## A Chase Across

burgiaries in and about the quiet ing of the shot. He rushed to the a small jewel case. precincts of Randolph Square, and window, and firing again as the burberhood had been shaken out of he jumped after him but tripped on bullet through him."

Firs back all my lovely wedding Jepson?" presents. You men have absolutely

no sentiment." declared Mrs. Jack. exceaimed striking as dramatic an Is that your man!" attitude as was possible for a man in pajamas, "and I will shoot down any man who dares to put a profaning hand on the least of those berry square," answered Jepson.

"Stand guard!" exclaimed Min. highed Jack, Decarie I am not a square with the unwilling Jepson quiet atreets to the Barringtons. very good shot, and perhaps the in his wake, burgiar is, and you would not want tons had," she went on resignedly. Row."

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"Nack!" abe .. hispered. "Whati" Jack was vide awake him."

thing," sale Jack turning over. "It waving his pistol. "Oh, I don't believe it is any.

were open, a man working with a andagainst the door knob.

Lane went quietly down the stairs ance of a capter. keeping close to the wall, and, when he reached the bottom, he peered manded the man. around the big old-fashioned newell post toward the dining room. The dodge you are playing." door was open, but he could see no light and could hear nothing.

and touched the button at the side you spent them?" of the front door, and the whole lower floor was a blaze of light.

Land took a quiet look around, but does not concern you."

drawing room a puff of air struck his face and he saw the curtain at one domanded Lane. of the side windows waving. The window was wide open.
"Hello!" he ejaculated.

gone or where is he?"

A glance down the long drawing sut of you." room showed that there was no one thera. The door into the library was at the end of the room. It was nd holding the pistol leveled in his your house?" leht hand. Threw the door open and took a swift look around, the sim of his Bisiol following the direction idea.

MARK STREET, Unless Jack!" serie & fright

ery from the second story. "He is up here. Oh!" Almost with the cry came a swift ush nown the front stairs, and a man in evening clothes, with light

overcoat flying wide open. Asshed across the drawing room straight at the open window. Lame fired at the flying figure, but

he might as well have aimed at a Look in the pocket he was reaching comet. The man was gone like a for." dank of light.

a an epidemic of Lane's blood was up with the fr- and pulled out what appeared to be

"Burglar insurance would not pasted Lane. "Didn't you see him,

seen Miss Barrington wear." "I saw a 'ellow in a light-colored overcost run around the corner of things?" demanded Lane. "Well, dear, go to bed," laughed your house, going forty miles as Jack. "I will stand guard," he hour, just as I heard your last shot. to me."

> "Yes!" exclaimed Lane. way aid he go?" "He ran diagonally across the herself that the watch had been stoi-

haven't a gun." "You have a stout stick there Jeck mornfully. "You know that though. I'll shoot him and you tions," cut in Jepson. "Come slong you will be saleep in ton minutes, and beat him over the head. We have now and if you try to escape I'll then you would not hear a burglar got to get that man, I tell you" And brain you with my tick and Lane if he sat down and played the plane. Lane all after now with the man will put a hole through you." Well, it is just as well, dear, bunting instinct, raced across the And the trio walked through the

"Hold on," gasped Jepson at the servant who came to the door:

"No, he im't." cried Lane over any one with me."

"Well, I had rather she married "Well, hold on then," panted Jep. I will someone else, declared Mrs. Jack son. "This pace is killing me. If in." someone else, declared Mrs. Jack he is still running we have no show, "All right," agreed Lane, taking thousands of hysterical spectators, clared in a rather dictatorial tone. Boston, whom they may is devoted and if he is walking we can catch the prisoner into the library.

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Lane excitedly. "Now close, in

The man wavered and month, then are, and, sweller share creaking, or some that tripped Lane at the window now thing."

"Lane I believe you would let that tripped Lane at the window now that tripped Lane at the

of the hall, and, if the door tity. My name is Holis Bailey, his threatening pistol, Miss Barring. The great moment came and went. or three of the men. "Shoot the cur

strutting about with .11 the import-"Do I look like a burglar?" de-

Yes; we are on to the gentleman

exclaimed Jepson.

er on Jepson desperately.

everybody else doss."

