

The RETURN of the ROCK HOLMES

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THE ADVENTURE OF THE MISSING THREE-QUARTER

(Continued.) "It's worth trying, Watson," said Holmes. "Of course, with a warrant we could demand to see the counterfoil, but we have not reached that stage yet. I don't suppose they remember faces in so busy a place. Let us venture it."

member of the community, though I cannot doubt that the official machinery is amply sufficient for the purpose. Where your calling is more open to criticism is when you pry into the secrets of individuals, when you rake up family matters which are better hidden, and when you incidentally waste the time of men who are more busy than yourself. At the present moment, for example, I should be writing a treatise instead of conversing with you.

"No doubt, Doctor, and yet the conversation may prove more important than the treatise. Incidentally, I may tell you the reverse of what you are saying."

"I do not feel that there is any reason why I should render an explanation to you, Mr. Holmes, and that is why I have replaced the bill in his notebook. 'If you prefer a public examination, it must come sooner or later,' said he. 'I have already told you that I can hush up that which others would be bound to publish, and you would really be wiser to take me into your complete confidence.'"

"Did you hear from Mr. Stanton in London?" "Certainly not."

"Dear me, dear me—the post-office again!" Holmes sighed, wearily. "A most urgent telegram was despatched to you from London by Godfrey Stanton at six-fifteen yesterday evening—a telegram which is undeniably associated with his disappearance—and yet you have not had it. It is most culpable. I shall certainly go down to the office here and register a complaint."

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"What about him?" "He is an intimate friend of mine."

"Ah, indeed? There was no change of expression in the rugged features of the doctor."

"He left his hotel last night—he has not been heard of."

"Tomorrow is the 'Varsity football match.'"

"I have no sympathy with those childish games. The young man's fate interests me deeply, since I know him and like him."

"Quite true, Watson. The telegram still remains the only solid thing with which we have to deal, and we must not permit our attention to wander away from it. It is to gain light upon the purpose of this telegram that we are now upon our way to Cambridge. The path of our investigation is at present obscure, but I shall be very much surprised if before evening we have not cleared it up, or made a considerable advance along it."

It was already dark when we reached the old University City and entered the man to drive to the house of Dr. Leslie Armstrong. A few minutes later, we had stopped at a large mansion in the busiest thoroughfare. We were shown in, and after a long waiting room, where we found the doctor seated behind his table.

It argues the degree in which I had lost touch with my profession that the name of Leslie Armstrong was unknown to me. Now I am aware that he is not only one of the heads of the medical school of the University, but a thinker of European reputation in more than one branch of science. Yet even without knowing his brilliant record one could not fail to be impressed by a mere glance at the man, the square massive face, the brooding eyes under the thickened brows, and the granite of the inflexible jaw. A man of deep character, a man with an alert mind, grim, ascetic, self-contained, formidable—so I read Dr. Leslie Armstrong. He held my friend's card in his hand, and looked up with no very pleased expression upon his sour features.

"I have heard your name, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, and I am aware of your profession—one of which I by no means approve."

"In that, Doctor, you will find yourself in agreement with every criminal in the country," said my friend, quietly. "So far as your efforts are directed towards the suppression of crime, sir, they must have the support of every reasonable man."

Mary C., aged fourteen years, daughter of Andrew Ryan, of the St. John water works employ, died yesterday after a long illness. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from her parents' residence, 40 Brussels street.

Give a picnic party rope enough and it will play copeland.

'T'WAS QUIET LAST SUNDAY

Grand Falls Did Not Have Its Usual Baseball Match—Great Increase in Big Game.

GRAND FALLS, July 31—Senator Procter, who has been sojourning at the Union Club house on the upper ledge of the falls, has returned to the city. He arrived in Andover on Friday and thence he will proceed to Grand Falls.

There was no baseball game played last Sunday, and in consequence there was not such a large influx of visitors from Van Buren and neighboring Maine towns.

It is said that J. A. Patterson, who for the past five years has conducted the large mill, mercantile, and lumbering business at Salmon river, has disposed of his interests in Victoria County, and that the mill, store and lumber business will be under a new management early next month.

There seems to be a hitch in the arrangements with the C. P. R. regarding the running of the forthcoming Catholic picnic. The railway will require all the cars that can be obtained in order to provide accommodation for the ten days' vacation with the Northwest during the latter part of August, and consequently just now cars for the proposed excursion from Woodstock to Grand Falls on same date of the picnic, which may in consequence be deferred.

Having generally begun, and so far the weather has proved very unfavorable. A great quantity of hay mowed early last week was injured by the continuous rainy weather.

Lumbermen and others who have occasion to visit the woods report that the before has been so abundant. Moose, caribou and deer are seen everywhere. Bears, which have been increasing in numbers for years, are now so numerous as to be a menace and a pest. Partridges have greatly multiplied owing to the three years' protection afforded, and in no former years have so many woodcock inhabited the woods.

Wm. McCluskey, of the C. P. R., is having a ten days' vacation with his family in town.

Fred Wade, Jack Mallon and Er. McCluskey returned on Saturday from a week's outing on Tobique waters. They report excellent fishing.

The preliminary examination of John Violette, Frank Violette, and George Clair on a charge of having unlawfully assaulted Mary Stee by striking her with a stone and injuring her, was resumed before Police Magistrate Kelly this morning.

Kingston, J., July 31—The investigation before a magistrate today of the charge made against Dr. Franklin Clarke of Basco, of wrongfully obtaining a photograph of the fortifications at Port Royal, resulting in Dr. Clarke being committed to trial before the circuit court, which will be held at the end of next month.

The boy who was kicked out of the cook's pantry used frequently to boast that he began life at the foot of the ladder.

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There was no direct evidence against the defendants who proved their innocence of the charge, and the police magistrate discharged them.

Approved for defendants and W. Fred Kerton for prosecution.

T. Williams Jones, Liverpool, England, is on a visit to Grand Falls.

A. A. Higgins, Miss Hope McKinnery, Miss Sadie Fitzbecker, and Elbery James, of Fort Fairfield, Me.; W. H. Theriault and Miss Nellie Ashby, Caribou, Me., were recent visitors in town.

Harry Taylor, son of Hugh Taylor, H. M. collector of customs, is confined to his residence with illness.

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