

THE STORY OF GEORGE SINGER.

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CHAPTER V.

THE EVIDENCES OF THE CASE AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE STORY

I have now told the tale, and have tried to do so in a clear and lucid manner. What has been written, may be accepted as being the order in which it occurred; and although most of the actors in it have long since passed out of my life, the whole thing is as fresh, and clear as when it happened. When Singer stayed at my home, I was but a beginner in house-keeping, and the family circle consisted of my wife and little son. My wife often spoke about this man; but she died a few years after, and the story lost much of its interest; but I think I am safe in saying, that she shared in my suspicions, for she had a better chance of talking to him than I had. While at our home, we found Singer an evasive sort of a man—very much so. He never would be ready to join us at breakfast; nor would he join in family worship. He kept to his room quite a lot, and he seldom appeared until I left after breakfast. That is, he always seemed to have something on hand, even though he did not work. He did not believe in using the Lord's Prayer at all. He usually got his dinner and tea on about ten p.m. There were lots of people who, like ourselves, befriended him, and the most of them stuck to him until the last minute.

He was a scholarly man, and in many ways he displayed the tone and characteristics of an Oxford graduate; and though he did not impress me as an Oxford man the night that he spoke at the Temperance Hall, all his other movements carried that impression with them. He was greatly given to problems, and was very expert in mathematics. As far as I learned, he was a man of comfortable training, and his education had been well looked after, and his early life was well spent. But he was a self-willed man, and would die rather than give in—without he was a deluded man. It is not so easy for a learned man to become deluded as for an unlearned person to do so, but there cannot be any doubt about the fact, that this man of whom I write was the victim of some terrible delusion.

And now having told this story it will be in order to sum up the case, and produce the evidence. We therefore repeat the question, which suggested itself to us, and which we asked in the opening chapter, viz.:

- "Was George W. Singer Jack the Ripper?" The evidence is as follows, and the facts are all correct:
- (1) The Hyde Park murders were committed in the last half of the year 1888, and the first half of the year 1889.
 - (2) George W. Singer was living in London at that period; and was a frequenter of the Park, and preached there.
 - (3) For the entire period of Singer's absence from London there was not one case of murder reported from Hyde Park, of the same peculiar nature as those perpetrated by Jack the Ripper.
 - (4) On his return to London the crimes were repeated, and he was finally hanged for the murder of a woman; but the case was not the same as those of which we speak.
 - (5) At the time of those murders there was proof found that the perpetrator was a man, and that he had some strong feelings

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against women, and that it looked like a case of revenge.

- (6) George W. Singer was a woman hater, and had something against them.
- (7) In the medical enquiry which was made, it was decided that whoever had perpetrated these deeds, must have possessed certain surgical knowledge.
- (8) From Singer's general tone and training, he impressed us as having such knowledge; he seemed to be of that class of man, such as a club or a budgeon, but that some very sharp implement was used.
- (9) From the reports as published at the time, it was evident that preparation and pre-meditation were indulged in.
- (10) Singer's record here bore out the testimony, that he was deliberate in what he did; and for which he was imprisoned here.
- (11) At the enquiries at London it was found that the murders were not committed by the use of any blunt instrument, such as a club or a budgeon, but that some very sharp implement was used.
- (12) George W. Singer always carried a stick. Whether he had more than one I do not know. The stick I remember, was one with a knob. He used it more as a rod in his hand than as a walking stick. He often put the knob to his mouth when talking to me on the street; and he had a habit of putting the stick behind his back, and of placing it across his back, and putting his two arms outside of it. It has occurred to me that it was a sworn stick which he had.
- (13) At the time that Singer came to Newfoundland, and all the while he was at my home, and for weeks after, the world was full of the topic of the Hyde Park murders; and strange to say, that although this man had come right from the very spot where they occurred, he never spoke of them, nor in the least referred to them.
- (14) Was his silence intentional?
- (15) As far as I have been able to learn Jack the Ripper has never been identified. For the first few years after the last case, there were different reports about the identity and arrest of that person but they all fizzled out, and left the mystery as deep as ever. There not being any identification of this man, it made my suspicion of Singer all the stronger, and then when I considered the circumstances, the case of identification looked very plain to me. Of course it may only be a coincidence, and there may not be anything in my story beyond circumstantial evidence; but Singer being such a deluded man, and one who in his delusion would commit a desperate act, the case looks very clear.

