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**The Mystery of Rutledge Hall**

OR

**"The Cloud With a Silver Lining"**

CHAPTER IX.

The man hesitated a little, glancing at the stern face at the end of the room before he answered:

"I think he alluded to Mr. Frank Greville, sir."

"What followed?"

"My master came into the dressing-room, sir, and saw me."

"Did he speak to you?"

"Yes; he said, 'Oh, are you there, Parker? Well, I don't mind you—you're an old servant, and will not chatter; but, if this state of things lasts much longer, Ashford will have something to talk about!'"

"Was that all?"

"That was all, sir."

"When did you see your master again?"

"Not till the evening, sir, when I answered his bell, and he desired me to see that the household retired and that he was safe for the night. I begged him to allow me to wait up to admit my mistress; but he refused, saying that she would not be home until late, and that he had some business to attend to which would make the time pass pleasantly."

"And you went to bed?"

The witness glanced reproachfully at the speaker, one of the Jurymen, who had interposed with the question, and there was a suspicion of injured dignity in his voice as he replied:

"Certainly."

"Was that the last time you saw your master alive?"

"Yes, sir."

"You were not disturbed during the night by an unusual sounds?"

"No, sir."

"Are the servants' rooms at any considerable distance from the library?"

"They are in another wing of the house."

"That will do."

Parker stood aside, with a look of relief upon his face; and the next witness called was Dr. Arnold, who was

he left the Hall two hours later. And of this man the jury asked several questions, which elicited the following information—that Mr. Greville was in shooting-garb and carried his gun, that Mrs. Rutledge had received him in the library, that he, the witness, had carried tea into her boudoir, and that they had left the library and adjourned thither, that it was quite two hours later when Mr. Greville left, that his mistress had not rung for him to open the door, but that he had been standing in the hall when Mr. Greville came down-stairs—was not sure whether he had his gun with him when he left, but was quite sure he had it when he came.

"Could you identify the gun?"

"I could not be sure, sir."

"Is this it?"

"I believe so."

"Will you swear that it is?"

"No, sir."

"This is the gun that was found in the library at Rutledge Hall, lying near the deceased?"

"Yes, sir."

"Can any one present identify the gun?"

There was a moment's dead silence; then a slow heavy footfall crossed the carpetless floor, traversing the short distance between the mantel-piece and the table.

"Will you allow me to examine it?" said the calm well-known voice of Lawyer Greville, without a tremor in his firm tones.

"Certainly."

Not less firm than the voice was the hand which lifted the gun, and the keen eyes bent upon it showed no signs of faltering.

"It was my son's gun."

"You are sure, Mr. Greville?"

"I am quite sure. It was a present from me, and his initials are engraved upon it."

It was even so; on a little silver plate upon the gun were the three letters "F.E.G."—Francis Edward Greville. Almost a groan broke from Dr. Arnold. Great as his fears were, he had allowed himself to hope; but he felt now that his hope was groundless. For Sidney's sake he would have given all he was worth to prove Frank Greville's innocence; but link by link the deadly chain of evidence was closing around the unfortunate young man, and his flight had confirmed his guilt in the minds of those most disposed to think him innocent.

Witness after witness spoke of the evident devotion he evoked for Mrs. Rutledge, of the encouragement she had given him, of the mad jealousy of the deceased, of his wife's disregard of his wishes, of Mrs. Rutledge's departure from the hall, of Frank Greville's simultaneous disappearance; and a gamekeeper in the service of the deceased swore positively to having met Frank Greville running like a madman down the avenue late last night, or rather early in the morning, while he—the gamekeeper—was going home, after a midnight watch for poachers.

Not were these wanting witnesses who could speak of Frank Greville's wild worship of Sibil Rutledge while she was Sibil Neil, of passionate threats he had been overheard to utter when her engagement to Mr. Rutledge had been made public—of one scene in particular in the grounds of Lambwood, which had only been interrupted by the appearance of Stephen Daunt and his sister, but which had been partly witnessed by a gardener working near, and which had so violently agitated Miss Neil that medical assistance had been required. All through the dusky winter afternoon, with falling snow without and lamps burning dimly in the wide bare room, the testimony was given, adding stone upon stone to the pile of evidence against Lawyer Greville's son and Sidney Arnold's fiancé; and, as he stood at the window looking out into the wintry dusk, Dr. Arnold wondered how Sidney would bear this terrible blow.

