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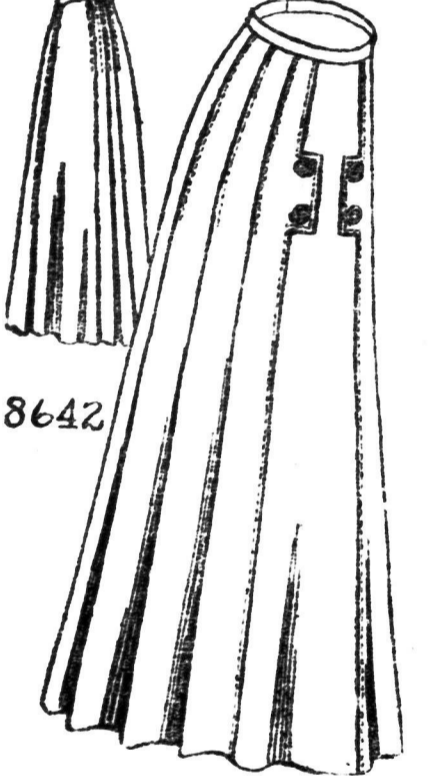
BY FRANK H. SHAW.

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"Yes, yes, I am sure you will, my dear Lady Marion. You will be asked, amongst other things, if your father had any great worries, if he had confided in you to any extent. But, of course, you know that he had no undue worries. He did not speak to you his money affairs in as prosperous a condition as ever they have been. So that is one thing the less to trouble about. By the way, I saw Mr. Scroggs this evening. He begged me to assure you of his earnest sympathy. He would have attended here in person to assure you how deeply he sympathized with you in this moment of sorrow, but he felt that—that you would remember your father's refusal to grant him entry doubly strongly at this time, and so—he stayed away."

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Her thoughts flew like an eagle to its mate, to the strong man who had remembered so well. Yes, she had been aware of her father's refusal, and—she was too much of a gentleman—and he was too much of a gentleman—to counter to the dead man's wishes before his body had grown cold. Many men would have flown to her side, eager with sympathy, ready with offers of help, but not so Scroggs. And she loved him for the respect he had shown to the dead Lord Greatheart's will.

"If you see Mr. Scroggs," she said softly, "you will be good enough to give him my dear love, and to say I felt his sympathy to be all about me. And now, Mr. Munster, if there is nothing more—this has been a trying day—and—"

"Yes, yes, my lady." The lawyer started suddenly, and his face was almost furtive as he looked at her. Then the official calm overspread his features; he rose, smoothed his voice to murmur words of sympathy and was gone.

"I've never quite trusted Mr. Munster," said Marion to herself as she slipped to a weary way upstairs. "I think I trust him less than ever now. I wonder what there is about him that I don't like."

### CHAPTER XVII.

#### A Missing Pistol.

"Now, Dr. Gibbs, I must ask you a few questions. You were called in immediately the murder—let us say death—was made known. And you found—"

"The voice of the coroner was mildly inquisitive. In the big upper room at Bull and Mouth were gathered a strange medley of people—the twelve countrymen who had been picked to form a jury, Dr. Gibbs, Police Constable Malachi Jones, Marion Seymour, Mr. Munster and a host of others. There was a man who bore Scotland Yard stamped all over him, there were reporters from the local papers; even a great London daily had its representative there, for already the world was rife with strange rumors.

"I found the deceased noblesman lying shot through the heart," said Gibbs, with a plying glance at Marion. "Life was extinct, and had probably been extinct for considerably over an hour."

"Yes, and what is your opinion as regards the cause of death?"

"A pistol shot fired at close quarters. Constable Jones drew my attention to the fact that the clothing was stained in the neighborhood of the wound. For further researches brought to light this, he opened his hand, and something heavy dropped on to the table. The coroner picked it up and held it between his thumb and forefinger and he continued his examination.

"You feel confident that it was a pistol shot?"

"Quite confident. A gunshot wound would be markedly different. I think the old-fashioned, muzzle-loading pistol of large calibre, and of a peculiarly shaped bore. Instead of being never seen such a weapon, but I feel convinced that I am right."

"Yes, there are such things as elliptical-bored pistols," agreed the coroner. "They are rarely found nowadays, though. They came into vogue before the era of breech-loaders, and were used by a shot fired from a pistol at very close range? So close, in fact, that the wound might have been self-administered?"

"I do not suggest anything of the kind," cried Gibbs hotly. "I have known Lord Greatheart for a long, long time, and I may say that a more level-headed man I have seldom met. He had absolutely no trace of hysteria. In his constitution, and I have found that the majority of suit-of-those who take their own lives—have some undercurrent of hysteria in their constitutions. There is, so far as I am aware, not the slightest reason why Lord Greatheart should have taken his own life."

Then Gibbs, submitted to a close cross-examination, in which he answered all questions which were put to him logically and clearly.

below the fourth rib in the left side, penetrated a thin coating of lung, passed through the heart, and was found embedded under the covering skin of the heart."