"If you are a reputable citizen you What does it mean?" will be ready to account for your

them said, "that is a matter that

"Oh of course not," jeered Jephave been disturbed. 1001. "You are quite When he reached the door of the incriminate yourself. "What did you try to run for?

The man looked at him und smiled. "I thought from your cos-"This tume that you were an escaped lunlooks like the real thing. Has he atic running amuck, and your keeper." pointing to Jepson, "was in pur-

Jepson's pully cheeks grew pulfler with rage. "I say Lane," snapped Jepson.

"I don't know," answered Lane. Jepson's face glowed with a great the ring for for a neasure. Our untroubled ones of her girlhood.

Let's search him. If we find dence we want."

## to search me." "That is what they always say." A Third put in Jepson. As he spoke the man reached a stealthy hand toward the inside Generation pocket of his overcomt.

"None of that!" ordered Lane.

Jepson put a hand into the pocket

"I can explain about that if-"

"I tolieve you are right, lepson.

the man hotly.

By Muriel Win-

The old ford of Hartley Chare had "Open it, Jepson," sa. Lane. "If residents of that desirable neight glar disappeared around the corner. this fellow makes a move I'll put a Lord Wallace, Arthur by same, berhood had been shaken out of the jumped after him, but tripped on the window ledge and landed in a startled exclamation. "By love, taken who lived happily with into the arms of a rar who came watch. The very one that she told me was taken when their pouse was taken when their pouse was taken when their pouse was entered." As he spoke something who had not come across the interest of the case and save and altogether finglish hang who it belongs to; I'll have it watch to be a startled exclamation. "By love, though he was, yet arritur had chosen into the arms of a rar who came watch. The very one that she told me was taken when their pouse was entered." As he spoke something who it belongs to; I'll have it watch to be an into the arms of a rar who came watch. The very one that she told me was taken when their pouse was entered." As he spoke something who it belongs to; I'll have it was should be a startled exclamation. "By love, though he was, yet arritur had chosen have the brust of the square. Was slad." The same of a rar who it belongs to; I'll have it was should be a startled exclamation. "By love, the brust had altogether finglish hang who it belongs to; I'll have it was should be a startled exclamation." By love, the blue, who it belongs to; I'll have it was should be a startled exclamation. "By love, the blue, who it belongs to; I'll have it was should be a startled exclamation. "By love, the blue, who it belongs to; I'll have it was should be a startled exclamation. "By love, the blue, who it belongs to; I'll have it was should be a startled exclamation. The strength has give a sharp strangled sob.

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triumphantly, holding up the object. lost her heart. Mary Carson cared The dinner was faultless, and the "This is a ring that I have often "How did you come by these "I-I-" stammered the man. "Well, Miss Barrington gave them "That is a likely story," put in Jepson, "Miss Barrington gold .ae

was little short of worship. "We don't want any explana-Jepson rang the bell and said to aim to play my funeral march, now songth, holding on his sides. "What "If Miss Barrington has not retired their fancy sod them, making no er extent than men. would you, even if he were muical." is the good of this. At the rate that please ask her if Mr. Jepson may see plans, letting fate decide for the "Your husband looks a fine robust we won't have the luck that Barring."

