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HAND AND RING

By A. K. GREEN.

Continued.

"Wait!" exclaimed Mr. Mansell, with an air of sudden relief. "I recollect now that I changed it from one arm to the other after I vaulted the fence. It was just at the moment I turned to come back to the side door, and, as she does not pretend to have seen me till after I left the door, of course the coat was, as she says, on my left arm."

"I thought you could explain it," returned Mr. Gryce, with an air of easy confidence. "But what do you mean when you say that you changed it at the moment you turned to come back to the side door? Didn't you go at once to the dining-room door from the swamp?"

"No. I had gone to the front door on my former visit, and was going to it this time; but when I got to the corner of the house I saw the tramp coming into the gate, and not wishing to encounter any one, turned round and came back to the dining-room door."

"I see. And it was then you heard——"

"What I heard," completed the prisoner, grimly.

"Mr. Mansell," said the other, "are you not sufficiently convinced by this time that Miss Dare was not with Mrs. Clemmens, but in the observatory of Professor Darling's house, to tell me what that was?"

"Answer me a question and I will reply. Can the entrance of the woods be seen from the position which she declares herself to have occupied?"

"It can. Not two hours ago I tried the experiment myself, using the same telescope and kneeling in the same place where she did. I found I could not only trace the spot where you paused, but could detect quite readily every movement of my man Hickory, whom I had previously placed there to go through the motions. I should not have come here if I had not made myself certain on that point."

Yet the prisoner hesitated.

"I not only made myself sure of that," resumed Mr. Gryce, "but I also tried if I could see as much with my naked eye from Mrs. Clemmens' side door. I found I could not, and my sight is very good."

"Enough," said Mansell; "hard as it is to explain, I must believe Miss Dare was not where I thought she was."

"Then you will tell me what you heard?"

"Yes; for in it may lie the key to this mystery, though how, I cannot see, and doubt is you can. I am all the more ready to do it," he pursued, "because I can now understand how she came to think me guilty, and thinking so, conducted herself as she has done from the beginning of my trial."

"A woman in love can do any thing," quoth Mr. Gryce. Then admonished by the flush of the prisoner's cheek that he was treading on dangerous ground, he quickly added: "But she will explain all that herself same day."

Craik Mansell drooped his head and his brow became gloomy.

"Sir," said he, "if Miss Dare was not with my aunt just before the murder, I certainly had reasons for thinking she was, for I heard my aunt address her distinctly and by name."

"You did?" Mr. Gryce's interest in the tattoo he was playing on his knee became intense.

"Yes. It was just as I pushed the door ajar. The words were these: 'You think you are going to marry him, Imogene Dare; but I tell you you never shall, not while I live.'"

"Humph" broke from the detective's lips, and, though his face betrayed nothing of the shock this communication occasioned him, his fingers stopped an instant in their restless play.

"What else did you hear?"

"Nothing else. In the mood in which I was, this very plain intimation that Miss Dare had sought my aunt, had pleaded with her for no end failed, struck me as sufficient. I did not wait to hear more. When I found, then, that by running I might catch the train at Monteith, I ran, and so unconsciously laid myself open to suspicion."

"I see," murmured the detective; "I see."

"Not that I suspected any evil then," pursued Mr. Mansell, earnestly. "I was only conscious of disappointment and a desire to escape from my own thoughts. It was not till next day——"

"Yes—yes," interrupted Mr. Gryce, abstractedly, "but your aunt's words! She said: 'You think you are going to marry him, Imogene Dare; but you never shall, not while I live.' Yet Imogene Dare was not there. Let us solve that problem."

"You think you can?"

"I think I must."

"How? how?"

The detective did not answer. He was buried in profound thought. Suddenly he exclaimed:

"It is, as you say, the key-note to the tragedy. It must be solved."

"There is but one way I can explain it," said he. "My aunt was speaking to herself. She was dead and lived alone. Such people often indulge in soliloquizing."

The slap which Mr. Gryce gave his thigh must have made it tingle for a good half-hour.

"There," he cried, "who says extraordinary measures are not useful at times? You've hit the very explanation. Of course she was speaking to herself. Imogene Dare was in her thoughts, so she addressed Imogene Dare."

