



## OUR COMIC SECTION

THE WORLD AT ITS WORST

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



WHEN YOU OFFER TO AMUSE THE CHILD OF THE HOUSE  
WHILE THE LADIES GO UPSTAIRS TO LOOK AT CLOTHES, SOLE  
RESCUE OF YOUR GOOD INTENTIONS BEING THAT THE CHILD, HAVING  
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PURPOSE, AND THAT YOUR WIFE IS SURE YOU CAN'T BE TRUSTED TO DO ANYTHING

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By Ted O'Loughlin

Hue and Cry



THE FEATHERHEADS

By Osborne

Sound Effects



### TRUE DETECTIVE STORY

By Vernon Brown  
• Public Leader

The Modern Jekyll and Hyde Mystery

HERE is nothing particularly sensational in a single robbery in one section of a city but when a dozen occur in many other sections they begin to grow eerie. Having been committed by the same persons it is time to sit up and take notice.

This was the feeling of the Stockton police, not to say of the prominent householders, who, after another, to enter complaints about a strange man who was terrorizing the people of the city.

Detective Krummel was detailed to make an investigation, and he did it with the thoroughness with which the police are compelled to do when he met him in against the expert criminal.

One of the victims was the minister of a prominent Methodist Episcopal church, who, while on vacation, received a description of all the stolen goods, and then with the assistance of the police turned his funds inquiry in all the surrounding establishments of the city.

One of the articles that had been purloined was a jeweled watch, which happened to have certain markings upon it which Krummel readily identified.

After the theft of some days this watch was found in a Brooklyn pawn shop.

The proprietor said the bit of jewelry had been pawned by a young woman.

It required time and ingenuity to track this person but she was found eventually, and when questioned said that the watch had been given to her by one James Hafey.

This recent woman was located and she said that she had been given to her by one James Hafey.

It was not difficult to find the residence of James Hafey, who, when the detective went there, was confronted by an unusual state of affairs.

The wife of James Hafey was at home, and when the detective asked her if she had ever been to the home of either of the two women, she said that her husband was employed by the United States government at a salary of something like \$100 a week.

James Hafey, she said, had paid her four or five dollars in the afternoon until shortly after midnight.

He was a good husband in every way, and was extremely generous to his wife.

She was unable to state the exact nature of his employment, but said he was working on some project except his hours with her.

Together they visited the art galleries and places of amusement and altogether had an ideal and happy existence.

It was a perplexing situation, because the suspicions of the police were that James Hafey had a roomer.

James Hafey, however, denied this.

"Well, it's now to me," said Claire.

She took a cigarette from a silver case at her elbow and lit it.

"Do you know that he has not proposed?" she demanded.

"I don't mean anything of the sort.

He certainly has proposed. I have the letter in my writing desk now."

"Well, it's now to me," said Claire.

She was most interested in the story.

"What is your opinion of the old-age pension?" asked the human rights advocate.

"They're all right," answered Senator Sorgum.

"But too many folks won't wait for the years to come before getting something."

"Well, Henry hasn't anything else," said Claire.

"I am willing to pay you a thousand dollars for that letter. I have the money right here." She tapped the purse in her lap.

"The detective managed to get into the apartment, where he found that James Hafey was not at home, and he made a thorough search of the premises.

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## Voice of the Press

### WHAT "GRADE LABELING" MEANS TO FARMERS

Crops grown for canning take up 40 per cent of the truck crop farm acreage in the United States. Most of these crops are grown on contract under which the canner buys the crop at an agreed price. Thus the grower has a sure sale for what he raises at a price which is often more remunerative than he gets for crops subject to market competition.

Nothing that hurts the canner likewise hurts the grower. The two go up or down together.

The canner now faces a demand from certain government offices that he place a grade label on his produce. He knows that any attempt to put all canned foods in three general grades means that he will have to look against price—and that price will be the lowest quality in each grade. Inevitably, general quality of canned foods will go down, and when quality goes down, the grower goes down with it. The grower resists the extension of truck acres for canning and the extension of truck acreage to staple crops, because in the staples class, quality is what sells.

