THE AMETHYST CROSS

By Fergus Hume

Refore Lord Charvington could put ing to confront Lesbia, who had asked to her eyes. "I swear that you shall out his hand to stop her-for he was the question. "My husband showed me marry him. There! Let the past alone afraid to think what these two angry the letter purporting to come from a and dream of future happiness," and he women might do-Lesbia glided past man in London. It said that the bur- kissed her solemnly. him and stood face to face with her glary was arranged for Thursday, and such a low, fierce voice that the other him out of the house, so that he might woman fell back in her chair with a be after a detective in London, while gasp of fear. "I knew nothing of this. your father robbed the house on Wed-I had no wish to rob you of your nesday. It's a well-arranged busijewels.

"Yes, you had, and I know why!" "Explain, then. I dare you to ex-

at her husband. "I know what I plain further than I have done."

you to say that I am not."

umphantly "she knew."

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Lesbia, clenching her hands. "I dare you shall leave my house in disgrace." to Rose Cottage she was quite willing "You are your father's accomplice." wrist. "Lesbia shall return to her ter-in-law. "That is untrue," broke in Lord home this day," he said imperiously, "I cannot understand you, George, Charvington, smoothly; "Lesbia warn- "because I won't have her stopping said Mrs. Walker to her son during one

"Of course," scoffed his wife, tri- say nothing of what she overheard, as objected to this girl, nothing would do "If I had been in league with my pain of instant dismissal. You also, I have taken a fancy to her you refuse father would I have given the warn- Helen, shall hold your tongue."

> ively. "You shall. I shall not permit you to | "I am not blowing hot or cold," re ruin an inocent girl. Knowing that Hale turned George gloomily; he was very,

and his accomplice got away cleverly her with?" in their motor car and cannot be traced. If the jewels are returned in- very little changed from the time you the money you must find the cross." tact-which they will be, as I can force would have been married her in the Hale to return them-the police will teeth of poverty." not move further in the matter, as I

bia's waist or she would have fallen. brows. I shall not allow it, Helen," he said, "Lesbia is innocent. Wothing? Surely she is suffering enough whom I had never seen? Don't be a cottage, but I am still in the dark." already, in finding out that her father fool, George. I certainly hated her

me, or I shall—I shall—oh!" Lady father on so sweet a child." Charvington could scarcely contain her and soul, you-you-'

What she was about to say in her bove her glared into her eyes. "If you say another word I will kill you!" Lady Charvington quailed. "You are

quite capable of doing so," she breath- tell me." suitable frock for school wear is aled undauntingly. "I'm not afraid of ways one that is built on simple lines; you. But clear my house of that," and to give." the design here shown is a one-piece model, belted at the waist; the fulness over the shoulders is disposed of in deep plaits. The pattern provides

"What-What does she mean?" Les- dignity. "Cannot you get another sit- for work. Time thus passed very misbia gasped, sinking into a chair, her uation?" two styles of sleeve, and is cut in four courage all gone. "What have I done? sizes; 4, 6, 8 and 10 years. It requires 3% yards of 27-inch material for the 6-year size. Blue serge, striped or

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"But what does it mean?" asked Les-PATTERN DEPARTMENT OF THE bia, lifting a tear-stained face.

"God knows!" muttered Charvington moodily. "I have been mistaken in your | father, my dear." "But-but you don't blame me?"

thousand times, no. My dear, I love marked quietly. you as if you were my own child, and Morse was a merchant." shall never believe any harm of you tongue silent, but I can do no more. time as I can arrange further about see if he can assist you?" your marriage with George Wal-

"Oh!" Lesbia wailed, and stretched her arms, "I cannot marry him now, right to assist you." Who would marry the daughter of a who robbed Mr. Tait's strong-room."

terpolated Charvington quickly. Lesbia brushed away the speech. "Oh, what does it matter even if they mother, and there I can carve my are all thieves. But George must have way." known the dreadful truth, and so he 34, or whatev r it may be. When in will not renew our engagement. I ker, reproachfully. waist measure, 22, 24, 26, or whatever did not understand him before. I do it may be. If - skirt, give waist and

now." length measure. When misses' or "There, there!" Charvington patted later." child's pattern, write only the figure her shoulder again. "Don't worry. All representing the age. It is not neceswill come right, I am sure, and in a Patterns cannot reach you in less way which you do not expect." than one week from the date of order.

