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HELENE'S MARRIED LIFE

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I lay there, petrifled and helpless, with the woman's wild, distorted face strength. glaring into mine. Alone—at dead of night—and with a maniac who was evidently prepared to murder me!

I could not scream. I could not move. It seemed to me as though I personified the dreadful simile of the rabbit hypnotized by the forest-pathon.

And her eyes! I never shall forget those dreadful eyes. . . . For weeks and weeks they haunted me.

I breathed a sudden little prayer for lamp a dexterous jerk with my elbow, so that it fell with a crash to the floor, the glass-bulb smashed, and immediately the light went out. The mediately the light went out. The room was plunged in darkness. There was a sharp cry of rage from the creature bending over me—a blow— and I had wrenched myself away from

her and out of bed!

Then began a dreadful game of hideand-seek. I often wonder how it was that my bronze-colored locks failed to turn white with the horrors of that day and night.

I could hear the soft pad-pad of her feet upon the carpet. The curious part was that I couldn't scream for help. My voice choked in my throat, and not a sound would come.

It must have in reality been but a

It must have in reality been but a few seconds—though to me it seemed like hours—before I found the handle of the door, jerked it open, and dashed out to the hall.

There I ran full tilt into Alice's husband, who was coming towards me with a lighted candle in his hand.

"Helene! What on earth's the mat-"Helene! What on earth's the mat-ter? I thought I heard a sound—a

window opening—"

I clutched him by the arm. I couldn't speak. I could only point breathlessly in the direction I had come. Every second, I expected a dreadful figure to hurl itself upon us.

"A woman—a wild creature—in my room——" I gasped. 'Oh, don't go near her. She—she'il murder you——" "Nonsense," came the quick comment, "I'm frightened of no woman. Here, hold the candle, Helene, and let's see for ourselves Personally. I'm insee for ourselves. Personally I'm inclined to think you've had a night-

He switched the light on in the hall He switched the light on in the hall as he spoke, and his right hand slipped into the pocket of a dressing-gown he wore. I could see a momentary gleam of something shining.

And courage oozed back to my veins. For the gleam was the barrel of a revolver, hidden in that pocket.

Outside the door of my room, which was open, he hesitated for a moment. "Get hebind me, Helene. So! Yes, that's right. Now we'll go in and see who this precious visitor is. Come on."

He strode into the room. I followed him. We lighted another light. And nobody was there!

obody was there!
I flung a heavy kimono round my houlders.
"The balcony," I cried. "Look! He swung around. The window was still wide open, and it had seemed to me as though something moved upon

the narrow balcony outside...
But it proved to be only the swaying of the trees.
Alice's husband now made a thorough search of the apartment, first securely fastening the open window. Every cranny of my room was rigor-

Every cranny of my room was ously investigated.

But nothing could he find!

"If it weren't for the open window, Helene, I should again repeat that you'd been dreaming," he said at last, eveing me with a troubled gaze. "My eveing me with a troubled gaze." eyeing me with a troubled gaze. "My dear child, I don't see how I can pos-sibly leave you and Alice, with all these mysterious happenings going on in the neighborhood. It isn't safe." He flung a giance towards the balcony. "The woman—or whoever the intruder was has evidently returned the way she came. So you won't be worried again, tonight—" tonight—"

I shuddered. This statement didn't

towards the door.

"It's just as likely that she escaped that way, and is hiding in the hall—or somewhere in the house." I was trembling with a mixture of cold, fatigue and fear. "Oh, I'm a coward what I couldn't possibly so back to

fatigue and fear. "Oh, I'm a coward —but I couldn't possibly go back to bed—I'd die of fright!"

This unheroic statement wrung no look of condemnation from kindly Mr. Anstruther—as it might have done from a less chivalrous type of man.

"Come down to the dining-room, and have a glass of wine, Helene," was all the said.

Monday-Struggle.

HELD ON THEFT **CHARGE BROKER** KILLS HIMSELF

W. Graham Browne, Former Bank Manager, Fires Bullet in Brain.

MONTREAL, May 14 .- (By the Canaian Press) .- Wiliam Graham Browne. head of the firm of W. Graham Browne & Company, boot dealers, 224 St. James street, Montreal, manager of the Sovereign Bank at the time of the collapse some years ago, shot and killed himself in the washroom of the Bank of Ottawa building at 8:30 o'clock tonight.

He was under arrest on a charge of theft of \$50,000 from the Royal Bank of Canada, and was in the charge of Detective George Lapierre of the Thiel Detective Company of Canada. He had been arrested late in the afternoon at Cote station and was being taken to the Montreal detective bureau, when he asked the detective to be allowed to

stop at his office to see his lawyer. While waiting there he asked to b allowed to go to the washroom. The lawyer arrived. The detective and he talked for some time. The former then began to notice that Browne had been away for a long time. He went to the washroom and found his prisoner dead. The bullet had pierced the brain



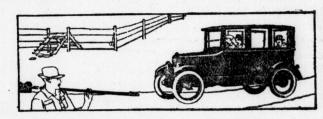
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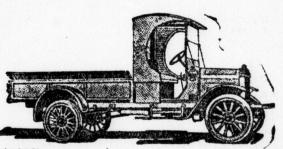
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