

The Filigree Ball

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 "THE LEAVENWORTH CASE."

(Continued.)
 A form lay before me, outstretched on that portion of the floor which had hitherto been hidden from me by the half-open door—a woman's form, which even in that first casual look impressed itself upon me as one of aerial delicacy and extreme refinement; and this form lay as only the dead lie; the dead! And I had been looking at the heartbeats for just such a picture! No, not just such a picture, for this woman lay face upmost, and, on the floor beside her was blood.

A hand had plucked my sleeve. It was Hibbard's. Startled by my immobility and silence, he had stepped in with quaking members expecting he hardly knew what. But no sooner did his eyes fall on the prostrate form, which held me spell-bound, than an unforeseen change took place in him. What had unnerved me, restored him to full self-possession. Death in this shape was familiar to him. He had no fear of blood. He did not show surprise at encountering it, but only at the effect it appeared to produce on me. "Shoot!" was his laconic comment as he bent over the prostrate body. "Shot through the heart! She must have died before she fell."

That was a new experience for this man. No wound had ever before disgraced "one who had fallen here, nor had any of the previous victims been found lying on any other spot than the one over which that huge settle kept guard. As these thoughts crossed my mind, I instinctively glanced again toward the fireplace for what I almost refused to believe lay outstretched at my feet. When nothing more appeared there, than that old seat of sinister memory, I experienced a thrill which poorly prepared me for the cry which I now heard raised by Hibbard.

"Look here! What do you make of this?"
 He was pointing to what, upon closer inspection, proved to be a strip of white cloth, which had fallen from one of the delicate wrists of the girl before us to the handle of a pistol which had fallen to the floor from her side. "It looks as if the pistol was attached to her. That is something new in my experience. What do you think it means?"

Alas! there was but one thing it could mean. The shot to which she had succumbed had been delivered by herself. This fair and delicate creature was a suicide.
 But suicide in this place! How could we account for that? Had the story of this room's ill-acquired fame acted hypnotically on her, or had she stumbled upon the open door in front and been glad of any refuge where her misery might find a solitary termination? Closely scanning her upturned face, I sought an answer to this question, and while this seeking received a fresh shock which I did not hesitate to communicate to my now non-to-sensitive companion.

"Look at those features," I cried. "I seem to know them, and yet I don't." He groined out a dissent, but stooped at my bidding and gave the pitiful young face a prolonged stare. When he looked up again it was with a puzzled contraction of his eyebrows. "I've certainly seen it somewhere," he hesitatingly admitted, "edging slowly away toward the door. Perhaps in the papers. But she like?"
 "Like?" I interrupted. "It is Veronica Moore, the girl who was married here two weeks since to Mr. Jeffrey. Evidently her reason was taken away by the tragedy which threw so deep a gloom over her wedding."

The other end of the room survey a candlestick, rather an old-fashioned candelabrum with a half-burned candle in one of its sockets. Hastily crossing to it, I felt of the candle-wick. It was quite stiff and hard. But not considering this a satisfactory proof that it had not been lately burning—the tip of a wick soon dries after the flame is blown out—I took out my penknife and attacked the wick at what might be called its roots; whereupon I found the candle had been burning, less protected by the wax they were comparatively soft and penetrable.

The conclusion was in this matter the wick in this matter the wick in the darkness; this candle had been burning. But here my thoughts received a fresh shock. If burning, then by whom had it been lit? Not by her; her wound was too fatally sure for that. The steps taken between the table where the candelabrum stood and the place where she lay, were taken. If taken at all by her, before that shot was fired. Some one else—some one whose breath still lingered in the air about me—had extinguished this candle-flame after she fell, and the death I looked down upon was not a suicide, but a murder!

The excitement which this discovery caused to tingle through my every nerve had its birth in the ambitious feeling referred to in the opening paragraph of this narrative. I believed that my long-sought-for opportunity had come; that with the start given me by the conviction that I should be enabled to collect such clues and establish such facts as would lead to the author of this new theory instead of the apparent one of suicide embraced by Hibbard and about to be promulgated at police headquarters. So, what a triumph would be mine; and what a debt I should owe to the crabbled old gentleman whose seemingly fantastic fears had first drawn me to this place!

