FILIGREE ..BALL..

BY ANNA KATHERINE GREEN

the efforts heretorore made to exhaust stood, observed built, and its secrets have been founded upon a theory that has brought us nowhere. I had another mind, and I was anxious to test it before resting from all suggestively puts it in his strange further attempt to solve this riddle.

I had another mind, and I was anxious invite rest, as the colonel so suggestively puts it in his strange puzzle of a confession," added the ball rise into sight above the settle-top. And it has not failed me. By pursuing a clue apparently so trivial that I allowed it to go neglected for weeks, major, "and let us make sure of I have come upon the key to the this."

top.

"Stop!" called out the major again.

To be Continued.] many mysterious crimes which have floor under the settle; not, in fact, in the library at all, but in the picture hanging upstairs in the southwest

"The picture! that faded-out sketch, fit only for the garret?" "Yes. To you and most people surveying it, it is just what you say and nothing more. But to the initiated few-pray Heaven they may have been few-it is writing, conveying secret instructions. The whole combin-ation of curves which go to make up this sketch is a curious arrangement of words inscribed with the utmost care, in the smallest of characters. Viewed with a magnifying glass, the uncertain outlines of a shadowy face surmounted by a mass of piled-up hair resolve thmselves into lines of writing, the words of which are quite intelligible and full of grim and unmistakable purpose. I have read the lines; and what is more, I have transcribed them into plain copy. Will you read them? They contain a most extraordinary confession; a confession that was manifestly intended for a warning, but which unfortunately has had very different results. It may explain the death of the man from uncertain outlines of a shadowy face surmounted by a mass of piled-up explain the death of the man from Denver, even if it cast no light upon the other inexplicable features of the remarkable case we are considering." As I spoke I laid open on the table before me the transcription of which F. I spoke. Instantly the two men bent When they looked up again, their countenances showed not excitement only but appreciation; and in the one moment of triumph which I then enjoyed, all that had wounded or disturbed me in the past was

"You are a man in a thousand." was the major's first enthusiastic comment; at which I was conscious of regretting, with very pardonable inconsistency, that Durbin had not returned in time to hear these words. should go at once to the old house.
"A family secret like this does not crop up every day even in a city so full of surprises as Washington. We closet drawers and see what happens, eh? And on our way there"-here he turned to me-"I should like to hear the partculars concerning the little clue just mentioned. By the way, Mr. Jeffrey's interest in this old drawing is now explained. He knew its diabol-This was self-evident, and my heart

was heavy for Miss Tuttle, who seemed to be so deep in her brother-inlaw's confidence. It grew still heavier when Durbin,

joining us, added his incredulity to the air of suspicion assumed by the others. Through all the explanations I now entered into, I found myself inwardly repeating with somewhat forced iteration, "I will not believe her guilty under any circumstances. She carried the look of innocence, and innocent she must be proved, whatever result may be to Francis Jeffrey." To such an extent that I had been fluenced by the lofty expression which had once surprised on her face. Had Mr. David Moore been sitting open-eyed behind his vines that mornhe would have been much surprised to see so many of his natural enemies intrude on his property at so early an hour. But, happuly, he had not yet risen, and we were able to enter upon our investigations without eing watched or interrupted by him.
Our first move was to go in a body to the southwest chamber, take down the picture, examine it with a magnifying-glass and satisfy ourselves that the words I had picked out of its lines were really to be found This done and my veracity established, we next proceeded to the closet where, according to the structions embodied in this picture, the secret spring was to be found by which some unknown and devilish machinery would be released in the lib-

To my great satisfaction the active part in this experiment was delegated to me. Durbin continued to be a mere looker-on. Drawing out the two large drawers from their place at the end of this closet, I set them aside. I hunted for and found the mall loophole which we had been told afforded a glimpse of the library seeing nothing hearthstone; but seeing nothing through it, I called for a light to be placed in the room below.

I heard Durbin go down, then the major, and finally, the district attorney, Nothing could stay their curiosity now, not even the possibility of danger, which as yet was a lurking and mysterious one. But when a light shot up from below, and the irregular opening before me became a loophole through which I could catch a very wide glimpse of the library beneath, found that it was necessary for me to warn them to keep away from the hearth, as they were all clustered very near the door-a precaution not alto gether uncalled for at so hazardous a

"Are you ready?" I called down. "Ready!" rose in simultaneous response from below.

