

THE ARNCLIFFE PUZZLE, BY GORDON HOLMES

Author of "A MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE."

(Continued.) "Say," exclaimed the American in accents of deepest disgust, "you give me a pain in the neck. I have met poisonously bad women with pretty faces, but they have not taken in any man worth a cent. You want to read to Lombroso, my friend—you should study criminology in its physiological and physiological aspects. Show me that Miss Holt's head is too flat and her eyes too close together, that her ears are pointed, that the angle of her jaw is too wide or too narrow—show me even that her mouth is too large or too small—confound you!—and I will say: 'Let us by all means watch Miss Edith Holt!'"

ried Bradshaw with renewed impatience. "If she is guilty, you can always lay your hands on her when the proper time comes. Judging by the way you are going on, you will end by letting the real murderer slip through your fingers." "I suppose I shall have to telegraph to the Yard for another man," said Hobson, ruefully. "I hate to do it. You get a case like this all out and dried, with only one little thing lacking to make the chain of evidence complete. And then a new man comes along, hits on the case by accident, and takes all the credit while you have done all the work." "Still, you have the local policeman to help, haven't you?" "Don't talk to me about the local policeman!" exclaimed the Scotland Yard official, in tones of intense disgust. "Fox is his name; it ought to have been Goose. The night Angier was attacked, I found some splendid footprints on the soft ground outside the study window, and I set Fox to keep guard over them until I could take a proper case. It appears that Fox had heard of taking a case too—read it in 'Sherlock Holmes' or somewhere—and when I returned I found he had saved me the trouble. He sent for some plaster of Paris, he did and poured it, thin as paper, all over the ground. Of course when you are dealing with soft ground you must oil it very carefully before doing anything else—and the result was that the impressions Mr. Fox got might have been made by anything from Man Friday to an elephant. No, sir; the law we have to do with is P. C. Fox the better."

"See here," said Bradshaw, "I have nothing particular to occupy me just at present, and I fancy I would like to take a hand in the game myself. Supporting me to take care of this 'got-rich-quick' gentleman?" "Well, sir," said Hobson, doubtfully, "it is rather against the rules of the force to have anything to do with amateurs, but as a special favor to you, I will do it." "Oh, nonsense sir!" cried Hobson. "He is the sort of man you will find by the hundred in the rural districts of England—not overburdened with brains, and with a little of the assistance of science, but about him. But he is not the type which makes a cunning murderer." "I know all about the type," Bradshaw assured him. "I have read about them. They always break their necks rading to bounds. But what I have particularly noticed is that Warren has taken up a special branch of toxicology. I will bet any reasonable sum that he is in the parlor down-stairs right now experimenting on himself with brandy high-balls—'Band-S!' I think you call them. Now, I don't know how long Mr. Warren has been making himself a martyr to science, but I am willing to swear he has not been going to his present gait for more than a week or two, because there is no man living who could stand it!" "I am afraid it is not a habit of which he has the monopoly," was Hobson's reply. "Hobson, I do believe that a steady talk with you would do me a world of good. It would clear my ideas. What I am trying to say is that there is something strange in the coincidence of Warren's sudden outbreak of interference following so closely on the beginning of all those troubles at the Hall. I have made considerable inquiries in a quiet way, and I hear that although he was not, perhaps, exactly a temperate man, yet he was nothing marked in his disposition until the last few weeks. I do not know how it strikes you, but it appears to me to be a co-incident between the two cases, and a coward's attempt to gain courage. Keep an eye on Warren! It may be helpful."

