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The PURPLE MASK

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FOURTEENTH EPISODE

The mounted patrol, guarding the outskirts of the city in its thinly populated sections, had begun their nightly vigil without prospect of unusual adventure.

It was a warm summer evening, with very little moonlight. Far to the south, the busy night life of New York, was moving in joyous streams under the bright lights of the theatrical district. Usually O'Donovan, the mounted policeman, who had patrolled the same sections for years, might as well have been riding through the open country for all the excitement that came his way.

But to-night the Irishman searched the sky, trying to discover the cause of the strange intrusion upon the customary stillness of the night. Suddenly there appeared a string of lights, high in the heavens, at first faintly discernible but growing rapidly brighter.

Then came a louder "hum," increasing in volume, until, as it approached high above the ground, the policeman at last concluded that some strange ship of the air was cruising south, in the quiet night, bound for the city still several miles away.

O'Donovan forgot the sweetness of his pipe, as he suddenly wheeled his horse and dashed away for the nearest patrol box. The airship was now directly overhead, humming along toward New York at an even speed that might send it to the heart of town within an hour.

"It's O'Donovan," said the patrolman over the police phone. "Look above you at the airship. It's a big one, going south."

The desk sergeant in O'Donovan's precinct sent an officer to watch for the dirigible, and passed the word along to the other station houses farther south. In this way the approach of the airship, manned by anarchists and bent on a mission of destruction, was made known to every police station in the city.

And as a precautionary measure the department headquarters had called up Governor's island and the forts down the bay, warning the officers in command that New York was having a visitor in the sky, who looked suspicious, but not, of necessity, dangerous to the welfare of the city.

With the speed that generally attends the spread of sensational news, the approaching dirigible was followed by means of the mouth-to-mouth telegraph. Citizens began thronging the public squares and thoroughfares long before the airship arrived at a point in the sky above the center of the city.

The cafes and restaurants were a-flame with excitement. Eagerly the crowds waited and watched, as thousands of eyes scanned the sky while necks grew distastefully stiff from the unaccustomed strain of bending backward. Wild rumors flashed through the streets, passing from man to man, growing in circumstantial detail with every repetition.

As the giant skyship passed over block after block of the northern district of New York, without creating anything more than a sense of excitement, the residents who felt that they had escaped some dire calamity, grew joyous in celebrating their good fortune.

The "Great White Way" had never experienced such thrills. Just as excitement in the heart of the city was at its most intense pitch, and thousands stood in terror of some unaccountable disaster, an unprecedented thing happened—every light in street or building was snuffed out. The "Tenderloin" for the first time in the history of New York, was in utter darkness.

Police headquarters, acting upon advice from the commandant at Governor's island, had ordered the power company to shut off every electric light from Columbus Circle to the Battery wall. In a twinkling the order had been obeyed.

The hours of terror that followed the blinking out of New York's "white lights" will be a topic of conversation and sensational comment as long as one soul shall live, who experienced

the unprecedented sensation and conditions.

While the panic-stricken crowds in the street watched the sky for the threatened peril that might come, Patricia Montez, in her biplane, was speeding toward New York from the aviation field on Long Island.

As the airship, freighted with destructive bombs sailed down toward the bay, piercing the sky above the center of Manhattan island, the watchers found relief in the fact that nothing any more serious than giving fright to the multitudes had marked the journey of the air-raiders thus far.

But the satisfaction that came to the crowds in the theatre district, was not shared by men who owned property further downtown.

When the crowds in Union square saw the great airship approaching from the north, there was a cry of alarm when someone discovered still another air monster heading toward New York from Long Island. One brilliant light flashed from Pat's biplane; the anarchists' airship was ablaze with rows of glaring shafts.

Pat directed the passage of her biplane, so that she kept far above the anarchists' craft as it moved down the island. Coming close to the financial district, Pat had maneuvered her plane so that she was directly above the airship—and then she decided to act.

Very deliberately she hoisted an explosive bomb over the side of her biplane, having guided her craft until it was directly above the airship. When she dropped the bomb she scored a hit, first off.

The airship lurched and swung from its course. Another bomb dropped from Pat's biplane, likewise registered, and with joy the girl observed the giant aircraft change its course and head for the Brooklyn side of East river.

Too busy in saving their own bacon, the anarchists had not even attempted to bomb the city below them. They were just arriving at the point in their flight where they expected to begin destructive work, but Pat's attack completely upset their plans.

With their own lives at stake, the anarchists centered all their efforts in the hope of making a safe landing. From its great height the airship began to descend in zig-zag fashion, sailing over Brooklyn, toward the open fields in the suburbs.

As Pat's was skimming above Williamsburg, on her way back to the hanger whence she had started, she had the satisfaction of watching the anarchists' airship as it slowly descended. When the helpless craft neared the ground, Pat observed the wreck, as it hung momentarily in flames, and then crumpled up—falling in a burning mass to the ground.

