stable had been among the first to

come in, so that he could vouch that

no disarrangement had been made in

the rooms with the exception of

Batsy's removal to the bed.

Then, his attention being drawn to

the dead woman, he discovered the

They showed him the drawers in the

"One is empty," said Mr. Sutherland.

"If the other is found to be in the

same condition, then her money has

been taken. That key she holds should

"Then let it be made use of at once.

It is important that we should know

whether theft has been committed here

as well as murder." And drawing the

The constable immediately unlocked

"But papers as good as money," an-ounced the doctor. "See, here are

deeds and more than one valuable

bond. I judge that she was a richer

Mr. Sutherland meantime was look-

"Just as I feared," said he. "She

has been robbed of her ready money.

"How came she by the key, then?"

affair. This murder is by no means a

simple one. I begin to think we shall find it full of mysteries."

"Oh, yes, Batsy! I had forgotten

"She had heart disease. I doctored

"The look of her face confirmed

"Let me see. So it does. But we

"I would like to explain before any

further measures are taken how I

came to know that Agatha Webb had

oney in her house," said Mr. Suther-

and as they stepped back into the oth-

er room. "Two days ago I was sitting

with my family at dinner. Old gossip

Judy came in. Had Mrs. Sutherland

been living she would not have pre-

sumed to intrude upon us at mealtime,

our dignity this woman rushed into our

ing up stairs, as usual, without knock-

Judy told this story?" asked the coro-

ner, pointing toward the yard.

Mr. Sutherland pondered. "No; I do

not think she was. Frederick was seat

The constable shook his head. Mr.

Sutherland was one of those debonair

men whose very mildness makes them

Keep busy. When one carries

ordened heart, a large amount

eisure is not calculated to lighten

impenetrable.
(To be continued)

ed at the table with me, and my hou

her for it. The fright has killed her."

nust have an autopsy to prove it."

"Batsy's death, for instance?"

that she was found dead too."

"Without a wound, doctor."

"That is one of the mysteries of the

It was doubtless in the other drawer."

ing with an air of disappointment into

the drawer and brought it and its con-

key out he handed it to Mr. Fenton.

"No money here," said he.

woman than any of us knew."

the now empty drawer.

oper, both these drawers."

tents to the table.

"Where does this key belong?" he

key in her tightly closed hand.

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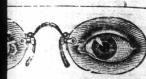
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"The Mystery of Agatha Webb"

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CHAPITER IV.F This gentleman has some infor mation to give. As he was returning home from the bedside of a sick parishioner some little time before he had been run against on this very corner by a man rushing out of the gateway in restate of great ag tration. This man held womething in his hand that glitered, and, though the encounter neary upset them both, he had not stopped to utter an apology, but stumbled away into the darkness in a dazed and feeble way, showing that he was neither young nor active. The minister had not been able to see his face, but noticed the ends of a long beard blowing over his shoulder as he hurried

Philemon was a clean shaved man. Asked if he could give the time of his ncounter, he replied that it was after 11 and before 12, for he was in his own

"Did you look up at these windows pefore leaving?" asked Mr. Fenton, for this interview had taken place in the presence of the dead.

"I must have, for I now remember they were both lighted." "Were the shades up?" "I think not, or I should have noticed

the ceiling of the room. I remember seeing nothing." "How were the shades when you

broke into the house this morning?" inquired Mr. Sutherland of the con-"Just as they are now; we have mov

ed nothing. The shades were both down-one of them over an open win-"Well, we may find this encounter of Mr. Crane's of decided importance."

"I wish I had seen the man's face." remarked the latter. "What did the object look like you saw glittering in his hand?" "I should not like to venture an opinion. I saw it but an instant." "Could it have been a knife or an old

fashioned dagger?" "It might have been." "Alas, poor Agathal That money, something she so despised, should cause the death of a creature so grand and simple! Unhappy life, unhappy death! Fenton, I shall always mourn

for Agatha Webb.* "Yet she seems to have found peace at last," said the minister. "I have never seen her look so contented." Then leading Mr. Sutherland aside he whispered; "What is it you say about money? Had she any considerable amount of it? I ask because in spite of their humble means of living she always put a generous donation on the plate, and I have received more than nce during my pastorate an unexpectedly large and anonymous contribution for certain charities. As it was always for sick or suffering children I"—

"Yes, yes. I have no doubt it came from her. She was by no means poor, though I myself never knew the extent of her means till lately. Philemon was a good business man once, but they evidently preferred to live simply, having no children living"-"They have lost six, I have been

"So the Porchester folks say. They probably had no heart for display or for even the simplest luxuries. At all events they did not indulge in them."

