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# A COMPLICATED TANGLE.

CHAPTER XVII.

"Why?" said he.

"Rats." said she, concisely.

He hit upon a bright plan.

The woman nodded.

"They are welcome," he said, "if they

But he could not get the dreadful | Clarence Clifford knocked at the door old house from his mind. It haunted and applied for apartments. at last he owned himself conquered had a part of the place-two roomsby the morbid desire, and found him- and that the rest was uninhabitable. self walking round the square and loitering before the house again. For fays he made it a practice, half unconsetonsly, to walk the moss-grown Are there any-" payment before the house, and to ponder over the years of his early life, the back, and that's where they come brow. and gradually and surely grew on his from. You can see the rooms, if you morbid mind the longing-at last not like." to be resisted—to see the dismantled

He knew the windows by heart; they were for the most part boarded up. The green stain upon the stone the door and the cobwebs that were woven from it to the lintel showed that it had not been entered for years. "It is empty," he said to himself, recognized instantly, without exciting of the tragedy, and with a sigh he adone day. "Could I enter without ather suspicions, was a matter for care- justed his lantern and ascended the tracting attention?"

found that it was fast and tightly locked some one passed on the other side of the way, and he was comnelled to acknowledge that an entry by the front would attract attention and excite suspicion. Then there these will suit me." fiashed upon him the memory of the other entrance.

But where was that and how could he find it?

This problem to be solved gave alin them." most a purpose to his life, and with as is put in here." he started next morning on a tour of inspection through the courts whose mouths and outlets were near the can devour bottles."

But, time, the destroyer, had been tion in the shape of an offer of a also time, the builder, and many of the high rent, and the woman, satisfied courts had been removed and niled up and void of suspense to the bar-the door, with new shops and dwelling houses. gain. He almost despaired of finding the But with the discours y ame a fresh which this fancy had produced, he set the past five years. The report of retary of the Canadian National Comcourt he had remembered, when one impetus to the curiosity. He had deday he chanced to hit upon it.

A new shop at the corner of its en- and tried to gain some sleep but he alterations within it had confused it within the old house was rapidly grow- search. in his mind, but a small feature of it ing into a disease, which served as its entrance, was a them in a box. In another he packed able as ever. carved stone head, more battered than a box of matches, a small quantity of He wiped his hand and paused to ever, and Clarence Clifford knew that brandy, a bunch of skeleton keys and think. a small coil of wire rope.

And now another fear seized him. Remembering the rats and deter- his desire was whetted and augment-Should he succeed in finding the old mined to prepare for difficulties in the ed. house through which the entrance to shape of barriers, he concealed a re- Come what would, if only by breakthe vaults was made?

"Very carefully, and taking every his coat, and carrying his boxes made through, he would enter the house. precaution to avoid suspicion, he made his way to the house in the court. his inquiries, and at last discovered To avert suspicion, and give an air to find something that would help him that a poor family occupied part of of reality to his assertion he spent an but could find nothing but the keysa house which had been empty for hour or two in melting some metal which, as there was no keyhole, were years, and had only been done up and and burning some chemicals, then utterly useless and the thin, wire made habitable for their occupancy. lighting his dark lantern and lock- rope which he had brought to assist

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ed impatiently. Twice he lit a match and tested the atmosphere and twice was compelled to wait until the nox-

At last there was enough pure air to allow the match to burn, and with the light from his lantern streaming before him, walked carefully forward.

There were pools of wetchere and there into which the damp dropped with a monotonous trick-trick from the roof; at intervals a brood of rats crossed his path, and once an enormous fellow stopped and seemed inclined to dispute his passage, but the light daunted him, and Clarence Clifford, his longing unabated, went more

which led to the iron-cased, spring locked door of the house in the square and at the first damp stone at the wiped the perspiration, that, even in "Sewers," she explained; "run at the damp atmosphere, covered his

Turning his lantern on tither side he saw that here the damp had given With an excitement that he could way in places and that the higher the scarcely keep, from his manner, he stairs went the dryer were the walls. followed the woman into the tumble- In one or two places he fancied that the green deposit had been pushed off The two rooms she accupied were by a passing coat sleeve or a cloak, furnished, the remainder were board- but the steps showed so little sign of ed up and delivered up to the rats, late foot pressure that he felt convinced no human being had passed that How to take these rooms, which he way for years, perhaps since the day

ful consideration. Before him, just as he remembered "Well," he said, "I am willing to it, stood the iron door, thick with rust, take the rooms, bad as they are, for and without the slightest indication of they will just suit my purpose. I the spring which alone could open it.