"Then look out!" Reaching for the spring cleverly

concealed in the wall at my right I vigorously pressed it.

The result was instantaneous. Silently, but with unerring certainty, something small, round, and deadly, fell plumb from the library ceiling to where the settle had formerly stood against the hearthstone. Finding nothing there but vacancy to expend itself upon, it swung about for a mo-ment on what looked like a wire or whip-cord, then slowly came to rest within a foot or so from the floor. A cry from the horrified officials be-

low was what first brought me to myself. Withdrawing from my narrow
quarters I hastened down to them
and added one more white face to
the three I found congregated in the
doorway. In the diabolical ingenuity
we had seen displayed, crime had

When we had regained in some measure our self-possession, we all advanced for a closer look at the murderous object dangling before us. We found it to be a heavy leaden weight painted on its lower end to match the bosses of stucco-work which appeared at regular intervals in the ornamentation of the ceiling. When drawn up into place, that is, when occupying the hole from which it now hung suspended, the portion left to protrude would evidently bear so small a proportion to its real bulk as to justify any eye in believing it to be the mate, and the harmless mate, of all the others.

We did.

"Devilish!" came from the major's lips. Then with a glance at the ball which, pushed aside by the seat, now hung over its edge a foot or so from the floor, he added briskly: "The ball has fallen to the full length of the cord. If it were drawn up a little "Wait," I eagerly interposed. "Let me see what I can do with it."

And I dashed back upstairs and into the closet of "The Colonel's Own."

With a single peep down to see if

Ready hands at once grasped it, and, with some effort, I own, drew it carefully back into position. "You see!" quoth Durbin.

"I have just come from spending another night in the Moore house. All the efforts heretofore made to exhaust the secrets have been founded upon a ly.

mate, and the harmless mate, of all the doctors.

With a single peep down to see if they were still on the watch, I seized the handle whose position I had made sure of when searching for the top.
"Stop!" called out the major. "Let

where do you think it lies? Not in the hearthstone in the hearthstone it has not in the floor under the notific and not in the

Annual Meeting of the Union — Secretary Woodworth Re-Elected.

FOOTBALL.

BROADVIEWS GET CUP. Toronto, Dec. 12.-In spite of the unfavorable weather this afternoon, the Broadviews and Meds., winners of the the cup.

Toronto, Dec. 12.—The Limestones, of Kingston, and Torontos II. indulged in a lot of bluffing over the game the O. R. F. I. executive ordered them to please F. U. executive ordered them to play in Belleville for the junior championship, the former winning without a showdown. The Torontos did not start for the east, and as the Limestones did not need to leave till noon they will tally a victory by default.

WON BY ST. MICHAEL'S. Toronto, Dec. 12.—St. Michael's College juniors today closed a very successful Rugby football season by defeating the Deer Parks in the final game of the junior city league by a score of 6 to 0. Besides winning the championship, the collegians also won the Wilson cup, donated by the Harold Wilson Company. The major now proposed that we THE O. R. F. U. ANNUAL MEETING. ing. Toronto, Dec. 12.-There was a good at- WRESTLING. tendance at the annual meeting of the Ontario Rugby Football Union this afternoon, considerable interest being centered in the contest anticipated for the mittee sprang a surprise on Morrison, the opposition candidate, by turning down his proxy votes that his friends believed would have secured his cleation. would have secured his election, and thus Mr. Morrison refused to allow his name Mr. Morrison refused to allow his name to go before the meeting. All the offices were filled by acchamation. All the amendments to the playing rules were adopted, except the proposition to readjust the system of scoring. The meeting sustained the executive's action in not joining the C. A. A. U.

Secretary Woodworth was voted an nonorarium of \$125 for his services durng the season. A resolution was passed, instructing the president to appoint a committee of four to co-operate with committees appointed by other sporting organizations for the purpose of forming a body to deal with the amateur status of protested players.

