

A FATEFUL... DIAMOND

There are several pretty pictures in the room, the young girl continued, moving toward one to examine it, and then gazed noiselessly about, observing others and the various articles of bric-a-brac upon mantels, brackets and tables.

Mrs. Houghton was absorbed in her work and did not pay much attention to her daughter's movements, nor miss her, when at length she stole into the chamber beyond.

This room evidently belonged to Mr. Forest, for there was a huge chest in it, marked on one end with the initials "A. F."

There did not appear to be much to interest her here, and she passed on to Arthur's apartment.

A handsome bed stood in one corner; near it an elaborate dressing-case and a lounge. There was also a little, old-fashioned ebony table, with peculiarly carved legs and brass-claw feet.

Margaret's eyes lingered wistfully on this, as if she would have been glad to know what it contained; but she passed on, and turned her attention to other objects.

things do not amount to anything," he said, taking the ring from her. It contained a selection of skeleton keys, and he had no notion of allowing them to go into her possession.

"Here is one that is rather odd," he added, taking up one that lay loose in the drawer.

"So it is," she answered, as she examined it, "and that one in your writing-desk has a very peculiar thumb-piece."

"Yes, that is queer every way," Arthur replied, hastily closing the drawer and evidently glad to have her attention drawn elsewhere.

"I have another like it, only very much smaller," he went on. "It locks a little drawer inside the desk."

He threw up the lid as he spoke and drew a tiny key in the lock of a tiny drawer.

"What! more keys, Arthur?" she exclaimed, pointing to them as soon as she could control herself sufficiently to speak.

long to some closets at home, where all my boyish treasures are stored."

"She knew that was a lie, though she simply remarked: 'Ah, then, that accounts for the good care that you take of them in not allowing them to get mixed with that motley collection of yours just shown me. But,' changing the subject all at once, 'what a lovely writing desk you have here.'"

"Yes, it is one of the handsomest ones I ever saw; my father gave it to me the Christmas before I left home."

Margaret stood over it, examining it for some time, remarking upon its many conveniences and the beauty of its furnishings; but she said not a word upon the subject of keys, and seemed to have forgotten their existence entirely.

"Well," she remarked at last, turning away; "I wonder where that procession is; it must be nearly time for it now."

She looked at her watch; it was half-past eleven.

"Yes, and I forgot entirely what I came to seek you for," Arthur answered, laughing, as he shut and locked the desk, but left the key in it.

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The Poets.

The Japs. When the drummer gently taps Close together swing the Japs; The natty little, Ratty little, Japs, Japs, Japs!

A Problem for Scientists. Oh, the thoughts, the revelations, of our age that he shrined How the seethe and how they shimmer, how they swim and how they swirl.

The White Sheep of Norway. The white sheep of Norway are coming to the fold, The white sheep of Norway, with fleeces dark and cold;

HINTS FOR THE TOILET. Try the effect of adding sea salt to your warm bath at night. It will refresh you wonderfully and help you to sleep well.

A certain butterfly exists in India. The male has the left wing yellow and the right one red; the female has these colors reversed.

AROUND THE LAMP

FACE THE FAN. The electric fan is rapidly extending its friendly offices from business houses to the home.

FRENCH TARTS. Prepare a nice short crust crust: Work lightly to a little dough one pound of flour rubbed up with six ounces of butter, a pinch of salt, the white of one egg and the yolk of four eggs.

FASHION'S LATEST. A new silk, which is like quicksilver in appearance, has appeared. It is plain, not figured, and is used for waist instead of taffeta.

A PLEASANT SUMMER DRINK. Orangeade may be a flat, tasteless beverage or a delicate, refreshing drink, led to just the proper point, and possessing a number of mingling flavors suggestive of an oriental sherbet.

TEMPERANCE PUNCH. A delicious temperance punch can be made from equal quantities of orange and lemon juice, with sugar, chopped ice, soda water and fruit.

POTTED BEEF. Slice down two or three pounds of well good lean beef very thinly, beat it well with the rolling pin (do not mash it), then lay it in a dish, strewn over it ten or twelve cloves, a blade of

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