I have entertained and sheltered at my home for over thirty years all sorts and classes of men. In character and rank they have ranged from the best to the worst, from captains of ocean liners down to beggars; but among them all, I have not found such a strange combination of character as that of George W. Singer. It was difficult to understand the man at first, but when the tale was unravelled, and his local career came to such an ignominious end, it was not such a mystery; and then when it was rumored of his tragic end at London, the entire mystery was all removed. Thus it was that the story impressed itself upon us, and it looked clear that what we thought were mere doubts, were after all facts—and very unpleasant facts at that.

The story, no doubt, is a surprise to the public; but it has its lesson as well as its surprise; and it should teach us to be careful in our reception of such people. But the evidence is plain, though only circumstantial, and every reader will be able to conclude that our suspicions had much in their favor. We would prefer not to believe this theory, but the facts are too glaring, and they leave but little room for theory. Somebody committed the crimes at Hyde Park, and that somebody has not yet been known, therefore with our knowledge of the man of whom we have written, and of the corresponding dates and facts as they occurred at London, it does not seem amiss, nor does it seem unjust, nor is it any exaggeration, to apply to him the words of the prophet Nathan to David, when he said to him, "Thou art the man."

MONDAY NIGHT.—The postponed Lecture of Mr. H. F. Shortis on "Our Oldest Customers" will be delivered in the Aula Maxima on Monday evening next, 31st inst. A short musical programme, under the direction of Mr. J. L. Slattery will also be given and we can assure those who attend that a rare intellectual treat is in store.

The Date of Easter.

A question which has been often answered, but which because of confusion may bear repetition, is, What fixes the date of Easter each year, and why isn't it, like Christmas, the same date every year? Easter is the first Sunday after the full moon that occurs on or next after March 21; and if the full moon fall on the twenty-first, Easter is the next Sunday. Of course, if the date were the same each year, the day would be Sunday only once in 6 yrs. Some of the early Christians did fix the date in this way, while others used the present way. But in the year 325 the matter was brought by Constantine before the Council of Nice, and it was evidently thought best that the anniversary of the event which changed the Sabbath from the seventh day of the week to the first day should always fall upon the first day; for they, deciding between the two days then in use, selected for the whole Church the method which would bring Easter always on Sunday.

Since that decision Easter cannot fall earlier than March 22, or later than April 25 in any year. These dates are called the "Easter Limits." Easter occurred on March 22 in 1818, but cannot come again on that day until 2285. Easter comes this year on April 20.

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It might have been thought that many pens would be used for so big an event, but this is not so. It is customary, when a treaty is signed, to prepare one pen only, and that of pure gold throughout. With this the representatives in turn append their signatures. There have been many momentous documents signed during the war, and consequently the last five years have been rich in the accumulation of pens of history.

In the Hohenzollern museum at Berlin there is a tray full of pens, all of worked gold, and many of them flashing with jewels. Each one has been used by the ex-Kaiser on occasions he thought historic, and afterwards presented to the museum.

Many of these pens are pregnant of the war. One there is that used by the ex-Kaiser in August, 1914, when he signed the mobilization order that plunged the world into the inferno of war. Others were used to sign notes to America, imperial mandates, and so forth.

Kerensky, one time president of the Russian Republic, has preserved a pen that is big with fate. This was used by the ex-Tsar when signing the act of abdication.

