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"THE MEDICINE MAN" IS NEW PUBLICATION

HUMOROUS MAGAZINE TO APPEAR AT IOWA REGULARLY AFTER FEBRUARY

Will be Handsomely Gotten Up to Compare Favorably With Other College Comics—Widow, Froth, Chapparral and Lampoon as Models.

After having been discussed and debated for over a year the publication of a real magazine of college humor for the University of Iowa has become a reality.

"The Medicine Man" will portray the spirit and life of the Hawkeye Tribe. Its publication in the future has become an assured fact, and the managers feel no hesitation in placing the result of their work before the student body and faculty.

"Predominatingly humorous following in a way the brilliant trail blazed by Lampoon, of Harvard, the Widow, of Cornell, the Chapparral, of Stanford, and Froth of Penn State," tells the story of the "Medicine Man" pretty thoroughly. All who are at all familiar with any of these college comics will know that the editors and business men of the new magazine will have a strong pace to follow, but those who have seen the proofs of the magazine thus far say that Iowa will not lag behind in any particular.

Every phase of the work has been well covered. The art work is profuse and excellent, the jokes are

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WOMEN'S LEAGUE MAY ADOPT POINT SYSTEM

Many Plans Made Including Afternoon Teas for All Women of the University

At a very important meeting of the Woman's League held last evening the question of the Point System was discussed. No definite plans were made on it, however, and it was left as an issue for a later meeting. In addition to this plans were laid for a series of afternoon teas to be given for the women of the university shortly after the beginning of the second semester.

If the Woman's League takes this in hand, as is anticipated, some very pleasant times will be assured the women of the school. The question was also brought up as to the expediency of the Woman's League taking charge of the senior luncheon, but no final decision was reached, and the question was left open pending the action of the seniors at their meeting next Wednesday.

SIGMA XI HEARS CONVENTION REPORT

Professor A. O. Thomas Makes Report

Professor Ford on New Headlight

One of the important features of the meeting of Sigma Xi last Wednesday evening was the report of the secretary, Professor A. O. Thomas, concerning the national convention of Sigma Xi at Philadelphia, to which he was the chapter delegate.

This convention was held on Dec. 29 in connection with the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and consequently was largely attended. Certain amendments to the constitution of the society were adopted and others rejected, the most important of which was the one pertaining to the creation of an associate membership.

After the business meeting the society listened to the reports of scientific work. Professor A. H. Ford gave a demonstration of an improved headlight, which is his own invention. This device is superior in that it not only cuts off the upper half of the rays, but throws them down to the road increasing the illumination where it is needed. This result is obtained by employing prism glass for the upper part of the glass point of the headlight.

Mr. Dayton Stoner made a report

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CHAPERONES FOR FRESHMAN PARTY

SELECTION HAS BEEN MADE FOR PATRONS AND PATRONESSES OF THE EVENT

President and Mrs. Macbride Among Those to Act in That Capacity—Frish Hop Will be Largely Attended Event.

The committee's well laid plans for the coming Freshman party on January 22 are near realization and the event is assured success. The attendance will be much larger than was that of last year it is hoped, and it is almost a certainty that it will be, for a general canvass of student opinion shows a great many to be highly interested in this popular event of the school year. One of the things that adds to this popularity is the fact that it is entirely an informal affair, no dress suits being required. The patrons and patronesses have been announced and constitute the following well known people of the university:

President and Mrs. Macbride head

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MARSHALL LAW TO HOLD TRIAL TONIGHT

BIG DOINGS IN COLLEGE OF LAW WHEN INSURANCE CASE COMES UP

Professor Wilcox Will Preside—Case is One of Great Importance—Professor Wilcox Has Made Insurance Cases Special Study.

The Marshall Law society will try a most important case this evening.

A most important event will be staged this evening in the Marshall Law society when that organization will try an insurance case which is unusual though plausible and upon which the members of the college of law may be called upon to express an opinion.

The facts of the case are as follows:

Deceased, Andrew Jenkins, was insured with the International Traveler's association against death or injury by accident under the company's regular policy of accident insurance. The insured died after having experienced a mental shock caused by witnessing a helpless man burn to death in a fire in Bridgewater, Texas. The action is by the legal representative of the insured against the company on the policy.

