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A MOTHER'S SACRIFICE; OR, WHO WAS GUILTY?

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CHAPTER XIV. - CONTINUED. "What inference can be drawn from all this?" he thundered; "only one-that the might which wealth and able lawyer for the service of a wealthy criminal. Plowden set his teeth hard, and

flush, and his eyes sparkled angrily ; but the lawyer continued:

Every event that has occurred since, tends to prove my indictment of this high minded, legal gentleman. He has been the friend and constant companion of this self-proclaimed murderer. He is here to-day as the counsel of the accused. He will atempt to erect a defence on a very carefully, but yet very weakly, laid foundation of mental delusion; but when evidence shall be given to show that when the examination of this case was last conducted, when subpoenas were served on the servants in the Bernot household, the presence of one lomestic in that house was purposely concealed — when further testimony will prove that Miss Calvert, at the time of her visit to the morgue, pos essed the murderer's confidence, and nust have connived at the escape the murderer herself-when it shall be till further shown that Mr. Hubert Bernot was here in this city on the night of the murder, though report placed him nearly a hundred miles away, and when it shall be proved that he was of perfectly sane mind at the time he proclaimed himself a murderer in the presence of over a score of wit-nesses, I think the fabric which my honorable opponent has erected will fall very speedily to the ground."

For one instant his eyes met Piow-

den's flaming gaze, but he continued in the same triumphant tone:

"The murderer's confidante gave the first clew. On her visit to the morgue she betrayed her fear and anxiety: it was enough for any member of 'Roquelare.'

"A certain agent of that society watched and discovered sufficient to feel sure that he knew the murderer of Cecil Clare. But the clew had to be followed cautiously, for in these times there are many quibbles in the law by which criminals escape. 'Roquelare,' gave its warning, as it always does, gave it to the criminal's confidante, for he criminal himself was at that time in a distant country, and one of the secret agents of 'Roquelare' watched or his return, tracked him when he did return, ascertained his pursuits marked the places which he visited, and became familiar with some of hi very companions. In this way he dis-covered the devotion with which the murderer's confidente guarded the

murderer's secret."

Here Bertoni slightly lowered his voice and spoke more slowly, glancing at the veiled face whose owner had say like a statue from the beginning of his speech; resuming in that slow, lowered one when he described the agent of BUSINESS COURSE,
PREMISES, Opposite Post Office.
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CIRCULARS, Sand for one at the action, fainting at the sight. garet, who alone had perceived the action, fainting at the sight.

WM. PRINGLE, Late Prin. St. John Bus- who were Bertoni's auditors, had been McCaeA, Late Principal Coatlook present at the scene which the lawyer ay, Que. Address: Peterborough, Ont. 882-12 Calvert's sudden swoon; but Bertoni. regardless of the interruption, pro eeded to detail the circumstances that had led to Bernot's self accusation of

> "This agent of 'Requelare,' said, "who had been on the criminal" track so long, sought for an opportun ity of joining the club to which the murderer belonged; he did so, and no one save other agents of 'Roquelare who subsequently also joined the club, penetrated the disguise he had as Then he had an opportunity sumed. of studying every motion of the accused, of discovering how to play upon his fears, and of waking into bitten being, by stray words, his remorse for his crime. The agent did not intend his crime. The agent did not intend to bring him to justice so soon : be meant to wait till further and more positive proof could be collected, and he told the story which clicited that confession only to mark its effect on the accused; he did not think it would good him to a confession, but since it did, 'Roquelare' at once fulfilled it

Bartoni paused for an instant as if to mark himself the impressive silenc which waited upon his words, then h proceeded to briefly review certain points of the former evidence which premised to have an important bear ing on the testimony that should be presently elicited, and with a glance at the prisoner that conveyed as plainly as if he had spoken how re-

pugnant was the task. The next step was the proving of Hubert's sanity and for this purpose the two physicians who had attended him by Bertoni's order were summoned in succession to the stand. evidence went to show that not only was the prisoner of perfectly sane

had told her, but she was not prepared to hear him catechized on his treat ment of her aunt. He was obliged to tell on his oath all that he knew of influence possess over comparative tell on his oath all that he knew of poverty and obscurity purchased this Madame Bernot's disease; of the origin of the latter he could only say, as other edical men had already done, that it had resulted from some severe mental clenched the papers fiercely in his shock whose cause was utterly ungrasp, but he exhibited no other sign of known to him—that the consequences

been even a slight mental derange

ment; and to corroborate this testi-

Margaret knew he had been sub

mony Dr. Durant was called.

