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ASEPTO SOAP POWDER

A Mysterious Disappearance

By Gordon Holmes

A Great Detective Story

(Continued.)

At Wesley House the traveler was warmly welcomed by the baronet, who seemed to have somewhat recovered his health and spirits.

Nevertheless, Bruce was distressed to note the ineffable signs of the suffering Sir Charles Dyke had undergone since the disappearance of his wife. He had aged quite ten years in appearance. Deep lines of sorrowful thought had indented his brow, his face was thinner, his eyes had acquired a wistful look, his hair was that of a man whose theory of life had been forcibly reversed.

At first both men fought shy of the topic uppermost in their minds, but the after-dinner cigar brought the question to Dyke's lips:

"And now, Claude, have you any further news concerning my wife's death?"

The baronet noted the struggle before the final word came. The husband had, then, resigned all hope.

"I have none," he answered. "That is to say, I have nothing definite. I promised to tell you everything I did, so I will keep my promise, but you will, of course, differentiate between facts and theories."

The baronet nodded an assent.

"In the first place," said Bruce, "let me ask you whether you have any recollection of the missing maid?"

"Yes, it seems that she called here twice before she caught me at home. At first she was very angry about a squabble there had been between Thompson and herself. I refused to listen to her, and she told me how you had found her at some theatre, and she volunteered an explanation of her extraordinary behavior. She said that she had unexpectedly come into a large sum of money, and that it had turned her head. She was sorry for the trouble her actions had caused me, and under the circumstances, I allowed her to take away certain clothes and other belongings she had left here."

"Did she ask for these things?"

"Yes. Made quite a point of it."

"Did you see them?"

"No, you do not know whether they were of any value, or the usual collection of rubbish found in women's boxes."

"I have not the slightest notion."

"Have they ever been thoroughly examined by any one?"

"For my honor, I believe not. Now that you remind me of it, I think I can remember my housekeeper telling me that she had asked her if her clothes had been searched by the detectives."

"And what did the housekeeper say?"

"She told me herself. Let us have her up."

"I will trouble her. If I remember aright the police did not examine Jane Harding's room. They simply took your report and the statements of the other servants, while the housekeeper was responsible for the partial search made through her. Let us go home for some time that might lead to her discovery."

The baronet smiled in silence for a few minutes, until Sir Charles broke out rather querulously:

"I suppose I did wrong in letting Harding take her traps?"

"No," said Bruce.

"There is something underhanded about this young woman's conduct. The story about the sudden wealth is all bunk, in one sense. That she did receive a bequest or gift of a considerable sum cannot be doubted. That she at once decided to go on the stage is obvious. But what is the usual course for a servant to pursue in such cases? Would she not have sought first to find a living in the home of her fellow-servants, and even of her employers? Would there not have been the display of a splendid departure—in a hansom—with valuable directions to the driver, for the benefit of the footman? As it was, Jane Harding acted suddenly and precipitately, under the stress of some powerful emotion. I cannot help believing that her departure from this house had some connection, however remote, with Lady Dyke's disappearance."

"Good heavens, Claude, you never told me this before."

"True, but when we last met I had not the pleasure of Miss Marie le Marchant's acquaintance. I wish to goodness I had rummaged her boxes before she carried them off."

"And I sincerely echo your wish," said Sir Charles testily. "It always seems, somehow, that I am to blame."

"You must not take that view. I really wonder, Dyke, that you have not closed up your town house and gone off to Scotland for the far-end of the shooting season."

"You won't hunt, I know, but a quiet life on the moors would bring you right away from associations which must have bitter memories for you."

"I would have done so, but I cannot tear myself away while there is the slightest chance of the mystery attending my wife's fate being unravelled. I feel that I must remain here near you. You are the only man who can solve the riddle, if it ever be solved. By the way, what of Raleigh Mansions?"

The baronet obviously nerved himself to ask the question. The reason was patent. His wife's inexplicable visit to that locality was in some way connected with her fate, and the common sense view was that some intrigue lay hidden behind the impenetrable wall of ignorance that shrouded her final movements.

"The baronet coughed and then said: 'There was any need to bring Mrs. Hillier's name into the business? At any rate, he could fully answer Sir Charles without mentioning her at this juncture.'

"The only person in Raleigh Mansions who interests me just now is one, who, to use a convenient term, is not there."