The coroner examined the little leaden thing he held curiously. He passed it on to the jury, who in their turn subjected it to a close scrutiny. "You will see, gentlemen," he said, "that our professional friend has reason to believe that the bullet was fired from no ordinary pistol. Even now, it retains its elliptical shape perfectly. A bullet fired from an old-fashioned pistol with an elliptical bore. Now, Dr. Gibbs, you are a medical man. What is your opinion of the cause of Lord Greatheart's death—the actual cause?"

"I think that he died as a result of a pistol shot fired at a short range, by a man taller than himself. The general direction of the bullet was slightly downward, and taking it for granted that a man fired from the normal position, that man being taller than his lordship, the bullet would take such a course as that actually taken by the bullet now in the hands of the jury."

"Very good. I may have some more questions to put to you later. Call Police Constable Jones."

Jones stepped forward with a meaningful air and allowed himself to be sworn. Then he stood ready for questioning, a reliable witness who might be trusted to reply directly, without hesitation; a man of some intelligence, too.

"You are Police Constable Malachi Jones?"

"Very good. And you were summoned to the scene of the crime in connection with this case? And will you tell the jury what you found when you arrived?" Jones cleared his throat and opened his note-book.

"I found deceased lying as spoken of by Dr. Gibbs. He was lying on his back, with a wound in his breast. I made an examination, and took care to tread lightly, in order that no foot-prints might be obliterated. It was I who noticed that deceased's vest was singed as if by powder."

"Yes, that shows acumen. Did you find any weapon with which the crime could have been committed?"

"Nothing, sir, of any shape. The wound was caused by a gun or pistol shot, preferably a pistol shot. But I found no pistol. I found, however, a small article which seems from its appearance, to have been used as a pistol wad. Like the bullet exhibited by Dr. Gibbs, this wad has been elliptical in shape—it is charged at the corner's side where the powder must have burned it. It is also stained with little at the front, as if it had either struck the nobleman's blood or had struck his breast, which adds further proof that the shot must have been fired at extremely close range."

"Then your opinion is?"

"That deceased was murdered—undoubtedly. The absence of a weapon of offence, does away with any theory of suicide. Marriage as a little start as that word was mentioned clearly she gave a curious proud smile, which was answered by Ebenezer Scroggs, who had not long before entered the room. Scroggs, who had not been summoned to serve as a witness, but he felt that his sweetheart needed him.

"Thank you. And now, have you any reason to suspect any person of being connected with the crime?"

"At present none. The ground was hard on account of the recent frost, and the floor of the arbor showed no footprints at all, though I made a careful search by means of a magnifying glass. Snow commenced to fall after the crime and covered up the trail by which the arbor is reached. This snow melted away for a certain distance, but found nothing in the way of evidence. At present the crime remains a mystery."

"You have no suspicions? You are not aware of any persons residing in the neighborhood who might have had any cause for grievance against Lord Greatheart?"

"None. At least, there were one or two of his tenants who had openly expressed an attitude of indifference to their lord, but their talk was more words than action. They were rarely found now, and did not seem to have been forced to perform such a deed as this, expected. I have no suspicions."

"Quite so. And you are not aware of any man having in his possession such a pistol as this described by Dr. Gibbs—muzzle-loading, elliptical-bored pistol?"

(To be continued.)

### STATISTICS OF THE FARM

#### Quantity of Wheat and Other Grains in Hands of Farmer.

Ottawa, April 14.—A bulletin of the census and statistics office, issued today, shows that at the end of March the quantity of wheat in the farmers' hands in the whole of Canada was about 18.28 per cent of the crop of last year. This is 30,484,000 bushels out of 166,714,000 bushels, as compared with 20.23 per cent, or 22,747,000 bushels out of the harvest of 112,434,000 bushels in 1908.

### ANTI-GAMBLING BILL MAY YET GO THROUGH

Some Possibilities of a Compromise Being Arranged Between Promoter and Tracks.

Ottawa, April 14.—There is some possibility of the Miller bill against race track gambling being revised this session. It is understood that Mr. Miller has submitted a proposal to the suggested compromise by way of limit tracks to points inside or within three miles of cities of a population of not less than 15,000, and have the meeting confined to six days twice a year. With such restrictions he is willing to permit of betting with book-makers.

Whether the racing men will agree to this is questionable. To begin with, it would put the Fort Erie track out of business in the qualification of population. Some definite understanding may be arrived at during the present session, unless, however, there is a slight probability of anything being done this session. The Government is not disposed to grant any more time to the question if it cannot be disposed of in short order.

### NO CONVENTION UNTIL NEXT YEAR

The Conservatives Postpone That Gathering Until 1911.

Ottawa, April 13.—The Conservative caucus this morning decided to postpone the proposed Dominion convention, which was to have been held this year in June, no definite date was set, but the convention is not likely to be held before 1911.

### TWO BOYS POISONED BY BLACK HANDERS

Pittsburg, April 14.—Two sons of Philip Badali, a wealthy Italian, of Wilkesburg, were found dead in bed early today. The boys, one 18 and the other 16 years old, were victims of poison, according to the coroner's office, either administered by some one or taken by mistake for medicine.