the passion which Bertoni's words had of that shock had been a painful illness of over eight years in duration Hubert's face wore an indignant His further testimony showed that usb, and his eyes sparkled angrily; neither had Madame Bernot's mind ever maintained any but its proper balance, and then, in reply to a last quession by Bertoni, he described her present condition, her utter ignorance of what had happened to her son, and the imminent danger to her life which there would be in acquainting her

with it. Little Sam Lewis had been divided between watching and listening to the witnesses, looking around for Liverspin, and replying to remarks on his tardiness by Hannah Moore.

"Perhaps he was afraid the scene would affect him too much," whispered the little man, when his eyes ached from their painful straining in every direction.

"Perhaps no," answered Hannah Moore dryly; and she disposed her-self to listen more comfortably to the estimony of the next witness, who should be summoned.

"Magnus Liverspin!" called the iudge Everybody in the vicinity of the

little under-waiter thought it was to him the pretentious cognomen be-longed, from the electrical manner in which he started to his feet at the sound. But he made no attempt to move from his place; only stood there with open mouth and such a look of ludicrous be wilderment in his round, staring eyes, that the attention of the people about him was attracted.

"Sit down, you fool, and don't be gaping in that unmannerly fashion,' whispered Hannah Moore, as, with a very ungenile tug, she placed him suddenly in his seat.

"But it's him-it's Liverspin, that I was telling you about," responded little Sam, in a very excited whisper; and thereupon Hannah Moore slightly elevated herself to obtain a clear view of the witness. She could see but the back of his form and his profile; the former was straight, tall, and somewhat portly; the latter was overspread with a deep, florid hue.

Bertoni was asking some prelimin

ary and apparently unimportant ques but, in a few moments ions; but, in a few moments he aunched into inquiries that brough out Liverspin's testimony to such fact as his acquaintance with a servant in th Bernot household, his learning from tha acquaintanceship Miss Calvert's anxi ety to have Mr. Bernot's imprison ment kept not only from her aunt, bu aunt, the determination of the servant to tell, should they be a second ubpænaed, only what they had told a their former examination, and the i unction of one particular domestic bide by that determination whatever any of their number might think, o even know.

"Do you know how long this special attendant of Madame Bernot's has occupied her position?'

oni.
"She had been in attendance of the had been in attendance of the lady le Madame Bernot before that lady left the South," was the reply.

Bertoni glanced at Piowden, as if to note whether he was cognizant of the point just gained; but Plowden, waiting to begin the cross examination, was watching the witness.
"When did you first see this domes-

tic of the Bernot household, whose acquaintance you seem to have so assiduously and successfully courted?" nestioned Plowden, at the last, when was evident that he was nearly arough with the witness.

The man answered promptly "When did you first make his acquaintance?" queried Plowden again. Liverspin answered as promptly as

"What motive prompted you to be ome a member of that club in particu-

Bertoni interposed, alleging that the question was not a pertinent one, and

eed not be answered.

Plowden, darting a look of scorn a his opponent, said, ironically:
"The honorable gentleman seen

afraid to have motives too closely scru-tinized, lest so doing should distinized, lest so doing should dis-cover mean mercenary things about the agents even of this immaculate 'Roquelare'; lest, if we go too deep we may discover that it is not the desire for justice, the burning love of ike, that actuate each member of this ustice-loving society, but a desire and ourning love for fame and honor as The conviction and sentence of rather than from themselves. onder hunted prisoner will cover my gal opponent, who is the secret age of whom he himself has spoken, with fame and glory enough to last a lifetime. He hoped for and expected this, and has worked accordingly. I say of music, and I o hoped, not expected; he could not with certainly expect, for the few who "You kept accurate rep comprise the heads of that society hold out no rewards to stimulate the energies of their members; neither do they award every work of justice that is done by their secret agents - as a man's life is discovered to be just, as time of your being thus strangely emthe motives with which he has hunted ployed, or shortly afterward, the ultidown any criminal are thought to be mate purpose for which you had been expression of face like one who was Va.