"This person occupies a flat in No. 12, his name is Sydney E. Corbett, and he left his residence for the Riviera two days after your wife was lost."

"Now, who on earth can he be? I am sure as a man may be of anything as far as no one of that name was in the remotest way connected with either my wife or myself for the last—let me see—six years."

"Possibly. But you cannot say that Lady Dyke may not have met him previously?"

The baronet, who at the situation, as though a whip had struck him. "For heaven's sake, Claude," he cried, "do not harbor suspicions against her. I cannot bear it. I tell you my whole soul revolts at the idea. I would rather be suspected of having killed her myself than listen to a word whispered against her good name."

"I sympathize with you, but you must not jump at me in that fashion. One hypothesis is as widely impossible as the other. I did not say that Lady Dyke went to Raleigh Mansions on account of some present or bygone transgressions of her own, I would as soon think of my mother in such a connection. But a good woman will often do on behalf of others what she will not do for herself. Really, Dyke, you must not be unjust to me, especially when you force me to tell you what may prove to be mere theories."

"Others? What others? I could: if I once lay hold of the reason that brought Lady Dyke to Raleigh Mansions, I will, within twenty-four hours, tell you who murdered her. Of that I am as certain as that the sun will rise tomorrow."

"And the baronet poked the detective in the eye to give vent to the annoyance that his friend's outburst had provoked.

"Pardon me, Bruce. Do not forget how I have suffered what I am suffering—and try to bear with me. I never valued my wife while she lived. It is only now that I feel the extent of my loss. If my own life would only restore her to me for an instant I would cheerfully give it."

"If ever man meant his words this man did. His agitation moved the kindly hearted baronet to rise and place a gentle hand on his shoulder.

"I am sorry, Dyke," he said, "that the conversation has taken this turn. These speculative guesses at potential clues distress you. If you took my advice, you would not worry about events until at least something tangible turns up."

"Perhaps it is best so," murmured the other. "In any event, it is of little consequence. I cannot live long. You are good for another fifty years. Come, shake off this absurd depression. You can do no good by it. I wish now I had taken you with me to Monte Carlo. The fresh air would have braced you up while I hunted for Corbett."

"Did you find him?"

"No, but I dropped in for an adventure that would cheer the soul of any depressed author searching vainly for an idea for a short story."

"What was it?"

"Claude, who possessed no mean skill as a raconteur, gave him the history of the Casino incident, and the thrilling denouement so interested the baronet that he lit another cigar."

"Did you ascertain the names of the parties?" he said.

"Oh, yes. You will respect their identity, as the sensational side of the affair had better not be buried in oblivion, though, of course, all the world knows about the way we scooped the bank. The lady is a daughter of Sir William Browne, a worthy knight from Warwickshire, and her rather rapid swim in a youngsters named 'Mansmore.'"

"Mansmore!" shouted the baronet. "A youngsters, you say, and Sir Charles bounced upright in his excitement.

"Why, yes, a man of twenty-five. No more than twenty-eight, I can swear. Do you know him?"

"Albert Mansmore?"

"That's the man beyond doubt." Dyke hastily poured out some whiskey and water and swallowed it. Then he spoke, with a faint smile: "You didn't know, Bruce," he said, "that you vividly described the attempted self-murder of a man I know intimately."

"What an extraordinary thing! Yet I never remember hearing you mention his name."

(To be Continued.)

Fashion Hint for Times Readers



VELVET SUIT FOR A SMALL GIRL.

No matter how rich the fabric of the young girl's nomenclature, the style must be exceedingly simple. A very smart ensemble is presented in the costume of this little maid. The velvet coat, a loose double-breasted, three-quarter model, is worn over a high skirt finished only with a deep hem. This velvet suit, in a rich shade of navy blue, is matched by a beaver skirt, trimmed simply with a blue satin scarf, whose fringed ends fall over the side. The smart white note of the whole costume is given by the snowy Dutch collar of the eyelid-embroidery with a crisp little embroidery how to match.

SIX PEOPLE TOOK IT'S THE TALK OF THE COUNTRY SIDE

Longest Flight Ever Accomplished in New England, From North Adams Mass. to Portland, Me., 175 Miles.

