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### By The Law of Tooth and Talon

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**Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.**

Louie Vogel, a notorious criminal, is offered \$5,000 by Lebrun to kidnap Judge Graham, terror of evil-doers. As Lebrun leaves "Silver Danny's" saloon, he is observed by Ralph Charlton of the Department of Justice who has dubbed him "The Gray Wolf." Vogel takes the \$1,000 given him to bind the compact to Stella Lathrop, a country girl he had found starving in the city and befriended. Stella is now earning honest wages in a factory and refuses to marry Vogel unless he gives up his evil ways. She has, however, fallen a convert to Bolshevism. Vogel carries out his pact. Judge Graham lies bound in a shack some miles out of the city. "The Gray Wolf" demands that the Judge should let certain prisoners off with merely a fine. Threats of death for himself and torture for his son have no weight with the just Judge.

**CHAPTER IV.**

**Charlton Takes the Trail.**

Ralph Charlton, as well as every other agent of the Department of Justice, was called off whatever case he was following and told to work upon nothing but the Judge Graham case until it had been solved.

But not all of the combing of the city had brought to light one single fact that would help the hounds of the law. Dragnets spread into every nook and corner of the underworld had dragged out of their hiding places every crook of high or low degree and filled the police stations with them. Policemen of the olden days, experts in the now discarded third degree, came out of retirement or off lonely duties to try to find among all the catch of the dragnet some man or woman weak enough to succumb to their rigorous methods and yield up the starting point of the chase.

Rewards that ran well up into the thousands were posted for the same purpose. Every man or woman who was known to have reason to desire revenge upon the missing Judge, and a great many who were only suspected, were checked up to account for their whereabouts on Saturday night. At every hour of the day or night those whose names were on the Government lists as suspected radicals or disloyalists were put through detailed examinations for the same purpose. But all to no purpose.

It was Charlton who found the clew and he found it in his own brain after two nights and a day of sleepless endeavor. He suddenly recalled his simpler shadowings of "The Gray Wolf" several nights before. It was not that Lebrun was any more to be suspected than a hundred other persons, but it was the fact that Charlton had seen him in an unexpected place that caused him to centre his brain upon that slippery individual as having a hand in the disappearance of Judge Graham.

His fatigue dropped from him, as the Federal agent pondered upon this possibility. Lebrun was not accustomed to frequenting the neighborhood where Charlton had seen him. He did not consort with that gentry of the class that frequented "Silver Danny's." It must have been an unusual thing that had sent him there. Well, the disappearance of the veteran jurist was an unusual thing. Perhaps there was a connection between the two. Whereupon, without taking any one into his confidence, Charlton began to work upon the theory that his "hunch" was based upon fact.

First he ascertained that Lebrun had not been questioned. Then he browsed through the files of the Department, dipping in here and there among its well-indexed papers, reading all of the voluminous reports in which Lebrun was mentioned. Taken singly, none of them cast any serious reflection upon "The Gray Wolf." Taken together and dovetailed, through the whole fabric ran a vein of suspicion that pointed to Lebrun as being well worth the attention which had been paid him.

Born of the union of a Russian political exile and the widow of an Italian anarchist and reared on the East Side in New York, in his blood lay all the foundation for ermitism toward the order of things which breeds trouble in a country where all men supposedly are free and equal. Even the name he bore was not his own, but the corruption of the cognomen with which his father had been born. Of his youth little had been learned



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### About the HOUSE

**Money and Minute Savers.**

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Ours is a six-volt lamp with receptacle, about 8 or 10 feet of insulated lamp cord, three dry batteries and switch. The cost of same was \$2.10, which we do not consider much in accordance with the convenience: Lamp and receptacle, 25c; cord, 25c; switch, 10c; batteries, \$1.50. Total, \$2.10.

We have a box just big enough for the batteries to set in. This is fastened to the under part of the bed, or may be placed on the floor. From here the cord is run to the switch, which is fastened to the head board at a convenient place, and from here on to the lamp. The lamp may hang where it is most handy. This enables one to move the bed wherever wanted, and does not disturb the light.