Lesbia looked up with sudden hope. You know of something." The price of each pattern is ten cents "Yes," said the man gloomily. further questions just now, but go back to Marlow. The motor car is already at the door with your box on As all our other guests have left the house, your departure will cause no surprise."

"But the police. Will they not want question me?"

"I'll attend to that. I told the inspecr that if necessary he could question ou at Rose Cottage. But as I hope to make your father give back the jewels, the prosecution will be dropped. Remember, the police do not know that your father is guilty. Being thus ignorant, they can do nothing. Go away in peace, my dear, and leave everything to me."

Lesbia rose shuddering. "How can I go back to my father, knowing what now know?" she murmured, shiver-

"You go back to the cottage," explained Charvington. "It is my cottage, as I pay the rent: the furniture also is mine. I have supported your father for years and this is the way he repays me. However, the cottage is yours. I promise you' that your father will not come near you." "I trust not! I trust not. I could not

ace him. And you?" "I shall come over to see you short-

is well. There will be no scandal, and not a word will be said about the bursafe. Later, I shall see about getting glary. Your father is safe and you are your father to go to Australia, and then you can marry Walker." "If he will have me," sighed the un-

fortunate girl. "Lesbia." Charvington took her face between his two hands and looked in-

CHAPTER XVIII.

Lady Charvington's Accusation. While Lesbia was thus having so don, but more often in Medmenham. "I don't know why the burglary took He carefully avoided all mention of for refusing to renew the engagement he declined to explain. Mrs. Walker

"Because you can't; because you was much annoyed by what she termed "You know that I am innocent," said can't," taunted Lady Charvington, "but his mule-headedness, as after her visit Lord Charvington caught his wife's that Lesbia should become her daugh-

ed me that the jewels would be stolen." here to be insulted by you. Bertha will of their frequent wrangles. "When I I have forbidden her to speak on the but that you must marry her. Now that to have anything to do with her. "I shall do nothing of the sort," never thought a son of mine would breathed Lady Charvington, vindict- blow hot and cold in this silly fash-

> has stolen your jewels, I can get them very gloomy in those days, and had back, and have already communicated lost all his light-heartedness. "Lesbia is the only girl in the world that I care put all things right, your marriage in to marry. But how can I make her my cluded." "The police can do nothing. Hale wife when I haven't a penny to keep

can stop them. Then this painful have lost my situation with Tait, and means of identification; a very silly episode will be a thing of the past." am now living on my mother, which is idea, I call it. But he knows that I am "I want that girl disgraced as an the meanest thing a man can well do. Judith Morse, and so by my father's accomplice," said the elder woman, How, then, can I renew my engagement will inherit, now that my sister is setting her teeth, and pointed toward with Lesbia?" "Because I wish you to," said Mrs.

Charvington put his arm round Les- Walker promptly, and bent her black believe that you will never get the for "I understood you hated her."

"Indeed, I never did," she rejoined, father, and I hate him still, for a very

fury. "How I hate you, hate you. I George dryly, "you would not mind do- him without one penny. If he truly wish you were dead, with all my heart ing so. You are somewhat inconsist- loved her, as she did him, poverty ent."

But whatever it was she never uttered by avoiding a reply by carrying the wanted to provide a home before re- vatory that the comet shows six distinct the epithet. Charvington suddenly war into his camp. "What I wish to newing the engagement, he surely talls, projected with violence behind it in moved towards his wife, and towering know is why you decline to renew your could have seen Lesbia and explained straight lines. engagement. "I have no money and no situation."

"It is the sole reason which I choose

with a jeering laugh she pointed at . "There is no necessity to be rude

"Not easily. Tait will give me no How can I help my father references nor do I care to ask him for news that he had received a note from have been detected in the comet's specoh, Lord Charvington!" and she any. Situations are hard to get with- Lord Charvington asking him to call

out reference." Mrs. Walker clasped her strong. patting her heaving shoulder. "She white hands together and frowned. "It doesn't know what she is saying. I'll is quite absurd that my son and the But in the letter Charvington said that see that she holds her tongue, and son of your father should be a mere Bertha also. Nothing will ever be clerk in the city," she burst out. "Can't

"No." replied George gloomily, "I am up to any trade.'