The were muical. Is the good of this. At the rate that please ask her if Mr. Jepson may see plans, letting fate decide for the "Your husband looks a fine robust her for a moment on an important most part what form each day's fellow. Mary," he said teasingly. matter. Do no: say that there is amusement should take, and thus "You evidently look after him well." They lost such a lot of things his shoulder. "He will not dire- to had then, after a moment's deep rin far. It is too conspicuous thought she added, "I wonder if the state a couple of blocks that a couple of blocks that a month after their "I love him," she answered, and wedding day, when Lord Wallace something in the deep, passionate of importance, when they had gone had begun to think of taking his voice stayed the laugh on his lips, thought she added, "I wonder if soon as he gets a couple of blocks into the drawing room, "Miss Bar wife home, fate, through the medium as his eyes strove to read in ners away, and thinks he has given not rington is very nervous and the of some friends they had met, sug- the meaning of that tense tone. "Good gracious, I thought you the slip, his game will be to stop sight of you with a pistol in your gested that they had not seen a buil Just then Arthur's voice rang et were going to propound some learn-greate his color of a streng guarding the burglar, might fight. On all the earth there is no clearly down the long table. He secret fears of months confirmed. were going to propound some learn-speciable citisen walking used theory regarding the Barrington bons in special to equal in some respects, the was speaking to a man sitting near take the following and take the fellow into the library and national sport of Spain and Portu- Mary, whose estates joined his. "Well, hold on then," panted Jep- I will prepare her and then call you gal, the picturesque sitting, the my- "I say, Henniker, n. just about "All right," said Line, slowing Berrington's step, and he rose to dors, and finally the "matador," who it nearly every time I go out.

bout opposite their man.

"That is the fellow!" whispered that although I have been through stood alone with the bull not very a very exciting and I—may say dandard for from where they sat. It was the listening attentively, and some of den into the wide hall and laid it As Lane spoke the man turned has resulted in the capture of the had waited since the opening of the was.

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Therefore a queer sound down.

Was therefore or I'll shoot you!" our houses, and giving me the great tween man and beast; and every of mongrel otter hound," replied Ar.

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The fight was burning head that he from door was closed. But, see he looked, the want with you is to land you in lastant, as thought a moving light has a shought a moving light from oor was directly at the other war.

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"But it cannot be possible that doesn't somebody—" He paired the man.

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"We don't think at all," snapped a structly, then, with a sudden "Ah!" of one seems to mind."

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"When the pair appeared in

ton looked at them and gasped out: The bull was killed with many flour- and get it off your mind." tull's-eye in that room would be named by the name of the bull was killed with many flour- and get it off your mind."

It is and tricks of swordsmanship. Arthur's face grew very dark and likely to flash it down the hall and named to the many flour- and get it off your mind."

Arthur's face grew very dark and and the matador stood bowing to reand the matador stood bowing to re-sullen. gave him your watch and your ring!" lighted audience. Lord Wallace the thing." cheered with the rest but his wife . A great burnt of laughter greeted Miss Barrington turned a flushed was very stient. She was trying to his words. perplexed face on the prisoner and achieve the impossibility—to make "The best shot in England can't starmmered, I—I do not understand herself believe that there had been a hit a white dog!" oried several

dog in the ring. Jepson looked from one to the oth- It was eighteen months later and mu . be--" Taking a sure grip on his revolver movements during the last two or in troubled uncertainty. "Of the rich tints of early autumn were A sudden exchanation at the foot he made a quick step across the half hours," put in Lane. "Where have course you could not have given him spread lavishly on the woods and of the table cut the mirth short. four watch when you told me your valleys around Hartley Chase. Within Lady Wallace had fainted. It was The man hesisted a moment and self that it had been stolen," he said the walls of the stately old building Arthur who hurried to her side, who "Yes, my watch was stolen," an- lights sparkled on costly plate, and carried her tenderly from the room swered Miss Barrington, "but one well-trained servants moved not seless- and with a face nearly as white is of the maids found it yesterday af ly about their duties. Lord and Lady her own, watched in an agony of fear son. "You are quite right not to termoon in the grass in the back Wallace were giving a dinner party, for her to return to consciousness. yard, where the thief had evidently the first since the birth and early When she opened her eyes her first dropped it, and I gave it to Mr. death of their son and heir. Despite thought was of him, her first words, Bailey—this is Mr. Hellis Bailey the perfection of the servants, Mary one of regret for his anxiety, and this evening to leave at the jeweler's always liked to look at the table as Sir Marcus watch if them togethdecorations herself, and that night, er he felt a sob rise suddenly in Lane sheepishly concealed the pis-dressing early as was her wont, she his throat, hardened man of science tol in the pocket of his big coat and slowly descended the wide staircase, though he was. He went back to the looked down unessily to see if the pausing for a moment beside a mul- beautiful drawing room later to as-legs of his palamas stuck out. Honed window which looked out sure Mary's guests. Honed window which looked out sure Mary's guests. "He had your ring, too," blunder over a large shrubbery to where the stables stood some distance away. Save for a tired look in her eyes, At this Miss Barrington hesitated She had altered a good deal since Mary was her own calm self the next down to .t. "do you suppose he got anything at and glanced in confusion at Holis her marriage; there were sad lines morning, and she rose with a smile Bailey, and then turned with flush around the sensitive mouth and the to meet Sir Marcus Brent as he ened face, and said. "yes, gave him large eyes were no longer the clear tered her pretty boudoir.

