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### THE MAELSTROM

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"There's something in what you ay, Gwennie," he argued easily. inly don't lose sight of this-I've enough to act on in regard to He placed his hands on his and leaned forward. "It isn't we weren't bound to get the of our evidence sooner or later. would be only saving time. You low if I put in a word for you at

interrupted him. "I'll climb she said. "You've got me ted and I know when I'm Her bright face relapsed into a mentary scowl. "I was foolish to Hallett that note. I thought he ht not take any notice of a ver-message. After all, I guess you

ed, and he was alert for any inhim off his guard. He gripped her going to hold tight," he warned. 'Oh, if you like it," she retorted, and they passed side by side into the

her stoop, and himself bent and groped on the floor. The fingers of likely that she would succeed. his right hand came in contact with a heavy bolt, which he withdrew. She her," mused Menzies aloud and stabblackness which marked the open- matches.

gagged. We'll need that match after the sound.

and then Menzies gave a cry as she and spat. brought round the flaming box with "That y all the force of her left hand full in his face. His grip on her wrist involuntarily relaxed and the moment she had been waiting for arrived. She flung her full weight sideways upon him and he collapsed down the open trap-door.

withdrew, closing the cupboard door

instant action kept him from exhis opinion of the trick that had been

hoped that the trap was still unsecured, but he was a man who rarely time."

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of the boards and he gave one futile heave. Then he sat down on the top

quietly consider matters. It is an elementary principle continually dinned into the ears of junior members of the service that never in any circumstances must a prisoner upon whom hands have once been laid be permitted to escape. A captain who has lost his ship feels little more agony of mind than a Scotland Yard man who has lost his prisoner It is always difficult to define the difference between negligence and ill-

True, Gwennie had not been techni cally under arrest, but that was small message. After all, I guess you consolation. He had intended to are the said, there are the said are the said, there are the said are or extenuation when he came to subring night, if I'm any judge. If mit his report to headquarters, He—point of view. But it is one of those we should study each new thing truths which impress the wrong that comes to our research and care.

who's resourcefulness to take any disentangle motives and probabilities, lastic people who are always being subjects than we ourselves think She had the reputation of Gwennie could have no hope that his bitter fighter when hardest imprisonment would be more than temporary. She was too old a hand Even if he were eliminated alto-

go on. His progress was recorded at Scotland Yard, and there were able And Someday the Aeroplane May untrodden." men ready to take it up from where he had left off. Also she could scarcefar away.

"We'll have to do without a match," he remarked. "I like cling-ing to you, Gwennie."

She woods without a little effort against him was woods. a getaway. And more, it seemed was right. "I'd like to wring her neck for

in turn flung back the trap door and bed a hand viciously into his pocket able to wriggle through, Mr. Hallett. little too inclined to go off at half-both peered down into the square or to see whether he had a spare box of You're slimmer than I. Feel you'd cock for my taste."

"You there, Mr. Hallett?" he cried.

A muffled, inarticulate sound reached him. The woman raised herself almost wright. "We would be continued by the chief inspector, than ever regretted the absence of matches. He cautiously descended steps. His strength was really almost wright." all, Mr. Menzies. There's a ladder The cellar had seemingly been

used as a depository of useless lum-He felt in his pocket with his free ber and more than once he stumbled right hand and passed her a box of before, lying on a heap of coals, he matches. "You'd better strike it, placed his hands on a warm form. then. Hurry up."

The figure moved under his touch and he felt the cords that enwrapped it. clumsily enough, which was only na-tural. There was a quick burst of bonds and the man moved stiffly, sat flame as the whole box flared up. up, extracted a gag from his mouth "That you, Hallett?" said Menzies.

"Yes." The young man broke into a cackling laugh. "They've got you, structions from you." then, Menzies. If I wasn't so sore this would be funny." "You've a keen sense of humor,"

right in a jiffy."