"I wish I had," said the prisoner.

Mr. Gryce became exceedingly animated.

"Well, that's settled," said he. "And now for the conclusion. She said: 'You think you are going to marry him, Imogene Dare; but you never shall, not while I live.' That shows her mind was running on you."

"It shows more than that. It shows that, if Miss Dare was not with her then, she must have been there earlier in the day. For, when I left my aunt the day before, she was in entire ignorance of my attachment to Miss Dare, and the hopes it had led to."

"Say that again," cried Gryce.

Mr. Mansell repeated himself, adding: "That would account for the ring being found on my aunt's dining-room floor—"

"What I want to make sure of is that your aunt had not been informed of your wishes as concerned Miss Dare."

"Unless Miss Dare was there in the early morning and told her herself."

"There were no neighbors to betray you?"

"There was n't a neighbor who knew any thing about the matter."

The detective's eye brightened.

"I have received a clue."

"A clue to what," cried Mansell.

"You shall hear soon. Enough, that you have given me an idea that may eventually lead to the clearing up of this mystery, if not to your own acquittal from a false charge of murder."

"And Miss Dare?"

"Is under no charge, and never will be."

"And Mr. Orcutt?"

"Wait," said Mr. Gryce—"wait."

CHAPTER XLI.

A LINK SUPPLIED.

Mr. Gryce did not believe that Imogene Dare had visited Mrs. Clemmens before the assault. Consequently the words which the prisoner had overheard must have referred, not to himself, but to some other man; in other words, to Mr. Orcutt.

Now, it was not easy to measure the importance of a conclusion like this. For whilst there would have been nothing peculiar in this solitary woman, with the few thousands in the bank, boasting of her power to separate her nephew from the lady of his choice, there was every thing that was significant in her using the same language in regard to Miss Dare and Mr. Orcutt. Nothing but the existence of some unsuspected bond between herself and the great lawyer could have accounted for the threat of interference contained in her very emphatic words.

What was that bond? A secret shared between them? The knowledge on her part of some fact in Mr. Orcutt's past life, which, if revealed, might serve as an impediment to his marriage?

Mr. Gryce sat down and seriously asked himself whether there was any known fact, circumstantial or otherwise, which refused to fit into the theory that Mr. Orcutt actually committed this crime with his own hand. For, whereas the most complete chain of circumstantial evidence does not necessarily prove the suspected party to be guilty of a crime, the least break in it is fatal to his conviction.

Beginning, therefore, with the earliest incidents of the fatal day, he called up, first, the letter which the widow had commenced but never lived to finish. It was addressed to her most intimate friend. Mr. Gryce recalled one of its expressions. "There are so many," wrote she, "to whom my death would be more than welcome.' Many means three at least. Hildreth was one, Mansell another, but who was the third? To Mr. Gryce, but one name suggested itself in reply. Now what was the next fact known? The milkman stopped with his milk; that was at half-past eleven. Was it at this time she was interrupted in her letter writing? Mr. Hildreth called, some fifteen minutes later, she was on the spot to open the door. Their interview was short; it was also stormy. Showing him the door, she goes back to her work, and, being deaf, does not notice that he does not leave the house as she expected. Consequently her thoughts go on unhindered, and she mutters aloud and bitterly to herself. "You think you are going to marry him, Imogene Dare, but I tell you you never shall, not while I live." Her chief grievance, then, lay in this fact that a young and beautiful woman had manifested, as she supposed, a wish to marry Mr. Orcutt, the word him which she had used necessarily referring to the lawyer.

But this is not the only point into which it is necessary to inquire. To believe Mr. Orcutt guilty of this crime take the occurrences of that critical moment when the clock stood at five minutes to twelve. Mr. Hildreth was at that instant in the widow's front hall; the tramp was on the kitchen portico; Craik Mansell was on the dining room door-step; Imogene Dare before her telescope. Mr. Hildreth knew nothing of what was said or done there, but the tramp heard loud talking, and Craik Mansell the actual voice of the widow raised in words. What do all three do, then? Mr. Hildreth remains where he is; the tramp skulks away through the front gate; Craik Mansell rushes back to the woods. And Imogene Dare? She has turned her telescope toward Mrs. Clemens' cottage, and sees the flying form of Craik Mansell. Is there anything contradictory in these various statements? No. Everything is reconcilable.

