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The Altenburg Case

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"Doctor," he said, with an amused look in his face that took no account of his last rebuff, "sometimes I think you've got a pretty good head on your shoulders, excepting that you have a very much nearer meaning than I have to that, for example, 'I'm here.' What you really lack is the faculty of not giving yourself away when you don't want to. Of course, some-times a man wants to, and then it takes a still higher degree of training to do it and at the same time appear not to intend to.

"When they reached Lanesboro Trafford stopped in front of Grimbleshaw's boarding place. "I suppose here's where you want to get out," he said. "Unless you wish me to go to Beck with at once to tell him and get his advice."

"Entirely unnecessary," Trafford answered him, "there's really nothing important I haven't learned already, so I don't need to trouble you. By the way, though, you've really uncovered the most important matter since—well, since the last more important one. I'm going to close this affair in the next forty-eight hours. I haven't any objections to have some with me and, at least, you've got the very commendable virtue of knowing how—I won't say 'when'—to hold your tongue. How would you like to go with me?"

The question came so unexpectedly that Grimbleshaw scarcely comprehended it. He stood and stared in an almost imbecile way that made Trafford laugh.

"Oh, well," he said, "you needn't decide right off. I shan't leave for three hours. If in that time you decide to accept my offer, be at the station. Say nothing to me, but take your ticket for Brentwood Junction. If you've got a turn that way you might enjoy it. We won't be gone over four days."

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his lips. Three hours! The time was brief enough, in all conscience, for all his patients, consult Beckwith and see Judith. Yes, he was bound to see her whatever happened. She was entitled to the first ray of light that had broken through the clouds, and it was growing on him that this was almost a dress-out case, he-ephoned Dr. Boyce decided to cut out Beckwith and at last found himself with a full hour on his hands at the Altenburg house.

"I'm doing to know what all that meant in the woods today," Judith greeted him. It came to him that all that was, as yet, unexplained, and that instead of a single hour he needed at least two, and then he broke into an excited statement of facts as had ever fallen from the lips of a man who hadn't time to be brief.

"But," she said, when he had finished, "I don't understand a word of it. What was Billings looking for in the woods?" "I don't know," he confessed. "That is exactly what I was trying to find out when he knocked me down."

"Oh, I don't believe that you ought to go away until you're certain you aren't hurt! Where are you going, anyway?" "I don't know."

She looked at him in surprise. "This I do know however," he said, "somebody was taken through to Canada that night from here by Billings. He believes it was the murderer of John Altenburg, and so do I. That being so, there's nothing for me to do but to hang to the trail until we've run him down."

"But Trafford," she exclaimed, "I don't like your going away with him. He's in that room now."

"In Altenburg's room; the room where Altenburg was killed?" Grimbleshaw asked in surprise. She nodded affirmation. "I'd give a hundred to know what he's doing," he declared.

"I'd give it to know that he isn't planning something against father or Horace."

as the next one I was going to ask. Another thing, that Tuesday night when your father and brother sleep here, why did one of them use the cot-bed in the attic instead of sleeping in these rooms?"

"Neither of them did," she said, in surprise. "I had prepared the room above especially for father, and he told me that he slept there. I'm certain he didn't even go to the attic. 'Who took care of this attic?'"

"Mother and myself. The women did not come out of the kitchen, except to sweep once a week, and I'm certain she never went to the attic."

"When were you there last?" "On the Tuesday that father came earlier in the day. I went there to get an extra blanket from a chest fearing father would need it."

"Did you leave the window open?" "I didn't open it, and I know it was shut when I came away, for I went to it and looked out, and thought what a dreary view it was across the wood now that the trees were stripped of their leaves."

"Do you know this pistol?" "I do," said Horace Cadden, standing in the door leading to the entry way. "It's mine, here's its mate," and he took another from his hip pocket "Where did you find this?"

"Come and I'll show you," replied Trafford, a trifle cold in manner as compared with his attitude toward the sister.

"I think I may come, too," said Beckwith, who had accompanied Horace to the house. "I'm glad to have you," said Trafford, "I'll save my telling you what I found in the vault and told you I'd keep to myself for the present."

Judith did not seem to catch the significance of the answer, but Beck with and Grimbleshaw exchanged glances that showed what was passing in their minds, and the former glanced at Horace, but failed to catch his eye.

They entered the room of the murderer, the windows of which were darkened by sheets tacked carefully to keep out prying eyesight. On the side of the chimney was a pile of brick and mortar, where the chimney-faces had been torn away, leaving a great hole, that gave entrance to the vault into which Altenburg had converted the fireplace and ovens. Through this opening Trafford conducted Miss Cadden, the others following and forming a group that nearly filled the available space. In the farther corner was a pile of tin boxes and on top of one in the dust that had settled on every thing and remained undisturbed, was the outline of a pistol.

"It was lying there," said Trafford pointing to the boxes. Every one turned and looked toward Horace, who furnished red and then lost color under the scrutiny. He had a dazed look that fills the popular conception of guilt. Without a word Judith passed over to his side and took his hand as it hung limp beside him, cherishing it in both of hers.

For a moment Trafford seemed to find a small man's enjoyment in the sensation he had produced. Then he gave himself a sharp shake and said in a hoarse voice that he had never before used with young Cadden: "Some day I'll ask you just out of pure curiosity, how it could have come there. Just now I haven't time to listen to the answer. I did not show it to you before because I thought it might prove to have significance. Now that I know it doesn't mean anything I can afford to give it away."

"Are you certain it doesn't?" began Beckwith, only to be interrupted by Trafford with a "Wait."

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All night long in his interviews of wakefulness those words had rung through his head, and all night long he had seen Horace Cadden standing, flushed and stammering, with eyes fixed on the pistol that he had, on the spur of the moment, admitted to be his own. What did it mean, and why had Beckwith, dead as he was to his

clients, been at such pains to put Trafford on a track that he seemed to have missed? At last the perplexity of this question had almost banished the happiness of those last brief moments with Judith, and he came to the new day a work-wearied and apprehensive, anticipating some new trouble to throw a cloud over the girl who was trusting him so fully.

After breakfast, at a tiny but immaculately clean inn, somewhere away from the bustle of the railway station, Trafford left him to his own devices and went about the business that had brought them there. Grimbleshaw had just finished his first letter to Judith when Trafford came in and, seating himself opposite him, said: (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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