Realizing the value of the opportunity afforded me by the few minutes I was likely to spend alone on the scene of crime, I proceeded to my task with that directness and method which I had always promised myself should characterize my first other of having committed the crime.

First, then, for another look at the fair young victim herself! What a line of misery on the brow! What dark hollows disfiguring cheeks otherwise so delicate as the petals of a rose! An interesting, if not absolutely beautiful face, it told me something I could hardly put into words, so that it was with a fascinated but unsolved mystery when I finally turned from it to study the hands which it held, and which the right wrist you already saw, the white long ribbon connecting it with the discharged pistol. But the secret concealed by the left, while less startling, was perhaps fully as significant. All the rings were gone, even the wedding ring which had been placed there such a short time before. Had she been robbed? There were no signs of violence visible, nor even such disturbances as usually follow despoliation by a criminal's hand. The box of delicate black net, which encased her neck rose fresh and intact to her chin; nor did the heavy folds of her rich broadcloth gown ding, or show any disturbance had taken place in her figure after its fall. If a jewel had flashed at her throat, earrings adorned her ears, they had been removed by a careful, if not a loving hand. But I was rather inclined to think that she had entered upon the scene of her death without ornaments—such severe simplicity marked her who attire.

Her hat, which was as plain and also as elegant as the rest of her clothing, lay near her on the floor. It had been taken off and thrown down, manifestly by an impatient person. That this hand was hers was evident from a small but very significant fact. The pin which had held it to her hair had been thrust into the hat. No hand but hers would have taken this precaution. The finger which would have done this, could just as well have flung the hat.

MARKET FOR SHOES.

Canadian Manufacturers Can Do a Good Business in Antigua.

OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—The department of trade and commerce today received a report from R. Bryson, commercial agent at St. John's Antigua, dated 16th October, and which bears particularly on the boot and shoe imports of the island. Until three or four years ago English boots controlled the market, but now United States and Canadian footweavers preferred. Canada could monopolize this market if she got after it specially. All the cheapest class of black leather boots and shoes are demanded, the majority of the population of the island going barefooted. The import duty on boots and shoes is 12 1/2 per cent. ad valorem.

FISHING SCHOONER LOST.

IPSWICH, Conn., Oct. 24.—The little Gloucester fishing schooner, Olive May, was wrecked on Ipswich Bar tonight when the crew of four men had considerable difficulty in saving themselves. The schooner was fishing in the bay when a heavy sea broke over her, and she was driven across into the breakers on the other side. Two dories were smashed alongside the boat, but the crew managed to get into a third one. The wreck was seen by the life-savers of the Plum Island station, who rowed six miles in their surfboat and assisted the fishermen in getting ashore.

CONFESSED TO MURDER.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—After being in jail over three months, Charles J. Johnson is said to have confessed to the murder of Henry Van Buskirk in Brooklyn, according to a statement made today at the office of District Attorney Clarke of Kings County. Van Buskirk was found dead in the junk shop of George W. Abbott, an aged miser. Although the confession of Johnson is said to have been made, both Johnson and Delinger were arrested the day the double murder was discovered. When questioned by detectives they accused each other of having committed the crime.

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Travellers' Guide.

Passenger service to and from St. John, in effect Oct. 19th.

DEPARTURES.
 By Canadian Pacific.
 Express for Boston 7.00 a.m.
 Express for Fredericton 8.00 p.m.
 Express for Montreal 8.10 p.m.
 Express for Boston 8.10 p.m.

By Intercolonial.
 Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Pictou and Sydney 7.00 a.m.
 Suburban train to Moncton, 8.00 a.m.
 Express for Quebec and Montreal 11.10 a.m.
 Express for Pictou and Point du Chene, Pictou and Halifax 1.15 p.m.
 Express for Sydney 1.15 p.m.
 Express for Sussex 6.15 p.m.
 Suburban train for Moncton and Montreal 7.00 p.m.

