

The FILIGREE ..BALL..

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CHAPTER V.

Master and Dog.

No further opportunity was afforded me that night for studying the three leading characters in the remarkable drama I saw unfolding before me. A task was assigned me by the captain which took me from the house, and I missed the next scene—the arrival of the coroner. But I repaid myself for this loss in a way I thought justified by the importance of my own theory and the evident necessity there was of collecting each and every point of evidence which could give coloring to the charge, in the event of this crime coming to be looked on at headquarters as one of murder.

Observing that a light was still burning in Uncle David's den, I crossed to his door and rang the bell. I was answered by the deep and prolonged howl of a dog, soon cut short by his master's angry greeting. This latter was a surprise to me, I had heard so often of Mr. Moore's churlishness as a host that I had expected some rebuff. But I encountered no such tokens of hostility. His brow was smooth and his smile cheerfully condescending. Indeed, he appeared anxious to have me, and he did not lose that sudden assumption of dignity which I had observed in him ever since my entrance into the house.

"I am overpowered by this news," he remarked. "She has shot herself? Why?"

"I did not say that she had shot herself," I carefully repeated. "The facts point that way and Mr. Jeffrey accepts the suicide theory without question."

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He found his hat and coat in his hands. "The property is mine now, you know," he politely explained, turning with a keen light in his gray eye, full upon me and overwhelming me with the grand air of a man who comes unexpectedly into his own.

"Mrs. Jeffrey's father was my younger brother—the story is an old and well-known one of those of other men and in this as in many other ways he was a law to himself; notably so in the following instance. He kept one day of the year religiously abstained from meat in the same way. Long years before, he had been blessed with a wife who both understood and loved him. He had never forgotten the anniversary of her death, it was his custom to go to the cemetery where she lay and to spend the whole day under the shadow of the stone he had raised to her memory. No matter what the weather, no matter what the condition of his own health, he was always to be seen in this spot, at the hour of seven, leaning against the shaft on which his wife's name was written, eating his supper in the company of his dog. It was a custom he had never omitted. So well known was it to the boys and certain curious individuals in the neighborhood, that he never lacked an audience, though we betide the daring foot that presumed to invade the precincts of the lot he called his, or the voice which offered to raise itself in gibe or jeer. He had but to cast a glance at Rudge and an avenging rush scattered the crowd in a twinkling. But he seldom had occasion to resort to this extreme measure for preserving the peace and quiet of his solemn watch. As a rule he was allowed to eat his meal undisturbed, and to pass out unmolested even by ridicule, though his teeth might still be busy over some fish or fowl, and his tears might be seen hanging undried upon his withered cheeks.

So much for one oddity which may stand as sample of many others. One glance at the room into which he ushered me showed why he cherished so marked a dislike for visitors. It was bare to the point of discomfort, and had it not been for a certain quaintness in the shape of the few articles to be seen there, I should have experienced a feeling of repulsion, so pronounced was the contrast between this poverty-stricken interior and the polished bearing of its owner. He, I am sure, must have shown no more elevated manner than he was doing the honors of a palace. The organ, with the marks of home construction upon it, was the only object visible which spoke of luxury or even comfort.

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"And did you find any one in the old house?" he asked.

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"I saw that from the door-step when I went out to give Rudge his usual five minutes' breathing spell on the stoop. But you have not answered my question; whom do you mean by she?"

"Veronica Jeffrey," I replied. "She who was Veronica Moore. She has visited this haunted house of hers for the last time."

"Last time!" Either he could not or would not understand me. "What has happened to my niece?" he cried, rising with an energy that displaced the great dog and sent him with hanging head and trailing tail, to his own special sleeping-place under the table.

"Has she run upon a ghost in those dismal apartments? You interest me greatly. I did not think she would ever have the pluck to visit this house again after what happened here."

"She has had the pluck," I assured him; "and what is more, she has had enough of it not only to re-enter the house, but to enter it alone, yet at least, such is the present inference. Had you been blessed with more curiosity and made more frequent use of the chair so conveniently placed for viewing the opposite house, you might have been in a position to correct this inference. It would help the police materially to know positively that she had no companion in her fatal visit."

"Fatal!" he repeated, running his finger inside his neckband, which suddenly seemed to have grown too tight for comfort. "Can it be that my niece has been frightened to death in that old place? You alarm me."