What happens a few minutes later? Mr. Hildreth opens the front door and steps out. The tramp does not see him; Imogene, with her eye on Craik Mansell, does not see him; nobody sees him. He goes, and the widow for a short interval is as much alone as she believed herself to be a minute or two before when three men stood, unseen by each other, at each of the four doors of her home. What does she do now?

Observing that the clock is slow, proceeds to set it right. Mr. Orcutt has come in, and, tempted perhaps by her defenceless position, catches up a stick of wood from the fireplace and, with one blow, strikes her down at his feet, and rushes forth again with tidings of her death.

Now, is there anything in all this that is contradictory? No; there is only something left out. There has been no mention made of the ring—the ring which was either in Craik Mansell's or Imogene Dare's possession, and which was found on the dining-room floor within ten minutes after the assault took place. Unimportant as it seemed, the discovery of this ring on the floor, taken with the exclamations of the widow, make a break in the chain that is fatal to Mr. Gryce's theory. Yet does it? Was there any way in which Orcutt could have come into possession of it before Imogene? and could it have been that he had it on his hand when he struck the blow? Mr. Gryce bent all his energies to inquire.

First, where was the ring? Evidently in Mr. Mansell's coat-pocket. Imogene had left there. But Mansell did not know it was there. Is accordingly slipped out; but when? Not in the hut. Not in the lane, or, at best, on the dinning-room doorstep. Was it when Mansell's coat was flung from the right arm to the left; the ring would have flown in the direction of the gate and fallen, perhaps, directly on the walk in front of the house. If it had, its presence in the dinning-room seemed to show it had been carried there by Mr. Orcutt, since he was the next person who went into the house.

But did it fall there? He sent for Byrd, and could gain no information. Then he went to the District Attorney. With a grimy contraction of the brow, Mr. Ferris said:

"Yes, I remember his look and appearance very well. He stepped blithely, as he always did, and carried his head——. Wait! You think Mr. Orcutt committed this crime; that he left us standing on the court house steps and crossed the street to Mrs. Clemmens' house with the deliberate intention of killing her. Had he had any such infernal design in his breast he would not have been likely to have stopped as he did to pick up something which he saw lying on the walk in front of Mrs. Clemmens' house.

"Yes, I remember it now distinctly. It was just as he entered the gate. A man meditating a murder of this sort would not be likely to notice a pin lying in his path, much less pause to pick it up."

"How if it were a diamond ring?"

"A diamond ring!"

"Mr. Ferris," said the detective, gravely, "you have just supplied a very important link in the chain of evidence against Mr. Orcutt. The question is, how could the diamond ring which Miss Dare is believed to have dropped into Mr. Mansell's coat pocket have been carried into Mrs. Clemmens' house without the agency of either herself or Mr. Mansell? I think you have just shown." And in a few brief sentences he explained the situation to Mr. Ferris.

"How do you account for the widow having used an exclamation which seems to signify it was on the hand which she saw lifted against her life?"

"By the fact that it was on that hand."

"Do you think that probable if the hand was Mr. Orcutt's?"

"Perfectly so."

"And how came it to be on the floor if Mr. Orcutt put it on his finger?"

"The ring made for Miss Dare's third finger was too large for Mr. Orcutt's little finger, and so slipped off when he dropped the stick of wood from his hand."

"And he left it lying where it fell?"

"He probably did not notice its loss. Besides, what clue could he suppose a diamond ring he had never seen before, and which he had had on his finger but an instant, would offer in a case like this?"

"You reason close," said the District Attorney; "too close."

"If our surmises are correct," Gryce remarked, "it was a grim moment for the lawyer when, secure in his immunity from suspicion, he saw Miss Dare come upon the scene with eager inquiries concerning the murder."

Mr. Ferris shook his head with a gloomy air, but did not respond.

"Miss Dare tells me," the detective resumed, "that his first act upon their meeting again at his house was to offer himself to her in marriage. Now, you, or any one else, would say this was to show he did not mistrust her, but I say it was to find out if she mistrusted him."