By New Brunswick Southern.
 Express for St. Stephen 7.00 a.m.
 Express for St. Stephen 7.00 a.m.

By Canadian Pacific.
 Express from Fredericton 11.50 a.m.
 Express from Moncton 11.50 a.m.
 Express from Montreal 11.50 a.m.
 Express from Boston 11.50 a.m.

By Canadian Pacific.
 Express from Halifax and Sydney 6.15 a.m.
 Suburban train from Moncton, 8.00 a.m.
 Express from Montreal 12.00 p.m.
 Express from Hampton 3.30 p.m.

Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton 5.15 p.m.
 Express from Halifax, Sydney and Pictou (Sunday only) 1.55 p.m.
 Express from St. John on Mondays at 7.30 a.m.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE.
 By Dominion Atlantic.
 S. A. Prince Rupert leaves St. John Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7.45 o'clock, arriving from Digby about 5 p.m.

By Eastern S. S. Co.
 Steamer leaves St. John at 8.00 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday and Friday for Lunenburg, Eastport, Portland and Boston.

By Grand Manan S. S. Co.
 Leave St. John (Turnbull's wharf) at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesdays for Grand Manan, Campbellton and Eastport. Return to St. John on Mondays at 7.30 a.m.

82nd Line—St. John River.
 Leave St. John daily, except Sunday, at 8.30 a.m. for all points up to Fredericton. Returning, leave Fredericton at 8 a.m. due in St. John at 1.30 p.m.

Bellefleur Bay.
 Steamer "Bellefleur" leaves St. John at 8.30 a.m. for all points up to Fredericton. Returning, leave Fredericton at 8 a.m. due in St. John at 1.30 p.m.

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STRONG TALK.

R. A. Courtney is By No Means Slow.

In Saying What He Thinks About the Present Political Situation.

One of the strongest denunciations of the government railway policy was given by R. A. Courtney, a prominent lumber surveyor of this city. Mr. Courtney, when asked as to which side he was inclined, said: "I am inclined to be but one side to the question for any St. John citizen; it is simply a case of voting to build up Portland and Maine, or St. John and Halifax, and as a St. John citizen I will certainly vote against the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme. I would consider any one in this city who voted to do injury to his native city underserving of the name of citizen, and assuredly any one who votes for the Grand Trunk Pacific is doing injury to the city's welfare. If the road goes through Portland, it will get the bulk of the western trade, and the maritime ports will receive nothing more than local freight. If the road goes through St. John, it will be a great benefit to the city. It is this prosperity and this vote that citizens will nip in the bud if on November 3rd they vote to keep the present government in power. A man who votes for such a policy is no better than an enemy to his city and country. This is not a mere question of party, it is a national question, and should be considered this light. Party feeling and party devotion are all very well in their places, but before all, should come the interests of the country, and if allegiance to party will hurt the country, then a man should vote against his party. If this were my last and only vote, I will cast it against the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme."

Mr. Courtney also spoke of the great change in public opinion, as shown by the views of leading business men on this question, and prophesied that while many others for business or personal reasons might not express their views, he would be found voting against the scheme on polling day. The printing of the delegates for O'Brien's nomination and the subsequent knifing of Colonel Tucker have further disrupted the liberal party, and at the present time they stand in the curious position of being supported in this constituency by only one out of five valid voters. "Because it is a government candidate. The latest use to which the government would be putting it is to induce electors to stay at home on election day. 'Such a course,' said Mr. Courtney, 'should lay them under the reproach of all true-minded citizens.'

LABOR MEN TURNED DOWN.

How Mr. Emmerson Treated F. B. Wood of Moncton.