Satisfied in having accomplished her purpose in saving the city from an attack, Pat sped through the air to the aviation field and safely descended. Her adventure had taken her less than an hour, and her mission had been fulfilled with marvelous success.

In great "scare-heads" she read in the papers, next morning, of her exploits. The sensational events that followed the airship's passage down the length of Manhattan island, occupied the front pages of the papers—but it had been found impossible, by the newspaper men, to identify the pilot of the attacking aircraft.

Later issues of the afternoon papers carried stories of the biplane that had left the aviation field on Long Island at about the time to account for the attack, but the strictest investigation had not uncovered the name of the pilot. There was only one item that led to the slightest hope of identifying the aeronaut—a purple mask had been found tied to the framework of the biplane that had been used at the time.

To Phil Kelly the identity of the pilot was clear. She had "put one over" on him again, and the great detective felt keenly humiliated, even though he rejoiced in the success that had attended the daring girl's adventure.

"She's a wonder, for sure," Kelly said to his assistant, when he had finished reading the newspaper account of New York's evening of terror.

Very naturally the sensational affair attracted the attention of government officials and orders came from Washington that the matter must be thoroughly investigated. When Kelly heard that the subject of the air raid had been taken up through secret service agencies, he hastened to the headquarters and volunteered what little information he had on the subject.

He felt in duty bound to do so. His information amounted to nothing more than suspicion, but when his report had been transmitted to Washington the orders came back that the Purple Mask must be apprehended at all hazards. The authorities, of course, had not understood Pat's exploits in foiling the anarchists, and what Kelly had told them simply served to center their suspicions of wrongdoing around the Queen of the Underworld.

Several of the best secret service operatives directed by the Sphinx, began shadowing The House of Mystery, at once. Their presence on the ground

The Housewife's Corner
A COURSE IN HOUSEHOLD SCIENCE COMPLETE IN TWENTY-FIVE LESSONS.
Lesson XVI. Children's Food.

The baby who must depend upon the bottle to supply nutriment to maintain life needs good care and attention.

That this baby may thrive, the mother should have the physician prescribe a formula that will agree with the child. Cleanliness is a big factor. It is impossible to keep the bodies, clothing and the utensils in which food is made, too clean. Remember that surgical cleanliness is the price of freedom from much of baby illnesses.

Filthy, dirt, impure milk and insanitary conditions are the enemies of childhood.

The baby approaching one year old must begin to eat solid foods. It is this period that the mother must use care and fore-thought. The delicate digestive organs are easily disturbed. It must be realized that the child should be furnished with foods that will provide growth of bone, muscles and tissues, fish also furnish with sufficient energy to exercise its body.

For growth protein is necessary. This is found in milk, eggs and cereals for the small child; and in meat, fish, peas, beans and lentils, in addition to the above mentioned foods, for older children. Baby receives his energy from cereals, bread and butter and milk. The fats in the milk, butter and yolk of egg also act as energizing foods. The juice of an orange may be given in small amounts to the child under one year of age, with beneficial results. The value of orange juice in the child's diet is of a laxative nature. The small child from one to three years may have the pulp of a baked apple and prunes in addition to the orange juice.

Children from three to six years of age may have cereals, milk, eggs, finely chopped meats, fish and poultry, fresh vegetables and fruits. Corn, beans, tomatoes, cabbage and cucumber.

Plenty of cool drinking water should be given to the children, even the smallest baby may be given a teaspoonful of water three or four times during the day. Do not give small children iced water; for safety's sake the water should be boiled and cooled.

Music in the Home
Music As a Qualification.

A musical friend is a friend indeed. One so frequently hears it said that some young woman has a host of friends because of her music or that a certain young man is tremendously popular on account of his ability to play the piano well. It is obvious that music helps you make friends. It is also true that you appreciate having friends who are musical.

Not long since, a mother who had always been careful about her children's choice of companions, was planning in a judicious way to encourage her son in becoming intimate with some other young folks because they were musical. Going farther and into a more serious realm, when a young man reaches the stage when he feels he can assume the responsibilities of taking unto himself a wife, he would do well not to be forgetful of the fact that Arcady is sweeter if the woman of his choice has had the advantages of at least some musical education. And the other way around, when a young woman is about to say "Yes" to the man of her choice, that choice will mean all the more to their enjoyment of life if he is musical.

Young people, who have musical parents will, in their years of mature judgment, never cease to thank Providence for that fact. An employer of a fairly large office staff is noted for asking every male applicant for a position two questions—one is a financial one, the other—are you fond of music?

One Lesson a Week Habit.

It is no exaggeration to say that most of the failures in musical education are traceable to two causes:

was immediately transmitted to Pat, and her craving for adventure led her into a daring experiment.

Before the secret service men had been on the job an hour, Pat ventured forth in her Apache costume for the purpose of testing, for herself, their abilities. When she appeared among the trees her presence was observed by the government operatives, and they at once began to surround her.

