anywhere in the house. How else ac-

"Shook from the murderer's fingers

against her, where is the dagger? Should we not be able to find it some-

where about the premises?"

"He may have buried it outside.

been able to form some for myself?" in-terrupted a voice from the doorway.

As this voice was unexpected they all

turned. A small man with sleek, dark

But then his countenance was not one

Not liking his manner, which was

brusque and too self important for a

man of such insignificant appearance

right, and you should be a man who understands his business. Go alone if

you prefer, but bring your conclusions

observed Mr. Fenton. "I cannot bear

to think of that cold, bloodless creature

"I wonder at Carson. Why should he send us such a man? Could he not

see the matter demanded extraordina-

ry skill and judgment?"
"Oh, this fellow may have skill. But
he is so unpleasant. I hate to deal

h company, but I have som

and realized the advisability of encour-

sume to say anything about the mur-der! I'm not the man to stir up any such subject as that. It's about the

money-or some money-more money than usually falls into my tilk. It-it

was rather queer, sirs, and I have felt the flutter of it all day. Shall I tell you about it? It happened last night—late last night, sirs, so late that I was

in bed, with my wife and had been noring, she said, four hours."
"What money? New money? Crisp,
resh bills, Loton?" eagerly questioned

(To be continued)

rement in his case.

hovering over our beloved Agatha."

by other persons' theories."

men are supernaturally cun-

sign of struggle in the room."

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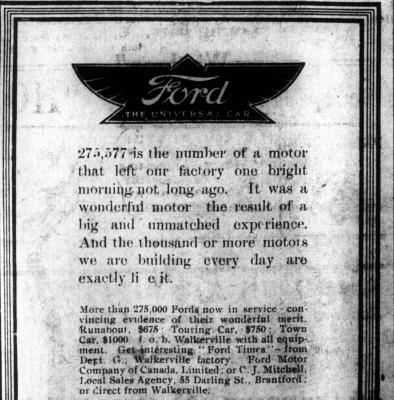
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"I am not so sure," said the coroner, "that Philemon is not answerable

CHAPTER X. THE MAN WITH THE LONG BEARD. Meanwhile in a small room of the courthouse a still more serious conversation was in progress. Dr. Talbot, Mr. Fenton and a certain able lawyer in town by the name of Harvey were in close discussion. The latter had broken the silence of years and was telling what he knew of Mrs. Webb's

shed reputation. When called upon to talk he talked well, but he much pre ferred listening, and was, as now ap peared, the safest repository of secrets to be found in all that region. He had been married three times and could still count 13 children around his board, one reason perhaps why he had degree. Happily the time had come for him to talk, and he talked. This is

what he said: came to me with a small sum of money which he said he wished to have me invest for his wife. It was the fruit of a small speculation of his, and he wanted it given unconditionally to her without her knowledge or that of the neighbors. I accordingly made out a deed of gift, which he signed with joyful alacrity, and then, after due thought and careful investigation, I put the money into a new enterprise then being started in Boston. It was the best stroke of business I ever did in my life. At the end of a year it paid double, and after five years had rolled away the accumulated interest had reached such a sum that both Philemon and myself thought it wisest to let her know what she was worth and what was being done with the money. I was in hopes it would lead to make some change in her mode of living, which seemed to me out of

keeping with her appearance and mental qualifications, while he, I imagine looked for something more important still, a smile on the face which had somehow lost the trick of merriment, though it had never acquired that of ill nature. But we did not know Agatha, at least I did not. "When she learned that she was rich,

she looked at first awe struck and then

heart pierced. Forgetting me, or ignor ing me, it makes no matter which, she threw herself into Philemon's arms and wept, while he, poor faithful fellow, looked as distressed as if he had brought news of a failure instead of triumphant success. I suppose she thought of her buried children and what the money would have been to her if they had lived; but she did not speak of them, nor am I quite sure they were in her thoughts when, after the first excitement was over, she drew back and said quietly, but in a tone of strong ************************** feeling to Philemon: You meant me a happy surprise, and it shall be so, Phil-emon. This is heart money. We will use it to make our townsfolk happy.' I saw him glance at her dress, which was a purple calico. I remember it because of that look and because of the sad smile with which she followed his glance. 'Can we not afford now,' he ventured, 'a little show of luxury, or at least a ribbon or so for this beautiful throat of yours? She did not answer him, but her look had a rare compassion in it, a compassion, strange to say, that seemed to be expended upon him rather than upon herself. Phile-mon swallowed his disappointment. 'Agatha is right,' he said to me. 'We do not need luxury. I do not know how I so far forgot myself as to mention it.' That was ten years ago, and every day I did not know then, and I do not know now, why they were both so anxious that all knowledge of their good fortune should be kept from those about them, but that it was to be so kept was made very evident to me, and, notwithstanding all temptations to the contrary, I have refrained from uttering a word likely to give away their secret. The money, which to all apand untimely death, was interest mon-ey which I was delegated to deliver to her. I took it to her day before yesof them tens and fives. I am free to