Gammon, Hewett and Hanson will ascertain what elements of the case favor the plaintiff, while Jamison, Bolton and Truchot will do the same for the defendant company.

This is to be a witness trial, and often much depends upon the testimony, its relevancy, competency, materiality, as well as the demeanor of the witnesses themselves.

This is one element which aids in adding interest to the trial for the outcome is not so much a foregone conclusion. Another point to be emphasized from the viewpoint of instructiveness is that Prof. Wilcox, who has made a special study of insurance law and having written several valuable treatises thereon, is to preside.

MISS NORMA HARRISON WILL NOT APPEAR HERE

It has been announced that Miss Norma Harrison is to appear here under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. This is a mistake. The Y. M. C. A. would be very glad to bring Miss Harrison as she is a very charming person and a delightful reader, but they are unable to do so as they are bringing Henry J. Hadfield, the famous English actor, who is to give a costumed impersonation of Kipling on the evening of January 26. This is just two days before Miss Harrison had been billed to appear.

PHI DELTA THETA CONVENTION BIG

Iowa Delegate to National Fraternity Convention Returns With Report

With delegates from 76 chapters the Phi Delta Theta national convention which was held recently in Birmingham, Ala., was a great success. The Iowa-Kappa chapter was represented by Benj. Swab who brings back with him a most interesting report.

The national convention, which is held every two years, was given by the alumni of the fraternity who live in Birmingham. This club of fraternity alumni numbers about 200.

The most important features of the convention was the action taken against the organization known as T. E. E. This action was to the effect that the fraternity would take in no person who was a member of this fraternity until he gave up all ties and renounced the obligation, whatever that might be.

Three new chapters of Phi Delta Theta will be installed as a result of the O. K. of the convention, as follows: at Whitman college in Washington, University of Utah, and Denison college in Ohio.

At the time of the convention, \$26,000 were pledged to assist in building the memorial chapter house at Miami University in Ohio.

SOCIAL WORK OF THE IOWA UNION

THE IOWA UNION AS A SOCIAL ORGANIZATION IN THE UNIVERSITY

Opportunities Offered to the Students as a Social Gathering Place in the Iowa Union—Report of Miller Shows Improvements.

What the Iowa Union has done for the students of the university in a social way during the short year of its existence was brought out today by the report of the manager regarding the number of committee meetings and number of student gatherings held in the Union building this semester.

The Iowa Union has now become the common gathering place of all classes of students. The business meeting, special committee conference, and social gatherings all find places in the lobbies and parlors of the Union building, specially provided, free of charge for this purpose.

"I firmly believe," said Manager Miller today, "that the Iowa Union is daily entered by more students

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INTER-DEPARTMENT GAMES PROGRESSING

CONSIDERABLE INTEREST MANIFESTED IN SERIES BEING PLAYED

Three Games Being Played Each Week—Two on Saturday and One on Wednesday—Big Schedule is Outlined for Season.

With twenty-one basketball games between the colleges of the university, the interdepartment games are progressing rapidly and a great deal of interest is being shown. Rivalry between the colleges is developing and before the season is much further advanced some spirited contests are assured.

Already six games have been played in which the liberal arts, laws, pharmlcs and engineers have been the winners over the medics, graduates, dents and engineers. The engineers have won one and lost one game thus far.

Following is the schedule for the rest of the season:

Medic-law, engineer-dent, pharmlaw, graduate-engineer, dent-medic, liberal arts-pharmlc, dent-law, graduate-liberal arts, medic-pharmlc, liberal arts-dent, law-engineer, graduate-dent, engineer-pharmlc, medic-graduate, law-liberal arts.

NEW STAIRWAY TO ENTER THE ARMORY

Enters Gallery of Gymnasium—Will Add Greatly to Convenience of Building

Crowds attending the basketball games will be handled in much better shape than they have in the past as a result of a stairway which has been constructed on the east side of the armory entering the gallery. The new stairway has been placed about the center of the building and entrance is made through the opening which was a large window.

The placing of this stairway will greatly add to the comfort of the crowds that are sure to attend the basketball games this season. Heretofore the getting away after the game was a push and a jam which caused considerable comment among those who attended.