He chafed the numbed limbs until any one leave the house since I came Hallett groaned with the exquisite in?"

agony of returning circulation. "Matches are what I want more

pressing in unchurchwardenly terms vest pocket,' groaned Hallett. "Easy —you're murdering me."

Menzies extracted a small silver played on him.

A ladder which had made itself painfully felt in his descent he now ascended with a rush. He scarcely keep quiet for a little, while I look with a rush. He scarcely keep quiet for a little, while I look with a rush.

took anything for granted. His fing- The light showed a low-pitched cel

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scheme the other day, a new kind of insurance which sounded very attractive and reasonable.

The Authorman's wife listened to her enthusiastic description and then brought out her inevitable comment brought out her inevitable comment when any new idea.

Where would all the pleasure and health and happiness and efficiency that the automobiles have brought us be to-day if people had said, "If the thing could be done, why haven't people done it before?"

Who knows what the next twenty

"Yes, it sounds all right but if it's years will bring. Perhaps flying any good why doesn't everyone do

If I have heard the Authorman's wife say that once I've heard her say bilities. it a hundred times. Because There Are so Many People Like Her.

The best answer I ever heard anyone make was the Authorman's "Beconsolation. He had intended to ar- cause, dear lady," he said, "there are point of view. But it is one of those people. Whereas it is a truth which fully in the light of reason and com along and drag him up. We dropped into this muddle.

He put the personal aspect aside had too much knowledge of Mrs.

He put the personal aspect aside over enthusiastic people need to take into account, it is the under enthus for the moment while he sought to into account, it is the under enthus as which are always being subjects then we ourselves think influenced by it.

We need it, of course, but we also need to balance it with the opposite truth—namely that every good thing was once new and had to be tried problems and then have the courage "I'm gether, the investigation would still by people with courage and open to take the old path or the open

"We'll have to do without a far away.

It needed no great reasoning powdatch," he remarked. "I like cling-statch," he remarked. "I like cling-statch him was meant merely as a gainst him was meant merely as a gainst him was meant merely as a saish of light showed that he and down.

She made no answer, but he felt diversion to afford her time to make and a slash of light showed that he and down.

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"By James! I'll do Gwennie yet!" like to have a walk about now? Here,

matches. He cautiously descended steps. His strength was rapidly re- thanks. He tried to overlook the reself almost upright. "He's tied and the ladder and groped his way toward turning to him and by the time they proof in Menzie's tone. had been twice round the cellar he taking. Menzies lifted him bodily and he

> sat gasping and exhausted on the pavement by the time he was through. "What next?" he asked. "There should be a constable at the corner to the right. Get him and Menzies seemed to have the faculty break into the house if you can't do of invariably smoothing him up the it any other way. Tell him to come

The policeman proved amenable and within ten minutes Menzies had the pleasure of hearing the bolts of retorted Menzies grimly. "I don't see anything funny about it. Here—hold a sigh of relief as he emerged into open trap-door.

She flung the door swiftly to, pushed home the bolt and, brushing the dirt from her dressing gawn gight in a jiffy "

anything funny about it. Here—nold comparatively open air. "That's better," he declared. He turned sharply on the constable. "Have you seen

"There was a lady and gentleman about twenty minutes or half an hour Via the Coal Chute.

Weir Menzies, bruised in body, but those battered in his feelings, was on its feet in a flash. Only the need for enstant action kept him from ex
"I think there's some—right-hand stant action kept him from ex
"I think there's some—right-hand and the lady asked me where they and the lady asked me where they would have been a sensible thing."

"Matches are what I want more ago, sir. I could have stopped 'em, but I didn't know whether you might want me to. I had no instructions gone to the Yard with that note in stead of playing knight-errant it want me to. I had no instructions and the lady asked me where they would have been a sensible thing."

The gentleman was carrying a bag would have been a sensible thing."

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The gentleman was carrying a bag would have been a sensible thing." and the lady asked me where they were likely to find a taxicab."

