

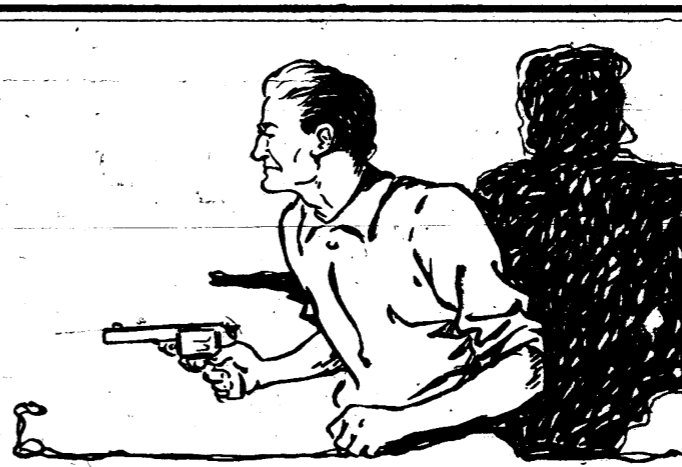






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"THE FILLIGEE DALL" "THE HOUSE OF THE WHISPERING PINES"  
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### SYNOPSIS.

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his brother dared—No, they were alone; seemingly so, that is. She knew—no one better—that they were not really alone, that witnesses were within hearing, if not within sight.

"Speak! I am bound to listen; you are my brother."  
Orlando turned towards Doris. She was slipping away.

### CHAPTER XXX.—Continued.

"This I make no apologies and expect to answer nothing more than an unequivocal yes or no. You tell me that you have never met my brother. Can that be said of the other members of your family—of your deceased daughter, in fact?"

Orlando bowed his appreciation of this fact, but added quickly:  
"No, he is to do the telling."  
"Doris," nobody else could be trusted for so delicate a task.

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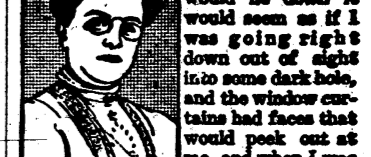
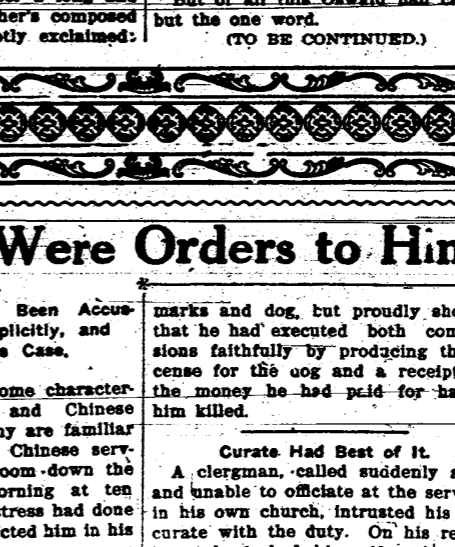
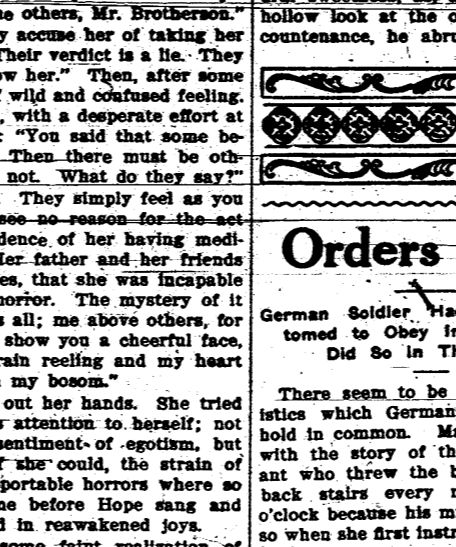
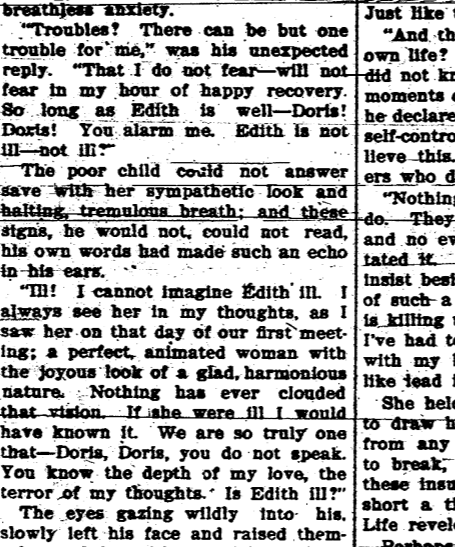
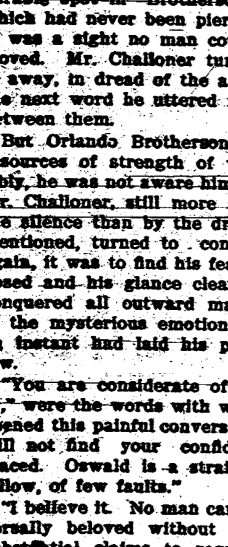
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