MONCTON, Oct. 25.—The dismissal of F. B. Wood from the I. C. R. service last spring, which is recalled by a letter from Mr. Wood giving the reasons for his dismissal, shows the true attitude of the minister of railways and other liberal leaders toward labor. Mr. Wood says that when dismissed he applied to his superior officers and was informed by them that there was no charge against him, but that his dismissal had been ordered by Hon. Mr. Emmerson. He then wrote Mr. Wood a letter, in which he promised to look into the matter. Nothing was done, and after waiting for two months, he wrote Mr. Emmerson again, but to this day has received no reply whatever. He then called upon Hon. C. W. Robinson, the I. C. R. candidate in 1898, and was informed that he was dismissed for his connection with the blacksmiths' union, that the politicians did not like the union, as they would take the patronage away. When the question was brought up in parliament, Hon. Mr. Wood's connection with the union (Wood's) connection with the union had nothing to do with it. He was charged with an investigation which Mr. Emmerson as minister of railways simply refuses to give.

REV. B. H. THOMAS

Has Declined the Call to the Salisbury Church.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Oct. 24.—Rev. B. H. Thomas of this place has informed the First Baptist church of Salisbury that he has been obliged to decline the generous call of that church and will continue to serve the Baptist cause in Dorchester. The decision gives satisfaction in the church at Westmorland's shire town, where he has served for more than four years.

LAURIER DEMONSTRATION.

MONTREAL, Oct. 24.—At the Laurier demonstration tonight the crowd was a big one all along the line of march, and it did lack enthusiasm, that element was not lacking in the Monument National, where 3,000 people attended, or in Schiner Park, where there were 6,000. Laurier said nothing new in his speech, but at the conclusion of the meeting issued the following challenge: "I have heard in the streets of Montreal that a bonfire is to be thrown into our camp, and that scandalous revelations are to be made in a few days. Well, I do not care. Let them be given to the public, so that we may reply and refute them. I here invite them to make their accusations at once, so that I may refute them."

DIVORCE QUESTION.

House of Deputies Passed the Canon.

Which Becomes Effective At Once.

—Re-Marriage Permitted Only in Certain Circumstances.

BOSTON, Oct. 24.—An agreement on the divorce question was reached today by the house of bishops and the house of deputies of the Episcopal general convention, after many days of discussion. That section of the canon bearing directly on the remarriage of divorced persons, which was amended by the bishops Saturday, assented to by the deputies today, and becomes effective at once, is as follows: "No minister, knowing after due inquiry, shall solemnize the marriage of any person who has been or is the husband or the wife of any other person then living from whom he or she has been divorced for any cause arising after marriage. But this canon shall not be held to apply to the innocent person in a divorce for adultery, provided that before the application for such remarriage a period of not less than one year shall have elapsed after the granting of such divorce, and that satisfactory evidence touching the facts in the case, including a copy of the court's decree, and records, if practicable, with proof that the defendant was personally served or appeared in the action, be laid before the ecclesiastical authority, and such ecclesiastical authority, having taken legal advice thereon, shall have declared in writing that in his judgment the case of the applicant conforms to the requirements of this canon; and, provided further, that it shall be within the discretion of any minister to decline to solemnize any marriage."

The bishops adopted an amendment to a section referring to the administration of the sacraments, providing that if a clergyman shall have reasonable cause to doubt whether a person has been married lawfully, he shall refuse to administer the sacraments of the church, and such clergyman shall refer the matter to the bishop before administering the sacraments. The deputies made an exception in favor of the "innocent party" divorced on the ground of adultery, who had remarried, but the bishops struck out the exception. Their action was accepted by the house of deputies today.

The house of deputies today rejected, after a long debate, a resolution introduced by Rev. R. Talbot Rogers of Fond Du Lac, Wis., to strike out the words "Protestant Episcopal" from the title page of the Book of Common Prayer. The resolution was rejected by a vote of 100 to 80.

Both houses have appointed a joint committee to consider the expediency of electing a presiding bishop of the church. As president, the senior bishop occupies this position, and it is claimed that the duties are too heavy for an aged diocesan. The committee will report to the next convention.

Rev. Francis T. Chester, Pa., was today elected assistant bishop of South Dakota to aid Bishop W. H. Hays.

Many deputies left for home tonight, and the convention will adjourn finally tomorrow.

CAPT. WILLIAMS' BODY

Recovered Yesterday And Will Be Brought Home For Burial.

