

THE LAST SCENE.

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I obtained a written confession from...
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A GRIM WAGER.

"Special! special!" "Orrible murder in the...
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"What a loathsome noise that is!" said...
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"Well, there's only one good thing about a murder," said Ferguson—"it will...
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"Done with you, then," said Kovno. "I'll bet you five...
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made enabling anyone to connect me with the matter; and supposing that...
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After a little more discussion the terms were agreed to, and Ferguson was appointed to hold the stakes.

Nothing of Kovno or the others, as we were both hard at work at the art school.

"When we got to the studio—a great big barrack of a place, which had once been used by a sculptor, and stood in a little isolated plot of ground back from the road—he produced some whisky and glasses, and he helped me, rolled a cigarette, and started work."

"I was working late at black-and-white work the night before. I leaned back broadly in a rickety old chair, and watched him rapidly sketching in my pipe, and took a long pull at my whisky-and-water. After that I suppose I want to sleep (I found out afterward that the whisky had been doctored)."

"The next thing I remember was a faint glimmer of light, and Kovno bending over me. He was laughing loudly, and his eyes glittered weirdly in the uncertain light. I cursed him furiously in no measured terms, but as he only continued to chuckle to himself in that dazed, silent manner, I got more and more alarmed."

"I implored him to undo the ropes. He promised to sign any paper he liked, but not a word would he answer. He merely bent down, and holding the light nearer to me, gazed over my helpless condition."

His face was all distorted by the dancing shadows, and his eyes gleamed in a perfectly detestable manner. Suddenly the awful, horrible truth dawned upon me. He had gone mad! His mind, always of a morbid turn, had been unable to withstand the fascinations of putting his theories into practice. The lust of secret crime had got hold of him, and the man was to all intents and purposes a raving lunatic.

As soon as I recognized this my last vestige of self-control left me, I babbled at him incoherently, I begged, I prayed, I implored, I flattered his cunning, I cursed him, I laughed at him, but all in vain. After standing looking at me in silence for a short time, and evincing a keen delight in my mental agony, he turned and left me without a word. He hurried and thrust away my ropes. Then he turned to me, and said, "I am a free man."

"I'm willing to bet," Kovno continued, without noticing the interruption, "I am willing to bet that I could commit a murder without a possibility of detection." He was getting into one of his scintillating moods and gesticulating freely.

"Rubbin'!" said I, laughing. "Any-one can talk like that. But in the first place, it's absurd; and in the second, I don't suppose for a minute that you'd be such an abject fool as to try."

"Kovno himself laughed at that, for by nature he is one of the mildest creatures imaginable. "No, no, I don't mean to say that I want to harm anyone in particular for the mere satisfaction of proving to a parcel of lunatics that I am talking common sense; but still I maintain I could do so."

BRITISH PARLIAMENT. Queen's Speech Deals With a Variety of Subjects.

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LONDON, Feb. 7.—There was the usual competition among the members of parliament today to be first to take a seat in the house of commons on the opening of parliament. Robert Ashcroft, conservative member for Oldham, beat the record by arriving at the house at 12.45 a. m. John Cunningham McDonna, conservative member of parliament for the Rotherhithe division of Southwark, arrived at one a. m. Others arrived during the night.

The speech made the usual reference to the pacific relations existing between Great Britain and foreign countries, and dealt with the recent operations in the Sudan and with the affairs in Crete, expressing the hope that the Cretan question is in a fair way of solution by the appointment of Prince George of Greece as high commissioner of the powers in Crete.

ALONG THE MILLSTREAM. MILLSTREAM, Kings Co., Feb. 7.—Mrs. Solomon Parlee of Head of Millstream, died on Tuesday, aged 82 years. Her remains were interred in the old Fenwick burying ground, near Berwick.

EDWARD BARROT, James Law, Edward Finlay, and William Fitzgerald, who have been confined to the house with a gripe, are out again.

WHITE'S COVE, QUEENS CO., Feb. 6.—All that was mortal of the late Robert Orchard was laid to rest on Saturday afternoon in the Church of England burying ground, a large concourse of friends being present to pay the last tribute of respect to the departed.

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NOVA SCOTIA NEWS. AMHERST, N. S., Feb. 6.—W. Benson Smith, a wealthy and very highly esteemed farmer at Truemanville, died on Saturday night after several weeks of a painful illness from appendicitis.

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The town election here today resulted in the election of J. A. Dickey, C. E., for mayor; Amos B. Etter, Char. A. Lushy and D. W. Robb for councilors.

HALIFAX, Feb. 6.—A Louisiana dispatch says: The steamer Acadia, owned by S. Cunard & Co. of Halifax, is ashore on Rock Island, at the entrance of Louisbourg harbor.

NEW GLASGOW, Feb. 6.—The Ross grist mill and Ritchie's woolen mill at West Branch, River John, were destroyed by fire on Friday.

The Nova Scotia government are contemplating changes in the marriage law of this province, and Premier Murray has introduced a bill to give them effect.

WEYMOUTH, N. S., Feb. 7.—The death of Stems Jones occurred here today. Although hourly expected, sad news was received with a shock, and has cast a gloom over the entire community.

COLLINA. The Fifteenth Anniversary of Their Marriage Happily Celebrated.

GRAND TRUNK ENGINEER SWEARS BY DR. CHASE'S KIDNEY-LIVER PILLS.

WINNING FRESH LAURELS. The friends in these provinces of the Rev. Dr. H. A. Hartley, formerly pastor of St. Philip's A. M. Church, says that he is adding fresh honors to those won in the scholastic field 20 years past.

At Chubb's Corner, yesterday, Geo. W. Grew and the leasehold property at Milford, hereafter to be the estate of the late Wm. McNeil, to the bid of Geo. H. V. Byles at \$200.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

Sheriff Tibbits is Out Again—Horse Trotting on the River.

ANDOVER, Feb. 8.—The wheelbarrow party given by Frank Sadler on Tuesday evening was enjoyed by all present.

MISS LOUISE PERLEY went to Fredericton last week to attend the ball given at the Queen Hotel.

Mrs. Havelock Kelley was called away last week to Woodstock on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. Lewis.

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...Act Inspector was at Cody's station of endorsement at the late session at Gagetown receives a fixed victim in cases

...and, a ple social held in the Cove. A number of Baywater men. Among the fra. N. C. Scott, Hasset and Mr. of Millidgville programme was The Rhine; economy; reading; instrumental solo, the Census of Keira; reading; instrumental pan; recitation, The Fashion-Miss Ada Kirk; The receipts \$22.

...Martin enters friends of whom were Count Du Bury as Madeline of Annie Dohaney

...Co., Jan 6.—A by the ladies of church at the 31st ult. was l. The evening amaphone selection following instrumental by vocal duet, Miss Wendy; read; Miss Jennie

...The Broken Ora; Dykeman; Girls; by Miss in The Shadow as Jessie Mac-inventor's Wife, by music; Break by Miss Laura

...Queen square evening was all, preached a from the words of church, daily

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