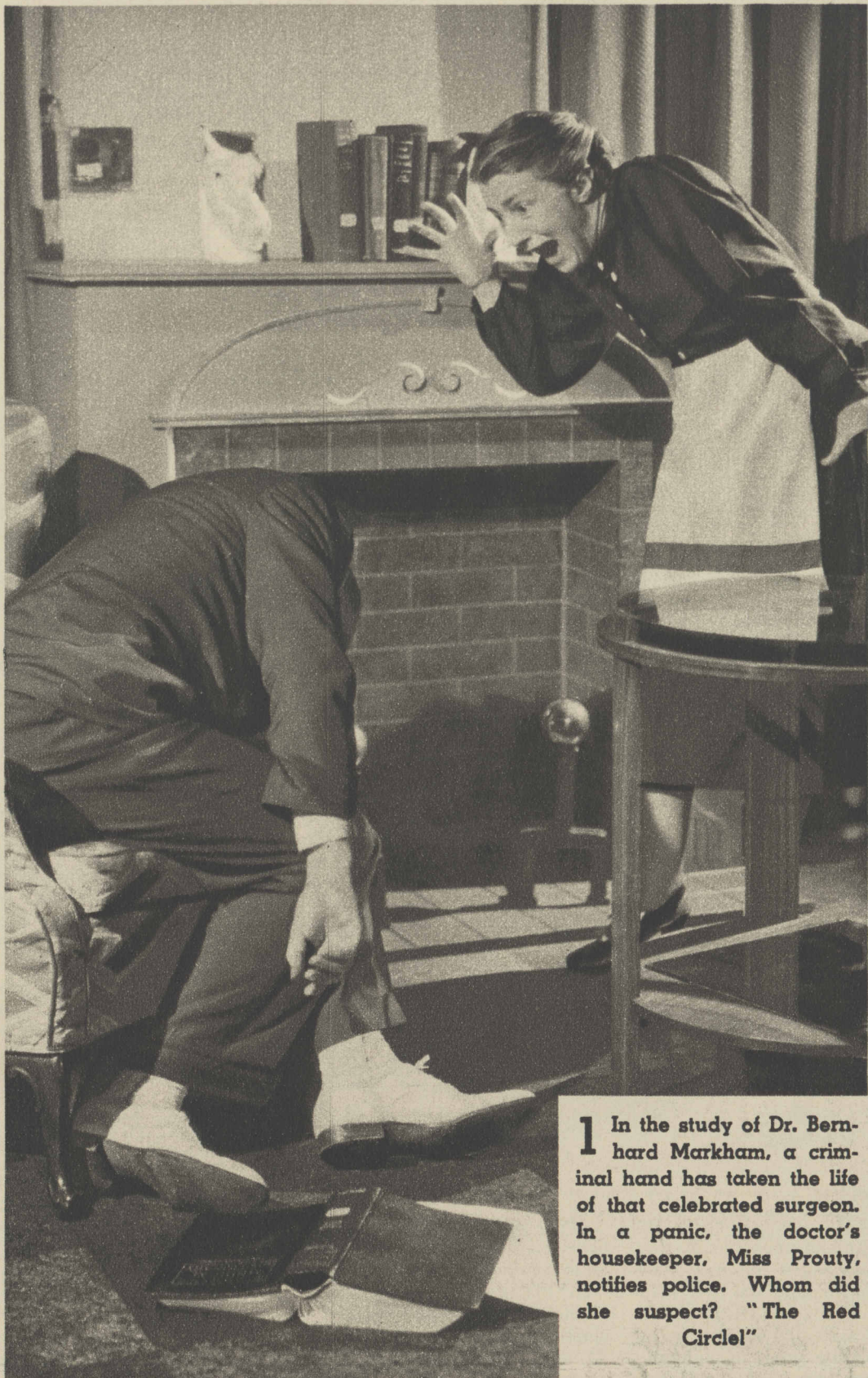


The Return of PETER QUILL

A NEW ADVENTURE EVERY WEEK IN THE GRAPHIC SECTION



1 In the study of Dr. Bernhard Markham, a criminal hand has taken the life of that celebrated surgeon. In a panic, the doctor's housekeeper, Miss Prouty, notifies police. Whom did she suspect? "The Red Circle!"