"Trade! Trade! My son in trade!" "No," he declared, emphatically, "a is nothing disgraceful in trade," he re-"My grandfather talk about.

"And your grandfather Casterton in any way. I can keep my wife's was an earl," snapped Mrs. Walker. "There's your uncle, the present owner You must return to Marlow, until such of the title. Why not go to him and

"And when I ask him what excuse can I mak?" "He is your uncle.

thief? Father was one of the thieves the same light, mother. Besides, I public greetings to the 18-year-old King have no qualifications." George paused, Manuel on his way to the station yester-"At Tait's request, remember," in- then added gloomily: "An out-of-door day morning, when he left for the festivicolonial life would suit me. Give me ties at Oporto, in which the British colenough to get to Canada or Australia, ony will play a prominent part.

> "What about me?" asked Mrs. Wal-"I would make a home for you beyond the seas and you can come out

too old to travel so far," she said send sufficient money to mitigate the bearing-down pains. grimly. "Moreover, I intend to wait until I can get the fortune of my sister. She is dead; I am sure from what some day defend yours." Hale says that there is no child, so in know of something. Don't ask me any the end Jabez must give me the fifty King sent a special envoy to the office thousand pounds. That money would with a message addressed to the author

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> George shook his head doggedly. tune until that cross is found." "Then find it."

"I can't, I have tried my best to nan, have you not pity for the poor sharply. "How could I hate anyone learn who assaulted me and robbed the This ended the conversation for the time being. But as the days went by "Her father," jeered Lady Charving- good reason, which it does not concern Mrs. Walker still continued to express ton insultingly. "Oh, yes, her father," you to know. But after I saw the girl her disgust at George's obstinacy reshe moved swiftly toward the library I repented that I had not been to see garding Lesbia. She knew that he still door. "If you get back my jewels I her before, since you loved her. She is loved the girl, and could not think why shall hold my tongue, for reasons an innocent darling, and I should like he should refuse to renew the engagewhich you may guess, Charvington. no one better for my daughter. It ment in the face of Lesbia's letter. Of But don't let that creature come near would be unfair to visit the sins of the course, the excuse of having no situation was rubbish, so Mrs. Walker de-"Yet if the child wasn't sweet," said cided, as Lesbia was willing to marry would be no bar. When was poverty tails showed. "I am notthing like so inconsistent ever a bar to the union of two young his reasons for behaving as he was doing. But he never went near Mar-

> erably for the grim widow. One day George came down with the should wish to see him George could with interest. not guess, as he had never met him. he had been a friend of Alymer Walker not clever and I have not been brought ton, but after her scampish husband's bark, death she had kept away from the for-

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repulsive force of light pressure from the sun. According to the theories of Clerk-"That isn't the true reason. Don't low, and refused to mention her name. Maxwell and other astronomers, the tail As Mrs. Walker, being as obstinate as of the comet is made up of infinitely small her son, would discuss his unfortunate stones rather than mere dust or gas. But love affair, and wrangle over the same, M. Flammarion thinks from the proto-George took to remaining for days in graphs which he has taken that the tails the trembling girl and left the room. George," said Mrs. Walker with great London the plea that he was looking are composed of extremely rarefied gas, cyanogen, which is being dissipated in the

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Watonga Okla., Herald: See Kans-i mer society she frequented on account to, a Caddo Indian, attracted consider-George was sad enough at heart, yet of her poverty. All the same she ad- able attention and wonder at the Rock could not forbear smiling at the horror vised George to keep the appointment, Island depot on Saturday as he went expressed on her coutnenance. "There which was made for the next day, if north on the noon train from Binger, only to hear what Charvington had to him home town. He beats the old German of New York, Wouter Van Twiller, who was five feet six inches tall and six feet five inches around. This Indian is five feet seven inches tall and seven feet five inches around. He is 26 years old and weighs 696 pounds.

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