mind at the time that he made his simply those of justice, in proportion strange admission, but that at no previous period in his life had there ever If then my honorable opponent fears it is awards. If then my honorable opponent fears not scrutiny into his motives, if justice animates his dealings as prosecuting ounsel, why will he not permit an impartial examination of every witness? The justice which 'Roquelare 'seeks, demands this." pænaed as a witness, for he himself

The irony with which Plowden had begun had given way to a passionate earnestness under whose influence his ery face seemed to soften. Bertoni's neavy countenance darkened, but he gave no other sign that the speech had aroused him to a white heat of passion; even his voice, when he replied, did ot betray by a tremor his inward ex-That he might not be supsed, he said, to have any reluctance refute the malicious and unfounded harge of his honorable opponent, he rould withdraw his objection and eave the counsel for the defence at

Bertoni slowly resumed his seat, as f desirous to show by his very calm ness how false was the imputation cast uelare

ose, to the witness.

erfect liberty to put any question he

Plowden repeated his last question to the witness. The witness glanced at Bertoni, as if seeking in his face ne cue which might help him to nould his answer, and Plowden seeing hat, turned directly round and faced he opposing counsel. malignant expression which shone for a moment on the countenances of both awyers, and then Plowden turned tack and looked at the witness, while ne latter gave his answer in a bung-

ng, evasive manner. "Did you, or did you not, enter that articular club solely to cultivate the equaintance of this domestic of the ernot household?" asked Plowden. The witness was a full minute in

oringing forth his reply, and then it was as if the riveting glance of the lawyer's keen eyes had compelled him speak the brief affirmative. How did you first become aware

that this domestic was a member of that particular club?" It was evident that the witness was growing uncomfortable - that some secret fear was influencing his evi

dence-as if he were not sure how much truth he ought to tell, and yet was not equal to the task of inventing falsehoods which might answer the His reply was long in coming, and

ople bent forward to watch Plowden's ace because of its curious expression ather than to hear the reply of the witness: but the witness at length with a sort of bravado, as if defiant of onsequences, answered:
"I learned it by inquiring from

ther servants who reside in the same "And you made those inquiries at the instigation of another?" said Plow-

'I did." answered the witness, with

a little hesitation.
"That other being a master whom you served in this particular instance because of a promised reward?" continued Plowden

"Yes," again hesitatingly answered the witness "In what business were you engaged before you begun to play the

part of spy on the servants of the Ber-not household?"

"Travelling comedian." "How did you come to obtain this last position, which you have filled

with such credit to yourself and such honor to your employer?"-speaking with a bitter sarcasm. "Through an advertisement in one

of the daily papers for an energetical shrewd man, who was capable of play ing parts.' You applied in person?"

" I did.

"What was the result of that appli cation?' The manner of the witness had

grown a little more confident, as if he were treading on more certain ground, and he answered with less hesitation. "After being asked several questions about myself, I was told that my business would be to ingratiate my self with the Bernot servants, and learn what I could from them of the private life of Mr. Hubert Bernot and Miss Calvert."

"Did your employer suggest to you in what manner you were to accomplish this?" "No : I was left to the invention of

my own wits

And what did your wits suggest? "To introduce myself to the servants of other families in the street as a poor fiddler who was soliciting pupils for a livelihood. From them I learned that the only one who might be likely to need my services was a servant in the Bernot family, who already belonged to a musical club. That information gave me a plan upon which to act. I joined that club, and worked myself into the favor of Mr. Samuel Lewis."
"Why did you not visit the servants

quality of rights for rich and poor of the Bernot family in the first instance?"
"Because I thought it better to learn

at first something of them from others "Why did you confine yourself to the acquaintanceship of only one of

"Because he was enough for my purpose. He was soft on the subject of music, and I obtained all the inform-

"You kept accurate reports of every communication obtained from this vic timized domestic, and faithfully transmitted them to your employer ? " I did."

