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## A Fascinating Mystery Story-

By WILLIAM JOHNSTON

sation she had with him just before she shot herself," I suggested. "What do you suppose she wanted him to promise her?"
Louise shook her head. I racked my hrain in vain for some theory to fit her words to her own desperate act, to Crandall's flight, to her father's teror. I judged from Davis' abstracted manner that he, too, was similarly engaged.
"Everything," I said to Louise, "every single thing we have learned points to Crandall's connection with the mystery that has hung over your father and arine. When we have found him we shall learn what it was: I am more and more convinced that he is guilty of some crime, something terrible, something that your father and sister knew."

The inspector laughed aloud.
We turned toward him, I in indignation, Louise in astonishment, to find him look ing at us with an amused smile.
"Don't be too sure," he said quizzically. "Crandall doesn't seem to have been left-handed."

CHAPTER V.

The Evening Chit-Chat By RUTH CAMERON

## WOMEN SOLDIERS OF CHINA



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MARINE NEWS.

The Elder Dempster liner Melville, Captain Keene, arrived from Liverpool yesterday afternoon and docked at No. 7 berth. Captain Keene reports having encountered some very rough weather on the way across. He reports that, as a result of th Italian-Turkish war, there are no lights I the Red Sea, and that all vessels passifthat way are held up by the Italian war vessels. The Melville will leave here on Saturday next for South Africa, and be sides her cargo, will take away 150 mules to be used in the diamond mines there.

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