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had seen a figure go through into the next room, it is probable that she would not have had courage enough to do as she now did. But being under the impression that she was the victim rather of fancy than of fact, she re-solved on the instant to ascertain whether this was really the case. Long before she had reached the door she knew that it was shut, but even then, with this proof before her eyes, she was not quite sure whether some one had not gone through. So she still ran on, and, seizing the handle, turned it, expecting that it would resist her touch and so prove conclu-sively—or almost conclusively—that she was the victim of a delusion. But it did not resist. On the contrary, the door flew open at her touch so quickly that she was almost thrown forward, face downwards, on to the floor of the dark room be-vond.

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yond. Recovering herself with a little cry, Edna, now fully persuaded that what she had seen was really a living, breath-ing creature and no mere fancy, stood still just within the threshold of the dark and cold Blue Saloon, and, shad-ing her eyes with her hand, peered into the gloom the gloom.

And as she stood thus quite still, listening and straining her eyes, she heard, unmistakably this time, the sound of an opening door.

(To be continued.)

## **Booming New Birmingham**

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cover of it he looked closely at the little man with the trim moustache who sat hunched up in the big chair, tapping the shabby arm with the eye-glasses he had purchased as an aid in the illusion of ultra-respectability. Mac glanced around shortly. "May-be," he replied, also smiling ever so little.

little. "Now look here, Mac," the other pro-tested. "I don't know just what the game is, and I doubt if Seattle does. He came up here and scouted around. We followed him and I've been going it blind to some extent, just waiting until you choose to let me in on the entire plan. I can see that it will be simple to clear out with a bunch of coin, but I never thought that you were planning to acquire a ready-made house and take out naturalization papers. and take out naturalization papers. Don't you think it would be only square to wise us up to the whole plant now? If I don't like it I can drop out." Mac smiled again. "You've been a

If I don't like it I can drop out." Mac smiled again. "You've been a good boy, Phil. You've followed every lead and caught the cue at each turn. To tell the truth I hardly——" The telephone rang. Mac lifted it from the table at his elbow. A moment later he turned to his companion. "The majority in favour of the by-law is 504," said he. "You might ring for Louis. What shall we celebrate with?"

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"Make it something with bubbles in " suggested Phil. it."

it," suggested Phil. Jimmie Barr, following his telephone message, arrived just in time to aid in the little celebration. After the con-gratulations he intimated that the others would be required at a public meeting which was being called by Mayor Clarke at the City Hall. "TH have to beat it up there myself in a few minutes," said he, "but I'd like to find out one or two things before I go. What will be the next step, now that the by-law has been passed?" "We shall at once begin the organiza-tion of the company. Our application for a charter is in, and practically all the details are arranged. Tenders for the erection of the plant and buildings

the details are arranged. Tenders for the erection of the plant and buildings will be received as soon as the city pur-chases the site." "I understand," said Jimmie, "that there is some difficulty about obtaining that site. The owner, who lives some-where in the States, won't let go for under sixty thousand." "I know nothing of that," replied Mac. "We are prepared to do our share and the people to-day showed that they favoured the project. I am prepared to state, however, that if the owner will not sell for fifty thousand or less, the company will put up the difference."



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