road, yet trod it with unwavering this morning."

ously at the jeweled watch she wore. ly, and led her to the sele. the guests would be arriving very "his down!" he and madely, distinctly to her

nothing at all for the despair she nosters, a slender figure in black. had caused many matchingking with a rope of wonderful pearls, did mothers who had cherished dreams the honors with her accustomed of the Wallace estates for their own grace. The guests numbered among fair daughters, or for the sensation- them two who were new to ffartley dew with a sight, and stood lookal "puffs" given her oy the society Chase, though they were old friends line down the wide drive. He would journals, nothing for any one on the of Mary's. Sir Marcus Brent, the mot try to force a confidence the earth, in fact, except Arthur, and to great doctor and his wife, had been him she gave a wealth of love that away from England for three years

in Vienna, where his mental, reanon, society's obligations over, searches had caused much sensation. they changed the whirl of London He had never seen May's husband for the exotic land of Portugal, that funtil that night, and feelded that he honeymoon paradise where the skies liked the man his little friend had seem always blue, with the glorious married. He seemed full of spirdeep tint of the sapphire that the its and was obviously devoted to perfumes of the orange groves hangs Mary. She, he thought, did not heavily on the still evening air. They took well; but her plain black dress were happy with that complete recalled the fact of her child's death, contentment that falls to the lot of and women, he knew, were physicalso few mortals, wandering whither ly affected by sorrow, to a far great-

risd of different colors clothing the sick of that dog of yours," he de-

gerous experience this evening, it mement for which the huge audience them asked what kind of a dog it down. Save for the blood that work-

cried Lane, rushing at him and pleasure of restoring to your one leaned forward in almost breath-thur, who seemed thoroughly and watch and your ring. Here they less silence watching for the next noyed. "I warn you, Hemilker," he are," and, swelling with pride, he movement of the bull. Suddenly continued in loud rude ones, "that are are the pride of the pride of the pride of the swelling with pride of the bull. Suddenly continued in loud rude ones, "that are the pride of the pride o

"All fight, dear," sai! Jack, get land, before he could right himself, ting into his slippers, "I') get my plated and before he could right himself, Lane stood over him with threaten in get plated and the men looked at their house glass. It had not been used the man to my room." "Though I' took them from the thief himself, lane stood over him with threaten in get plated at his head. "Get up!" commanded Lane sterring wasse, if there is, I would not have greatly if any one, do you? Better the man obeyed plant as Jepson. "He there's put in Jepson, where is men obeyed plant as Jepson was he half, was not answerable to his void on him." "The thief?" put in Jepson, where is her. The reased dared to say "What's the matter. darlings was not answerable to him with the matter. darlings "What's the matter. darlings "What's the matter. darlings the proposed was stairs for the world." he puffed. "I could tell him world and excited and to say the puffed. "I could tell him world and excited as he answered will get the present while we are lane." "Whom do you want with me?" asked to only it." "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind. "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind. "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind." "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind." "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind." "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind." "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind." "That dog! Look at the beaut owners anapoing at him behind." "When the men looked at their hous glass. It had not been used to lim, "the matter that all so evidently the flush of war all so evidently the flush of war all so evidently the flush of the mat to my room." "The thirty of the matter. The matter. The matter that the matt

that you gave him your watch and jously, and her husband's voice was speaking to Arthur, and her husband's voice was your ring—think of it—and I still loud and excited as he answered brought him here so that you might her:

"That dog! Look at the besit ownerless cur, surely it can't contraint."