Still Mr. Ferris remained silent.

"The same reasoning will apply to what followed," continued Mr. Gryce. "You cannot reconcile the thought of his guilt with his taking the case of Mansell and doing all he could to secure his acquittal. But you will find it easier to do so when I tell you that his only hope of winning her for his wife lay in the gratitude he might awaken in her if he succeeded in saving his rival."

"You are making him out a great villain," murmured Mr. Ferris, bitterly.

"And was not that the language of his own countenance as he lay dying?" inquired the detective.

Mr. Ferris could not say no.

"And now for the motive of this hideous crime—for I suppose your ingenuity has discovered one before this."

"It will be found in his love for Miss Dare."

"His love for Miss Dare! What had this pale and homespun Mrs. Clemmens to do with his love for Miss Dare?"

"She was an interference."

"How?"

"Ah, that, sir, is the question."

"So then you do not know?"

The District Attorney drew himself up. "Mr. Gryce," said he, "the charge which has been made against this eminent man demands the very strongest proof in order to substantiate it. You must prove that he blanth was absolutely necessary to the success of his dearest hopes, or your reasoning will only awaken distrust in the minds of all who hear it. The fame of a man like Mr. Orcutt is not to be destroyed by a passing word of delirium, or a specious display of circumstantial evidence such as you evolve from the presence of the ring on the scene of murder."

"I know it," allowed Mr. Gryce, "and that is why I have asked for a week."

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WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.—Work on the tariff bill was resumed to-day by the Republican members of the Senate finance committee, and when recess was taken it was announced that the schedules including chemicals, oils and paints, earths and earthenware, china and glassware, had been completed, and that copies of them would be ready for the consideration of the Democratic members of the committee tomorrow morning. Senator Mitchell proposed several amendments to the silk schedule. One of these increases from 10 to 15 years the term during which a bounty of $1 will be paid for every pound of silk reeled from cocoons produced in the United States, not doubled, twisted or advanced in manufacture in any other way. Another amendment strikes out the limitation of manufacture above stated. Another increases the bounty on fresh cocoons from 7 to 10 cents a pound, and offers a bounty of 20 cents a pound for dried, reelable, marketable cocoons.

Will Asiatic Cholera Follow?

Mr. Joe Howard's theory that, one horror of a similar nature follows another to the number of three, has a chance for confirmation this coming summer if certain predictions prove true. First it was La Grippe: A whim? the French define it. Second came deaths by score from its after effects or from the many atmospheric changes of the past few months. Severe cases of pneumonia, bronchitis, intense catarrh and general loss of strength were the results, until death was almost welcome as a relief to the sufferers. So that this epidemic and its sequence has proven to be the most terrible "plague" that ever infested this country. And now for number three; the theory is said to be advanced that the Cholera is very likely to find fertile soil in the generally debilitated constitutions of our people resulting from the effects of such a winter and spring as has just past. Whether the theory of three will be confirmed in this case or not remains to be seen. At any rate it behooves every person still affected by any of the complaints due to these climatic changes and epidemics, such as catarrh or bronchial troubles, to look well to themselves and see that every trace of the trouble is removed this present month; before the heat of summer still more debilitates their system. For years we have found that simple old remedy Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, used as directed, to be the most certain remedy for all forms of lingering summer colds, coughs, bronchial affections, as well as a preventive and cure for all kinds of summer complaints. It is absolutely certain that a remedy that has survived for eighty years as Johnson's Anodyne Liniment has done, must have more than average merit. We suppose there is not a family in this country but has this good old family household remedy in the house. If there is, we advise them to get it at once or write the manufacturers I. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass., for a pamphlet describing its various uses for the last eighty years. Now is the time; Delays are dangerous and an ounce of prevention is worth many pounds of cure.

Present For Mrs Harrison.

WASHINGTON, D.C., June 6.—William V. McKean of Philadelphia and Post-master-General Wanamaker called on Mrs. Harrison to-day and presented her, in the name of unknown admirers, the keys and deeds of the 20-room cottage at Cape May Point where she was entertained last summer by the Wanamakers. Mrs. Harrison was delighted with this her first gift of land, and will reside on it part of this summer.