"Is Mr. Stephen Daunt present?" asked the coroner.

Mr. Stephen Daunt was not present. He had not been summoned as a witness, having apparently no evidence to give. The coroner demurred a little, but, coming to the conclusion that, if Mr. Daunt could have thrown any light upon the subject, he would have volunteered his testimony, proceeded with the rest of the evidence.

(To be continued.)



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**The Dangers of Arctic Travel**

Some Lessons to be Learned by the Loss of the "Bayeskimo."

(By Captain Henry Toke Munn.)

The recent statement made to the papers by Mr. J. Cantley on the loss of the S. S. Bayeskimo in Ungava Bay, though a most interesting and guarded one, gives the advocates of the Hudson's Bay route food for thought, and some side lights on the shipping policies of the famous Company who have suffered the loss of their ship.

The Bayeskimo was a steel vessel of 1991 tons, built under special survey and classed 100 A1 at Lloyds. The writer does not know the terms of the special survey, but he does know that the Bayeskimo was unable to get into Cumberland Gulf, Baffin's Land, in 1922, owing to heavy ice, in which she sustained slight damage, and that she was subsequently strengthened forward by extra plates and struts. The ice on this occasion was not formidable in Cumberland Gulf, the writer passing up in a 150 ton wooden vessel without much trouble.

According to the statement of the newspapers, the Bayeskimo "steamed slowly through the pack of ice" in the vicinity of the Button Islands, Hudson's Strait, for four days, and at Port Burwell an examination of the vessel was made and no damage reported. This examination would be worth little, however, as the holds were full of cargo, and it could have been made only above the water-line.

The vitally interesting point in Mr. Cantley's narrative is the fact that the S. S. Nascopee, the Hudson's Bay Company's famous ice-breaking ship, passed the Bayeskimo and proceeded on her voyage through the same ice which proved fatal to the other ship, subsequently returning and picking up the crew, after their vessel had foundered sixty miles from Port Chimo in Ungava Bay. It might be added the crew were never in any real danger and had the Nascopee not been available—could easily have reached Port Chimo in the boats.

The Bayeskimo was a good modern tramp steamer, well built and found, and with some extra strengthening to encounter ice. The writer has heard it stated that the Canadian officials of the Hudson's Bay Company were by no means so satisfied with the capabilities of the Bayeskimo to encounter the Arctic ice as London was, but the London opinion prevailed against what seems to have been local and expert knowledge of conditions likely to be met. The writer's

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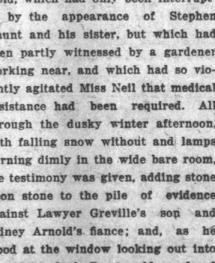
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Ice conditions as encountered by the Bayeskimo in July were certainly no more severe than ice conditions which have been encountered in Hudson's Straits by the writer later in August, and which are known to occur in some years there in September when the Fox Channel ice comes down. Weather conditions in July were excellent—which they often are not in these latitudes in September, and though no heavy sea can arise where much pack ice is about, an ugly swell is often a great danger to a vessel caught in heavy ice, especially in

**LAWBREAKERS.**



His breath suggested bootleg booze, and when he talked, in moral strains of sinful men, of those who choose to make the statutes seem in vain, of murderers who ply the dirt, the poisoned notion, and the gun, somehow his logic failed to work, it made no hit with any one. He was a man of high estate, his fame had gone the whole world round, his eloquence was truly great. His knowledge varied and profound; and from his kelly to his shoes he seemed like fashion's well known glass; but he was scented up with booze, and what he said cut little grass. He talked of how the handlets steal, in daylight, money from the banks, of how the red assassins reel through city streets in gory ranks; of

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