

The Paying Guests

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know what it was first made... that Mr. and Mrs. Crane... married. Maybe it was the... she showed her. That ain't... proper between married

never have taken paying... the farm, only the interest... the mortgage, and then the... I always knew Cy Hicks... her because I showed him up... was courting Ada White for... But I couldn't prove it... course a rich man can always... courts. So I had to take... guests that summer.

the Cranes was the first, and... a dislike to Mrs. Crane the... I set eyes on her. She wore... smart city dresses and she used... her hair and set on the stoop... all hanging out to dry, and... to the roots, so that you... hardly tell it. And, as I was... it ain't respectable for decent... folks to set holding hands on... after dark, and that's what... have made me suspicious.

love and said nothing, but one... I was doing up their room... caught my eye, and it showed... suspicions were correct. It was... to a woman called Mary,...

me a terrible shock, in par-... because I found out that she... actress. It was all about parts... and if I'd guessed I'd... have had them on the farm. But... were too smart for me, and I'm... ly trustful.

that duty compelled me to... Mr. Crane's pockets when he... with that woman, and it... long before I came across a... written by a woman in Elmira,...

and another to that woman's... telling them what their part... up to. Then I waited and... them. Sure enough, a day... later they began to look wor-... and I wasn't long in finding out...

was an awful letter from that... husband, whose name was... saying he was coming on the... train to shoot Mr. Crane dead... tracks.

There was a letter from the real... Crane, saying that she was com-... and there wouldn't be much... left on that woman's dyed head... she got through with her. Course... I called it.

There was a pretty kettle of... I waited till the night train... in, and off I went to the depot... was a strange man there, look-... black as thunder, and a strange... crying. And each says to...

"Can you tell me the way to Miss... Jones's farm?"... showed them the longest way... and I run as hard as I could to... police station, and told Cy Hicks...

our police officer, to come up to... farm or there'd be murder. I... must have threw a scare into... for he turned white as a sheet...

then got down his rabbit gun and... of handcuffs from the hooks, and... of us sry as he could go... 'd just reached the potato patch...

was nearly dark—when there... a blood-curdling scream from... house which made me go funny at... knees. Then a woman's voice, say-

pare me! Don't shoot me! I'll... see him again, I swear it! Only... me go!"... and an awful man's voice followed:

You false traitress, say your pray-... for I swear you haven't got... other minute to live. I'm going to... set you in your tracks as I've shot... perjured breaker-up of my happy...

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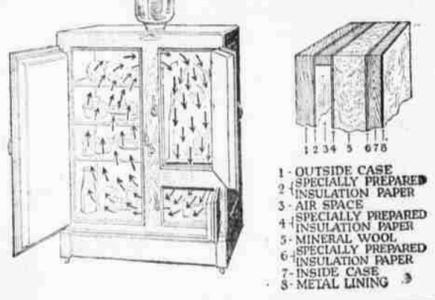
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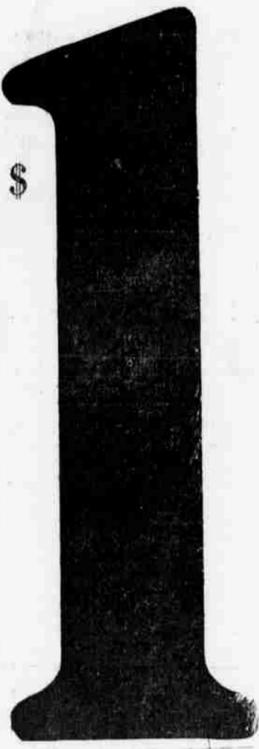
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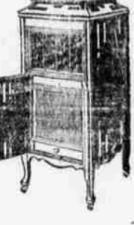


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