TRAVEL CLUB MEETS

The Presbyterian Travel Club will meet with Mr. Wm. G. Raymond, 430 East Brown Street, at 2:30 p. m. Saturday.

The Delta Delta Delta sorority entertained at a dinner last night. Miss Pauline Peters will spend the week end at her home in Tipton.

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Friday Morning, January 15, 1915

A LITTLE TOLERANCE

The crowded condition of the gymnasium will be greatly relieved just as soon as the new addition to the building is complete. At the present time the situation cannot be remedied, and the criticism that there is not enough room, though well made, is hardly reasonable as the university authorities are doing the best that they can under the circumstances.

There are more than 700 men using the armory every day, and this number cannot work to advantage unless each does his share in getting along as best he can. It will not be long before the situation will be relieved and then there will be plenty of room for every man in the university to get his exercise.

Director Schroeder is making extensive plans for the physical betterment of the men of the university, which will be put into effect just as soon as the new addition is completed. Until then it is hoped that every man who uses the gymnasium will take into consideration the circumstances and be as patient as possible.

THE REVIVAL SPIRIT

Rev. C. M. Perry will speak on the spirit of modern revivals at the Unitarian church next Sunday at eleven o'clock. The purpose of this address will be to show that the same character has manifested itself in the whole series of American revivals from the time of Jonathan Edwards and the Great Awakening down to the religious upheavals that are taking place in our great cities during the present winter. All who are interested in religious phenomena will find this address profitable.

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Official Notices

Notices intended for this column must be signed by a responsible person and placed in the office of the University Editor, L. A. Building, Room 11, by 4:00 p. m. of the day preceding the day for publication.

DRILL SCHEDULE

The following schedule of drills is in effect January 19:

Tuesdays—Theoretical Instruction
Companies A and B drill in armory.

Company C in room 224, L. A.
Company D in room 204, L. A.
Company E in room 225, L. A.
Company F in room 203, L. A.

Wednesdays—Theoretical Instruction
Companies C and D drill in armory.

Company A in room 224, L. A.
Company B in room 204, L. A.
Company E in room 225, L. A.
Company F in room 203, L. A.

Thursday—Theoretical Instruction
Companies E and F drill in armory.

Company A in room 224, L. A.
Company B in room 204, L. A.
Company C in room 225, L. A.
Company D in room 203, L. A.
First Lieut. Infantry.

Y. M. C. A. CABINET

Jan. 15—Meeting of the Y. M. C. A. cabinet will be held at Close hall this evening at 7 p. m. H. H. Preston, president.

ZET NOTICE

All members of Zetagathian literary society will meet at Newberg's studio next Saturday at one o'clock to have Hawkeye picture taken. Everybody be prompt. Carl Webster, secretary.

SIGMA XI HEARS CONVENTION REPORT

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of work in progress on the Pentamoidea of Iowa. During the past summer Mr. Stoner, under the auspices of the Iowa Geological survey, visited over half of the counties of Iowa studying the insect and making collections. These insects are ordinarily known as "stink bugs" and are of interest because of the fact that they live by sucking the juices from green plants. Consequently they can become a serious pest as is evidenced by the fact that one species has made the growing of cabbages a very difficult matter in many parts of the south.

The last report was made by Prof. G. F. Kay concerning certain works in southwestern Oregon that the paleobotanists have classified as jurassic because of their flora. Professor Kay regards them as Getaecous in age basing his opinion on relations of rock structure, which he explained by means of slides and cross-sections. The results of this investigation afford a good instance of the fact that observations on rock structures in the field are at times more valuable evidence than fossil contents.

Gym oxfords—at Stewart's.

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"THE MEDICINE MAN"

IS NEW PUBLICATION
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snappy and original, and the longer articles are of a style that would insure the success of almost any publication. Typographically the magazine is all that could be desired.

Perhaps the one thing which will be most pleasing and most influential in securing the permanency of the new publication is the complete absence of personalities. Going on the principle that personalities are funny to only a few, they have been excluded entirely.

