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THE POISONING OF MRS. RONALDSON

A few months prior to my qualifying was working with, he took, in error. one forenoon Rogerson, indicating a person sitting at the far-away end of In due course I took my degree, and tures and then at me in a way I did person sitting at the far-away end of the bench in front, asked if I knew shortly after obtained an appointment tures and then at me in a way I did shortly after obtained an appointment not understand, and running his fin-

ting easy conversa lecturer once more.

On leaving the hall at the close of hundred.

The man was of medium height, rather slim in build, pale complexion, going to happen." and thin, black, rather unkempt hair. He was clean shaven, which showed up a rather firm lip line, hardly reconcilable with an otherwise somewhat strained and nervous countenance. His eves, too, denoted the enthusiast in some direction.

restaurant to have some lunch tolecture in the afternoon. During the meal Phaesden talked incessantly. His erful drugs, which the profession at separated.

thusiast-he's an out and out fanatic my arms exclaimed: on the subject."

"You know," he pursued, "not so ly ill,"

always contrived to sit next to one another. In the course of the lecture same way when he qualifies—well, I'm our hands. When Phaesdon recognized

him. I looked at the person referred in Cheshire. One winter during my gers through his hair gave vent to a to, and after waiting a moment or residence there I received an invitation to get a glance at his face I was tion to a ball that was being held. rewarded by him turning round to This was instituted primarily in aid the disappointment of losing the palook at a chart at the back of the of a neighboring charity in which I tient. class to which the lecturer had in had a certain amount of interest, and I noticed that Mrs. Ronaldson's cidentally referred. I studied the I was pleased to find that my duties features during the short time they permitted me to be present that evenwere turned in my direction, but could not recollect having seen the person before, and said so to Rogerson.

I removed it and placed it in my coat pocket. What prompted me to do so I cannot tell.

In the privacy of my own room in the person before, and said so to Rogerson. "You haven't?" he said with some and socially. Most of the surrounding surprise, "why he is the greatest families were present, and among the to bed for a few hours' rest, I thought crank on this branch I ever came in better known to me of these I ob- over the tragic event of the evening must have numbered close on two

the evening so far has proved itself an undoubted success, but I have an uncomfortable feeling that something is

mark, as the speaker was not by any fell asleep. ily disordered liver.

We strolled along to a neighboring Mrs. Ronaldson, with a pleasant one of Mr. Mason's guests has been estaurant to have some lunch to laugh. "If you feel in a melancholy taken very ill—he seems to have lost gether, before going up to another mood yourself there is no reason why his reason, sir." you should infect others."

The orchestra struch up the introwhole mind seemed to be centred on duction to the next item, and Mrs. me with a gig. After a short drive in the discovery of new or the modifica- Ronaldson's partner approached to the frosty early morning air, I found tion of old poisons, and he showed claim her, while Ronaldson and I myself at the residence of Mr. Mason, an intimate knowledge of many pow- went off on a similar quest. Thus we with whom I was slightly acquainted.

that time were rather chary of using. About twelve o'clock, as the dancers I saw the figure of a man, half-dress He was also possessed of some very were gliding dreamily through one of ed, lying across the bed. As I entered fixed notions regarding the effects of the best waltzes of the evening, there he rose suddenly to his feet and faced certain drugs on different tempera- was a sudden interruption. Some un me. ... pleasant news had evidently got It was Phaesden! The man's reason "He's a peculiar soul," said Roger- abroad judging by the looks of en- was gone; he was a raving maniac! son, when Phaesden left us. "It is my quiry with which the guests turned to He glared at me with a fiendish look opinion that he will kill himself with one another. The next moment some-overstudy. He is not a healthy en-one hurried up to me, and grasping "My God, go away. She is dead,

pody of Mrs. Ronaldson. By her side arlier in the evening.

ticles necessary for the treatment of the case, and then I requested the resist the temptation.

should be given another chance in England, not in Canada. One criminal numerous guests who had collected in the room to retire and leave me with the patient, who was becoming worse

every moment.

Just as the last person was leaving

aquired.

The stress of the case prevented m from doing more than merely remarkng the surprise I felt at seeing him unexpectedly, and by this time he Mail of February 12: was quick to note the symptoms of the patient. In a moment or two he

"Strychnine?" he queried. I nodded.

"Yes, undoubtedly," he said, in a ecided tone. The convulsions were becoming more

and more severe after each interval of relapse, the hands were clenched and the contraction of the facial nuscles, together with the lividity of itness, especially for anyone outside the profession. Therefore I prevailed upon Mr. Ronaldson to leave the room, assuring him that everything our knowledge and exertions could a omplish would be done to save his wife, although even as I spoke I had grave doubts as to this possibility. In a commendably short space of time the chemist arrived, and we at once put the patient under chloroform, and then commenced to fight with death in earnest. Phaesdon worked with a cold, unnatural enthusiasm; once or twice I observed his hand shake, but I was attending a special course of presumably, an overdose, and when beyond that his nerves seemed under lectures on toxicology. A college acquaintance of mine, Rogerson, was old Kerr, the demonstrator, had to bined intellects could suggest was also a member of the class, and we talk pretty sharply to him. If he gets tried, but without success, and about

> program still hung from her wrist, so I removed it and placed it in my coat

the early morning as I was retiring contact with. Phaesden is his name- served early in the evening a Mr. and and wondered what could possibly have I'll introduce you outside, if I can get Mrs. Ronaldson. Both were in the best prompted Mrs. Ronaldson to take her hold of him," and then our sur- of spirits, and being on the charity own life, for this was the general opintion, we gave our attention to the pleased at the large attendance, which understand it; she was so lighthearted when I had spoken to her less than an hour previous to the sad oc the lecture we noticed Phaesden about a dozen yards in front of us. In a short time we were alongside in the pleasure of a waltz with Mrs. Ronaldshort time we were alongside iin, and she was evidently enjoying and Rogerson introduced m?. and Rogerson introduced m?.