Canners have offered a battle line—but, a battle that on the whole though about the 1940 National Budget, every lumberman's plan that protects the timber by keeping its quality, penalizes him for his efforts, and leaves why producers won't want to plant trees that bear no descriptive label.

Dollars spent in demonstration work, and in their home demonstration work they completed 322 individually fitted patterns and made for themselves 6,245 articles of clothing valued at \$9,140.03. New clothes closets to house their good clother were reported by 20 women and 37 others improved their closets, they declared.

Bevins' matches from Austin credit the Texas Relief Commission with authorizing expenditure of over

a quarter of a million dollars to individuals for clothing.

As between an income plan that will certainly lower the general level of quality and lessen the demand for canned foods, and another that offers a good incentive to improve quality and thus bring a bigger dollar return to the canner, there is no reason to hesitate.

The descriptive labeling plan of the canning industry combines just enough of the canner's interest and enough of the grower's interest in creating a little national drama.

### RESPONSIBILITY

Are publishers willing to pay the price in devoting time and effort to community service? Of course.

Even the most industrialistic views this philosophy in the Post and Sun, Bevins' a philosopher which is applicable to the Fourth Estate.

"Twinkling" is the price of responsibility, is the reason why 90 out of 100 average business men never become leaders. By the price of responsibility I mean hard driving, continuous work—the courage to make decisions; to stand the gauntlet, the scourging honesty of never leaving yourself about yourself.

North Carolina Press.

### HALTING DANGEROUS WASTE

What is the meaning of the soil erosion work about which more and more is being written? The meaning is that at last our government system and its agents and the people should be alert to the fact that the danger of soil loss on the land is of the order of billions of tons of soil.

The best estimate is that in the last ten years about 35,000,000 acres of American farmland have been abandoned, because of erosion, per the money cost of some \$100,000,000 a year. But that is not all.

The character of the rainfall believed to have been changed due to successive fall rains has been increased, but under ground streams, which millions of people have long depended for water are said to be drying up in many places.

It is to the great advantage of the country to have a conservation department which can add a few days to ensure the future welfare of the American people.

The total for the past six of seven years has been spending \$400,000,000 to stabilize and rest mountainsides in that country.

Southern Agriculture.

### FACETIOUSLY SPEAKING

Up at Sacred Heart a minister has

purchased and will operate the newspaper. We have ex-schoolmen, ex-bankers, ex-merchants, and ex-businessmen enter the publishing field, but this situation is unique in our experience.

In wishing the pastor success in his venture we do not say that perhaps often all his life the minister's background.

Certainly taken a remarkable conversion to get some business men to walk the advertising path. Some people are as prompt in paying their subscriptions as parishioners are in coming to church.

We hope efforts of the pastor are not baptized with too much criticism, and that he can escape the necessity of burying too many well-intentioned promotions. But the test of tests will be whether he can wed service to the community to a reasonably secure income. Redwood Falls (Minn.) Gazette.

### TO SAVE AN EDITOR

Here is at least one minister who appreciates the editor. At a recent editorial convention, a Kansas minister is reported to have offered the following homily:

"To save an editor from starvation, take his paper and pay for it promptly."

"To save him from bankruptcy, advertise in his paper liberally."

"To save him from despair, send him every item of news you can get hold of."

"To save him from mistakes, bury him. Dead people are the only ones who never make mistakes." Wisconsin Press.

There are two classes who live close upon you: The strong who will beat you, and the weak who know you won't jump on them.

Washington Post.

## On Texas Farms

In Jackson county, home demonstration clubs women spent 57,647 hours of food cooking during 1934, and by the women they have helped. Estimated value is \$12,166.15.

Six terracing schools attended by 237 men and boys were held by the Brown county farm demonstration agent in December. He has on file 98 applications for help in terracing, covering 8,973 acres.

Starting with two trench demonstration and a depression helped along by a drought, Brazoria county farmers and dairymen have 75 weirs silos ranging in capacity from 35 to 960 tons.

Hog killing and pork curing demonstrations were held in Washington county, the farms of Messrs. Chip and Lewin Rout in December by T. H. Doensch and C. Hohn, county and district Extension agents, when 25 hogs were killed, cut and cured the Texas A & M way. About 300 people participated in the demonstration.

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