

Ellery's Dilemma

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"What have modern inventions done for us, I'd like to know?" said Jonas Fert, the village philosopher...



"ARABELLA, I LOVE YOU!" always he took the opposite side of the road when he saw a feminine acquaintance approaching...

el, and he resolved to repeat it by calling the next evening. And though in the days that followed his footsteps were not the only ones that wended their way to the Hardy gate...

of electric light made the hall as bright as day. In its sudden glare Tom saw the glittering barrel of a revolver looking in his face and heard the command: "Hold those shoes at arm's length and back down into that hall room behind you..."



TOM SAW THE GLITTERING BARREL OF A REVOLVER.

ed. Clearly he must remain where he was until the police came, when he could explain. "The bell rang. A detective and two officers entered the library. The first officer was a man with a mustache...

The officer returned from downstairs and, stepping to Tom's side, reported: "There's a pane of glass out of the rear extension window. The back door is open and the swags all tied up in the tablecloth in the dining room..."

"Excuse me, Mr. Walters," answered Tom, "if I give you both my hands. It's difficult to differentiate just now, but if you can prove your identity and establish mine you'll put me under eternal obligations..."

The robin that "picks" birds, is very quarrelsome, and it causes one to watch him watching the pecking habits of food in building another hungry robin up and down the tree and around the board. The blackbirds, too, are very annoying in the way that they snatch up a lump of bread and fly off with it, only to be chased about for the rest of the morning by other black birds...

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Tom Belden's Burglary

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The familiar number, 120, painted in white upon the brownstone steps, suggested to Tom the lateness of the hour, and, unlocking the vestibule door, he removed his shoes, entering the house, he softly closed and bolted the door and, shoes in hand, groped his way to the stairs.

Tom now breathed freely. He knew that a few minutes would set him straight, but he had greatly feared that he might be locked up while they were being made.