An amendment was made to the rules

to the effect that a try shall count five The constitution was changed so that all proposed amendments to the playing rules and competition must be handed to he secretary in writing two weeks before the annual meeting. The president was instructed to appoint

a committee of seven to handle any proposed changes in the rules, and also t appoint three representatives to the The new officers are: President, W. N. Ferguson, Toronto; vice-president, S. S.

son, Toronto; vice-president, S. S. ulin, Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, F. D. Woodworth, Toronto. The following were elected members of the executive: Mr. McKean, of Hamilton; Dr. W. G. Wood, of Toronto, and Hugh Hayes, of W. E. P. Hamilton; J. Hay, Wellesleys; Dr. Caldwell, Dundas, and J. T. Sutherland, Kingston.

President Ferguson presented the following the following the following presented the following the control of the following the follo nted the fol-President Ferguson preser

President Ferguson presented the fol-lowing report: "Aplications for entrance to the senior series were received from the intermdiate champions, the Victorias, of Toronto, and from the St. George's Hockey Club, of Toronto. These applications will be dealt with by the execu-tive, and also the claims Petrolea have made against Sarnia for expenses incur-red on account of a delay in starting a game, as well as claims that Sarnia makes for default."

Among other things President Ferguson said: "Your executive is pleased to be able to report that, as compared with other years, this has been a most successful one. We have the constitution of the constitut cessful one. We had 29 teams, representing 23 cities, towns and schools in the province, competing for our trophies, and we have finished the season with a substantial credit balance.

GREAT AQUATIC EVENTS. Toronto, Dec. 12 .- Secretary S. P. Grant, of the Canadian Association of Amateur Oarsmen, today wrote to President Pilkington, of the National Association, asking him to appoint a sub-committee at their annual meeting, to be held on Dec. 19, to meet with a like committee from the C. A. A. O., in Buffalo, at an early date, to confer upon the dates for the date, to confer upon the dates for the holding of the two rowing events of the American aquatic year, the National and BALL the Royal Canadian Henley. It is the intention of the C. A. A. O. to have this joint committee meet annually and settle the dates for the two regattas and to acilitate the carrying on of the business

DATES FOR HENLEY RACES. London, Dec. 12 .- At the annual meeting of the stewards of the Henley Regatta Association, held today, the dates for holding next year's races were fixed for July 5, 6 and 7. The year's accounts, decrease of \$1,000. An amendment to the rules, as applicable to Canadian crews, was adopted, according to which the date for the entry of such crews will be June 1 instead of March 1.

YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS. At New Orleans-Scorpio (Troxler), 13 to 2; Parisienne W. Hicks), 4 to 5; Mountebank (W. Fisher), 9 to 5; Dut-iful (W. Fisher), 7 to 1; Sarah Maxim (H. Phillips), 5 to 1; Adalante

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interests are the real leaders. The list Whitney and the Westbury stable, whose combined winnings are \$136,105;
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this list of winning owners. TRACK IN SHAPE. Mr. D. Fraser reports the track at Queen's Park in splendid condition from Saturday's snow and rain storm. Today it is being scraped ready for the use of members of Gentlemen's Road for supremacy, and did not count in Drivers Association. As members only the final score as a mile traversed

light-weight wrestler, and Eugene Tremblay, of Montreal, Bothven undertook to throw Tremblay twice him at all.

THE RING.

TWO GOOD ONES MATCHED. Chicago, Dec. 12. — "Philadelphia Jack" O'Brien and "Tommy" Ryan were last night matched for a six-round bout. The contest will probably be held on Christmas day. SPECTATORS HISSED.

Colma Cal Dec 12.—The fight here last night between Jack Johnson, Sandy Ferguson in which the former was given the decision at the end of the twentieth round, was a poor exhibition. Neither man showed a desire to force the fighting, and they were Johnson did most of the leading, but his blows lacked steam. They left the ring without a mark of punish-ment. Johnson ruled favorite in the betting at 10 to 4.

O'BRIEN BEAT SHRECK. Chicago, Dec. 12.-O'Brien was given the decision over Mike Schreck, of Cincinnati, after six rounds, at the Chicago Athletic Club tonight. verdict was not agreeeable to a large portion of the spectators, who thought Schreck had a draw. He made a good fight in the first three rounds and ducked many of O'Brien's blows with great cleverness, but he took four blows for every one he landed. O'Brien knocked Schreck flat on his back ir the second round, and half through the ropes in the fifth. In the sixth round he hammered the Cincinnati man all round the ring, and had him groggy at the finish.