want a quiet place where I can try As he looked upon it a peculiar some experiments in chemistry, and feeling came over him, a feeling that was like a positive assurance; he fancied that in a dream, or by some of the past five years, and formation Hon. Arthur Meighen and Robert ent Child, and Major Ney, Secretary "They ain't fit to live in," she said, other phenomenal way, had been con- of a constructive programme for the Toyed to him that behind that door "No," he said, "I don't want to live "And the rats 'u'd eat up everything

He sighed and almost groaned at the phantasy, remembering that his happi- phases of social work in Canada will years will be given by Dr. H. E. Carrying Health to the People, and ness was buried in the grave; but the be discussed. He then applied a strong temptafeeling had settled down upon his The Canadian Council on Child Columbia, on Child Welfare Advan- ("Janey Canuck") will discuss Reheart and soul, and he could not di- Welfare was founded in Ottawa in ces, 1920-25; Judge Helen Gregory moving Delinquency by Prevention. vest himself of it as he stood before 1920, and the whole first day of the MacGill, of Vancouver, on Five Years

cided not to make a venture that night ing for the spring. Aware that the sense of touch is intensified if the othtrance in the great thoroughfare had could not close his eyes, and fell to er senses are at rest. he closed his concealed it from him, and several pacing the room. The longing to be eyes and gave up his mind to the

But though he went over every inch served to place its identity beyond The following day he purchased a of the iron plating with careful presdoubt. In a dark corner of the arch, few bottles of chemicals and placed sure, the door stood as grimly immov-

Now that this obstacle had arisen

volver and a small crowbar beneath ing down the door, or cutting his way

He felt in his pockets, hoping happly him in any descent or ascent that might be necessary.

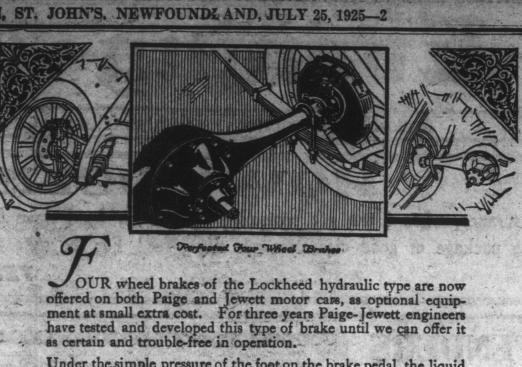
- An idea struck him.

Taking a length of the wire, he held it tightly in each hand, and drew it along the surface of the door from the top to the bottom.

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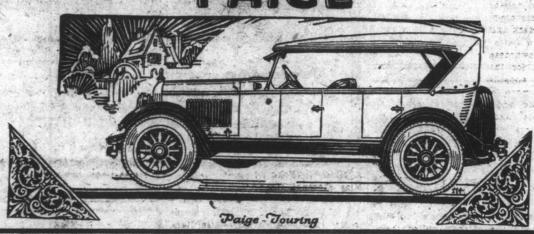
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inence will give special papers on Addresses disclosing the progress W. F. Roberts, Minister of Health progress in specialized fields, and all in the work during the past five for New Brunswick, will speak on Young, medical officer of British | Mrs. Arthur Murphy of Edmonton The second evening Hon. W. F in Meeting Conditions of Child La- Nickle, Attorney-General of Ontario, Waking suddenly from the reverie have developed throughout Canada in bor; Dr. C. M. Hincks, General Secof Regina, will discuss the Problem of the Juvenile Immigrant in the Canadian Community. Father Haley, head of the Catholic Welfare Bureau, Toronto, will speak on Child Dependency and Family Relief.

Dr. Helen R. Y. Reid, of Montreal will preside at the Wednesday even ing session, when Mrs. R. W. Reford, of the Montreal Council of Social Agencies will speak on the Child and the Community. She will be followed by Dr. Farrar, on Mental Defects and Social Waste. Dr. Farrar, is head of the New Ontario Psychopathic Hospital and an acknowledged authority on the subject. The final day's session of the conference will be given entirely to a discussion leading to the formation of the Council's programme of work for the next five years, 1925-30, Prof. E. D. MacPhee, of Toronto, leading the discussion. Miss Grace Abbott, chief of the Children's Bureau of the United States, will conclude the conference with an address on Minimum Child Welfare Standards. As all meetings are open to the public a large attendance is expect-

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