with folks of such fishlike characteristics. But who is this?" he asked as a gentle tap was heard on the door, "Why, it's Loton. What can he want The man whose presence in the door way had called out this exclamation started at the sound of the doctor's heavy voice and came very hesitating ly forward. He was of a weak, irritasay there was not such another roll of ble type and seemed to be in a state of fresh money in town."

lookout of the money they receive," was Dr. Talbot's comment to the constable. "Fresh \$10 and \$20 bills are not any too common in this town. And now about her will. Did you

draw that up. Harvey?"
"No. I did not know she had made one. I often spoke to her about the advisability of her doing so, but she always put me off. And now it seems nat she had it drawn up in Beston Could not trust her old friend with too many secrets, I suppose."
"So you don't know how her mo

'No more than you do," Here an interruption occurred. The oor opened, and a slim young man wearing spectacles came in. At sight of him they all rose.

"Well?" eagerly inquired Dr. Tal-"Nothing new," answered the young nau, with a consequential air. "The ider woman died from loss of blood consequent upon a blow given by a small, three sided, stender blade; the ounger from a stroke of apoplexy in-

"Good! I am glad to hear my in-stincts were not at fault. Loss of blood, eh? Death, then, was not in-

"Strangel" fell from the lips of his wo listeners. "She lived, yet gave no "None that was heard," suggested ae young doctor, who was from an-

BEALTON.

(From our own correspondent.) Mr. and Mrs. W. Wyner of Brantford spent Tuesday with his sister, Miss Wyner.

for the whole crime, notwithstanding W. B. Smith and Miss L. Smith. count for the resignation with which she evidently met her death? Had a R. Hagen's and Mr. George Davis'

stranger struck her Agatha Webb Saturday and Sunday. would have struggled. There is no Mr. and Mrs. D. Fair visited at Mr "She would have struggled against Philemen had she had strength to visited Sunday at G. E. Davis. struggle. I think she was asleep when

"Ah, and was not standing by the ta-ble! How about the blood there, then?" The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages, "There was no blood on Philemon's and that is Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh fingers. No. He wiped them on his Cure is the only positive cure now known to the medical fraternity Catarrh being a constitutional disease, requires a constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the plood and mucous surfaces of the system, therely destroying the foundation of the disease, and giving "When you can produce it from any place inside that board fence, I will the patient strength by building place inside that board rence, I will consider your theory. At present I limit my suspicions of Philemon to the half unconscious attentions which a man of disordered intellect might give a wife bleeding and dying under his eyes. My idea on the subject is "—
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hair and expressionless features stood before them. Behind him was Abel, (From our own Correspondent.) carrying a handbag and umbrella.
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Irwin is visiting relatives at Brant-Little Miss Veida Douglas enter tained a number of her little girl

"My name is Knapp," said he. "I have had my supper and am ready to friends last Friday afternoon, it bego to work. I have read the newspapers. All I want now are any additioning her fifth birthday. The men of this village are busy al facts that have come to light since the telegraphic dispatches were sent to doing their road work. Boston. Facts, mind you, not theories. I never allow myself to be hampered

Coroner Talbot referred him to Mr. SEALED TENDERS addressed to the un Fenton, who immediately proceeded to give him the result of such investigadersigned, and endorsed "Tender for Public Building, Shelburne, Out.," will be received at this office until 4.00 P.M., on Monday, June 30. 1913, for the construction of a Public Building at Shelburne, Out.

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"Show me your credentials," said the coroner. He did so. "They seem all with their actual signatures, stating their commences of the printed forms supplied, and signed with their actual signatures, stating their commences of the printed forms. occupations and places of residence. In the case of firms, the actual signature, the na-ture of the occupation and place of resi-dence of each member of the firm must be

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great excitement.
"I beg pardon," said he, "for showing myself. I don't like to intrude into the large something to tell you which may be of use, sirs, though it isn't any great thing either."
"Something about the murder which has taken place?" asked the coroner in a milder tone. He knew Loton well

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