

The Mystery of Ashton Hall

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arm and a bullet wound in his brain. The bullet entered the brain at the edge of his heavy chestnut hair above and back of his right temple and is lodged somewhere in the brain or skull. A pool of blood on the floor and a stream of blood from the wound over his face, coat and table told the ghastly tale of murderous hate, or deadly revenge, or, shall we say, of inhuman covetousness. It was evidently the work of an assassin and of one who planned the crime with the greatest possible skill and executed it with marvelous secrecy. A revolver using a cartridge of the same grade as that which killed Mr. Ashton, and which was known to have been kept in a drawer of the library, just across the hall from where the fatal bullet was fired, is now missing from its accustomed place! The police are busily investigating but say little, and nothing for publication.

"Citizens who knew Mark Ashton well and his interesting daughters (he has been a widower for seventeen years) and the clerks and attendants in the bank and home, seem positive that the work is that of some secret enemy seeking revenge. Yet it is not known that Mark Ashton had personal enemies. As the Banker has only resided here three years, and his former life is but little known, it is suggested by some that the crime may have its roots in the distant past. Others again are disposed to think that in some of his large and successful stock operations in New York City, carried on in some cases by himself, and more generally by Parish, his head clerk and confidential man, he may have excited the bitter enmity of some defeated opponent who sought in this way to revenge his financial defeats.

"The murder is the one absorbing topic of the city. In every store and shop, and every street corner and in every saloon, in every hotel and club,

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James L. Quack and John Montg for respondent.

Seabury, J. Stuart G. Gibbo pany. From a j the complaint at th case, he appeals. trial ordered.

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