"The Medicine Man," is understood, has the backing of a strong journalistic organization, thus promising permanency. The editorial staff as announced is as follows:
H. M. Page, editor.
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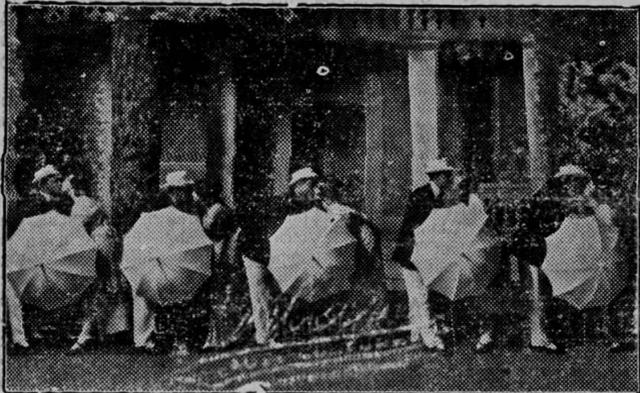
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SPECIAL ENGAGEMENTS BY APPOINTMENT



A SCENE FROM "A RUN FOR HER MONEY"

"A RUN FOR HER MONEY"

One of the funniest, merriest comedies of the season comes in the appearance of "A Run for Her Money" which started an engagement at the Englert last night and continues for four days. The offering is a combination of daintiness and melody, with plenty of comedy interspersed and which makes this production appealing in every degree. It is Halton Powell's, Inc., latest comedy success and his name alone will afford local theatre goers the idea which is expected in this production and warrants the production to be high class and entertaining throughout. Individually and collectively it would be hard to find a cleverer or more versatile aggregation, which comes with the highest recommendations and will provide a delightful and positive entertainment for local theatre goers. Mr. Powell has gathered a company of distinguished players for his latest comedy success which includes such talented artists as Jennie Calof, Merl McCarthy, Ida Barns, Jack West, Harry Oaks, Andrew Waldron and Herbert Power and the famous Powell quintette also the well known Dolly Dimple girlies and soloists.

The aggregation affords the display of a handsome and attractive wardrobe which shows all the latest Parisian styles such as evening gowns, coats, shoes and sensational hat display, in other words "A Run for Her Money" is a 1914-15 style show in itself and nothing but praise will be heard in return for the appearance of this talented organization.

See the new "Military Boots"—the latest thing in women's footwear—at Stewart's.

THE POWER

"ON WAD SOME POWER THE GIFTIS GIE US TO SEE OURSELVES AS OTHERS SEE US."

CURLEY HEIZENFLIPPER remarks that college students are not educated, they are instructed. The education begins shortly after commencement.

—"I"—
THAT NEWSPAPER KISS
A daring theft was wrought last night

On darling little Rose;
He stole some things he wanted,
right

Beneath her very nose.
—Philadelphia Press.

'Tis to be hoped that if fair Rose
Returned the blissful smack,
Jack did not overlook a bet
But turned and kissed her back.

Houston Post.

That may be as they do this job
Down in the sunny south;
But if Jack lived in the North
He'd kiss her on the mouth.

—The Commoner.

Even if she was as had been guessed
Jack's sweet mouthed little sister,
The thing that worries us the most
Is that the Globe man missed her.

—Kansas City Globe.

Yet Jack perhaps had little glee,
Though on the mouth he kissed
her;

We have no proof as yet, you see
That Rose was not his sister.
—Leavenworth Times.

But if it was a Kansas girl
She'd use cold cream, the dear;
And when Jack went to kiss her lip
He'd skid and kiss her ear.

—University Daily Kansan.

The only rub it seems to us
Is how to catch the little cuss
Who spilled the dope and sprung
the trap

That started all this little scrap.
—The Daily Iowan.

—"I"—
Guess that ought to hold 'em a
little while. University Kansan and
others will please consider the incident closed.

—"I"—
SOME DAY we are going to start
one of these serials of our own—or
maybe we won't—serials have a way
of getting mushy.

—"I"—
FURTHERMORE it is hard to get
something to start it with. War is
hell (of a subject to write about),
dancing is dawning to death, and we
dare not meddle in politics.

