Bateman seriously. "Now about

animation to Loraine, who was a brass fender uniformly bright. of the mechanical trouble which in the insect world'; 'The marriage customs of the Fingalese Indians,' and so on."

"General information, in fact." whatever upon any subject at all."

"I see you've got clock golf "I'll take you on at it, Lady Eileen," said O'Rourke.

"Let's challenge those said Bundle. "Loraine, Mr. O'-T Rourke and I want to take you

"Do play, Mr. Bateman," said gone a minute when Rupert Bate- Lady Coote as the secretary showed a momentary hesitation.

"Yes, Lady Coote? Thesiger The four went out on the lawn. The Presbytery of Prince Rupert "Very cleverly managed, what? of the United Church of Canada, whispered Bundle to Loraine. meeting here yesterday afternoon "Congratulations of our girlish and evening, reviewed work in the

> o'clock, victory going to Bateman and Loraine.

> "But I think you agree with me, partner," said Mr. O'Rourke, "that we played a more sporting game." He lagged a little behind with Bundle.

(To Be Continued Tomorrow)

# Seven Girls Enter Training School

Seven probationers were admitted to the training school of the Prince ver. Rupert General Hospital this week. They intend to take up the three- pert. year training courses which will Rev. T. H. Wright, Hazelton. gualify them as nurses. The new class, one of the largest ever admitted to the institution, consists of Miss Annie Walker, Miss Louise Lindseth, Miss Oral Ross and Miss Bernice Ross, Prince Rupert; Miss Dolly Carpenter and Miss Avis Wall, Smithers; and Miss Joan Gillis, Ocean Falls.

# Salvation Army Stages Concert

Metlakatla Co-Operates with Local Corps in Enjoyable Entertainment

Members of the Metlakatla Corps joined with the local Salvation Army last night to stage a very enjoyable musical entertainment in the Citadel. The audience was large and appreciative. Adjutant William Kerr acted as chairman and, in a few opening remarks, expressed gratification at the presence of the visitors. There was an opening hymn and Capt: Warren gave a Bible reading, The following was the program:

> Cornet solo, Edward Harmon. Illustrated action song, Misses MacKay, Metlakatla. Vocal solo, "The Battle of a Sol-

dier," Bandmaster Anckland, Metlakatla. Mandolin solo, Mrs. William

Vocal solo, Capt. Warren with

harp accompaniment by herself. Vocal solo, "The Song that Reached My Heart," Sergeant Major Prevost. Metlakatla. Selections, "The News of the World," "Love at Home," and Fare-

well," Metlakatla String Band. Recitation "The Timeless World" Edward Leighton, Metlakatla. Vocal solos, E. Alexcee, Metlakatla, with guitar accompani-

ments by himself. Vocal solo, Stanley Wardroper. Violin solo, John Wardroper. George Almon and Frank Pierce also took part in the program.

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mission fields and set grants for The round ended just before 1 the year for Indian and white hos-

> The Presbytery appointed a local committee to meet and entertain a large party of Toronto persons who will be here during the coming summer in the course of a tour of the Peace River district. The party, which travel on a special train, is being organized by Rev. Dr. Fallis.

> The Presbytery opened at o'clock yesterday and is continuing its sessions today. Officials and delegates in attendance are:

Rev. Arthur Barner, Toronto. Rev. Dr. G. A. Wilson, Vancou-

Rev. Dr. Hugh Dobson, Vancou-

Rev. Alfred Wilson, Prince Ru-

Rev. James Dewar, Anyox. Dr. G. E. Darby, Bella Bella. Dr. J. E. Rendle, Bella Bella. Rev. R. C. Scott, Ocean Falls. Rev. A. A. Burnett, Kispiox. Rev. Alex Mogee, Kitimaat. Rev. William Deans, Ocean Falls. Rev. W. H. Pierce, Port Essing-

Rev. H. T. Allen, Terrace. Rev. M. F. Eby, Port Simpson. Rev. C. E. Motte, Rupert East. Mrs. C. A. Crawford, Ocean

P. C. Miller, Prince Rupert. John Newick, Hazelton. Mrs. E. Moorehouse, Prince Ru-

## Lutheran Ladies Had Meeting at Mrs. Hart's Home

The West End Ladies' Aid of St. Paul's Lutheran Church held a successful meeting last night at the home of Mrs. F. W. Hart, Sixth Avenue West. An enjoyable musical program included community singing, a description by Mrs. John Hanson of the history of certain religious songs and vocal solos by Mrs. Karl Dybhavn. There was a brief business session, after which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess.

### Alaska Band to Visit This City

Stellar Musical Organization Will Be Included in Salvation Army Party Next Week

Aboard the steamer Princess Mary next Wednesday afternoon, some 50 officers and members of the Salvation Army from Alaska will pass through this city en route to Vancouver to attend the annual Alaska and Northern B. C. Congress. The party will be headed by Staff Captain and Mrs. Joseph Acton of Wrangell and may be joined here by Adjutant and Mrs. William Kerr.

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party will be a 35-piece concert While the party will not be in la Hospital was a guest of the band selected from the various na- Prince Rupert long enough to give tary Club at luncheon yester tive bands of the territory which a full concert, a half-hour recital afternoon. He is here to will tour Vancouver, Victoria, Se- may be played on the streets.

the United Church Presby