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BY ANNA KATHERINE GREEN

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The major was standing in the hall. The others had evidently retreated to the parlor.

"The man opposite knows what he knows," said I; "but this does not include the facts concerning the picture in the southwest chamber or the devilish mechanism."

"You are sure?" "As positive as one of my experiences can be. But, major, I am equally positive that he knows more than he should of Mrs. Jeffrey's death. I am even ready to state that in my belief he was in the house when it occurred."

"Has he acknowledged this?" "Not at all."

"Then what are your reasons for this belief?" "They are many."

"Will you state them?" "Gladly. If you will pardon the presumption, some of my conclusions can not be new to you. The truth is that I have possibly seen more of this old man than my duty warranted, and I feel quite ready to declare that he knows more of what has taken place in this house than he is ready to avow. I am sure that he has often visited it in secret and knows about a certain broken window as well as we do. I am also sure that he was here on the night of Mrs. Jeffrey's suicide. He was too little surprised when I informed him of what had happened not to have had some secret inkling of it beforehand, even if we had not the testimony of the lighted candle and the book he so hurriedly replaced. Besides, he is not the man to drag himself out at night for so simple a cause as the one with which he endeavored to impose upon us. He knew what we should find in this house."

"Good. If Mr. Jeffrey's present explanations are true, these deductions of yours are probably correct. But Mr. Moore's denial has been positive. I fear that it will turn out a mere question of veracity."

"Not necessarily," I returned. "I think I see a certain truth in what you acknowledge that he was in or about this house on that fatal night."

"You do?" "Yes, sir; I do not want to boast, and I should be glad if you did not oblige me to confide in you the means by which I hope to bring this thing to give leave to insert an advertisement in both evening and morning papers and in two days I will report failure or success."

The major eyed me with an interest that made my heart thrill. Then he quickly said: "You had better go. My privilege; I will give you two days."

At this Durbin reappeared. As I heard his knock and turned to open the door for him, I cast the major an entreating if not eloquent look. He smiled and waved his hand with friendly assurance. The state of feeling between Durbin and myself was evidently well-known to him.

My enemy entered with a jaunty air, which changed ever so slightly when he saw me in close conference with the superintendent.

He had the book in his pocket. Taking it out, he handed it to the major, with this remark: "You won't find anything there; the book has been found in the room."

The major opened the cover, shook it, looked under the cover, found nothing, and crossed hastily to the drawing room. We as hastily followed him. The district attorney was talking with Miss Tuttle; Mr. Jeffrey was nervously pacing the floor. The latter stopped as we all entered and his eyes flashed to the book.

"Let me take it," said he. "It is absolutely empty," remarked the major. "The letter has been abstracted, probably without your knowledge."

"I do not think so," was Mr. Jeffrey's unexpected retort. "Do you suppose that I would intrude upon you to risk my honor, to the open pages of a book? When I found myself threatened with all sorts of visits from the police and realized that at any moment my effects might be ransacked, I sought a hiding place for the book, which no man without superhuman insight could discover. Look!"

And, pulling off the outside wrapper, he inserted the point of his penknife under the edge of the paper lining the inside cover and tipped it off with a jerk.

"I pasted this here myself," he cried, and showed us where between this paper and the boards, in a place thinned out to hold it, there lay a number of folded sheets, which, with a deep sigh, he handed over to the major's inspection. As he did so he remarked: "I had rather have died any natural death than have had my miserable wife's secret known. But since the crime has come to light, this story of her sin and her repentance may serve in some slight degree to mitigate public opinion. She was sorely tempted and she succumbed; the crime of her ancestors was in her blood."

CHAPTER XXV. "Who Will Tell the Man Inside There?"

Later I saw this letter. It was like no other that has ever come under my eye. Written at intervals, as her

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then in which reverence for my teacher had small part, then tore them in pieces and burned them in full sight of my admiring school-fellows. It was dismissed, but not with disgraces. Teachers and scholars bewailed my departure, not because of any good they had found in me, but because they had found it not with disgraces. Teachers and scholars bewailed my departure, not because of any good they had found in me, but because they had found it not with disgraces.

hand had power or her misery found words, it bore on its face all the evidences of that restless, suffering spirit which for thirty-six hours drove her in frenzy about her room, and caused Loretta, to say, in her effort to describe her mistress's face as it appeared to her at the end of this awful time: "It was as if a blight had passed over it. Once gay and animated beyond power of any one to describe, it had become a ghost's face, with the glare of some awful resolve upon it."