HOCKEY. TRENT VALLEY LEAGUE. Peterboro, Dec. 12.—The fifth annual meeting of the Trent Valley Hockey League was held in the Oriental Hotel this morning, commencing at 9 o'clock, there being a large representation of the clubs throughout the district present. The following delegates were in attendance: Bobcayeon, H. S. Garlick and M. Welsh; Peterboro T. H. S., J C. A. Graham; Norwood, J. F. Anderson and R. Pearce; Keene, T. J. Wallis and Dr. V. H. McWilliams; work, G. C. Quakenbush and W. A. Little: Colborne, E. F. Rawson and R. D. Keefe; Brighton, R. B. Scripture and D. W. Richwood; Napanee, B. H. Williams and W. E. Fretz: Belleville Bankers, W. C. Bradburn and H. A. Littledale; Lakefield, F. A. Grey and R. Bravender.

BALL IN MONTREAL. Montreal, Dec. 14.-This city will be epresented at the annual meeting of Eastern League when it is held this week at New York. Montreal will be represented on that occasion by Messrs Glassford and Nicholson. The Monfreal representatives will not be strangers at the feast, but will go prepared to actively participate in the dongs of the league. Messrs. Clarke and Nicholson have just returned from New York, and while in Gotham interviewed President Powers. Mr. Clarke explained that Pat Powers is in favor of making one change in the circuit, drop-Worcester and restoring Montreal. According to Mr. Clarke, President Powers gave his word that he would do everything possible to have Montreal included in the circuit. It is said that Hurley is willing to let the franchise go, and that if the franchise goes from Worcester it will come to Montreal. It appears that Pat Powers was exceedingly gracious to the Mon-trealers and assured them of his friendship for this city.

One of the largest families in St. Louis, Mo.—that of Arthur W. Becker—is joyously celebrating the birth of a baby girl. This is the first time in 140 years that a girl has been born in the family. The grandfather, J. Becker, had five boys, and his father, Jacob Becker, had four male heirs. The father of Jacob Becker had no sisters and no daughters, and none of his sons had any daughters.

A doctor advises his patients to be bright and frivolous at meal timese, if

SIX-DAY GRIND

Race Ended at 10 O'Clock Saturday Night-Leander Was Second—Fine Finish.

roar that went up from the throats of a great crowd of enthusiasts Wal- \$2,460. thour, for himself and his team-mate, in Madison Square Garden, which ended at four minutes past 10 cclock farm consists of 150 acres, and the price ended at four minutes past 10 cclock tonight. Forty yards separated Walthour from Leander, who was second thour from Leander, who was second at the finish, being ten good yards ahead of Floyd Krebs, behind whom came Fisher, an indifferent fourth. It was a spectacular finish, made more so by the fact that of seven riders who took the place to sprint the last mile four fell crashing in a heap just as half the journey had been completed. Breton was riding on the farm pays as well side. His front tire came off and he practically swept those near him down \$50. Corn in the ear brought 61c per paid was between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

St. Thomas Times: The largest crowd of the season turned out to the auction sale at C. J. White's South Yarmouth, and everything sold very so by the fact that of seven riders who took the place to sprint the last mile four fell crashing in a heap just as half the journey had been completed. Breton was riding on the outside. His front tire came off and he practically swept those near him down \$50. Corn in the ear brought 61c per interests are the real leaders. The list of owners whose horses have won \$10,000 or more, include 55, who have won more than \$1,631,000. Another million or more has been distributed among the remainder of the turfmen, about 400 in number, few of whom have won no races. The leading trainers of the year, as shown by the statistics, are A. J. Joyner, who trained the horses of J. B. Haggin and Sydney Paget, who won more than \$163,000; John W. Rogers, who handled the horses of Wm. C. Whitney and the Westbury stable, rider, but that those who escaped in falls should ride on. Walthour and Leander were about together at the end racers, who earned \$92,596; Alex. and of the ninth lap, with Walthour half wm. Shields, whose racers, in conjunction with those of E. R. Thomas, keep at the end of his wheel till the junction with those of E. R. Thomas, have won \$121,000, some of which, however, must be credited to those who preceded the Messrs, Shields in control of the Thomas horses, and R. I. Miller, trainer for the Hampton stable, whose colt Africander was the chief three-year-old stake winner of the year. The letter's stable winnings were \$22.55. latter's stable winnings were \$82,875. 3; Bowler and Fisher, 2.318.3; Newkirk That the turn never was more prosperous or more healthy is revealed by Breton, 2.318.3; J. and M. Bedell, 2.-318.3; Keegan and Moran, 2.318.2; Samson and Vanderstuyft, 2.243.9. The winners finished 415 miles behind the record of 2.733 miles and 4 laps. The seven riders were tied at 2.318 miles and 3 laps when the six-day race actually ended, and the mile sprint was

