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## A FATEFUL... ...DIAMOND

"Margie, I cannot bear the idea of going and leaving you at home sick and alone," said her mother, Margaret, answered cheerfully. "Annette can do anything necessary for me, and it would be hardly fair or civil to disappear." "That is true; but Arthur could drive around and explain matters to her. She would excuse us, I know," returned Mrs. Houghton.

"I would not do that. Really there is no need of giving up the drive on my account," Margaret urged. "It will look as if I was of more account than any one else, and I know I would feel it. But you must not come, I cannot go, but Arthur will be company for her, you can act as chaperon, and some time we will make up another party and go again."

Arthur would gladly have excused himself. Miss Arnold was very nice, but she was not Margaret, and the charm of the excursion for him was all gone now that she could not go. But it would be very ungrateful to refuse to accompany the ladies, particularly as he had himself been the bearer of the invitation to Miss Arnold, and urged her acceptance of it.

Therefore Mrs. Houghton and Mr. Aspinwall reluctantly departed in the carriage, but resolved that they would not be gone longer than politeness to their young guest required.

The sound of the wheels had not entirely died away before Margaret sprang to her feet and flitted like a spirit upstairs, untying the bandage from her brow as she went. She hastily assumed the simple costume that she had worn the previous evening, taking the precaution this time to tie a thick veil over her face.

At length she turned slowly back and entered her father's chamber. Opening a drawer in an escritoire, she took from it a black morocco case. Touching a spring, the lid flew back, disclosing a handsome silver-mounted revolver.

She examined it closely, and saw that the chambers were empty, and turning her attention again to the drawer from which she had taken the revolver, she searched until she found a small box containing cartridges.

Both of those articles she concealed beneath her wrap, then quickly left the room and the house.

She hurried through the streets towards her destination, for she knew well enough that her mother would shorten her drive on her account, and she must be back before the party returned from Buttes Chamont.

Reaching the Rue de Blanc, she walked boldly along the street, and on arriving at the alley, turned unhesitatingly into it, as if it were her intention to pass through the Rue de Castiglione.

In his presence. "My darling!" he cried, "have you dared to venture here in the daytime?"

"Ah, if she only knew why she could never venture to come there in the night again! But she would not tell him that yet."

She went up to him and put both her hands out to him.

"It was much pleasanter to come by daylight," she said, smiling.

He took these two small hands and kissed them tenderly.

"But I fear it is not safe, dear, if we hope to accomplish our purpose, he is liable to come at any hour, and he has not been here yet today."

A silvery laugh of triumph broke from her lips.

"He will not come for a couple of hours at least," she said.

Then she told him how she had managed to send him away, so that he could not come that afternoon.

"I went out this morning and bought what you wanted," she went on. "Here is the saw, and this is the file. Oh, Louis, I hope you will make speedy work, for I am wild to have you free once more."

"You must not be too impatient, Margie," he said fondly. "I will complain of nothing now, if I can only report that money to the company. You are a treasure, dear, to get me dressed so promptly, and you may be sure I shall not delay in putting them to efficient service."

"But these are not all, Louis, see!" and she placed in his hands her father's revolver and cartridge box.

"Oh, Margie, how did you happen to be so thoughtful? They are life and freedom for me!" he exclaimed, as he critically examined the revolver.

"Margie, I fear nothing now!"

"Let us hope that you will not need to use the weapon. To save precious time begin work at once. How long will it take?"

"I cannot say; these iron bars are very strong, and I shall have to take out at least two before I shall have an aperture large enough to get through. Does your father know?"

"Ah, yes, I nearly forgot that," and she produced it.

"Thanks, that will do nicely. Now I think I shall take out these two bars by the outside of this shoulder," he said, looking at the bars with a keen eye.

"I am not going to let you stay much longer, my darling," Louis said. "I am in great haste you should be found here. Sit down, however, for fifteen minutes, and tell me something about these long weeks, since we have been shut away from you; then I will send you away, and you must wait patiently until I come to you."

"Do you mean that I must not come again?" Margie asked, quickly, and with clouded face.

"Yes, I do not think this is a safe locality for you to be in; besides, your frequent coming might attract attention and arouse suspicion that something was wrong here."

"Well, I will do as you say, and try to be patient," Margie said, gravely; then added, eagerly:

"But, Louis, you will be able to go out of the building, even if you succeed in getting out of this wretched cage?"

"How stupid of me not to have thought of that!" he replied, laughing. "I wish you would leave me your keys; but that would not do, for then you could not lock the doors after you. I think you will have to come once more, Margie, after all, I am sorry, but see no other way."

