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PEG O THE RING

PEG 0 THE RING (Continued from page 7) He quickly decided to retrace his steps and take the other fork of the road, and with all speed he ran over the distance he had wasted im his un lucky decision. Just as he reached the fork of the road, Jerry met him, the young jockey staggering along as best he could. Although he was fast the distance he had wasted in his un-lucky decision. Just as he reached the fork of the road, Jerry met him, the young jockey staggering along as best he could. Although he was fast recovering his usual agility Jerrý was still rather groggy from the blow the sailors had given him in the head.

Sallors had given him in the head. Lund led the way down the road over which he was now certain Peg had been carried by her captors. The strain of his long run began to tell and, agile and muscular as he was, his speed was slackening under the hard strain of his protracted effort Looking over his shoulder he saw that Jerry was now making good speed and as they neared the wharf they were on even terms stood they were on even terms.

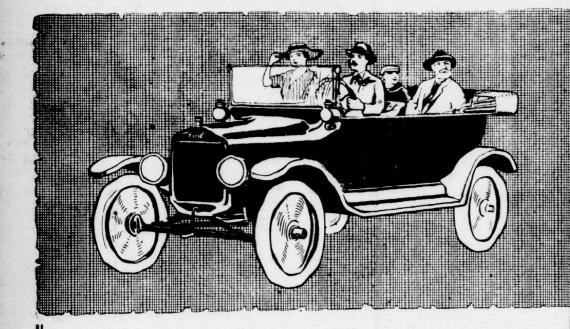
As the two mendashed out into the As the two men dashed out into the open on the docks they realized to their dismay, that the sailors had made good the first move in their purpose. Backing away from the pier was a steamer and at the moment Lund and Jerry came upon the dock Peg was being carried-down a com-panion way that led from the upper deck, at the stern of the boat. The would-be rescues stood transfixed would-be rescuers stood transfixed with horror as they realized in a flash the danger to which the circus girlWHOOPING COUGH SPASMODIC CROUP ASTHIMA COURSER ONCHITTIS CATAREM COLDS

once deserted. In desperation Jerry and you In desperation Jerry and vonng Lund ran to the edge of the wharf, as if by that move to lessen the dis-tance between themselves and the boat. It was a strange move of fate that led them to do this, for when they reached the edge of the pier, and began looking about, their eyes were gladdened by a sight of an evidently deserted motor boat tied to the dock, some distance away from where they some distance a way from where they

stood The two men acted as with one im-pulse, and dashed along the pier. When they reached the motor boat Lund jumped in and tried the engine. In feverish haste he worked to "turn it over" and wrs after a few trials successful in his attempt. Then Jerry untied the painter that held he boat fast to the pier, shoved her free, and the two men were soon speeding away in pursuit of Peg and her captors. M can while the girl was descerately smelling cabin, while the brutes went on deck and started a drunken orgy.. Leit alone Peg looked about for some means of protecting herself. She first investigated her surround-ings and found that the hold was di-vided into two cabins. In one cabin the sailors evidently ate their meals, for on the table were the remains of some course food. Just forward of this cabin was another in which

Mean while the girl was desperately struggling against heavy odds. The rough sailors half mad with drink, were revelling in their discovery.





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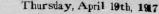
When they carried the girl below, they left her alone for a while in the ill-smelling cabin, while the brutes went

There was not a weapon of any sort to be seen. Only old ropes and cordage, with pulleys and blocks--the usual embelishments of a harbor or aft. Peg felt a trifle relieved when she had made a thorough investiga-tion of her prison. She knew at least what was behind the door that sep-arated the cabins, and durig the little time they had left her alone she had time to form some plan of defense? Above her head she could hear the heavy footfalls of the drunken sailors Their voices came to her down the companion-way in loud dispute. Only the round portholes in either side of the cabin afforded her a view of the water as the boat steamed along. Her heart almost failed her as she con-templated the terrifying position in which she was placed After travelling through the water for several moments Peg heard the bell ring in the engine room and the

After travelling through the water for several moments Peg heard the bell ring in the engine room and knew by the lack of vibration that the machinery had stopped. Gradually the boat lost headway, and soon she heard the noise made by the anchor - in as it rattled from its capstain. The girl could not know that this very act would ' the means of in-suring relief. Young Lund and Jerry forcing their borrowed motor boat to its top speed, rejoiced when they saw what the sailors had done. They had made slow gains in - efforts to overtake the steamer, but now that she rode at anchor they rejoiced. The boat had stopped because all hands wanted to enter into the drunken orgie. The engineer and the man at the wheel determined that they would not be left out of the rev-elry, and so they agreed that the boat should be bronght to anchor that all hands might be free to join in the carouse. When the anchor struck bottom, Peg's position grew desper-ate. this cabin was another in which beds and bunks provided sleeping

out with her feet, to draw one of the iron beds into a position where she could use it as a barricade. She felt the drunken brutes trying to force the door by main strength. The girl struggled with the other bed and threw it into position where it would increase the strength of her barrier. Then she waited in terror for further developments. Lund and Jerry, in their speeding motor boat, were drawing nearer while the drunken sailors were argu-ing in the tabin. Without checking the momentum of their craft, Lund steered the motor boat along side of steered the motor boat along side of the steamer and shut off the engine Jerry missed two or three ropes that hung over the side, but Lund managed to grab one of them and clam

aged to grab one of them and cam-bered out of the boat "Make her fast Jerry," said Lund in low tones, "and then climb up The deck is deserted. They must all be down below." And when Jerry had down below." And when jerry have reached the deck, the two men crept toward the stern until they reached the companion-way. "We don't know the odds we are against," said Lund, "but if the guns work I guess we will be winners." So



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against," said Lund, "but if the guns work I guess we will be winners." So saying Lund whipped out his revolver and Jerry following suit, the two men sprang down the stairs. "Hands up, and be quick!" cried Lund as he reached the foot of the steps. And in a second Jerry stood beside him, the two revolvers cover-ing the drunken sailors, dazed into further submission by the suddenness of the command.

further submission by the suddenness of the command. With their revolvers covering the crowd Jerry backed up the compan-ion-way while Lund ordered the roughs to follow suit. In this way the cabin was cleared, Lund following the last man up the stairs, the two rescuers keeping the sailors always under cover of their revolvers. "Drive them forward," was Lund's command.

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command. "Go ahead if you want to keep whole skins," ordered the jockey. And the motley crowd of hali-drunken brutes cowered under the threat of the revolvers as they flashed in the late afternoon sun. When they had arched the crew into the for-ward end of the boat, Lund and Jerry made them climb to the hali-deck that had been built in the extreme bows.

"Keep them covered, Jerry," said Lund, "and I'll make a search for

Lund, "and I'll make a search for Peg." Young Lund hurried aft and again descended the companion-way into the cabin. When he tried to enter the other cabin the door was held fast against his efforts. "Peg! Peg! are you in there" Lund called as loud as he could lift his voice. Without waiting a second for the reply Lund swing a stool with all his might and sent in crashing through the door. Through the splintered panels Lund saw Peg king limp upon one of the

Through the splintered panels Lund saw Peg lying limp upon one of the beds. With desperation he cleared away the remaining panels by force-ful applications of the stool, and in a twinkling was inside the cabin. Working fast he swung the beds out of the way, and lifted Peg in his arms. The girl's eyes suddenly opened wide, and, seeing that she was in Lund's arms, she gave a wild cry of delight. The young man implanted a hurried kiss upon her upturned lips and said.

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