Piles! Piles! Itching Piles.

SYMPTOMS—Moisture; intense itching and stinging, most at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form, which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. SWAYNE'S OINTMENT stops the itching and bleeding, heals the ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At druggists, or by mail for 50 cents. Dr. SWAYNE & Son, Philadelphia. LYMAN SONS & CO., Montreal, wholesale agents.

Suicide.

BRISTOL, June 7.—Charles H. Whitton, a druggist, aged about 35, committed suicide by shooting in his store this morning in a fit of despondency. He leaves a wife and two children.

"How to Cure All Skin Diseases."

Simply apply "SWAYNE'S OINTMENT." No internal medicine required. Cures tetter, eczema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, &c., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for SWAYNE'S OINTMENT. LYMAN SONS & CO., Montreal, wholesale agents.

Mexico Asks Nothing.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 6.—Secretary Blaine said this evening that there was not a particle of truth in the San Diego despatch stating that the Mexican government had requested the United States to send soldiers to San Diego to prevent any expedition against Lower California in being carried out. Mr. Romero, the Mexican minister, also said that the Mexican government had not asked anything from the government of the United States with regard to the filibustering expedition against Lower California, which had been hatched in San Diego.

For dyspepsia and Liver Complaint you have a printed guarantee on every bottle of Shiloh's Vitalizer. It never fails to cure.

Earthquake Predicted.

VIENNA, June 5.—Erof. Rudolph Falb, a well known meteorologist, predicts an earthquake throughout Europe on June 17, and a phenomenal eruption of Ætna about the same date.

Shiloh's Cure will immediately relieve Croup, Whooping Cough and Bronchitis

Charged with Embezzlement.

ALBANY, N. Y., June 7.—Ex-Recorder Anthony Gould was arrested today charged with embezzling $1500 from the City National Bank, through collusion with the defaulting book-keeper

A terrible dynamite explosion occurred at the monastery of LaGrande Chartreuse, Paris, last night. The damage was immense, but fortunately no lives were lost. In the garden, subsequently, a letter was found threatening that the entire monastery would be blown up unless a million francs ($200,000) were placed in a certain spot by a specified time.

FACING DEATH ON THE ALPS.

FATE OF A PARTY AND EIGHT GUIDES. NARROW ESCAPE FROM IMMINENT DESTRUCTION.

Many have died on the way; deaths of starvation, agony, horror. In the depths of the same glacier paths travelled today, half a score of men have been sleeping for years. This is the terrible tale of mountain climbing in the Alps. Both the strong and the weak have perished. One beautiful morning a party of three, with eight guides, left for Mont Blanc. They made the peak, then a snowstorm invested them. A week after, the bodies of three were found, but no traces were left to tell the gulf which swallowed the others.

The merest trifles occasion instant and terrible death. The elements of that cause are as numerous as the shifting winds which beat about the peaks. One who has ascended the highest peaks of the Alps, and who has also climbed many mountains in the United States, says that mountain climbing is the best example one can have of life's vicissitudes. Advantage must be taken of every warning, or else the stout adventurer will be buried in some fathomless abyss. In life each warning in the way of pain that tells of nerves, brain, or general debility growing weaker and weaker must be looked to at once, or lingering or fatal illness will result. The alarming increase of nerve and brain disease in the last ten years, with so many sad endings, tells its own story of neglected headaches, sleepless nights, poor appetite, listlessness and tired feeling, aching muscles, and weakened backs. If these symptoms have been faithfully treated with Paine's Celery Compound, sickness and suffering would have been banished, and health and happiness would now reign instead. There are cases on record where this wonderful remedy has cured insanity, paralysis, and other diseases hereto considered incurable. But is it not better to use this medicine as soon as you begin to feel weak and depressed, and unfit for life's duties? Then it will build up and renew your vitality in a short time, and you will have the perfect strength and health which will resist fever, phenumonia, and other diseases that are fatal in so large a proportion of cases. It is a scientific medicine, and has a power possessed by nothing else in all brain and nerve diseases.

AMERICAN DYE WORKS CO.