"(To be continued.)" This Dr. Lester, who headed the scientific expedition sent to West Africa by Lord Arncliffe, arrives here on a fishing excursion. By some extraordinary lack of knowledge he was not aware that his patron lived in the neighborhood. Now, on the very day of Lord Arncliffe's death, Dr. Lester and Miss Holt are accidentally found together by young Warren. They pretend to be strangers, and tell some cock-and-bull story about an other and a croak. "Did you say you were Irish?" asked Bradshaw suddenly, with a disconcerting smile. "Well, sir, you know what I mean. What do you say, Miss Holt and the doctor were really strangers—that they were not, as a matter of fact, old lovers? I had had my eyes pretty well opened, as you may imagine, and if those two are not sweet on each other, I will eat my hat." "That may or may not be true," said the American, shortly. "Somehow, the suggestion of an understanding between Edith and George Lester was a particularly pleasing to him. 'Anyway,' Dr. Lester is a sure-enough white man, and everybody knows that he has only just returned from the Antarctic wastes, that is the best you can do, go and place your head under the pump in the yard, my good Hobson." "All very well," returned the detective, somewhat ruffled at last by the repeated aspersions on his intellectual capacity. "It is not impossible, nevertheless, that the meeting by the trout stream was not the first one. If it was, they have gone ahead with remarkable rapidity. Young Warren 'Did it ever strike you to devote a little more attention to Harry Warren?' interrupted Bradshaw. "There is something very queer about that interesting person." "Oh, nonsense sir!" cried Hobson. "He is the sort of man you will find by the hundred in the rural districts of England—not overburdened with brains, and with a little of the assistance of science, but about him. But he is not the type which makes a cunning murderer." "I know all about the type," Bradshaw assured him. "I have read about them. They always break their necks rading to bounds. But what I have particularly noticed is that Warren has taken up a special branch of toxicology. I will bet any reasonable sum that he is in the parlor down-stairs right now experimenting on himself with brandy high-balls—'Band-S!' I think you call them. Now, I don't know how long Mr. Warren has been making himself a martyr to science, but I am willing to swear he has not been going to his present gait for more than a week or two, because there is no man living who could stand it!" "I am afraid it is not a habit of which he has the monopoly," was Hobson's reply. "Hobson, I do believe that a steady talk with you would do me a world of good. It would clear my ideas. What I am trying to say is that there is something strange in the coincidence of Warren's sudden outbreak of interference following so closely on the beginning of all those troubles at the Hall. I have made considerable inquiries in a quiet way, and I hear that although he was not, perhaps, exactly a temperate man, yet he was nothing marked in his disposition until the last few weeks. I do not know how it strikes you, but it appears to me to be a co-incident between the two cases, and a coward's attempt to gain courage. Keep an eye on Warren! It may be helpful."

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LAST WEEK'S RALLY IN STOCK MARKET (Boston Post.) The week just past has witnessed a splendid rally in the stock market, due in considerable degree to the improvement in Russian internal affairs and in the money situation, supplemented by a series of clever manipulative movements on the part of the bull element. Certainly the banks have been strengthened by the recent stock market liquidation, the percentage of legal reserve in the central reserve cities being nearly 25 1/2 per cent., which is higher than at any time since January. This compares with 25 1/2 per cent. a year ago. Moreover, bank circulation has been stimulated by the issue of \$20,000,000 Panama Canal bonds, which will, of course, permit an increase of a corresponding amount in circulation by the national banks. As regards the continuation of certain "deals," it may be said that they seem just as mythical as ever. Yet, stocks seem stronger and more buoyant with their recurrent publication, and some of the issues that three weeks ago appeared hard to dispose of, have been quickly absorbed during the last few days. Primarily the improvement in the money situation has been because of this absorption. Whether those who have "taken on" stocks during the last few days believe that we are going to have a broad market in the autumn is a question. Yet, they evidently believe it will be broad enough for them to make a profitable turn, and let it be said quietly, they may be able to assist their friends in marketing some of their stocks.

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FOR PRESERVING BAIT. Invention by Montreal Doctor will be Boon to Newfoundland. MONTREAL, July 30.—An invention, which will likely prove a great boon to the cod fishermen of Newfoundland, has just been announced by Dr. de Martigny, of Sherbrooke street. In a quiet way with the French bacteriologist, Dr. Loir (who has just been entrusted with research work by the Hon. Sydney Fisher), Dr. Loir has discovered a process by which he claims minnows and other small fish used as bait can be preserved indefinitely upon being treated with the preparation which, he says, prevents decomposition, leaving but a scarcely perceptible effect upon taste. Before offering his discoveries to the public Dr. de Martigny wishes to submit it to a final test, and for that purpose he is about to undertake a trip to the Gaspé coast. The cost of a process for preserving bait has hitherto proved the greatest handicap under which the cod fishermen have labored and this inconvenience has been felt to such an extent that the United States government generally offered a bonus of several thousand dollars for the production of an artificial bait that would equal the ordinary article in efficiency.

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SAVING DISCOUNT ON HALIFAX TAXES. Halifax, N. S., July 31.—(Special)—The sum of \$8,000 was received in city taxes today by Collector Theobald, making a total of \$100,000 during the past four days. This amount is subject to discount of 2 per cent and is to be applied to the collection of taxes paid during the next months will be received at face. Miss Annie O'Neill, of St. George, is visiting Miss O'Neill, Main street.

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