Portland, Me., Feb. 12.—The longest journey ever made by a balloon from a New England point was completed to-night, when the big Pommern, carrying six passengers, came to earth in the town of Standish, close to Lake Sebago, about 4:30 after a flight of approximately 175 miles in an air-line from North Adams (Mass.). The Pommern is the balloon which won the international race from St. Louis in 1907, when it carried Oscar Eberholz, of Germany, and H. H. Clayton, of Boston, close to the Atlantic coast at New Jersey. It has a capacity of 85,000 cubic feet and in addition to being the largest balloon ever sent up in New England, has also the distinction of making the first ascension in New England this year.

How Dodd's Kidney Pills Cured Mrs. Samuel Thompson's Dropsy

Her's was a Terrible Case and the Doctors Were Powerless to Check It, But the Great Kidney Remedy Cured It.

Holt, Ont., Feb. 12.—(Special)—All the country side about here is talking of the wonderful cure of Mrs. Samuel Thompson of this place. She was taken sick with jaundice, and though the doctor was called in she grew steadily worse. Her stomach was so bad she could not keep anything on it. Dropsy set in and she also had a terrible headache. The doctor came three times to tap her, but her husband would not allow him to do so, saying that she could not get better they might let her die in peace. Finally she dropped the doctors and tried other medicines, but they did her no good. Her leg burst and the water streamed from it. Then someone told her about Dodd's Kidney Pills and so she asked her husband to get her a box.

THEY WANT CHANGES IN LIBEL AND SLANDER LAW

Toronto, Feb. 12.—A deputation of newspaper men representing the Canadian Press Association waited on Hon. J. J. Foy and Hon. Dr. Reame this morning, to discuss the proposed amendments to the libel and slander act. The principal changes desired are: That the law be amended in some way so as to recognize the distinction between matter which appears as news matter and that which appears as editorial, in the columns of a newspaper. That some reasonable facility in getting security for costs be provided. That where full retraction is made, said retraction shall be taken as a full defence, unless plaintiff can show actual damage or real malice. That official court documents and accounts reported statements made by officers of the crown should be privileged. That there should be a wider definition of "public meeting," also of "court of justice."

MURRAY AND GREGORY CONTINUE DEVELOPMENT

A local firm showing their faith in the future prosperity of the city of St. John and its advantages as a distributing center is that of Murray & Gregory, Limited, who in the last few years have been increasing their manufacturing capacity from time to time.

A P. E. I. MAN KILLED WHILE FELLING TREE

Charlottetown, Feb. 12.—A fatal accident occurred at Mount Stewart, this morning, when a man named Donald, a well known farmer, aged 57 years, a brother of Bishop McDonald, fell from a tree while felling an old wood tree which he had just started to hew, in an unaccountable manner, snapping off suddenly, striking Mr. McDonald on the head, knocking him down and instantly killing him. One son resided in Cranbrook, B. C.

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HAMPTON MASONS DEDICATE NEW HALL

Celebration Was an Important One and Was Attended by More Than 200 Members of the Craft.

Hampton, N. B., Feb. 12.—The dedication of the new Masonic hall of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, A. & F. A. Masons, which took place this evening, is evidently an event of importance to the Masonic fraternity not only of this shiretown of Kings but to the whole body of Masons who hold allegiance to the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

The officers and members of the local lodge have taken the utmost pride in providing themselves with a building and equipment that is an honor to their devotion to the principles of Masonry, and a source of pleasure and satisfaction to the whole jurisdiction, and the gathering of the brethren here tonight is but a grateful expression of their regard for the men who have set their hand to this noble work.

A special train from St. John brought more than 100 brethren from the city lodge and places in the vicinity, and there were many of the distinguished veterans in Masonry.

There were 225 Masons in the lodge and anterooms when the lodge was opened by W. M. Donald, and without much delay Grand Master J. D. Chipman and his corps of grand officers were introduced, and the imposing ritual of the dedication was proceeded with.

An address was delivered by P. M. R. A. March, who also read a letter from P. G. M. Judge Wedderburn, who, on account of being under the grip of influenza, was unable to be present. It was a warm and expressive eulogy of the men who in the past laid the foundations of the Corinthian Lodge and of those who today are consecrating their fine temple to the work of propagating the principles of the order, and was heartily cheered by all present.

At the close of the ceremonies a splendid turkey supper was served, the tables being spread in the large room, and for an hour or more there was, in addition to the feast of good things, that of reason and the flow of song, so that everybody found it difficult to break away even when midnight had long passed.

It was a grand demonstration throughout, and not one present would have missed the pleasure and gratification of assisting in erecting upon one of the finest and most elaborately equipped lodge rooms in the maritime provinces.