Gradually they closed in upon the Purple Mask, until she halted at every turn she made. Finally, the leader of the secret service band placed his hand upon her shoulder, as she emerged from the shrubbery and said: "You are my prisoner, Purple Mask. We have been sent to arrest you for endangering the lives of thousands in the air raid on New York."

Pat took her arrest good naturedly enough, smilingly remarking: "I came out for a stroll just to make your job easier."

"Much obliged for your thoughtfulness," said the officer, "but we would have nabbed you anyhow, sooner or later."

While the officers and their prisoner were exchanging this badinage, they had been walking, among the trees toward the path that led out of the grounds of the House of Mystery, into the street.

Suddenly, from behind a dense growth of shrubbery, a half dozen of Pat's men pounced upon the officers and engaged them in a vicious fight. In the first rush Pat slipped out of her cape, leaving it in the hands of her would-be captor and fled speedily from the scene.

(To be continued.)

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THE BAMBOOS OF JAPAN.
Have Remarkable Power of Resistance Against Pressure.

To Canadian eyes the sight of an enormous trestle work of slender bamboo poles carrying a railroad track across a mountain chasm might not immediately inspire confidence. Such, however, is a common occurrence in Japan, where bamboo is used for a multitude of structural purposes.

Japan has more than sixty species of bamboo which have been named. The tree grows with amazing rapidity. For commercial purposes it is often used split but more commonly in the original round shape for the power of resistance in bamboo against pressure is remarkably great. Cutting occurs at from three to ten years, which illustrates the reproductive advantage of the bamboo as compared with the Canadian spruce, for example, which for saw timber purposes cannot be utilized usually until above 50 years. Japan's supply of bamboo forests is constantly increasing as artificial afforestation is easy.

In the form of hoops for barrels and pails, the split bamboo is manufactured with a view to prevent unsightly change of color or to prevent splitting and other damage by extracting the oil while the bamboos are still in their original round shape. The process gives the bamboo an attractive lustre.

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This interesting mammal has powerful front claws for tearing open ant hills and decayed logs, a tongue that is a foot in length and a long, bushy tail which, according to native observers, is used "to sweep up the ants."

In reality the tail is not employed for any such purpose. It serves for something quite different, as one may see when the animal lies down. Then the hairs of the tail fall both ways over its body in such a manner as to form a sort of roof-thatch, shedding rain and keeping the owner dry in stormy weather.

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FROM OLD SCOTLAND

NOTES OF INTEREST FROM HER BANKS AND BRAES.

What is Going On in the Highlands and Lowlands of Auld Scotia.

Sir John Stirling Maxwell, Bart., has been chosen Assistant Controller of Timber for Scotland.

The sum of \$140 has been realized by the sale of war comfort tickets on the Glasgow tramways.

Lady Stirling Maxwell opened the autumn show of the West of Scotland Horticultural Society at Glasgow.

The Killwinning burgh assessments this year show a decrease of three-pence per £ as compared with last year.

James Graham has just completed fifty years of service on the staff of the Glasgow Corporation Lighting Department.

Information has been received of the death at Capetown, South Africa, of John Polson, M.D., formerly of Aberdeen.

The Dunfermline School Board has again had under consideration the question of providing a second school for Rosyth.

The wedding took place in Green-side Parish Church, of Captain T. M. S. Milne Henderson, R.E., and Miss Evelyn Haldane Blain, of Edinburgh.

George Jamieson and Son, timber merchants, Aberdeen, were fined \$6 for having failed to give up an insurance card to one of their workmen.

At the annual meeting of the Scottish Traction Engine Owners held at Stirling, William Haggie, Dunfermline, was re-elected president.

Second-Lieutenant M. D. Mackenzie, R.F.A., who has been awarded the Military Medal, is a grandson of A. Mackenzie, 7 Ramsay Gardens, Edinburgh.

Furness, Withy & Co., of Liverpool, have purchased from James Gardiner of Glasgow, his fleet of fourteen cargo-carrying steamers.

The Venison Supply Committee for Scotland has asked those who have venison to dispose of it to do so by sale and not by gift.

Sir Robert and Lady Baden-Powell paid a week-end visit to Aberdeen in connection with the Boy Scouts' and Girl Guides' movements.

Mr. and Mrs. Matthew H. Stewart, both octogenarians, and citizens of Govanhill, Glasgow, celebrated their golden wedding recently.

The Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have appointed Lord Salvesen a member of the Scottish War Savings Committee.

Elizabeth Paxton, of Park, was fined \$5 for falsely representing that she grew fruit in order that she might get 21 pounds of sugar.

The Lands and Fishing Committee of the Aberdeen Harbor Board reported that the total weight of salmon, prisle and trout caught there this year was 75,242 pounds.

Harry Lauder announced in Edinburgh that a committee had been formed to raise £1,000,000 for the benefit of Scottish soldiers on their return to civil life.

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