"But it cannot be possible that you." He pained abruptly, then, with a sudden "Ah!"

"Oh, yes I did," put in Jepson of satisfaction, yielded to Mary's Henniker looked distinctly of
"It doesn't seem worth so much annoyance, does it, walling in front of one of Aruthur's annoyance, does it walling in front of one of Aruthur's annoyance, does it walling in front of one of Aruthur'

"Here is the rascal who says you ceive the desfening applause of a de- "I've tried," he said. "I can't hit

voices. Oh, my dear chap, you

"This is kind of you," she said. engagement has not been announced They were beautiful still, but the "I'm perfectly well again today, but in fact it is not very old, but I girl had become a woman, and it very glad to see you. I ought to he muttered. "He anything of yours, that is all the evi- am glad to have two such old friends was the calm, strong soul, of one be grateful to my stupid fainting as you and Mr. Lane, know it before - to, seeing the darkness of life's fit, if it served to bring you here

mont the slock in the ball struct of whateshe might roof there, but the half hour, and she glanced anx; he only patted the half he hold gent-

soon, and Arthur had not come in to you don't look fit for much yet.

dress. He never stayed out so late. The room was full of keyely things. after shooting, as a rule, and a sud- evidences of wealth were on every on nervoussess selfed her. Then side. Many photographs of Arthur the caught the sound of his voice stood about in allver frames, and in sorne on the evening air across the selections of one of the manteintervening shrubs. He seemed to piece, was the picture of selection in the stable yard, and seemed to bely. If caught the dollar's one in high-pitched, excited tones came and he crossed the room to look. Will must have been a street bler

with this secret trouble that is wearing away your life?" She made no reply, only sat clamping and unclasping her slender hands. He turned away to the win-

was unwilling to give. Where is your husband this morning?" he asked after a pause. The question was in his umal quiet

Mary looked at him as he stook with his back to her, then rose, and crossing the room, slipped her hand through his arm.

"He went out for .. ride just before you came, on a new bicycle he bought the other day," she said. "I'm sorry I couldn't tell you anything just now, Sir Marcus. I love my husband and he is all I have in the world to love me. If I told you what you wished to know, you could do nothing to alter it"

His arm pressed more closely on her hand. \_

"Perhaps I have a varue idea. Mary/"

She tooked at him with wild eyes, like one who dreaded to have the "What do you mean!" she gasped.

"I only heard this morning," he answered quietly. "His grand(ather was insa-" The words died away unfinished on his Hos as his glance rested on a little group of men coming slowly up the drive, close to the nouse. They were car-

He fair scared, he were that wild and then all of a moment, the machine seemed to catch something and flung him right on the stones that's lyin' beside the fence down there. I went to 'im my lady. I done all I could, but I know it weren't any

Mary's face was set and white still. "What was it that he wanted to get out of the way," she asked. The man hesitated and looked puzzled. "I thought it was a dog at first, my lady. His fordship called it a white cur, but I couldn't see any-

thing in the road at all myself." There was a pause, then Mary poke to the man again: Thank you very much for all you

you have done," she said, and he went quietly from the room. Sir Marcus took a step forward.

"When did you first know!" he asked, and Mary turned away as she answered. "On our honeymoon. He saw-

he thought he saw-it then." She lifted the heart-shaped silver frame from the mantelpiece, and after a long look pressed the baby face passionately to her lips. She still held the portrait when she turned again to Sir Marcus, and for the first time that day her eyes were wet.

"Unto the third and fourth generation," she murmured sadly, and the man bowed his head before the woman who had lost all.

"I understand." he answered sim-