I give this letter just as it was written—disjointed paragraphs, broken sentences, unfinished words and all. The breaks show where she laid down her pen, possibly for that wincing of the floor which left such unmistakable signs behind it.

It opens abruptly: "I killed him, I all that I said I was, and you can never again give me a thought save in the way of cursing and to bewail the day I came into your life. But you can not hate me more than I hate myself, my wicked self, who, seeing an obstacle in the way to happiness, stamped it out of existence, and so forfeited all right to happiness forever."

"It was so easy! Had it been a hard thing to do, had it been necessary to lay hand on knife or lift a pistol, I might have realized the act and paused. But just a little spring which had become a ghost's face, with the glare of some awful resolve upon it, if only to see—"

"I was always a reckless girl, mad for pleasure and without any thought of consequences. When school bored me, I took all my books out of my desk, called upon my mates to do the same, and, stacking them up into a sort of rostrum in a field where we played, first delivered an oration from

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As an illustration of the vast sums that the railroads earn by carrying the freight of the United States Steel Corporation, an official of that company states that upwards of \$5,000,000 a month is paid for freight charges. This year its total freight bill will exceed \$53,000,000, and may go as high as \$56,000,000, while the entire rail output at \$23 per ton will not exceed \$48,000,000.

It is reported that if the United States supreme court makes a favorable decision in the Northern Securities Company case, the Gould railroads east of the Mississippi will be taken into the eastern securities company having a capital stock of \$300,000,000. The plan for such an organization was made public over a year ago, but it is said the influence of President Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania, prevented the deal from going through. The coalition between the Gould and Rockefeller interests, it is said, has brought about a change and the scheme is to be carried out as soon as it is found the laws if the country do not stand in the way.

YEAR'S BETTERMENTS IN ONE STATE. The railroads of Pennsylvania have devoted \$377,190,563 to construction work and betterments to steam and electric railroads during the past year.

The capitalization of the railroads has been increased by \$364,998,725. There has been an increase in mileage of 226 miles and an increase in the number of employees of 11,783, and in the compensation paid them of \$38,153,547.

The combined amount of liabilities of the several corporations is as follows: Capital stock outstanding, \$1,673,826,622; funded indebtedness, \$1,623,653,571; and other forms of indebtedness, \$393,740,399. This sum represents the capitalization of steam railway corporations whose lines are wholly or partly within the State of Pennsylvania.

From the receipts and income, the stockholders have received dividends of \$124,432.

INTERESTING COMPARISON. An interesting article has just been published by the Railroad Gazette in which that paper shows the following comparison of railroad accidents for the year ending June 30, 1903, kept by the United States Government, with the record kept by the Gazette for the year ending in June, 1902:

Table with 2 columns: 1902 and 1903. Rows include Damages, Collisions, Derailments, Fatalities, Passengers killed, Passengers injured, Employees killed, Employees injured.

A DIFFICULT TASK. The big double-track draw bridge on the south fork of the river, north of Archer avenue, Chicago, has just been raised eleven feet without a moment's interruption to rail or river traffic. The structure is used by four railroads, and every 24 hours 140 trains cross it. The difficult work was done under the supervision of Major G. W. Vaughn, and his assistants, Frank E. Snyder. By means of six jacks the bridge was elevated from the masonry foundation, two inches at a time, and it took eight days for 40 structural iron workers and 150 track laborers to complete the work.

