# An Adventure of Peter Crewe-"The Man with the Camera Eyes." By Harold Carter.

Copyright, 1911, by W. G. Chapman in the United States and Great Britain.) When I look into the remarkable detective records of my friend, Peter ity of the crimes which he discov-

to him once, and he responded: "Simplicity, Langton, if I may use the upward curve-the plot; the downplicity of design which ensures success, the plot must fail."

Most illustrative of this, I think, was Crewe's detection of the diabolical plan of the French doctor which resulted in the death of four men and the destruction of two German gov-

no doubt, had at last perfected a dirigible balloon whose value as a war the morning of that on which the weapon was incalculable. Whether ascent was to be made. Almost immethe French government was privy or diately afterward the tent was strippe to the murderous acts of Dr. Fenelon cannot be known for certain. He may have been a self-inspired patriot. There is no doubt, however, that his intention was to intimidate above the ropes which fastened it to earth. Sphere-shaped, instead of cigar-shaped, the steering apparatus the German government into abandoning this type of balloon which had much labor and enterprise.

You all remember the fate of the Kaiserin II. and her successor, the Kaiserin III. How each ended in a ing in the air for forty-eight hours or so, and after hovering immediately make the physical examination. The over the French defensive works upon process proved lengthy. Crewe, who the boundary, collapsed while at an altitude of perhaps eight hundred feet, ground, and instantaneously killing fined only as a thing of shreds and tches of silk, and a tangle of wicker-

Crewe and I, who were both interested in aeronautics, had been present at the start of each balloon from Hamburg. There we made the acquaintance of Dr. Fenelon. Despite his French name and accent, he had of the German war staff as an inhabitant of Alsace-Lorraine—as one of elected to throw in their fortunes with the German nation after that province was wrested from Napoleon. He had been a child when the war ended; he was now a man of between forty and differently. The doctor summoned his fifty years, a doctor in the new aeroand an avowed hater of France. His grometers and othre instruments for task it was to attend the starting of the balloonists, to test their hearts and lungs before they ventured into the upper air; he had free access to solved the mystery, for I had seen the balloon, which was held captive that expression often, and it never within the military reservation. Crewe failed to be productive.

"The balloon might be tampered covered afterward, but in the confuwith before you start." "Hardly. None but our officers can men to release the rope. Instantly approach the tent in which it is moored. Then, before ascending, I leaving the lieutenant standing, mortiered or frustrated. I mentioned this shall test the pull-cord and all the apward flight.

paratus." "And yet," said Crewe, "your comquestion. To what do you ascribe the little hope of its recovery. He issued

drenched with water?" "Rain—or dew," said the lieutenant.
"There had been no rain, and dew ion, I found myself under arrest. I could never have soaked their bodies was conveyed to the general's headto the skin and drenched their hair." swered. "I shall not die, for I have of the inclosure as he was trying to tested the balloon thoroughly and leave. Ten minutes later we were have complete confidence in it.'

haled into his presence. the morning of that on which the ed roughly, in guttural English. "Unless vou can offer a suitable explanation you shall both be placed under from the balloon and the huge inflated sphere could be seen swaying teeth in mortification. was hidden within; it looked like a balloon of an old-fashioned type, such en constructed at the cost of so as has been in use during the past hundred years. It rose by the aid of hydrogen gas; yet, in some mysterious way, the builder had made it

sword was stolen-"

doctor, "your condition does not wholly warrant your ascending. There is no organic derangement, but the hesitating.

"Have you ever inhaled oxygen "Once, when I had pneumonia, to ease the lungs.'

"I would counsel you to let me place a small tank in the basket," the doctor said. "Then if, when at a height, you find the rarity of the air oppressive, you can take a few-breaths from

"Very well," said the lieutenant, in assistant, and they placed a small utical division of the German army, tank in among the thermometers, hy-

were accorded freely to all with satisfactory references. The secret lay in the manufacture and none could ascertain it from an external inspection of the great globe.

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It was while the third balloon was dilated sphere swayed like an intoxivere the contents of the last balloon sprenging to start after the desired. preparing to start, after the destruc- cated thing, striving to leap upward n of the two others, that Crewe re- and gain the security of the skies. "You are courageous," he said to Lieutenant Von Kelter, "to risk your ferred hurriedly with him. What he equipment of a private nature."

confine them in the guard house To morrow they will be arraigned beformilitary court as spies."

"You are mad, General," crica Crewe angrily. "I tried to save you-"You tried to intimidate me, sir," shouted the general, "and to exculpate yourselves by maligning the honor of a brave officer. Take them away imsame time somebody—Crewe, as I dis-

We were hauled off ignominiously across the officers' quarters in the di-General von Stimm followed us to the fied, upon the ground, watching its updoor and stood upon the threshold, watching us sourly. As our captors This contretemps sent the general led us across the quadrangle of green a metaphor, is the keystone of the patriots were found dead in the shreds into a furious passion. The balloon I noticed a commotion in a further arch of successful crime. We have of their balloons, and they, too, had was as good as lost; its course had tacorner of the square; then an officer confidence. Now let me ask you a ken it out toward the North sea, with came hurrying along, bearing a newsfact that their bodies were found an order to his adjutant and, a mo- I read the staring headline: ment or two afterward, while I still

> Crewe had seen it as well. He smiled grimly. quarters, along with Crewe, who had "If only they had arrested Fenelon," been apprehended in another section he muttered. "Why, there he goes,

> > came strutting along the path, dressed in full regimentals. He saw us from afar and, turning, came toward us,