One may put the batteries in the cellar and run the cord through the floor if desired, but we did not find this quite so handy, as the cord was in the way of moving the bed and for sweeping.

Cracks in floors may be neatly and permanently filled by thoroughly soaking newspapers in paste made of a half pound of flour, three quarts of water, half pound of alum, mixed and boiled. The mixture should be about as thick as putty, and may be forced into the crevice with a knife. It will harden like papier-mache.

I sometimes have to hang a gate or a door, and a carpenter's wife happened in one day as I was having a tussle with an unruly screw. She informed me that carpenters drive the screw as they do a nail, almost to the head, then clinch it with the screw-driver. This little wrinkle has saved me quite a lot of time and patience.

If soot falls upon a rug or carpet, I never attempt to sweep until I have covered it thickly with dry salt. It can then be swept up properly, and not a stain or smear will be left.

If the tips are off shoestrings you can make them as good as new, and so they will lace easily, by dampening the ends with glue and twisting them into points.

A returned soldier, finding that it takes as much ingenuity to combat the high cost of living as it did to fight the Germans, has made a very practical and economical bassinet for his first little son. Taking the idea from a two-wheeled tea table, he built a frame having two wheels in front and two table legs in back. Upon this frame, having been very careful to make it just high enough to suit his wife, he securely fastened a rectangular clothes basket. Painted white, and draped with white ruffles, it is as pretty and convenient as could be desired.

When cream is too thin to whip it may be made sufficiently thick by adding unbeaten white of an egg and beating in the usual manner.

Very often in cooking a cereal for breakfast, such as rolled oats or cream of wheat, there will be some left over. Many a housewife throws this away, as it hardens with standing, and a crust forms on it by the next morning. Thus it is wasted. Now, an excellent way to keep a cereal like this over is to cover it an inch or so deep with water. The next morning no crust will be formed, and it will not be a whit inferior by standing. One can cook enough cereal for two mornings in this way, and the extra cooking the second morning will only improve its flavor.

Often we want to make wide tucks on thin dresses—tucks too wide for Graham had disappeared. The thing had possibilities.

"I don't believe I've seen Louie for a day or two, either," said Charlton. So far as he knew he never had set eyes on Vogel. "Last time I saw him he was talking to some fellow in here."

"Mebbe," said the bartender, non-committantly. There was suspicion in his eyes, a fact Charlton was quick to notice. Strangers claiming acquaintance or friendship with men who live beyond the law are not to be trusted when they go talking about these men. An innocent appearing question might be charged with dynamite. So Charlton did not press the matter, but bought a drink which he forced down, and departed.

But he had at last something upon which to work. Louie Vogel, whoever he was, had not been seen in his haunts since Saturday night, and he must not forget that Vogel had a woman friend whose name was "Stell."

The lieutenant in charge of the nearest police station proved a mine of information on the big subject of "Big Louie." He also supplied all the police knew about "Stell."

"She's one of these shouters at some of the radical meetings around this precinct," he added. "A good-looking kid and works every day, and she does mingle around with some of our prominent jail-birds. Every one calls her 'Big Louie's girl,' but I believe she's straight as a string. Kinder cracked on the subject of the oppressed laboring class, I guess, and they call her 'Red Stell' when she goes to spouting off. She and Louie been up to anything?"

"Not that I know of," replied Charlton. He emphasized the word "know" as a sop to his own conscience, chatted a few minutes about other matters and took his leave.

Outside the police station he took out a handkerchief and mopped his forehead.

"Things coming too fast, old boy," he said to himself. "Looks like I might be getting on a warm trail after all. Vogel hangs out at that saloon, Lebrun visits it, Vogel out of sight since Saturday night when the Judge was kidnaped, his girl's a 'red.' AM-very suspicious, but there's a weak link. How do I know Lebrun has a finger in the case at all? I don't. Then why am I spending all this time chasing him up? A hunch, that's all. Oh, rats, I'm going to bed and get some sleep. If I keep this up much longer my brain'll be added."

(To be continued.)

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