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The Mystery of Agatha Webb.

By Anna Katharine Green.

Author of "The Leavenworth Case," "Lost Man's Lane," "Hand and Ring," Etc., Etc.

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"It was a long time before you came out," she went on, "but before that time the shade of a certain window was thrust aside and—"

"Push!" he commanded, in uncontrollable passion, pressing his hand with impulsive energy against her mouth. "Not another word of that or I shall forget you are a woman or that I have ever loved you."

Her eyes, which were all she had remaining to plead with, took on a peculiar look of quiet satisfaction and power. Seeing it, he let his hand fall and for the first time began to regard her with anything but a lover's eyes.

"I was the only person in sight at that time," she continued. "You have nothing to fear from the world at large."

"Fear?"

The word made its own echo. She had no need to emphasize it even by a smile. But she watched him as it sunk into his consciousness with an intensity it took all his strength to sustain. Suddenly her bearing and expression changed. The few remains of sweetness in her face vanished, and even the allurements which often lured when the sweetness is gone disappeared in the energy which now took possession of her whole threatening and infernal personality.

"Marry me," she cried, "or I will proclaim you to be the murderer of Agatha Webb!"

She had seen the death of love in his eyes.

CHAPTER VIII. THE HOLLOW TREE.

Frederick Sutherland was a man of finer mental balance than he himself perhaps had ever realized. After the first few moments of stupefaction following the astounding alternative which had been given him he broke out with the last sentence she probably expected to hear.

"What do you hope from a marriage with me that to attain your wishes you thus sacrifice every womanly instinct?" She met him on his own ground.

"What do I hope?" She actually glowed with the force of her secret desire. "Can you ask a poor girl like me, born in a tenement house, but with tastes and ambitions such as are usually only given to those who can gratify them? I want to be the rich Mr. Sutherland's daughter, acknowledged or unacknowledged the wife of one who can enter any house in Boston as an equal. With a position like that I can rise to anything. I feel that I have the natural power and aptitude. I have felt it since I was a small child."

"And for that," he began.

"And for that," she broke in, "I am quite willing to overlook any dark spot on your record. Confident that you will never repeat the risk of last night, I am ready to share the burden of your secret through life. If you treat me well, I am sure I can make it light for you."

With a quick flush, an increase of self assertion she had probably not anticipated, he faced her with a desperate resolution that showed how handsome he could be if his soul once got control of his body.

"Woman," he cried, "they were right. You are little less than a devil!"

Did she regard it as a compliment? Her smile would seem to say so.

"A devil that understands men," she answered with that slow dip of her dimples that made her smile so dangerous. "You will not hesitate long over this matter; a week perhaps."

"I shall not hesitate at all. Seeing you as you are makes my course easy. You will never share any burden with me as my wife."

Still she was not abashed.

"It is a pity," she whispered. "It



"Woman, they were right; you are little less than a devil!"

And I have held more than one trust conceals within its depths a package containing over \$100,000. Frederick, I hold your life in my hands."

The grasp with which he held her relaxed. A mortal despair settled upon his features, and recognizing the impossibility of further concealing the effect of her words upon him, he sank into a chair and covered his face with his hands. She viewed him with an air of triumph, which brought back some of her beauty. When she spoke, it was

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TITLED WOMAN'S SPECULATIONS.

Lady Miles' Experience With a Bucket Shop

Brokers Co. could Alleged to Have Sold Wherever on Their Advice Client Bought.

London, Dec. 21.—The story of Lady Miles, widow of Sir Philip Miles, her thousands, and a bucket shop, was partly told before the Lord Chief Justice yesterday, when the lady sued Messrs. Duncans, of Waterloo place, for £2,127 (30,635), the proceeds of a sale of consols.

Duncans is the name under which Henry Lowenthal, of the Shaftesbury theatre, as A. A. Hannay, and W. Stark do business as outside, or "kerb" stock brokers. They issued a book called "How Money Makes Money." Lady Miles saw this book in August, 1898, and wrote to Messrs. Duncans.

Since then £10,000 (30,000) or more of her money has passed through Duncans' hands.

Lady Miles began with a three-share deal in August, 1898. By November, 1898, transactions involving about £100,000 (300,000) were opened between her and Duncans.

"While the firm," said the plaintiff's counsel, "were ever ready with advice to Lady Miles about buying stocks and shares, whenever she bought they always sold."

Towards the end of the dealings Lady Miles' daughter suggested to Messrs. Duncans that it would be a good thing to sell instead of buying. Mr. Hannay told her it would be ruinous "to sell a bear."

Said Lady Miles yesterday: "I now see it would have been ruinous to him; so he didn't sell."

Lady Miles decided to go in more heavily. A statement of her account rendered on November 21, showed that the proceeds of the sale of her £25,000 in consols, as well as some gold fields shares, had been absorbed.

"A portion of your capital is used to reduce the value of your shares," was the way the firm put it. When she instructed them to close her speculative accounts she was told that all her money had been swallowed up, besides which she owed the firm the sum of £1,800 (\$9,000).

This meant that Lady Miles had lost altogether £10,719 (33,585). She was being cross-examined when the case was adjourned.

**CHAPTER IX.
SIX LITTLE GRAYS.**

There was but one topic discussed in the countryside that day, and that was the life and character of Agatha Webb. Her history had not been a happy one. She and Philipson had come from Forchester some 20 or more years before to escape the sorrows associated

To be Continued.

Accounted For.
"What seems to be the matter with him?" asked the doctor, approaching the bedside of the man who lay swathed in bandages.

"He found the gas leak," explained the nurse.—Chicago Tribune.

Home Attractions.
Mrs. Gadd—That new minister isn't much on visitin', is he?
Mrs. Gabb—No, I guess maybe his wife is a pretty good cook herself.—New York Weekly.

Intermission.
"How is your club for the protection of birds coming on?"
"Oh, we stop meeting just before it is time to think about turkey"—Detroit Free Press.

A Born Lion.
"The boy that says he likes to go to school," said the corn-fed philosopher, "is sure to grow into a man that will say he is not afraid of his wife."—Indianapolis Press.

No Interference.
"I hope you help me all you can about the house," said May.
"Yes, when she's busy," answered Nan. "I keep out of her way."—Philadelphia Press.

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I am improving every day. I notice if I cut or scratch myself the sore will heal up. I hope you will not stop treating me as long as there is a sign of that terrible disease. I am more afraid of it than death. I believe you have the right medicine for the disease. I feel so thankful to you for the good you have done me; I was a perfect wreck when I came to you, and was on the verge of suicide. To make a sure thing I would like to continue a while longer, so that it will not return. Very respectfully yours, — Mrs. L. S.

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