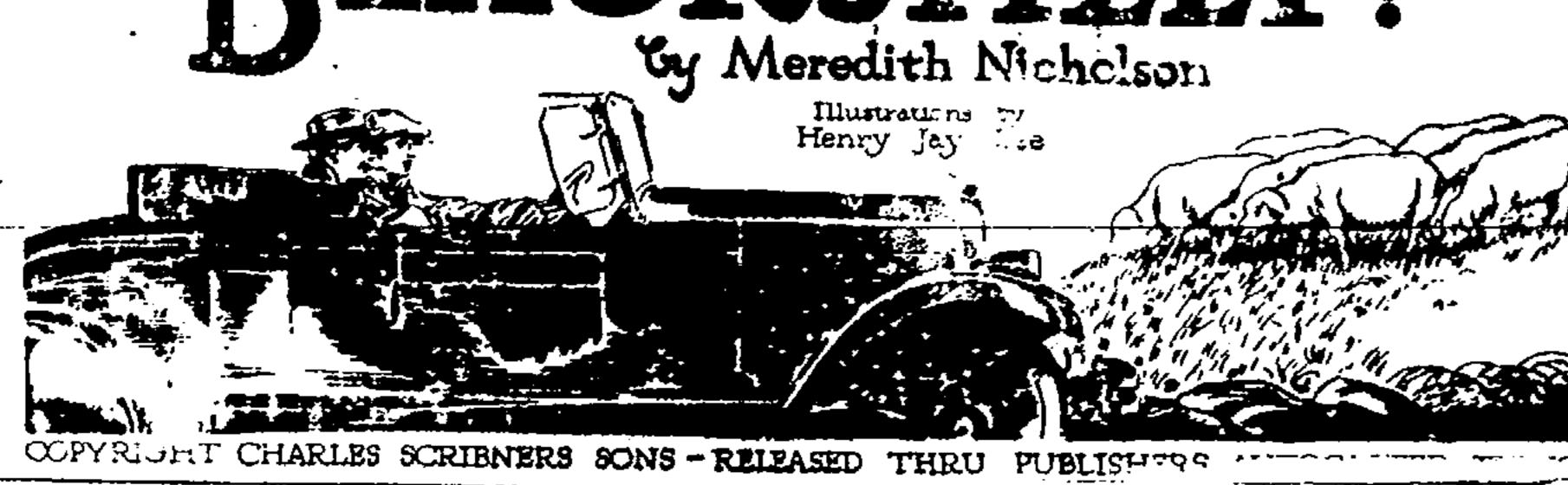
Most people prefer practical gifts. What would be more appreciated

# by Meredith Nichclson



citement as a cure for his nerves. thousand dollars to Red Leary." sister. A heavy storm forces him this!" reflected in the mirror and shoots. Archie to cringe. night. At dawn he is stopped on a asked the Governor in his blandest and the pride of race, tho filled with lonely country road by "The Gover-tones. "When you speak of getting the most complicated mental machin-

talk over coffee served in the gar-.... When the music began, See-1 brook and Walters recalled a bridge nounced that he must look up an old friend who lived in Cornford. "I shall be back shortly," he said as they separated in the office. Archie and Miss Seebrook joined the considerable company that were already dancing. After several dances Miss Seebrook thought would be fine to take a breath of air, and gathering up her cloak they went into the garden for an ice. Miss Seebrook was speaking of music, and reciting the list of op. eras she loved best when Archie's ! gaze was caught and held by a shadow that flitted along an iron fire escape that zigzagged down from the fourth to the first story of the long rambling inn. "You seem very dreamy," she remarked. "I know how that is for I can dream for hours and hours." "Yes; reverie; just floating on clouds, on and on," Archie replied, the the shadow moving on and on along the side of the inn was troub-

He had surmised that the Gover-! nor's declared purpose to call on the an old friend was merely to cover condithdrawal from the party; but that he could have meditated a rredatory excursion thru the inn had! not entered into Archie's speculations as to his friend's absence. There was no mistaking the figure that moved swiftly down the ladder. He was now creeping along the little balcony at the third floor. He paused a moment and then vanished into an open window. The Governor had said that Seebrook party had rooms just under their own, They danced again, and in the handclapping that followed the first number he turned to find the Govhis escapade upon him.

ling him not a little.