"You knew, or suspected, at the

"You were paid regular day wages apart from a promised reward should your efforts aid in accomplishing the aim of your employer?

" Mention the promised reward." There was a start from Bertoni-an impulsive, uncontrolable start, which brought him to his feet and turned upon him the wondering glances of all about him. The witness looked also; and Plowden, seeing the direction of the witness's eyes, turned and again directly faced the prosecuting counsel.

ination it seemed to many—even those who were somewhat versed in the practices and technicalities of the law-as if the whole court were out of order-as if Plowden were permitted to continue his most unusual cross examination, and one apparently bearing little on the case in hand, because of some secret influence, with which had, perhaps, more at heart the vindication of "Roquelare" than even the prosecu-

During the whole of the cross-exam

tion of the prisoner.

Plowden turned back and fastened his eyes more eagerly on the witness, compelling an answer from the latter as if by the magnetism of his glance "When all should succeed as my em-

ployer wished, I was to receive a large sum of money."
"Did he at no time stimulate your efforts by promising that you should become a member of 'Roquelare?'"

There were half-smothered exclama tions from certain masculine throats, wondering, almost frightened looks on ertain masculine faces, and even the judge's rigid countenance became clouded and threatening; but Plowden, apparently heedless of the excite ment his question had caused, waited for the answer of the witness. Again it was evident that the latter was very uncomfortable—that he was more uncertain than ever what reply to make, but while he hesitated Bertoni rose and bjected to any answer being returned

to the last question. Plowden smiled, well knowing the bjection would have little weight, Bertoni was caught in his own trap, since the judge and some of the jury were members of "Roquelare," the question would have to be answered, that the character of one of that mysterious ody might be proved honorable or otherwise. And the question was answered and in the affirmative.

"Only one question more," said the triumphant Plowden.

"The name of the gentleman who so hired you and promised this munifi ent reward?"

The witness had seemed to recover what was evidently his natural manner, a sort of swaggering, independ ent bravado - as if he had come to the mental conclusion that his evidence had already accomplished the worst for himself, and his best course was to brave the consequences as he had already braved many a buffet of for-tune before. So he answered

"That's him sitting on the right hand side of the judge-Mr. Bertoni." "That will do, Mr. Liverspin," and Piowden, making no effort to control the triumph in his face, begun in

earnest, almost impetuous tones:
"For the honor of 'Roquelare whose principles, whose aim I, though no member, revere, it was neces-sary to be sure that its secret agents had violated no rules, had pursued their work with no unworthy motives. One of the stringent regulations of this mysterious society is that no member hold out to any man. as inducement or reward, the promis to procure for him membership in that great body. No member can ask any man to join the society ; no member can tell to any man who is not member, the secret influence for pros perity which membership of this society exerts upon individual lives ; yet t is evident that the counsel for the prosecution has done these things. If he had not showed the benefit which must accrue from being a member of 'Roquelare,' why would this traveling comedian feel himself incited to new forts because of such a promise? All this I hope those who ere long may have the life of my unhappy client in their hands will bear carefully in mind remember that the secret agent of Roquelare' who has hunted the accused to his present position, has not pursued his work according to the honorable precepts of 'Roquelare' itself ; that as justice has been meted to yonder pris oner. I hope justice also will be meted to this unworthy member of 'Roque

Plowden sat down, wiping his face, for the perspiration lay in thick heavy beads upon it. Bertoni's countenance was as stolid and heavy as it had been at the beginning of the trial. the time he had given that sudden start he had seemed to have perfect control f himself, evincing neither by change of color, nor the expression in his eyes, how every word of his legal antago was rankling in his heart like a barbed arrow. He bent forward to the judge, as calm, apparently, as if he were not the centre of a sort of terrified interest to the breathless crowd, and said something in an inaudible tone, the result to "the infrequency of criminal aborof which was an adjournment of the tion in Catholic families in the United case until that same day in the ensuing | States."- Ave Maria.