—"I"—
WE SEE where we are to have
competition. Well, that's the life of
trade. And this is a trade.

We are sure for it is certainly no
job at all. It's always a pleasure.
—"I"—

So here's to the new one, may the
Medicine Man's tribe live and prosper.
Let us pray that the annual
crop of paposes may have preceded
a full grown Brave.

—"I"—

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FRESHMAN PARTY
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the list, followed by Dean Anna Klingshagen, Prof. Robert N. Reinow, Dean and Mrs. Ensign and Prof. and Mrs. Lauer.

The few remaining plans will soon be arranged by the freshman committee and it can be safely stated that this will be one of the most largely attended and successful events of the year.

SOCIAL WORK OF
THE IOWA UNION

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than any other building in Iowa. Our outer lobby, between class hours, is filled with men studying, loafing or waiting for classmates.
"During the evening after supper, the building offers a place for social gatherings, in an informal way. The men come here and mix with each other socially, making new acquaintances, and meeting the other students on a common level."

On an average, several hundred students fix the Union as a meeting place, to go to class together, to study together, or to transact other business each day. Aside from these the many men who find the building a place for general social purposes is almost as large. As a place for study, as well as social opportunities, the Iowa Union offers great opportunities. The quiet upper parlors, the tables in the downstairs lobby, all fitted with good lighting facilities, offer great opportunity to the man who wishes to study down town without going home between classes.

The non-Union as well as the Union members are welcome to the building, and are offered all the benefits, with the exception of playing at the billiard tables. Here a membership is required.

During the past week seven important committee meetings were held in the Union's upper parlors, and other minor gatherings took place in the downstairs lobby. Two private committee rooms, besides the open parlors and lobby are offered to the more important meetings, and these offer opportunities for secrecy when desired.

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The Philomathean literary society is planning a special program for this evening and from present indications a real treat is in store for the members of that organization. The special program will take the place of the regular Friday evening meeting, and following the program a "big feed" will be served.

Every Philo is urged to bring a guest to the meeting and by this method it is expected that the hall will be filled to its utmost capacity. The meeting will commence at eight o'clock sharp.

Miss Margaret Bell will sing a solo which is another added attraction for the event. Miss Bell is a pupil of Mrs. Reidel and she has studied voice in the university for two years. Miss Bell's voice is a coloratura contralto of exceptional quality and the society is most pleased to have her on the program.

Following is the program that will be given:

Solo, "The Nightingale," by Masse, Miss Margaret Bell.

Miss Bell will be accompanied by Miss Katherine Jones on the piano and Mr. Parsons on the flute.

Optional, Mr. Reynolds. Readings, Emerson Davis. Optional, Atwell Tally. Chalk Talk, Frank Marasco.

IOWA WOMAN'S CLUB

The Iowa Woman's club met at the home of Mrs. Etta Scheark yesterday afternoon in a pleasant social session. Mrs. Scheark was assisted by Mrs. Fisher. The chairman of the day was Mrs. Feister, who arranged the program for the afternoon. The subjects taken up especially this afternoon were the "Life of Caruso," by Mrs. Roach, and the "Life of Schumann Heink" by Mrs. Feister. Selections from these old world artists were sung on the Victrola, furnished through the courtesy of Harmony Hall. Also "America" by Sousa's band, and the "Star Spangled Banner" as sung by Clarence Stanley, formerly a boy from Marengo.

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COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

The club picture will be taken at Newberg's studio at 1:30 p. m. Saturday, January 16. In the same evening at 8 o'clock the closing business meeting for this semester, and the election of officers will be held at Close hall. All members are urged to take part in both events. P. R. Tang, president.

UNION DANCE GIVEN AFTER CORNELL GAME

The first Iowa Union dance of the new year will be given in the university armory following the Cornell-Iowa basketball game which is to be played Saturday evening. This is the announcement that has been made by the Union.

The music for the dance will be furnished by the Dunkel six-piece orchestra.

GREAT PRAISE GIVEN MISS KELLER'S TALENT

On February 2nd the first appearance of Helen Keller, to which Iowa City people have been looking forward for some time, will take place at Natural Science auditorium. Although this is only Miss Keller's second season as a public platform speaker, ceaseless practice has made her articulation so distinct that, at her last lecture in Boston, she was heard with perfect ease in every corner of the Tremont Temple, one of the largest auditoriums in the country.