CANADIAN MINT "MAKING MONEY"

All Denominations of Coins Are Now Being Turned Out—Government Arranges About G. T. P. Town Sites.

Ottawa, Feb. 12.—A return made to the committee on the money supply of the Canadian mint has shown 658 gold coins, silver to the value of \$13,338, and bronze cents to the value of \$32,230.

Eczema, Salt Rheum.

Eczema or Salt Rheum, as it is often called, is one of the most agonizing of skin diseases. It manifests itself in little round blisters, which contain an extremely irritating fluid. These break and subsequently a crust or scale is formed.

STEAMER LOST OFF NEW ZEALAND; 67 MISSING

Wellington, N. Z., Feb. 12.—The Union Steamship Company steamer Penguin was wrecked last night off Cape Terence and the crew were saved, but the remainder of the company, numbering sixty-seven, are missing and are supposed to have perished. The Penguin is a total loss.

Miss Janet Lingley of This City to Become His Bride—Wedding Will Take Place in Dorchester, Mass.

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Here are all the sets:

RSEOH [the name of a large animal]
RAEBD [the name of a staple article of food]
LEAMOTNR [the name of a large city]

Can you place the above sets of letters in proper order, so as to spell the words named? If not only, but with patience and perseverance it can be done. It may take a small amount of your time, but as there are cash prizes and valuable premiums given away as an incentive, it is well worth your time to make an effort. It is possible that you may have entered contests before and have not been successful. Please remember that in this contest you are dealing with a reliable firm and that there are over five hundred prizes to be distributed.

Both writing and neatness count in this contest. If you do not happen to be a good penman, you may wish to purchase a fountain pen, or a ballpoint pen, and if you are awarded a prize, agree with the person who does the writing that the prize shall be made up in a little time and be a little trouble, but the prize are handsome and valuable, and worth many times the amount of time that you will give to the above.

Should you read this advertisement and yet not desire to enter the contest, you may please send your name and address to the publisher of this paper, and you will be notified. This is an opportunity of a lifetime, and should not be missed. All this for the price of a postage stamp. We propose to hold a contest for young people very shortly but will not accept entries from children in this case. Below is the prize list for the most correct, best written and neatest solution of the above:

- 1st Prize.....\$50.00 in Cash
- 2nd Prize.....\$50.00 in Cash
- 3rd Prize.....\$50.00 in Cash
- 4th Prize.....\$50.00 in Cash
- 5th to 10th Prizes, five prizes of \$50.00 each.....\$50.00 in Cash
- 11th to 14th Prizes, five Ladies' or Gents' Gold Plated Hunting Case Watches.....\$50.00 in Cash
- 15th to 16th.....Five Family Dinner Sets (or Silver)
- 17th to 18th.....Five Ladies' or Gents' Gold Plated Watches
- 19th to 20th.....Five Sets of Gold or Silver Plated Knives and Forks (Gaggers)
- 21st to 22nd.....Five Ladies' or Gents' Gold Silver Watches
- 23rd to 24th.....Five Handmade Violins and Saws
- 25th to 26th.....Five Handmade Accordions
- 27th to 28th.....Five Handmade Sewing Machines
- 29th to 30th.....One Hundred Ladies' or Gents' Gold Plated Rings
- 31st to 32nd.....One Hundred Waterbury's Gold Plated Tea Spoons (Square)
- 33rd to 34th.....One Hundred Sets of a Silver Plated Tea Spoons (Square)
- 35th to 36th.....110 Silver Plated Sugar Spoons and Butter Knives (Square)

The judging of the above will be the hands of three gentlemen of undoubted integrity, who have no connection whatever with this office. Their names and addresses will be published in due season. We do not ask anyone to send ANY OF THEIR MONEY in order to enter this contest.

There is a simple condition that must be complied with, about which we will write you as soon as we receive your answer to the above.

This contest is not a promotion of either our goods or services. We enter into it very plainly in the above. Cut out the ad., and send it to us, together with the slip of paper on which you have written your solution to the puzzle, and we will write you at once in regard to the simple condition mentioned above.

I wish to enter the above contest, and agree to accept the decision of the three judges appointed by the Bovel Manufacturing Co., whose decision will be final.

Name.....

Address.....

State whether we are to address you as Mr., Mrs., or Miss.....

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