At midnight Seebrook and Walters came in from their card game, and after a few pleasant words, the party brokę up. In Archie's room the Governor hummed one of his favorate ballads as he slipped out of his coat and picked a speck from his snowy waistcoat. "It is evident," he remarked goodhumoredly, "That you are perturbed,-anxious and have slight symptoms of paralysis a itans. Pray be seated and I will do my best to restore your peace of mind." But Archie was not to be thwarted in his purpose to learn just what ithe Governor meant by endanger-1 fo their security so recklessly Ha

slammed the transom tight and drew down the shades. "You needlessly exposed yourself to observation by sneaking down the fire escape of this hotel-I know "My dear boy, I was merely gathering a few blossoms of the crimson rambler from the ancient walls of

the inn. You may have noted that I wore a spray of buds in my lapel when I joined you in the ball room. Now seat yourself on the bed and I'll tell you the whole story. When I left you I hastened into the drugstore and bought a stick of shaving

servation by entering by the side ing in a veritable sea of crime. The the steps of the inn gave orders in it possible that they've been mur-ANDOVER |door, skipped up to our rooms-and | Governor was undressing with pro-) Archibald Bennett, wealthy bache- there you are! I exchanged our voking indifference to his companlor, travels constantly in the inter- new bank notes for sixty well worn ion's perturbation. est of his health. He meets Isabel one-thousand-dollar gold certificates "Sleep, lad sleep! You may ' Perry, who recommends a life of negotiable in all parts of the republaure that nothing will harm us tocrime, adventure, romance and ex-lic. That means a net gain of ten night, and I have faith that more Archie goes to Bailey Harbor to in- "My God!" moaned Archie. "You -I forgive you for your qualm

vestigate a summer house for his don't think you can get away with and quavers, the pardonable manito spend the night there. During "I think," returned the Governor We walk in slippery places but we!" festations of youth and inexperience.' the night he is awakened by foot-imperturbably, "that we must and shall not stumble, at least not while," steps, and in an encounter with the will get away with it." His empha- the Governor keeps his head!" intruder, who sees Archie's figure sis on the plural pronoun caused Nothing appealed to Archie as of greater importance than the reten-Archie fires in return, wounding the "You're getting me in pretty tion by his companion of the head ?" intruder, who makes his escape. Ar- deep," mumbled Archie dejectedly. that now lay chastely upon a snowy ' chie plans flight to evade publicity. "How about the blood stains on pillow. A handsome, well-formed He starts cross-country afoot in the the sidewalk at Bailey Harbor?" head, a head suggestive of family!

Archie fleeing, is afraid to tell the You came to me red-handed from a "Put out the lights and get + truth—falls in with "The Gover-deed of violence, and I took you in your couch!" the Governor mutter- "That will suit me perfectly," re- of nausea that were not relieved by a stolen car. Sees story in newspa- no questions. It's the basest ingrat- The man certainly wore his crimes per of killing at Bailey Harbor and, itude for you to whimper over a lightly. He was sound asleep before waiting for the Governor to make at most the substitution and rob-

refuses to recognize him. The Gov- The reference to the blood stains was having coffee in her room, her tion of the room he had reserved. that he had made the most favorable Wednesday Evenings, I.O.O.F. Hall ernor, by a clever plan, switches reported by the Bailey Harbor po- father explained in response to Ar- Having frightened the clerk into re- impression upon Seebrook and Walchie, used as decoy—making love to upon the Governor's mercy. Com- "We're hoping to get away this accommodate him, he demanded to and expressions of hope for future niece of agent sent to meet eccen- plicity in the robbery of Seebrook afternoon," he continued. "It will know whether his son, Mr. Putney meetings Archie joined with the best tric Congdon here next day. Now was as nothing compared with the take only a few minutes to trans- Congdon, was stopping in the house. spirit he could muster. A cheery haunting fear that the man he had act our business when the man I'm Assured that Mr. Putney Congdon good-by caused him to look shot in the Congdon house had died waiting for appears; but he's an un- was not in the inn and hadn't been Miss Seebrook with a red rose in MUTUAL TENT NO. 18 from the wound. Unable to deter- certain quantity, and there's no there within the recollection of the her hand waved to him from her Linner over, they continued their mine this question he was flounder- telling when he'll show up. But office staff, the senior Congdon ex- window.

shan't mind another day or two. If Walters.

a high piping voice as to the manner dered in their beds, servants and of its disposal. As the various all, and the police not yet aware of Heets Every Tuesday Evening, va.

ed Seebrook stepped up and accost cape from the Congdons and here I INION ENCAMPMENT "Mr. Congdon, I am very glad to!