Philip Badali learned of the death of his two boys he fell in a faint, declaring wildly that the deaths were due to his enemies, to whom he had refused to pay money. Two years ago Badali's summer home was burned. Four months later the incendiary blaze which guarded the Badali home, day and night.

### CANED THE HOAXERS

Dreadnought's Officers Get Revenge For Frank Played on Them.

London, April 14.—According to the Daily Express, which first printed the story of the hoax played on the officers of H. M. S. Dreadnought by a party of young people, some of whom fancied themselves as Abyssinian princes, and advanced on the warship with all the honors due to their supposed rank, the hoaxers have been punished by lynch law.

When it was ascertained that the officers could not be punished legally, the Dreadnought's officers determined to discover the identity of the hoaxers. They succeeded in this, and sent what purported to be an official letter, directed to them to come to London. One thus summoned to Admiral Mackay's house in London to apologize was curtly dismissed after a long wait in the hall.

When others were received elsewhere by young officers, who thrashed them with their canes. They took their punishment stoically.

Another, who was sick in bed, was sent to the hospital for punishment. The hoaxers took part in the hoax is exempted.

### SHOT BY WIFE'S FRIEND.

Toronto, April 13.—J. D. Woodward, a real estate dealer, 45 Kenilworth avenue, was found guilty in the county criminal court this morning on the charge of shooting Frank Imber, a painter, 19 Duvernay avenue, and was sentenced to 12 months in the county jail. The shooting took place on the night of March 7, Woodward, who admitted he had intoxicated at the time, went to Imber's house, and, drawing a revolver, fired at Imber, the shot entering the latter's mouth, and making a dangerous wound. Imber's wife was one of the witnesses examined, and admitted having been friendly with Woodward, and having drunk whiskey with him several times.

### SAYS HE SAW COMET.

Bowmanville, April 13.—Captain Jas. Wright says he knows a comet when he sees it, and indignantly resents the statement that he had seen one.

### LADY'S STRENGTH RESTORED

#### TERRIBLE WEAKNESS CAUSED BY SHOCK.

"My baby was only two months old, and was not very strong, when a telegram reached me that my husband had been run down by another. It was, after all, not so serious—even the telegram if carefully read would have told me so. But in my weakened condition, the shock just sent me to bed, and a very useless person I was. Nervous and hysterical, I had a dull aching along the part of the spine, and numb feelings in my arms and hands."

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statement of a speaker at the Royal Astronomical Society, in Toronto, that it was Venus, and not Halley's comet, that he had seen.

He knows very well and he watched her disappear yesterday with the dawn of daybreak.

He remembers very well seeing Donatelli for about three months. He thinks it appeared in the year 1858, when he was serving before the mast on a New York sailing ship around Cape Hope, the star being overhead and the full moon appearing in the sky. Excitement among seafaring men was very intense at that time, as it was expected the ex-Donatelli comet would destroy the earth, and there was more Bible reading among seamen on the ocean than was ever known before or since.

The remarkable phenomenon seen by Captain Wright yesterday morning was seen by several other citizens, who were watching, and the Astronomical Society to explain what the tail of light that he saw sweeping the sky was if not Halley's comet.

### IRISH FLIRTING WITH THE UNIONISTS

London, April 14.—Yesterday's Cork Constitution, the leading Unionist organ, says: "Some days ago information was received from the Irish Unionists to ascertain what they might expect from the Unionists in case of their defeating the Government and supporting the Conservatives at the general election."

### A SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICE

#### Anglican Church to Establish Permanent Commission at Toronto.

Toronto, April 14.—The Sunday school commission of the Church of England in Canada will open an office in the Confederation Life Buildings, during the next week. This was confirmed at the half-yearly meeting of the commission, held at the school of the day today. Rev. R. A. Hiltz, of Toronto, was appointed general secretary. Rev. Dr. Gifford, of Montreal, presided over the commission's deliberations. A teacher's training course, recommended by the executive committee, was adopted, also a reading course. The treasurer's report showed a balance in the bank of \$2,243.62.

### TO CURB WALL STREET

#### Plan to Do Away With the Corner and Shearing of the Poor Lamb.

Albany, N. Y., April 14.—Claiming that the investigating committee appointed by Governor Hughes to examine into the methods of the New York Stock Exchanges, had such limited powers that it could not do justice to the situation, the Albany Times urged the assembly's ways and means committee today to resort to legislation, providing for the appointment of a legislative commission to investigate the situation and report to the legislature next year. "Those who depend upon the board of governors of the New York Stock Exchange to reform that organization," he said, "are raising false hopes within themselves."

Some of the reforms which Mr. Toombs declares should be enacted into law are these:

In the case of a corner, exchange governors should be compelled to fix a settlement price in order to save innocent purchasers from injury or ruin.

Members of the stock exchange should be compelled to have their books audited four times a year by certified public accountants and the results of these examinations made public in an effective way.

Brokers should be penalized by law for reporting a sale on an order by a customer when the sale is not actually made, and the trading on stock exchanges should be done on the basis of a reasonably small sum.

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