Of this Boston appearance the papers had much to say: "She held a great audience spellbound with spoken words from lips that long were dumb," said one. Another stated that "A throng that taxed the capacity of Tremont Temple sat enthralled while Miss Keller spoke with the voice she has labored with for twenty years to articulate her meaning. A third concluded with: "It was as if some mystic oracle had spoken. One got a new feeling in regard to the voice and the power of spoken word after hearing Helen Keller."

Miss Keller will be preceded by her almost lifelong teacher and friend, Mrs. John Macy who will relate the story of her pupil's life struggles and successes. When it is remembered that she has taken Miss Keller twenty years of constant effort to be able to make herself easily heard and understood by an audience, we can imagine her joy at being able finally to speak to her unnumbered friends.

The freshman debate tryout was held last evening in Philo hall. Members of the society acted as judges.

The Presbyterian Travel club will meet at the home of Mrs. W. G. Raymond.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dennis will visit university friends this week end. Mrs. Dennis was formerly Miss Maude Shade, L. A., '14.

Miss Marie Parrish has gone to Des Moines Thursday to spend the week end.

The Alpha Xi Delta gave a dinner party at their chapter house last evening.

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"The Master Key"

By John Fleming Wilson

when John Dorr received another telegram from Everett that made his heart stop its regular beat. Alone in his cabin he stared over it as if there must be some hidden meaning beneath the words. It was unbelievable. After all his pain and his very careful forethought for her comfort and safety something had gone wrong. Everett was brief:

San Francisco, April 2
John Dorr, Silent Valley, Cal.
Have been unable to find Miss Gallon. CHARLES EVERETT

For awhile his mind refused to work logically. All that he could think of was little Ruth Gallon, she of the slender hands and pure eyes, lost in the great city and pitifully seeking a familiar face. But he pulled himself vigorously together and called up the agent at the station.

"Bill," he said over the telephone. "This is Dorr. I want to get a wire through to San Francisco."

"All right, John, what is it?" John thought a moment and then dictated this message:

Charles Everett, Call Building, San Francisco:
Miss Gallon was to have gone to the St. Francis, as I wired you before. DORR

After mulling over the problem he felt that he must confide in some one. Of all the men in the mine he trusted only Tom Kane. He strode down the hill to the cook shanty and found the old man engaged in his task of preparing the noonday meal.

"Look here, Tom," John said abruptly, holding out the telegram. "I haven't said anything before, but Ruth is lost in San Francisco. I've wired Everett before. He can't find her."

Without a word the cook reached for the yellow slip and read it slowly. He glanced up and said with the utmost simplicity, "I reckon you'd better catch this evening's express."

"But my work here—somebody has got to look after the mine and Wilkerson!"

Tom Kane glanced at him and then at the bit of paper. "I know how you feel," he muttered, "but I've cooked years enough to know that if you leave

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things on the fire they'll burn. This business won't wait." He smiled magnificently. "And you just leave this to me. I've been here since the mine started, and I guess I can attend to it from cook shanty to Wilkerson. The main thing is to find Ruth. I know she's safe, for nobody would hurt that little girl. But you've got to go to Frisco and help her. Likely she's found herself pretty much a stranger. I got lost in New Orleans once, and I reckon Frisco is bigger."

"I'll go," said Dorr promptly. "I'll leave my papers and my new plans in your charge, Tom."

The old man laid his warm hand on John's arm. "New plans?" he whispered. "Have you found the mother lode? Don't say anything to Wilkerson."

"But he is the superintendent?"

"Not of this shanty. I never trust an egg until I've broken it."

In Harry Wilkerson's dark heart there was what he might in his twisted vocabulary have termed happiness. His plans were working out to perfection. Jean Darnell had wired again that all was well and that she would have news for him in a few days. This meant that she and George Drake had done their part. But he wondered why it was that John Dorr, who must certainly be anxiously awaiting word from Ruth, neither said anything nor displayed a sign of impatience.