"Did you direct them?"
"I told them the town hall was al most the nearest rank."
"Hump yourself down to that
rank," said Menzies, "and find out if

hey took a cab. Get the number and hurry back, bringing a cab with you. Come on, Hallett. We'll make sure hat all the birds have flown before we have that talk. And a wash wouldn't be amiss for either of us," he added, surveying the other's coal-"You've burned yourself," said

"That," commented Menzies. "Oh, that's nothing—only Gwennie's trade-mark. She's a regular little A room-to-room search of the order-

lar such as is used for the storage house satisfied Menzies that it was In the semi-darkness by the kitchly suppose that he had ventured unen door she stopped. "It's here," she
supported into the house. She would
of coals in many suburnan houses. He post on door she stopped. "It's here, she supported into the house. She would be really his colleagues would not be a transdoor."

Hallett, indeed, had been lying upon a more detailed search until a transdoor."

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you out of this hole." he said. "I'd he exclaimed. "This hole was not have felt inclined to let your friend Hallett flushed a little. He remem

bered that but for the detective he would probably have been still in the cellar and he had passed no word of

thad been twice round the cellar he declared himself fit for the understaking.

"I'll own I blundered, if that will satisfy you." He held out his hand. "If it hadn't been for you I'd have still been sweating my soul out down wriggled upward through the manhole. It was a tight squeeze, and he good man, Menzies." "The girl played you up, did she?

You're not the first that's been made a fool of by a woman, lad." Hallett's teeth gritted together Menzies seemed to have the faculty

"Can't you leave that end alone?" he said coldly. "You may be right or wrong, but you know my opinion. Miss Greye-Stratton isn't a criminal Your judgment's warped."

Menzies smiled and made a gesture as of one indulging a child's whim. "All right, my son. Have it your own way. I know"—he cocked one leg over the other—"if I'd been lured into this shanty by the lady and bundled down to keep company with the coals what I should think. I'm not blaming you for jumping to (Continued in Wednesday's Daily.)

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and daddy under the lily pads by the edge of the shore. He was as pacty as any frog could be, with great black eyes and a nice green coat, but he was very unhappy because he wanted everything he saw.

One day a yellow dudk went sailing by and Froggle saw her.

"Mamma, I wish I had a lovely yellow mouth like Yellow Duck has. It's so large she gets a big meal at

It's so large she gets a big meal at one gobble," said Froggie.

His mamma tried to tell him he would look funny with a mouth like that, but all the same Froggie want-cd one. He watched the fish play-ing in the water, and he wished he had a shiny coat and a fan tail like had a shiny coat and a fan tall like they had, so he could swim to the bottom of the seas.

It made Daddy and Mamma Frog very sad to see Froggie so discon-tented, and finally Daddy Frog told

replied Black Crow. But Froggie didn't change, and kept on wishing just the same.

One day not long after Froggie was sitting in the sun on the end of a log. Black Crow flew to his side. Under his wing he carried two little

last time, sure enough he had a nice bill just like Yellow Duck.

he was so happy he started home to show daddy and mamma, but the bill was so big and heavy, and Froggie's feet so small that he fell over on his face and couldn't get up. Mamma and Daddy heard him calling, and came hopping out to see what was the trouble.

When they saw the big yellow bill on Froggie they both wanted to laugh. Froggie told them what he

"But it's too heavy. I don't want it. I can't hop with it!" cried Froggie, for his head ached from trying to hold up that huge bill. "Well, if you don't want it, eat the other berry and wish it away,"

said daddy.
Froggle took the berry from his coat pocket and mamma had to put coat pocket and mamma had to put it in his mouth, for Froggie's front leg was too short to reach the bill. Then Froggie flopped off the log into the water three times and the bill came off. Froggie rubbed his chin with his foot.

"Dear me! I'll never wish for such things again!" he cried.

From that day to this Froggie has been content with his own mouth.

been content with his own mouth, and goodness knows, it's large TAX NOTICES Tax notices are now being distri-

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