"Ha, the spies!" he said viciously. "You will find it goes hard with you, Kaiserin IV.—the devil take it, the third balloon to go!" He gnashed his "You are lying," said Crewe, and, breaking from his captor, he struck At his side stood the lieutenant, his face pallid, his brow covered with his aword and rushed at the aggres "General," said Crewe quietly, sor. Crewe seized the point of the "when I was a younger man I spent some months in Germany." blade the moment that it left the scabbard and, with a powerful wrench, "Well, what the devil has that to do snapped it in two and threw the pieces on the ground. I saw blood "May I speak to you privately?" follow them from his wounded hands. As for the orderly, he stood as if garden—a youthful officer whose

said; and, saluting, the lieutenant and the orderly departed. "If I alluded to an unfortunate incident in your early career, which I witnessed when you were a subaltern, arm. "As for these fellows—"

it was not for the purpose of seeking immunity through my knowledge of it. It was necessary, in your own inter-upon the hilt of his sword. Then he est, that I should gain your ear. I issued a brief command and the orgave the order which resulted in the deriles seized us by the arms and forced us over the quadrangle into the not done so, the lieutenant's life would

have been sacrificed. So surely as that balloon comes down on land it prove your case, Crewe," I said later. will come down in fragments, and "But I can," he said confidently. "I "Why?" asked the astonished gen- in self-defense, but that he might be detained in barracks. We must not let that murderer escape. If he could have resisted the temptation to taunt us he would doubtless be on his way to the frontier, for his knew that he stroyed the two dirigibles that preceded this and was the cause of the death of four officers.'

"Your proofs?" asked the general in detained in barracks. We must not let that murderer escape. If he could have resisted the temptation to taunt us he would doubtless be on his way to the frontier, for his knew that he was discovered." His went to the door. "Orderly," he called, "I wish to send a note to the general."

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"When do you wish to take the send his trial for murder."

He scribbled a few words on a sheet "They will be found when the bal- of paper and handed it to the man

swered. "You have frequently been the railroad station and thence accom-"Identical with those of the first," have ever seen during my lifetime. five and eighty miles distant from solved to ascertain, if possible, the ward the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the five and eighty miles distant from the general answered. "A barometer, have ever seen during my lifetime. Now the fact is that, when I was in two thermometers, a hygrometer, field two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, a hygrometer, field the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, and the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, are the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, and the chief of the aeronautical two thermometers, are the chief of the aeronaut eral von Stimm four times, twice un- ning we three disembarked at the rail-"And a tank of oxygen in case the der discreditable circumstances. This road station. It was not yet dark,

I want to punish him and save the army's honor. The balloon has been

"It will not be touched or moved for twenty-four hours?" "Not for two days. Soldiers are

Take these men and confine

them in the guard house."

"Within the hour," Crewe answered. be as you request. You are freed asked the general. from arrest. I will drive with you to "It is merely a p

Blumdahl was a small village some

was that, while the surrounding land was parched from drought, the balwas designed to escape? But suploon's remnants rested in a pool of water some two feet deep, which had mable?" gathered into a deprezsion on the ground; and water had drenched the ground; and water had drenched the Crewe placed the metal in his hands.

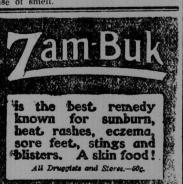
"Do you recognize this, sir?" he gether in the right proportion; supof oxygen," Von Stimm rejoined. "Which would pass out through tubes, at the disposition of the aero "Water."

naut-is that not so?" "Certainly." fectly air-tight, it is obvious that the gas would speedly leak out and dis- leakage from either so closely that

you misunderstood my offer and, but with incredible velocity, for the wick- drilled innumerable tiny holes, such for a lucky circumstance, a murderer would have continued to disgrace the to innumerable chips of wood which "Quite large enough for a leaker German uniform. I want no money. lay strewn over the ground, while the said Crewe. "Especially today, when gas bag from its frame covering so actinic. In cloudy weather, when that hardly a particle of it remained. there was a considerable vapor pres-Within a radius of a hundred yards sure in the atmosphere, it might have lay the broken remnants of the in-struments. But the most singular fact loons, before the explosion."

among these last. Presently he rose; with escaping hydrogen? You know in his hand he held a piece of twisted the hydrogen will not remain even in metal, nickel or aluminum. Upon one side was stamped OXYGEN. they are obtained. Suppose we have

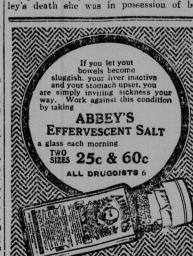
> "Obviously. It was only necessary, balloon with the hydrogen gas-bag and



amount due to the state as inheritance tax as \$175,454.94.

Mr. Hawley's real estate holdings included his residence at 19 East Sixtieth street, valued at \$105,000, of which the land is worth \$25,000 and the house \$20,000, and four other pieces of property situated in New York and at Babylon, L.I. His personalty consisted of railroad stocks and bonds. At the time of his death he was a member of the firm of Hawley & Davis, stock brokers, doing business at 25 Broad street. His interest in this firm, however, is quoted as of no value. The business was conducted almost exclusively for the purpose of attending to his stock transactions. It is now in the process of liquidation, and will be wound up within the year. For this reason the good will of the firm is considered of no value. His other interests of Minneapolis & St. Paul common, \$111, 666, and 6,436 shares of preferred, \$225, 666, and 6,436 shares

"Now, general," said Crewe briskly,



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