It did not escape him that Tom Kane and the young engineer were in consultation several times. What were they planning? He determined to probe boldly. When Dorr came into the office in the afternoon and began to clear up his desk Wilkerson asked quietly, "What's the news from San Francisco? Has Ruth wired?"

John had been expecting this, perfectly natural question and was ready with his answer:

"Everything seems to be all right." "Good!" said the superintendent dryly. "I'd like to get started on that new lead pretty soon." He could not repress a sour smile. "Since the old rate of wages has been restored I guess you and I may have to do with our salaries for awhile."

John looked up and caught himself. He was in no position to quarrel with this man. "Pay the men first, of course," he said. He proceeded to get into a package of blueprints and memoranda.

"Going to move?" suggested Wilkerson.

"I'm going for a trip, and I thought I'd look over my notes in the mean while," was the response.

Wilkerson said no more. He went on the alert. From Bill Tubbs he learned that Dorr was going to run into either Valle Vista or Silent Valley with the motor truck.

The superintendent of the "Master Key" belonged to the type that is catlike in its quickness of action, based on intuition rather than on reason. While Ruth Gallon was carefully concealed, it was more than possible that

Dorr would so stir things up with the aid of Everett that all plans to seize control of the mine's stock would be futile. He must not be allowed to go to San Francisco.

But how to prevent him? Wilkerson pondered this problem till his dark face was suffused with angry blood. There was no way but the way of violence. Among his sensuous appetites was none for blood, but he nerved himself to his task and shortly after midday called for his horse and rode out, settling that he was going across the divide to see about a fresh supply of wood. In the saddle scabbard he carried a short saw.

Spanning an arroyo between two hills halfway to Silent Valley was a short bridge of considerable height. It was midafternoon when Harry Wilkerson threw the bridle rein over his pony's head and climbed down the hill slope till he was directly under the bridge. Then he pulled the little saw out of his shirt bosom and began work. Fifteen minutes later he climbed up to the road, broke the saw in two, flung the pieces into the brush and rode away. He did not go far.

From his place of vantage halfway up the hill he waited. The hour that elapsed before he heard the coughing of the motor seemed an endless succession of deadly seconds, each marked by a stabbing breath. Then he saw the truck emerge from the cut and commence to rumble heavily down the slope. John Dorr was driving. With him was one of the hands.

The heavy truck bumped upon the bridge, and in the desert silence the man on the hill saw it quietly sway to one side and then plunge downward to the rocks below. Before the sound of that crash could reach his listening ears he saw a sudden burst of flame shoot up a dense swirl of smoke. Then, like the faraway crackling of a fire, came the noise of the yielding timbers, followed by a dull boom.

"My God!" whispered Wilkerson to himself. "The gasoline tank exploded and the car is on fire!" He crouched in the brush, waiting to see whether any one emerged from the gulch. No one did. The bridge burned fiercely. At least no one would ever know the cause of this catastrophe, and John Dorr would not go to San Francisco.

Instinct told him to flee the scene. But a stronger passion overcame him: he must see for himself what had happened. He mounted his horse and rode swiftly down the slope.

The truck had turned completely over and lay broken and smoldering across the waterworn bowlders. Wilkerson could not see two forms; all he discerned through the eddying smoke was the body of John Dorr, flung some distance from the truck. His pallid face turned to the blazing sky.

"Dead!" muttered Wilkerson, chilled with the horror of the thing he had done. It bit into his very soul, that scene, until he could not stand it longer and rode furiously away toward the other side of the divide. He must go on his supposed errand about the wood and know nothing of this.

On the crest of the mountain he halted and looked back. Far below him a thin curl of gray smoke marked the site of the murder. Knowing that he was safe, Wilkerson experienced a tremendous reaction.

He raised himself exultantly in his stirrups. He was now master of the "Master Key" mine.

CHAPTER X.

In the Heart of Chinatown.

WITH quick decision Wilkerson turned his horse toward Valle Vista. He felt in his pockets to see how much money he had. He discovered that through an oversight he had put into his pocket before leaving the office the last San Francisco mint check for something like \$3,000. There was besides this a couple of hundred dollars.

He pulled this out, stared at it, laughed and went on "Frisco for mine," said he.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)