The body of Captain L. W. Williams of Carleton, who was drowned or fatally injured in the wreck of the schooner Elwood Burton, lost his life October 15, was washed ashore at Race Point today, and was found by Surfman Collins. A letter from the captain's wife and mother, who were the means of identifying it, Agent Elkin of St. John has been notified of the recovery of the body.

MEETING AT BROAD ROAD.

A largely attended meeting was held last night at Broad Road, Queens Co., in the interests of R. D. Wilmut. Patrick Green presided and speeches were made by H. O. McInerney, Michael Kelly and Harry Woods. All were well received and a good impression seemed to be made on this stronghold of liberalism.

AND STILL ANOTHER

Prominent Professional Man Who Will Vote Conservative.

The Sun yesterday interviewed a leading professional man of this city, who has always been a strong supporter of the liberal party. For personal reasons this gentleman does not wish his name used, but he declared in the most vigorous language his intention to support the candidature of Dr. Daniel and Dr. Stockton. "I think the government have been ill-advised in this matter. They have truckled to

the Grand Trunk Pacific Company, and neglected to conserve the interests of Canada.

"While I have not become a conservative in a general way, on this occasion I fully concur in the railway policy enunciated by Mr. Borden, and will do all in my power to secure the election of candidates to support him."

People do not "pass by on the other side" of stores that are advertised—unless the stores on the "other side" are better advertised.

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 the paper that is read in the HOMES of the people—
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THE "CUMULATIVE FORCE" OF GOOD ADVERTISING IS THE SAME AS THE "CUMULATIVE FORCE" OF GOOD FOOD.

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J. E. COWAN	Main street.
H. HOBBS	Main street.
A. McARTHUR	Main street.
MRS. J. L. HAWKER	Mill street.
R. A. H. MORROW	Garden street.
A. E. TRENTOWSKY	Coburg street.
C. K. SHORT	Garden street.
H. COLEMAN	Wall street.
W. GRUBBY	Wall street.
C. F. WADE	Winter street.
W. MOWATT	Waterloo street.
J. D. McAVITY	Brussels street.
E. G. NELSON & CO.	Charlotte street.
A. M. GRAY & CO.	King street.
D. McARTHUR	King street.
T. H. HALL	Pitt street.
WM. BAXTER	Leinster street.
WM. BAXTER (Branch)	King street.
J. H. WALKER	King street.
MISS M. F. CASE	Duke street.
J. E. MALONEY	Sydney street.
MRS. J. GIBBS	Sydney street.
H. J. DICK	Prince William street.
MRS. J. FOSTER	St. James street.
P. J. DONOHOO	St. James street.
A. POSTER	Charlotte street.
WATSON & CO.	C. F. R. Train.
J. J. DWYER	Union street.
C. P. R. NEWS CO.	Brussels street.
E. R. WINTER	Union street.
G. E. LAKE	Brussels street.
J. A. LIPSETT	Union street, W. R.
E. R. W. INGRAM	Garden street.
R. R. PATCHELL	Stanley street.
FRANK S. PHILBY	Main street.
T. J. DUBICK	King street.
ROYAL HOTEL	King street.
IRA KEILSTEAD	Marsh Road.
M. J. GILMOUR	Union street.
FRANK PINLEY	Elliot Row.
MISS P. HAMILTON	Elliot Row.
C. H. CHEYNE	Brussels street.
MRS. S. R. POLKINS	Winter street.
E. E. HARTY	Charlotte street, W. R.
G. W. ROWLEY	St. Andrews street.
GEO. E. PRICE	Queen street.
MRS. CREWS	Union street.
J. E. WATTERS	Mecklenburg street.
SHANKLIN & JOHNSON	Union street, W. R.
EVERETT McRAY	Orange street.
MRS. M. A. McGUIRE	Main street.
E. S. DUBIER	25 Ford street.
G. C. BEAMAN	Haymarket Square.
MRS. LONG	Cor. Rodney and Ladlow street, W. R.
CHARLES MAGNUSON	Cor. St. David and Courtney streets.
O. S. DYKEMAN	Foot of Simonds St.
W. G. R. ALLAN	112 King street, W. R.