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2 "He was experimenting with a new truth gas," Miss Prouty tells Detective Flannery. "He was going to turn it over to the army." Detective Cassidy seizes the phone: "This is a case for Peter Quill!"



3 In Dr. Markham's laboratory, Peter Quill and Gail Carson listen to the housekeeper's story of the surgeon's dream: "... He thought the army could use the truth gas fighting Red Circle spies."



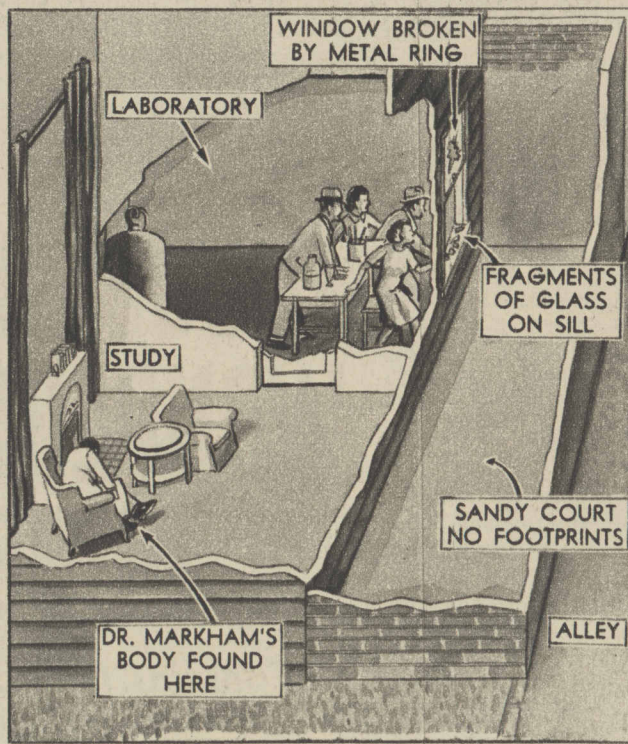
4 "And to think," Cassidy muses aloud, "that the gas in one of them hollow glass marbles can make a criminal tell all he knows, and him conscious all of the time!" But his soliloquy is cut short by ...



5 Crashing glass! A steel ring clangs upon the floor; to it a note is tied: "Don't start nothing you can't finish. We're watching you. The Red Circle."



6 Dispatched by Cassidy, Flannery dashes outside to pursue the perpetrator of this theatrical trick; but he returns baffled and mystified. His report:



7 A high brick wall without window or door. Sandy soil between it and the house. But not a trace of footprint. The steel ring could hardly have been thrown into the laboratory by any one unless he had flown past the window!



8 Peter Quill studies the broken glass on the OUTER sill. Abruptly, he wheels and begins ...



9 Shattering truth gas containers. "Nix! State's evidence!" protests the startled Cassidy. "You mustn't break those!" screams the housekeeper. "You mustn't! Because ..."



10 "... they make me give myself away. I was stealing them; I wanted to sell the formula to the Red Circle. But the doctor found out. He gave me truth gas and made me confess. He was going to call the police ..."



11 "Yes ... Yes ... I killed him!" As the hysterical wretch is led away, Peter Quill explains: "It was an old trick she used ... throwing a stone outward through the window and simultaneously tossing the ring to the floor. ..."



12 "Prouty wrote the note with a pencil she used at the telephone pad; that was determined by my portable X-ray while the note occupied you. But now Prouty is finished as a tool of the Red Circle. The truth gas still is safe for the army!"

All names used in "The Return of Peter Quill" are fictitious.

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