If any one in the miscellaneous throng which immediately, on the ad with a persistent humor on my head journment, began to pour forth to the which gave me considerable annoy street, deserved pity, it was poor, little victimized Samuel Lewis. He had Ayer's Hair Vigor. Before using one listened to the cross examination of his bottle, the humor was healed."—T. T. pretended friend, Liverspin, with an Adams, General Merchant, Turbeville,

suffering from a horrible nightmare. Hannah Moore's indignation toward. and scorn for, the little man, had been too deep for words. She was bursting with wrath, and with violent impati ence waited for an opportunity when she could unrestrainedly pour the vials

of her anger on his head. The other servants were shocked. indignant, and contemptuous also, and larted in turn fiery, scornful looks at

They hardly waited to be properly in the street before one and all launched indignant epithets at him, and Hannah Moore, with her face burning from anger, which had been rendered none the less violent by her efforts to extri-

cate herself from the crowd, began:
"I don't know how to keep my hands off of you—traitor that you are
—your friend, Mr. Liverspin, indeed he's a divilspin-that's what he is.

It was only the attention which her angry speech and angrier demeanor were attracting that caused her to desist at last, and let the little man, who walked by her side with a most dejected gait, continue his way in silence.

He made no reply to any one of their scornful sallies—indeed, he seemed as

if he had not yet recovered from the first emotions which the appearance of Liverspin as a witness had excited, and he maintained his melancholy silence till the Bernot residence was reached.

"I can't go in," he said, thrusting his hands into his pockets, and looking ruefully down the area steps.

"I've gone and done a bad thing for everybody as well as myself ; I didn't go to do it, but it's done-I'll send fter my clothes and things, and tell Miss Calvert that I didn't mean to hurt her-that I-"

The little man's emotions overowered him, and the rest of his sentnce was lost in the hankerchief which

he hurriedly put to his eyes.

Hannah Moore, whose indignation
was wont to be as quickly subdued as
it could be easily kindled, and whose most violent resentment was never proof against the sight of real emotion, was in a moment all sympathy and compassion for the little under waiter : but she deemed it better policy not to let the change in her feelings become too apparent; so, with a rough kindness, she jerked "Little Sam" down the steps, and into the house, saying as she did so:

"Dan't be making a bigger fool of yourself than you are already, and face the consequences of what you've done like a man. I only wish I had Divil-spin here. Faith I'd teach him not to play the spy anymore.

TO BE CONTINUED

Can the Souls of the Departed re-

turn to Earth? According to St. Augustine it would be a great temerity to deny that the souls of the departed cannot, with God's permission, return to us. St Thomas and St. Augustine both incline o the opinion that in many cases there occurs a supernatural action of angels on the mind of those to whom such manifestations are granted. Moreover, t is likely that the souls, like the ingels, can manifest themselves in such a manner that they produce perceptible images on a person's mind

vithout appearing visible to him. Whenever our attention is directed o the departed souls by manifestation of any kind it is a sign of the great mercy of God towards the Suffering Souls and towards us. They make us aware of the great distress of the Church suffering, of which Church we on earth often have not the least coneption, and which yet is entirely dependent on us for help. A Holy Mass, a rosary, an alms, a mortification, some other good work, even a compas sionate ejaculation or pious thought offered up confidently to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for the Suffering Souls, is powerful to create an ineffable joy in that mystic abode. time, a visible manifestation of the distress of a Suffering Soul is a salutary admonition for the living, whereby they are reminded most impressively amid their carelessness, frivolity and tepidity, of the severe judgments of

Everyone knows that the average

American family is very small, but few persons are aware that a family with more than two children is the exception. The ancient idea of the nobility of motherhood seems to be dying out among us. In Massachusetts the average family numbers less he has erred in this respect he may also than three persons—71.28 per cent. of err in his present work; and when the native women in that State being childless (census of 1885). States have fully as appalling a record. In one city of the far West only eighteen children were found in twenty-five average Protestant families. The two chief causes of this grave ondition are preventives of concepion and abortion." We quote from a paper read before a recent meeting of outhern California Medical Society Walter Lindley, M. D., one of the ost eminent physicians in the State. He characterizes the American woman's aversion to childbearing, the echo of he wish of the husband, as "a blight on our civilization that can well be named the twentieth century curse. Though an avowed Protestant, Dr. Lindley made reference in his paper

"For several months, I was troubled

HIS MOTHER

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