Seventy! And I don't feel a day obligingly assisted, shall rest for a few hours as a pre-

ing but stick with his strange friend and await developments. At Concord, N. H., Archie comes upon Isobel Perry at the hotel desk but she refuses to recognize him. The Gov
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in this topsy turvy world when Bernard B. Ackerman. ass in this tops, turn, our; a man can't find his own son! For the County of Allegany. days I've been wiring his clubs hereby given to all persons had and all other places he could possib- claims against the estate And I have son Brewster, late of his wife has left Bailey Andover, N. Y., decease

their sympathy in mild tones that April, 1928. "Can a whole family be obliter-116

he enumerated them in an audible. At the mention of murder Archie itors are siways cordially welcome tone as the inviting all the loungers began stealthily feeling his way in making an inventory of his ef- along the cigar counter to a water

boldly publishing to the whole state Meets Second and Fourth Monday see you. I hope you are not worn of New Hampshire his fear that his Ison had been murdered. "Worn out!" snapped the little! The concentration of the hotel man. "Do you imagine a run of a staff upon the transfer of Mr. Conghundred miles would fatigue a man don's luggage to his room left the you think I am feeling my age. waiting car. Seebrook and Walters

nor," master-mind criminal who mis- in deep you forget that someone be- ery with which a human being had sure and be able to meet you for sand dollars and carried it out to our little business at two-thirty the car. The sight the grin he detected on the Gover- Meets First Saturday Each Month

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from one point of refuge to anoth-

gods, but here she is Sally Walker, What's the young brother,—a the Governor, testing the gears. and never so charming as when she con?" asked Leary with a glance at

h all our perils; nothing in my stool. Miss Walker, my old friend, To be referred to as a confidence! rience was ever prettier than Mr. Comly, or Achilles, as you will." man by a gentleman of Leary's pro-A very pretty picture Miss Walk- fessional eminence gave Archie were not already er made in the kitchen window, a thrill. The Governor answered . If she had come down to vivid portrait that immediately en- drawing up his sleeves and going | good-by it would have been much hanced Archie's pleasurable sensa- thru the motions of washing significant. But the rose, the tions in finding a haven that prom- hands.

The girl appeared at a window, e

red rose. It wouldn't be a bad ised rest and security. Her black The brushing of the hands to stick it in an envelope and hair was swept back smoothly from gether Archie interpreted as a code it to the girl you were telling her forehead and there was the sign signifying murder and the about—the one who sent you glow of perfect health in her round- sequent interchange of words o shatter kingdoms. I guess ed cheeks. Archie noted her dim- took to be inquiry and answer as would jostle her a little, par- ples and the white even teeth that the danger of apprehension. He felt you were to enclose a made something noteworthy telling her that it had fallen to memorable of her smile. hand from a curtained lattice." | "Well, Mr. Saulsbury,



But he became interested in the transaction that was now taking place between the thief and the Governor. The Governor extracted the 60 one thousand dollar bills from his bag and laid them on the bed.

Leary philosophically stowed the

"You're done, are you?" asked

(To be continued next week)

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"The law of supply and demand,"

Did you receive your Christmas

on forestry as a business."

"La Mode"

Visites the public as to the zeal of dear lad, the girl is one in a mil- ed in the transaction that was now taking place between the thief and "You'd think Mr. Saulsbury was the Governor. The Governor ex lested. A damnable system, Ar- But he makes the same speeches to lar bills from his bag, and laid them not," protested Archie, been recovered, and the manner in

you for days and my only surprise could be passed without arousing

"You'd better chase yourselves the Governor, "out of the game?" neeved at having to wait for you.' On the veranda a tall elderly man I rose from a hammock in which and says W. B. Greeley, head of the stretched himself. His tanned f face Forestry Service of the U. S. Desatisfaction and was deeply lined but he gave the partment of Agriculture, "is workhe impression of health and vigor.

"Leary," whispered the Governor which in large portions of the an aside and immediately intro-United States will pay fair returns "The road has been smooth and response to a quick anxious ques- Club check from the Andover State ioning of Leary's small restless Bank? Join now for 1928.

"Did you find peace in the church ddienly bade Archie, whom he en- es by the way?" asked Leary. "In one of the temples we found peace and plenty," answered May I Governor, as the reciting from a

ggest that you take your cue from ritual. Leary nodded and gave a hitch Bill Walker is an honest dairyan to all intents and purposes, but to his trousers. "You, found the waters of Champlain tranquil and no hawks followed the landward passage?" over all the road," he answered; then with a glance at Archie: "Yo nderground railroad; safe as a gave no warning of the second pil

"The brother is young and innoweek-end party. Walker's an cent, but I find him an apt pupil," chum of Leary's. They used to the Governor explained. "The brother will first learn the wisdom of silence, remarked Leary. ou've probably wondered what be- and then as tho by an afterthough nes of old crooks. Walker is of he shook Archie warmly by the They went into the house where hew when the quitting was good, having salted away a nice little Mrs. Walker, a stout middle-aged woman, greeted them effusively.

"We've got to put you both dups, he dwells here in peace and "s the hat at the meeting house one room, if you don't mind," she You may be dead explained, "but there's two beds a I guess you can make out." The second floor room to which Walker led them was plainly neatly furnished and the windows · gray-bearded man with a pro-'s, was waiting for them at The Governor abandoned his high: flown talk and asked blunt questions They talked quite

inished with a fold of black velvet.

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