"He did not look alarmed, but then he was not of an impressive nature. Yet he was of the same human clay as the rest of us, and if he knew no more of this occurrence than he tried to make out, could not be altogether impervious to what I had to say next."

"You have a right to be alarmed," I asserted. "She was not frightened to death, yet is she lying dead on the library floor. Then, with a glance at the windows about me, I added lightly some rebuff. But I encountered no such tokens of hostility. His brow was smooth and his smile cheerfully condescending. Indeed, he appeared anxious to have me, and he did not lose that sudden assumption of dignity which I had observed in him ever since my entrance into the house."

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PERMANENT FORCE WON BY A SMALL MARGIN FROM SEVENTH

Sergeants of No. 1 Company Had a Lead of Two Points in the Annual Rifle Match.

The annual shoot between the sergeants of the Seventh Regiment and No. 1 Company, R. C. R., was held at the Cove ranges on Saturday afternoon. In every respect but one, the day was ideal for target work, and some fine scores were made. A slight haze hung over the ranges, and this may have interfered to a slight degree with the work of the marksmen.

The teams comprised ten men each, and they were the best that could be obtained from their respective corps. Those representing the Seventh were: Sgt.-Major Milligan, Bandmaster; Sgt. Hiscott, Bandmaster; Sgt. E. N. Hannah, Color-Sergeant; Sgt. Chapman, Sgt. N. S. Nannah, Redge, Robson and Galbraith. The team of No. 1 Company comprised Sgt.-Major Munro, Quartermaster-Sergeant, Dunley, Sgt.-Instructor Price, Hobbick and Blake-Foster, Hospital-Sergeant, Ardiel, Sgt. Farnsworth, Corp. O'Connell, Corp. Walsh and Sgt. Beales.

The work of both teams was exceptionally good, and the score was one of the closest ever shot at the ranges. The totals were: No. 1 Company, 765; Seventh Regiment, 764, a majority of two points for the men of the permanent force. The scores were:

	Yards.		Yards.
Milligan	200	500	600
Hiscott	28	28	28
Erskine	32	31	29
Fisher	32	31	29
E. N. Hannah	23	29	23

NEARER THE CHAMPIONSHIP; Y. M. C. A. DEFEAT MEDICALS

The Association Football Season Drawing to a Close—Another Hard-Fought Game.

The game played in the city league on Saturday between the Y. M. C. A. and the Medical School was witnessed by one of the largest crowds of the season. Both teams were very closely matched and this was the cause for the attendance of about 500 people, whose cheering showed that they thoroughly appreciated the fine playing. A tie game had resulted when these two teams met a week before, and they are both still well up in the running it is thought that these will be the two between whom the final struggle will take place.

After some discussion on the matter of appointing a referee, Wallace, the Wolsley Barracks back, was secured and the play commenced. Neither side had any great advantage and it was some time before the Y. M. C. A. succeeded in scoring. The Medicals claimed that the ball had been shot into goal from off-side, but, nevertheless, the referee awarded the goal to the Y. M. C. A. as the latter had not been in a position to object.

When the second half started the Medicals worked vigorously and at times had the Y. M. C. A. hard. One of their shots was so close that it struck the goal wire. The Y. M. C. A. team did not score again, but the latter half was a very hard one, and if the executive closes the season at the end of the second round they will likely land the championship.

FOOTBALL.
ROOTERS STOPPED PLAY.
Minneapolis, Minn., Oct. 31.—With two minutes to play and the score 6 to 6, in the struggle between Minnesota and Michigan was brought to a premature close this afternoon, the thousands of Gopher rooters warning the referee to stop the game.

The game might have returned a winner, though, if the stubborn manner in which the contest had been fought, and the slowness with which touchdowns had been secured. Those two minutes, however, it was impossible to play, and one of the contests that has aided in deciding a western champion closed with the situation, as far as Minnesota and Michigan are concerned, the same as before the game.