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the final score as a mile traversed during the six days. The two last teams, of course, did not complete

Young French Countess Killed in Driving Accident.

Ogier d'Ivry, the beautiful young daughter of Count Ogier d'Ivry, died in a hospital here on Friday under remarkable circumstances. On Friday moved to a hospital, while the doc-tors found the injured person to be Finally her husband chastised a man of assuming male attire in the streets der-garments. to avoid attracting the attention of The d'Ivry family is highly connected. A member of the family entourage says the countess was of daring feats of horsemanship, and to rob her employer. iked to drive tally-ho drags and four-

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New York, Dec. 12.-With a flash of colors and with a whirling of wheels Lean, of Rodney, for \$1.330. that could be heard even above the D. Buchanan has bought of Mrs.

Stratford Herald: Mr. Joseph Glo-Munroe, won the six-day bicycle race son has sold his farm on the 9th conpractically swept those near him down \$50. Corn in the ear brought 61c per the incline to the flat before him. His bushel. Oats 36c. Implements sold un-

Lady Bachelors.

London, Dec. 14.-Two remarkable societies have been formed in London. One, which calls itself "The Dancers," is intended to "fight the high and powerful devil Solemnity." The mem-bers meet weekly, dressed in classic costumes and dance rollicking measures of all times, the music and the dances being unearthed from the British

The principal promoters of this fel lowship are artistic people. Up to now the dancers have provided more fun for outsiders than for them-

The prime mover is Miss Florence Farr, a clever actress, who formerly The other society's object is to abolish the term "spinster." Spinster, they think, somehow implies scraggy antiquity, and today's unmarried women want to be known as "lady bachelors. They are agitating for removing the word "spinster" from the dictionaries and substituting "lady bachelor" in all legal documents.

RAGPICKER'S FINE LINEN

Paris, Dec. 14. - The Countess Diane Led To Discovering Unique System

Paris, Dec. 14. - Mme. Benoni, a ragpicker living in Rue Letort, has re night a pony cart driven by a hand- cently become an object of envy to all somely dressed young man, accompan-led by a groom, collided with a heavy over a pile of rubbish following her vehicle near the Avenue Bois de Bou- vocation her co-workers were thunder-The occupants of the pony struck to notice that she wore lingeric cart were thrown out and the groom of remarkable fineness, and that silk was slightly and the young man dan- petticoats trimmed with lace peeped out gerously injured. The latter was re- from under her coarse, soiled, woolen

a woman. She was identified as the for making disrespectful remarks about daughter of Count Ogier d'Ivry. Fier it. Then the vengeful fellow watched skull was fractured in three places, the woman and her husband, and at 5 and she died soon after. The countess o'clock one morning surprised the latthe woman and her husband, and at 5 was 20 years old and her blonde hair ter picking from an ash barrel two new was cut short. She was in the habit silk petticoats and some fine linen un-

The spy informed the police commisary, who, on investigating, learned that an accomplice employed by dealer in such articles took this method All hands have been arrested and the

STEAMERS ARRIVED

Dec. 12-13.—At New York—La Savole, from Havre; Norge, from Copenhagen; New York, from Southampton,
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More Telephone Wonders.

London, Dec. 14. - The Daily Mail announces that successful experiments have been made with the system of recording conversations over the telephone by a combination of the telephone and phonograph. The system is the invention of E. G. Craven, an one of Thomas A. Edison's assistants

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