The late Lord Kitchener had occasion to sign many documents that are now historic. But the former secretary for war was not particular about the pen he used. Any that came to his hand would do. And consequently there are quite a number of pens in existence that are believed to have been used by K. of K.

Mr. Lloyd George is another who has used his pen to historic advantage during the war. The Premier habitually uses a fountain pen; and one that is now worn out is treasured as a keepsake by his daughter, Miss Megan Lloyd George.

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Items of Interest

GATHERED FROM EVERYWHERE. Business and professional women of Birmingham, Ala., have organized a down-town club.

Girl students at the University of California are required to play lawn tennis.

The "no indemnities" cry does not seem popular at Ottawa. Members want their present indemnities increased.

Cleveland, Ohio, Plain Dealer: Well, just as the Kaiser expected and prophesied more than a year ago, German ships are now landing troops in New York.

Canada has many residents now who fly South with the birds. This was shown by the fact that 600 Canadians in various Florida resorts sent a message of sympathy to Lady Laurier.

Toronto Star: If it be true that certain officers objected to travelling from Halifax in the same Pullman with non-commissioned officers, it is pretty safe betting that they were soft-job officers and not from the front, where they had shared dugouts and shell-holes with other fighting sons-of-guns.

Camouflaged as war souvenirs from Germany, a shipment of liquor sent from Montreal to a fictitious address in Fredericton was seized at the Canadian Express Office there by Chief of Police Finley; 2 gallons of whiskey, 1 gallon of alcohol and a half gallon of confection, which the Chief believes was to have been mixed with the alcohol after the latter was diluted, was the contents of the box.

In a sermon in Trinity Methodist Church, Toronto, Rev. R. Newton Powell paid a glowing tribute to Sir Wilfrid Laurier. "Apart from all political considerations," he said, "Canada has lost one of her greatest sons in the person of Sir Wilfrid Laurier. This young Dominion has had eight prime ministers, but in national vision and national service two of those, Sir John Macdonald and Sir Wilfrid Laurier, overshadow all the others. In the great light of history these two men stand side by side in the making of Canada."

Things that Frederick Burgwart talked about in his sleep and overheard by his bride two months led to his indictment at New York charged with holding up a subway passenger and robbing him of \$21.00. The robbery occurred on December 11, and Burgwart's wedding on December 16, when he gave his bride a present of \$1,000. Recently Mrs. Burgwart sought out the District Attorney and told him her husband had talked of the subway hold-up in his sleep. A detective was put on the case, and Burgwart and another man were arrested charged with the crime.

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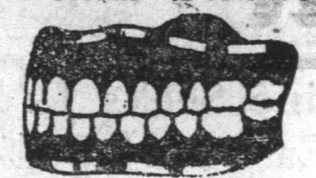
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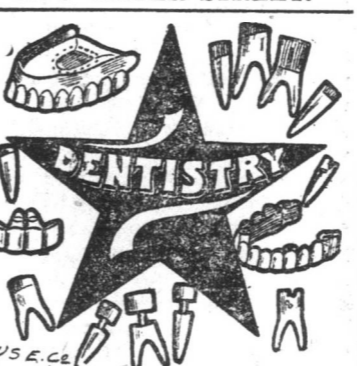
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That money is not so easily gotten as we once thought.

That we never knew before (usually this realization comes after we are

others ourselves) half how much our mothers cared for us or a tenth that she had to do for us.

That thirty-five isn't middle age, nor is forty old age.

Hope I'll Never Live To Be Old.

That perhaps we would be willing to live to be over sixty, after all.

That we never did half enough for our mothers and fathers.

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Several Australian members of Parliament are suggesting that of the captured vessels, the one sent should be the Emnden, built by the German government to replace the one

mailed and beaten by the Australian cruiser Sydney off Cocos Island on November 10, 1914.

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Major-General George W. Goethals, Consulting Engineer of the New York State Bridge and Tunnel Commission, and the New Jersey Interstate Bridge and Tunnel Commission.

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