SATURDAY'S RUGBY SCORES.
Toronto, Nov. 2.—Varsity scored a rather easy victory on Saturday over Queen's, the big crowd present attesting to the popularity of the old style of Rugby. The Tigers beat Toronto by 10 to 0. The two Ottawa teams won their Quebec Union games. All the scores:

Intercollegiate Union—Senior.
Varsity.....19 Queen's.....7
Intermediate.
McMaster.....10 Queen's.....6
Ontario Union—Senior.
Hamilton Tigers.....9 Toronto.....0

Intermediate.
Peterboro.....1 Victoria.....3
Harbord C. L.....10 Jamieson C. L.....2
R. M. C. I.....1 Limestone.....16

Quebec.
Ottawa R. C.....1 Britannia.....4
Ottawa R. C.....11 Montreal.....6
School Games.
Ridley College.....32 Trinity College.....9
Upper Canada.....8 St. Andrew's.....6

MAY PLAY WITH GALT.
A team from London may go to Galt in the next two weeks to compete with the association team of the place, who are the senior champions of Canada. A movement is on foot to get a strong team together.

AMERICAN GAMES.
At Madison, Wis.—Chicago 15, Wisconsin 6.
At Schenectady—Union 12, Troy 11.
At New York—Yale 25, Columbia 0.
At Cambridge—Harvard 12, Carleton 11.
At Princeton—Princeton 44, Cornell 0.
At Philadelphia—Pennsylvania 47, Bucknell 6.
At Westpoint—Westpoint 4, Vernon 4.
At Annapolis—Pennsylvania State College 17, Annapolis 0.
At Providence—Brown 22, Williams 0.
At Carlisle, Pa.—Lehigh 17, Dickinson 0.
At Brunswick, Me.—University of Maine 17, Bowdoin 0.
At Andover, Mass.—Andover 23, Yale Freshmen 0.
At Worcester, Mass.—Amherst 0, Holy Cross 36.
At New York—Lafayette 8, New York University 6.
At Syracuse—All Syracuse 64, West point Engineers 0.
At Syracuse—Syracuse University 11, Niagara University 0.

Chapman.....21 20 13 54
E. N. Hannah.....27 27 20 63
Robson.....26 27 24 77
Galbraith.....31 25 20 76

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NUMBER ONE COMPANY.

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Munro	200	500	600
Dunley	30	26	34
Price	32	29	31
Hobbick	30	18	17
Blake-Foster	28	32	31
Ardiel	23	19	24
Farnsworth	20	22	27
O'Connell	20	29	21
Walsh	16	13	13
Beales	20	30	21

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The range officers for the day were Major Hayes, Corp. McCrimmon and Lieut. Eton. The day was very successful.

ENTERTAINED AT A BANQUET.
In the evening the sergeants of No. 1 Company returned the kindness shown by the Seventh sergeants a year ago by entertaining the latter at a banquet in the sergeants' mess at the barracks. The table was very tastefully arranged, covers being set for 40, and among the decorations were the trophy won by the school in the Canadian Military Rifle League, and also the Carling Cup.

The officers of both the Seventh and the permanent corps were invited, but many of them were unable to attend, owing to previous engagements. Those who did attend were: Lieut. Eton, Capt. McCrimmon and Lieut. Eton and Quartermaster-Sergeant Irvine, formerly of the London Field Force, were among those in attendance.

A lengthy toast list followed the tempting supper, the guests and a number of the permanent corps. The evening was a fitting close to a successful shoot.

BASEBALL.
A NEW SCHEME ON HAND.
Neither Cincinnati nor St. Louis has been able to get a satisfactory amount of excitement, though at the city first named the minors managed to get into a mix-up that promised to be a very interesting one. A few concessions had been made, though the indications are that the minor league association will be put through in the spring of 1905. By that time the situation will be cleared somewhat and they will know whether there is chance to take in some of the towns that would fall in the way of the consolidation, leaving an excellent opening for a secondary league, taking in the cities that are too big for minor league ball and yet not quite large enough to be embraced in the circuit that will be formed by the consolidation of the two big leagues.

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CURLING.
PRESTON IN LINE.
Preston, Nov. 2.—At a meeting held the Preston Curling Club was reorganized for the season. The reports presented were highly encouraging, and enthusiasm was not lacking among the knights of the broom present. The following officers were elected: Patron, Geo. A. Clare, M. P.; patroness, Mrs. George Clare; honorary president, Wm. Stahlischmidt; president, S. J. Cheery; vice-president, C. Kress; treasurer, Dr. B. Miller; secretary, George A. Ross; managing committee, M. E. Hagey, W. Pickup, John Short, J. W. decided to again join the Ontario Curling Association. It is also the club's intention to hold a bonspiel this winter.

NOVEL PLAY IN FOOTBALL GAME

Carlisle Indian Hides Pigskin Under Jersey and Runs Full Field for Touchdown.