"I shall not mind."

"Well, then, wait a few days—say three, then I trust I shall meet you on the outside of this place. You can then let me have your keys, and I will take care of the locks while I am looking for my treasure."

"But, Louis, I do not believe you will find the money here; where could he hide it in this empty building?" Margie asked.

"There are plenty of places," he replied, "between the floors, in the cellar, or even in a door-casing."

"What makes you think he concealed it here?"

"I notice that almost always after he leaves me, Aspinwall goes prowling about, while his movements are very stealthy and cat-like, and I am sure there is nothing to detain him here unless it is to look after his ill-gotten gains."

"Well, I hope you will prove your theory correct."

She remained a little longer with him, giving him some account of herself, and how she had followed the clew of the lost diamond. Then, at his urgent entreaty, she reluctantly departed, and soon afterwards reached her own home. After resuming her wrapper, she took up the paper, and there, to her surprise, read an account of the arrest of Louis Murray, and the

scottsville.

Scottsville, Sept. 7.—On Monday Master Bert Sutton fell and broke his arm.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Raymond and their family visited relatives in Blyth, Ont. Miss Bertie Little has returned from her trip to the States.

Miss Emma Vall returned to her home in Newbury after spending a few weeks visiting relatives in this vicinity.

The anniversary services of the North Street Church will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Services in the afternoon and evening.

STRATHROY.

[Advertiser Agent, J. D. Meekins.]

Strathroy, Sept. 7.—Dr. Susie Rijnhart, who was to have given an address in the Front Street Church last Tuesday evening, was unable to do so, on account of other engagements. She will be present next Monday evening and give an interesting account of her experiences and efforts to find traces of her husband, who was probably killed in Tibet.

The model school opened on Tuesday, Mr. Deans being in charge.

Among those in attendance at the funeral of the late Mrs. McTaggart were Dr. McTaggart, of Toronto; Dr. D. C. Cameron, of Alpena, Mich.; and ex-Mayor John Campbell, of London.

Mr. C. Craig, of Chicago, is visiting his parents here.

Miss Gue, of Ridgeway, is spending a few weeks with Miss Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Raymond and family, of Erie, Pa., are visiting relatives in town.

The Collegiate Institute opened on Tuesday with an attendance of over twenty in excess of that of last September. Forty-five new pupils were enrolled.

Mr. J. W. Murray is in Toronto, attending the general meeting of the York County Loan and Savings Company.

George Ashwell has secured a situation with the Strathroy Canning Company, corner Richmond and Dundas streets, as a representative.

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is a good thing for the young husband to give the young wife. But sympathy will not abate one jot of her nervousness or lift her to that plane of sound health where alone the wife and mother can find happiness.

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suspicious circumstances which seemed to connect him with Louis Dunbar's disappearance and the robbery of his safe.

"But for what I have done, circumstantial evidence might convict an innocent man," she murmured to herself, as, after reading the account, she threw the paper aside and fell to musing upon the joys in store for her.

(To be Continued.)

## A Protest

By Paul Against Annexation of the Transvaal.

The Queen's Own of Toronto Honored by Lord Roberts.

Durban, Natal, Sept. 7.—A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, Portuguese East Africa, says it is reported that President Kruger, of the Transvaal, has protested to Lord Salisbury and the powers against the annexation of the republic by Great Britain.

DEWEY'S DECLARATION.

Cape Town, Sept. 6.—A refugee from Bloemfontein says that he heard Gen. Dewey say when the advisability of surrender was under discussion: "My farm has been destroyed, my home burned and my property looted, my sons killed and my wife has died of a broken heart, but I shall not surrender. I shall resist to the end. The war shall not cease."

BOBS AND THE QUEEN'S OWN.

A unique distinction has been conferred upon the Queen's Own Rifles of Toronto.

No less a personage than Lord Roberts has consented to become honorary colonel of the regiment.

Col. Delamere has received the following cable: "His excellency the governor-general has received the following cablegram from Lord Roberts: 'Please convey to Lieut.-Col. Delamere and the Queen's Own Rifles my hearty thanks for the honor they have done me in asking me to become their honorary colonel, a designation which, with her majesty's gracious approval, I gladly accept.'"

(Signed) Capt. Graham, A. D. C. to the governor-general.

DEATH OF DR. BING.