The stand row was even by the evening. As we sat conversing at the evening. As we sat conversing at the close of the item we were joined by her husband. All at once, after a death-rate will go up. Could Phaesdon death-rate will go up. Could Phaesdon. a bony hand, said, "Ah, pleased to short pause, he said abruptly, "Well, have poisoned Mrs. Ronaldson? The

> oring to think clearly what action I I was rather surprised at the reshould take in the circumstances, means of a morbid nature, and I About five o'clock I was awakened mentally put it down to a temporar- by the night-bell ringing, and on putting my ear to the tube a voice call-"Oh, Harry, how can you?" said ed, "Please come immediately, sir,

> > I hurriedly dressed, and on going downstairs found a coachman waiting On being shown into a room upstairs

'my arms exclaimed:
'Your services are required, doctor. symptoms, they were unquestionable. isn't she? I don't care. I saw the And I felt I had to agree with him. Mr. Ronaldson has been taken sudden- Strychnine? No, it wasn't strychnineit was-it was-oh, I'm not going to "You know," he pursued, "not so very long ago in the laboratory they had to use the pump, and I understand they had no little difficulty in pulling him round. In order to experia ence the effects of a certain drug he couch on which lay the prostrate two years later death relieved him.

Later in the day I looked at the "Judge Rentoul," the Canadian Gaknelt her husband, and as I saw him recalled the remark he had made Ronaldson's wrist, and on it I found senting party to any arrangement of Phaesdon's initials scribbled opposite the kind. Canada resents being made It was not long before I found to a dance, about four previous to the the recipient of tainted immigration, my unplessant surprise that Mrs. one in which the poor lady was taken and should be supported in this re-Ronaldson had been poisoned, and I was every moment becoming convinced cluding that he must have taken this magistrates." that the poison from the effects of opportunity of obtaining some refresh- It is well to temper justice with patched one of the gentlemen to rouse the nearest chemist and get a few ar-

Another Case in Point

Canada has no very great criminal tering hurriedly, and on looking round | who seek to keep down the prison beheld with no little astonishment, population of the Old Country by "Can I be of any assistance?" he London Canadian Gazette cites what it describes as "another case of unde- Canadian Inquiry into Life Companies sirable emigration to Canada under the auspices of a British judge," Ottawa, Mar. 1.—The minister of policy-holders may be interested. quoting the following from the Daily finance, who is still confined to his

which she was suffering was strych ment and poisoning it before present mercy. Judge Rentoul's willingness to nine. Whether self-administered or ing it to her. Evidently he found in hear the mother's plea and give her otherwise I could not then say. I desher a temperament which he consider son another chance may have been commendable enough. But the man with an alias, convicted in England, more or less, here or there, may make little difference. The instance referred to, however, is by no means solitary. Other judges have complacently as Just as the last person was leaving population, but it is large enough sumed, and acted upon their assumpthe room I was aware of someone en and it is growing, and British judges ton, that Canada must take any sumed, and acted upon their assump criminal or weakling who, in their wisdom is not good enough for Eng-Phaesden. He were evening dress, and was evidently a guest, like myself, although I had not discovered his presentations to the Britence until that moment.

subject of representations to the Britgovernment requested such judges to
affect the virtue of discriminating
common sense if they have it not. common sense if they have it not.

telephone messages were frauds.

"Jones' mother, with tears in her ister to prepare the necessary insurister to prepare the necessary insurister to prepare the necessary insureyes, appealed to the judge on behalf ance legislation for the coming sea- be completed before the session of of her son, saying, pathetically, "I do sion. Nevertheless, he is of the opinion want to save him. Give him another that in view of the widespread interest parliament will thus be placed in a inthe subject, it is desirable that be- good position before the close of the "On the understanding that the fore legislation is submitted to par- coming session to enact whatever young man went to Canada, the liament there should be a more general legislation may be deemed necessary judge bound him over to come up for investigation which should be of an for the protection of the public i open and public character, so that terests.

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They purported to come from Messrs. Vander and Hedges, of Bond street, proposed to make to the insurance have been chosen to be named as muscles, together with the invinity of countenance and staring eyes, made altogether a very painful sight to witness, especially for anyone outside swindle was successful, but eventually rent year by the superintendent of officially made Mr. Fielding declined Messrs. Blankensee sent to Messrs. insurance and his officials has been a few days, however, the commission Vander and Hodges for a confirmatory message, and discovered that the The information thus made available will be issued and to make known their names. Within the will be issued and the inquiry will be inquiry will be

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