LACE CURTAINS CLEANED AND DYED ALL SHADES.

Office, King Square—Works, Black Spring Road, North End, St. John, N. B.

PROVINCIAL DEBENTURES.

SEALED TENDERS, marked "TENDERS FOR DEBENTURES," for the purchase of the whole or a part of New Brunswick Provincial Debentures,
AMOUNTING TO $148,500,
to be issued on the 3rd day of JULY next, payable in forty years from date thereof, in denominations of $500 each, and bearing interest at the rate of 3½ per cent., payable half-yearly at the Office of the Receiver General, will be received at the Office of the Receiver General, Fredericton, N. B., up to the
20TH DAY OF JUNE NEXT,
at 12 o'clock, noon. The above Debentures are issued under Act of Assembly 53rd Victoria, Chapter 18 for the redemption of out-standing five per cent Debentures.
JAMES MITCHELL, Prov. Sec'y and Receiver General's Office, Fredericton, 14th May, 1890.

TENDERS.

TENDERS addressed to the undersigned at Ottawa, and marked "Tender for Swansey Range Lights," will be received up to the 1st July next, for the construction of two skeleton wooden towers, on the "Swansey" Range, Fox Island, Miramichi Bay, in the County of Northumberland, New Brunswick.
Plans and Specifications can be seen, and forms of tender procured, at this Department, Ottawa, at the Agency of this Department, St. John, N. B., and at the Post Offices, Chatham and Newcastle, N. B.
WM. SMITH, Deputy Minister of Marine. Department of Marine. Ottawa, 19th May, 1890.

Tenders for Coal, Cartage &c.

TENDERS will be received at the office of the BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES up to noon of THURSDAY, June 12th, as follows:—
For Supplying 300 Tons (more or less) Honey Lake Anthracite Coal, or approved equivalent, Small, Broken and Egg Sizes.
200 Tons (more or less) same quality, Nut Size;
100 Tons (more or less) Springhill Coal, or approved equivalent, Small.
For cartage of Coal to the several school buildings, and housing the same.
For the Removal of Ashes and other accumulations from the school premises, as required.
For the removal of Snow from School-yards and promises and approaches to same during the winter season, 1890-91.
tel tue 4i J. MARCH, Secretary.

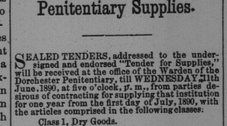
TENDERS.

SEALED TENDERS, marked "Tender for Engine House," will be received by the undersigned up to 12 o'clock, noon, of June 19, for the erection of a Brick Engine House for the City Fire Department, according to plans and specifications to be seen at the office of H. H. Mott.
The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
HARRY H. MOTT, Architect.
St. John, N. B., June 6th, 1890.

Tenders for Coal.

FERRY SERVICE.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Common Clerk's Office until WEDNESDAY, the 11th of June next at 12 o'clock, noon, from persons willing to supply from
1,000 to 1,500 Tons Best all Round Screened Soft Coal,
for Ferry Steamers, to be delivered in such quantities and at such places as may be required by the Superintendent, between the present time and the 1st day of June next. Persons will please state the name of the mine the Coal is from.
Not bound to accept the lowest or any tender.
Dated 30th day of May, 1890.
JAS. O. STACKHOUSE, Chairman Ferry Committee.



Pentitiary Supplies.

SEALED TENDERS, addressed to the undersigned and endorsed "Tender for Supplies," will be received at the office of the Warden of the Dorchester Penitentiary, till WEDNESDAY, 24th June, 1890, at five o'clock, p. m., from parties desirous of contracting for supplying that institution for one year from the first day of July, 1890, with the articles comprised in the following classes:
Class 1, Dry Goods.
" 2, Flour.
" 3, Groceries and Coal Oil.
" 4, Butchers' Meat.
" 5, Leather and Findings.
Not less than one of the foregoing classes in its entirety shall form the subject of a tender; but several classes may be included in one tender.
Samples of articles comprised in the first and third classes to be submitted with tender.
The signatures of at least two responsible parties, willing to become sureties in the event of the tender being accepted, are required to subscribe to it before it be accepted.
Any tender not in the prescribed form will be rejected.
All information respecting the details of the