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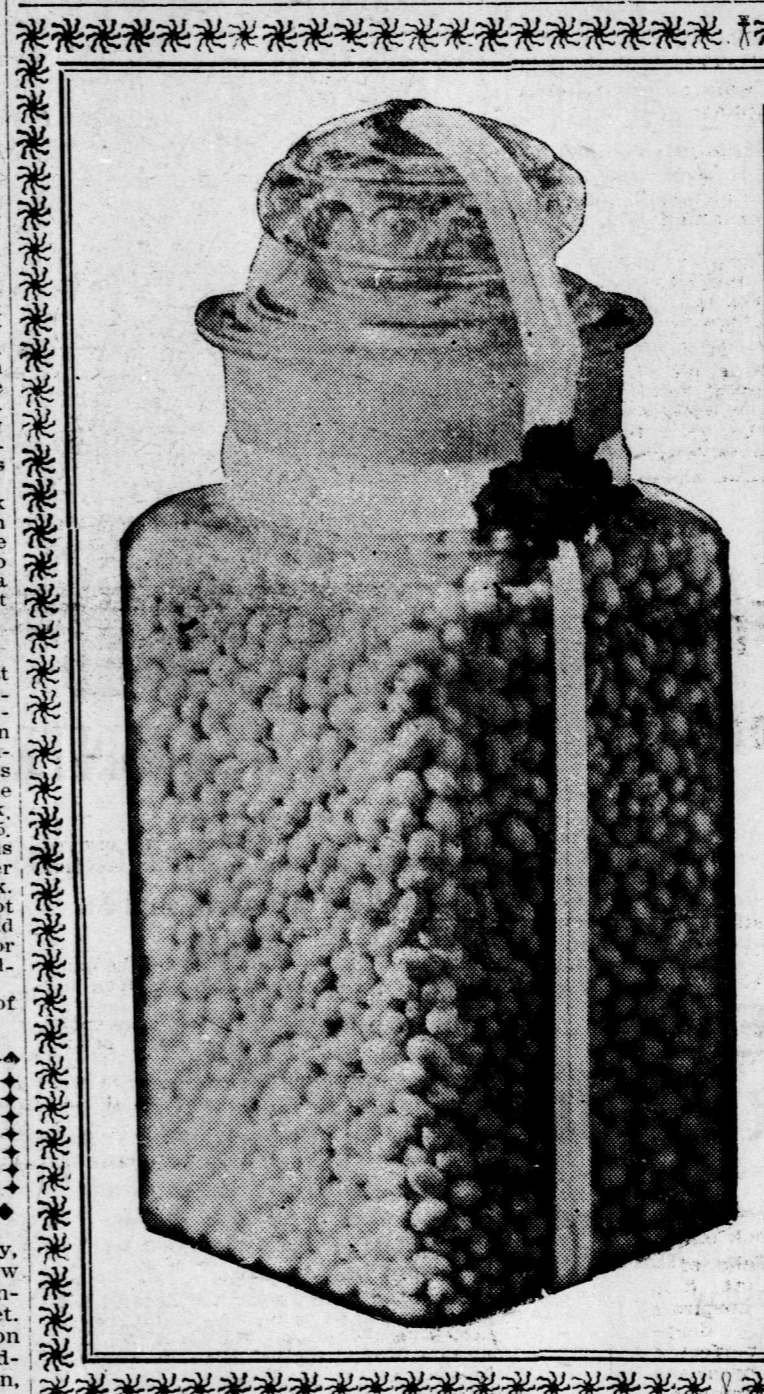
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Mr. and Mrs. Jack Smallman were the ever popular chaperons for the occasion. Among the thirty or more who braved the weather were Miss Dora Labatt, Miss Helen Gibbons, Miss Edna Kent, Miss Jessie Ramsay, Miss Edna Kent, Miss Annie Beddome, Miss Edna Kent, Miss Annie Beddome, Miss Edna Kent, Miss Annie Beddome.

Mr. Stephen Chatterton, of the Metropolitan Bank, Petrolia, has much sympathy in his rather severe illness received on Sunday last while driving in from the city. Mr. Chatterton was formerly of the local staff of the Bank of Toronto and had been spending the week with his bachelor friends here.

Miss Eleanor Smallman gave a luncheon on Tuesday in honor of Miss Kathleen Black, of Halifax. The luncheon table of twelve covers was exceedingly pretty, with a shower bunch of Queen roses and aromatic mignonette.

Miss Bethune was the gracious hostess of a much enjoyed tea on Saturday afternoon to introduce her guest, Mrs. Marion Bethune, to a few of her friends.

Mrs. George T. Brown was the very charming hostess of an afternoon tea yesterday, at which many friends had the pleasure of meeting her mother-in-law, Mrs. Brown, of Rhode Island.

Miss Marion Bethune, of Toronto, is the guest of her uncle, Rev. Dr. Bethune, Dufferin avenue.

Frosty weather without, cosy cheerfulness within, and a bright welcome attended those who enjoyed the little tea at Mrs. Niven's on Monday afternoon. The guests numbered Mrs. Smallman, Mrs. (Dr.) Drake, Miss Kibbe, Port Huron, Mrs. Ernest Smith, Mrs. Harley Brown, Mrs. Beddome,

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