Winnipeg, Sept. 7.—Dr. E. Prose, late of the Manitoba Medical College, writes from Cape Town, Aug. 1, saying that Dr. A. B. Bing, who was a fellow graduate of the Winnipeg Medical College, in the same continent, died at Johannesburg from fever.

This is the first notification of his death. The news was received here with great regret, as he was a universal favorite.

PTE. SAM BARBER.

Quebec, Ont., Sept. 6.—Pte. Sam Barber of D battery, now in South Africa, arrived home this evening, and was met at the depot by a large concourse of people. The horses were taken from the carriage, and he was taken to St. George's Square, where a large bonfire was blazing. He was then escorted to his parents' home. Barber took entire fever in South Africa, and was sent to England to one of the hospitals there, and on his recovery was sent home to Canada with other members who were not allowed to go back to the war.

From Near-By Places.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 6, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, lot 22, con. 2, West Nisour, their daughter, Emma J., was united in marriage to Mr. Bert Lawson, of the same place.

The bride looked charming in a dress of white organdie, trimmed with lace and ribbon, and carried a bouquet of white roses. The bridesmaid, Martha, acted as bridesmaid, and was prettily dressed in white organdie, trimmed with pink ribbon and lace, and carried pink roses.

The bride and groom left for their new home, lot 2, con. 2, London town, on the morning of the 7th.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Blyth circuit Epworth League was held last week to arrange the programme for their coming convention, to be held next Thanksgiving Day.

Mr. and Mrs. R. White returned home Monday evening, after spending a few days with relatives in Dawn.

Miss and Mrs. Hodgins, of London, visited at Mr. George Patrick's last week.

KOMOKA.

Komoka, Sept. 7.—The Methodists of this village, with the Methodists of Delaware and Kilworth, held their union Sunday school picnic at Springbank, a very enjoyable time was spent. Games of all sorts were played by the younger ones. Some of our prominent married ladies ran in some of the races, and won prizes, too. The younger ones went home early, leaving one load of the older scholars to enjoy the evening performance, which they did.

Mr. Charles Lowe and Mr. Lockart, of London, spent Sunday with friends and acquaintances here.

Miss Galloway, of Beachville, is visiting Miss Mabel Bishop, of the post-office.

Miss Emma Frank, London, was visiting her parents on Sunday.

Miss Eva Robinson has returned to her home in Detroit after spending a few days with relatives in Dawn.

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MILK SKIMMERS—Granite Milk Skimmers, prices 15c to 25c; while they last only 10c.

PIE PLATES—Large size granite Pie Plates, 5c.

Small sizes, special, 3 for 10c.

TEA POTS—White and Gray Enamelled Tea Pots, regular 35c and 45c; sale price 25c.

PRESERVING KETTLES—in all sizes; big reductions for Saturday and Monday. See our special lines at 50c, 60c and 75c.

WASH BASINS—Enamel Wash Basins, large size, only 25c.

PAILS—White and Gray Enamelled Water Pails: 10 quart 65c, 14 quart 75c.

MILK PANS—Best quality Granite Milk Pans, 20c to 40c.

SHELLS—Fancy Shell Goods, Work Boxes, Jewel Boxes, Handkerchief Boxes, etc., choice, 10c.

Pin Cushions, Jewel Boxes, Houses, Dressing Cases, etc., choice, 25c.

#### Glassware

Water Jugs, large size, 15c.

Fruit Nappies, 3 for 10c.

Plate Plates, 10c.

Cake Plates, 10c.

6-piece Tea Set 25c.

7-piece Berry Set 30c.

Jelly Dishes, large size, tin covers, 10c.

Spoon Holders 5c.

Salts and Peppers 5c.

VASES—Fancy Colored Glass Vases 5c, 10c, 15c.

#### China

CHINA—10c TABLE.

Jewel Boxes 10c.

Hairpin Boxes 10c.

Pin Trays 10c.

Match Safes 10c.

Cigar Holders 10c.

Puff Boxes 10c.

Don-Bon Dishes 10c.

Mustard Pots 10c.

#### China

CHINA—10c TABLE.

China Jugs 5c.

Pin Trays 5c.

Don-Bon Dishes 5c.

Salts and Peppers 5c.

#### CUPS AND SAUCERS.

Fancy Decorated Cups and Saucers: 15c, reduced to 10c.

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China Bread and Butter Plates, fancy floral and gilt decorating: 10c Plates for 7c.

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Bread and Cake Plates, all kinds.

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Dolls of every kind, size, color and nation. We have about 100 Dolls slightly soiled; we will close these out at less than half price:

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