"Philemon has long been past indulging in anything." "Oh, he likes his comfort, and he has had it too. Agatha never stinted him." "But why do you think her death

was due to her having money?" "She had a large sum in the house, and there are some who knew this." "And is it gone?"

"That we shall know later." As the coroner arrived at this mo-ment the minister's curiosity had to wait. Fortunately for his equanimity no one had the presumption to ask him

The coroner was a man of but few words and but little given to emotion. Yet they were surprised at his first

"Who is the young woman who is standing outside there, the only one in

Mr. Sutherland, moving rapidly the window, drew aside the shade. "It is 'Miss Page, my housekeeper's niece," he explained. "I do not understand her interest in this affair. She followed me here from the house and could hardly be got to leave this room, into which she intruded herself against my express command."

"But look at her attitude." It was Mr. Fenton who spoke. "She's crazier than Philemon, it seems to me." There was some reason for this remark. Guarded by the high fence from the gaze of the pushing crowd without, she stood upright and immovable in the middle of the yard, like one on watch. The hood which she had drepped from her head when she thought her eyes and smile might be of use to her in the furtherance of her plans had been drawn over it again, so that she looked more like a statue in gray than a liv-ing, breathing woman. Yet there was menace in her attitude and a purpose in the solitary stand she took in that circle of board girded grass which caused a thrill in the breast of those who looked at her from that chamber

"A mysterious young woman," mut-"And one that I neither countenance erstand," interpolated Mr. Sutherland. "I have just shown her the displeasure I feel at her actions by nissing her from my house." The coroner gave him a quick look, seemed about to speak, but changed his mind and turned toward the dead

> CHAPTER V. BLOOD ON THE GRASS.

The inquiries which followed elicited one or two new facts. First, that all the doors of the house were found unlocked, and, secondly, that the con-

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Rev. John Cobourn, secretary of he committee of forty, a body of citizens giving their attention to moral conditions in Toronto, was the first witness called for the Crown in an attempt to establish the alleged undesirable character of "Deborah," and he was still on the stand at noon undervoing a severe crossexamination at the hands of H. H. Dewart, K.C., appearing for the company. Mr. Coburn said that after he had witnessed the play, which he considered decidedly immoral in its tendency, he explained the story of it to Crown Attorney Corley, who immediately sanctioned the prose

The next day, he said, the committee of forty unanimously endorsed his

In his cross-examination Mr. Coourn told Mr. Dewart that up to three years ago he had never witnessed a heatrical performance, and since then but as we have no one now to uphold e had only gone to two plays outside of his attendance in the performance presence panting with news and told of his duties as secretary of the comus all in one breath how she had just mittee. These were "Julius Cæsar come from Mrs. Webb, who had a pile and "The Servant in the House," of money in her house; that she had both of which Derone Powers played just seen it with her own eyes; that go-He did not altogether disapprove of the theatre as an institution, and he ing, she had seen Mrs. Webb through defended his course in not prosecutthe crack of the sitting room door ing the companies which produced walking toward the fireplace cupboard everal plays in Toronto recently, in with a huge roll of bills in her hand; which he admitted there were situathat listening she heard her say: 'Just tions and dances to which he took obfifteen hundred! Too much money by far to have in the house.' After which ection. For instance, in Gertrude Hoffman's show last week, he said, she heard first one lock turned and there was one dance which was "very then another, and, satisfied that the bad," but of such a nature that i money had been put into some receptacle in the cupboard, she crept out as quietly as she had come in and ran would have been very difficult to proluce evidence of its nature convincngly before a court. "Could I have produced the wiggles

away to tell the neighbors. Happily I was the first one she told, but I have as evidence I would certainly have prosecuted," he said, amidst laughter. no doubt that in spite of all my injunctions she has related the news to every one who would listen." The case will probably continue at "Was the young woman I see down younder at the table with you when east all day.

Board Meetings. -The Parks Board and the Board Vrks will meet to-night.

Forty years in use, 20 years the standard, preserved and recomkeeper was pouring the tea, but Miss Page had not yet come down, I think. mended by physicians. for Women's Ailments Dr Martel's She has been putting on great airs of "Can it be possible that he does not know that his son Frederick wants to marry this girl?" muttered the clergy-man into the constable's ear. Female Pills, at your druggists.

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