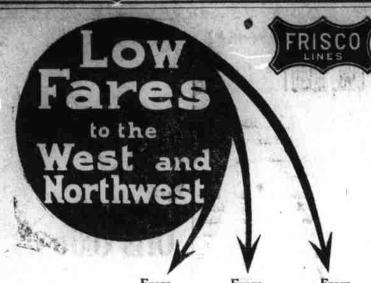
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Madeleine Van Norman, an heiress is found stabled to death on the exof her wedding by her hancee Schuy ler Carleten. Robt, Fessenden, bes man and an amateur detective, seek to unracel the mystery, and question the housekceper, Mrs. Markham.

CHAPTER XV. (CONTINUED)

Fessenden's Detective Work.

"disas foyonna s'afe." served Mrs. Markham, placidly, "The least little thing sets hir off."

"If not intensive, Mrs. Markham won't you tell me how it comes about that Miss Morton Inherits this beau tiful house? Is she a relative of the Normans Van

"Not a bit of it. She was Dichar-Van Norman's sweetheart, years and years and years and years any They had a years and years any. They had a falling-out, and wither of them ever married, for course, he didn't loss her any of his forture. But out of short time ago, long after her models

death, Madeleine Found out about it from some old letters. She determine ed then to hunt up this Miss Morron. "Indexed I did: I looked at the naed then to hunt up this Miss Morene and she did so, and they had quite a correspondence. She came here for the wedding, and Madebine infended she should make a visit, and intendet when the should make a visit, and intendet to give her a present of money when she went away. In the meantime-

Morron also thought it was, as she had y's only slightly familiar with Maddy's hand. But now that we know some one else wrote that message of course National Home Products League, Madelaine had made her will though ring about her own death." Mrs. Markham was called away on and ideas whereby women may earn in ome household errands then, and boonden remained alone in the Hmany trying to think of some clue would point to some one other han Carleton.

fore he could go further, the French rore he could go further, the French girl. Marie, appeared at the door, and seemed about to enter. "What is ft, Marie?" said Kitty kindly. "Are you looking for me?" "Yes, mademoiselle," said Marie, and, "and I would speak with monsieur too. I have that to say which is imperative. Too long already have I kept the silence. I must speak at last. Have I permission?"

"Certainly," said Fessenden, who saw that Marle was agitated, but very much in earnest. "Tell us what you have to say. Do not be afraid." "I am afraid," said Marie, "But I am afraid of one only. It is the Miss

Morton, the stranger lady." "Miss Morton ?" said Kitty in sur-prise. "She won't hurt you; she has been very good to you."

"Ah, yes, mademoiselle; but too "Ah, yes, mademoiselle; but too good. Miss Morton has been too kind, too sweet, to Marie! It is that which troubles me." "Well out with it, Marie," said Rob. Close that door, if you like, and then speak out, without any more beating

around the bush " No. monsieur, I will no longer bent Marie carefully closed the door, and then began her story:

"It was the night of the-of the horror. You remember. Miss French, we sat all in this very room, awaiting the coming of the great doctor-the doctor Leonard."

"Yes," said Kitty, looking intently at the girl; "yes, I know most of you stayed here waiting-but I was not here; Doctor Hills sent Miss Gardner nd me to our rooms,'

"Yes; it is so. Well, we sat here. and Miss Morton rose with suddenness and left the room. I followed, partly-I confess It-because I trusted her not at all, and I wished to assurmyself that all was well. I followed her-but secretly-and 1-shall 1 tell you what she did?"

Kitty hesitated. She was not sure he should listen to what was, after ill servants' gossip about a guest of the house But Fessenden looked at it different-

He knew Marie had been the trusted personal maid of Miss Van Norman, and he deemed it right to hear the evidence that she was now anxious to give. "Go on, Marie," he said gravely. Be

careful to tell it exactly as it happened, whatever it is. Yes, m'sieur, Well, then, I softly followed Miss Morton, because she did not go directly to her own room, but went to Miss Van Norman's sitting-

nom and stood before the desk of Miss Madelcine." "You are sure, Marie ?" said Kitty. who could'nt help feeling it was dis-homorable to, listen to this.

"Well reasoned, Mrs. Markham! 1 "Please, Miss French, let her tell hink, with you, we may dismiss the the story in her own way," said Rob, ossibility of a burglar. The time was "it is perhaps of the utmost importon short for anything except a defi- ance, and may lead to great results, Then Marie went uninterruptedly And yet I cannot believe the act on.

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now that man very well, and a truer, "It cured me," or "It saved the life of my child," are the expressions you 'I know it." declared Mrs. Markam, that I think I'm justified in tell-ng you this. Mr. Carleton didn't love hear every day about Chamberlain's Colle, Cholera and Diarrhoe Remedy Mudebine, and he did love another This is true the world over where this Madeleine worshipped him, and valuable remedy has been introduced No other medicine in use for diarthink he came last night to ask her o release him, and she refused, and rhoea or bowel complaints has received such general approval. The Something about Mrs. Markham's secret of the success of Chamberlain's Colle, Cholera and Diarrhoen arnest face and sad, distressed volue. directed Fessensten deeply, and he Remedy is that it cures. Sold by all

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"This explains Miss Morton, then," said Pessenden. "But what a peculiar woman she is."

"Yes, she is," agreed Mrs. Markham in her serene way. "But I'm used t queer people. Richard Van Norma used to give way to the most violen bursts of temper I ever saw, Madd and Tom are just like him. The would both fly into furious rages though I must say they didn't do i often, and never unless for some deep reason

"Mr. Carleton-has he a high tem per?

Mrs. Markham's brow clouded don't understand that man," she said "I don't think he has a quick stowly. temper, but there's omething deep about him that I can't make out. Ob Mr. Fessenden, do you think he killed our Madeleine?"

"Do you?" said Fessenden suddenly looking atraight at her.

"I do," she said, taken off her guard "That is, I couldn't believe it, only what else can I think? Mr. Carleton is a good man, and I know Maddy never killed herself, and I know the way this house is locked up every night. No burglar or evil-doer could possibly get in." "But the murderer may have been

concealed in the house for hours be forehand.

"Nonserse! That would be impos sible, with a house so full of people and the wedding preparation going on and everything. Besides, Mr. Huns would have heard any intruder proviing around; and then again, how could he have gone out? Everythin; was bolted on the inside, except the front door, and had he gone out that

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g Syrup and take no other.

"I'm sure that man is not a murever," he declared to himself, "Carle-

in is peculiar, but he has a loval onest heart. And yet, if not, who an have done the deed? I can't seem believe it really was either the Duiy girl or the Burt girl. And I knew wasn't Schuyler! There must have en some motive of which I know oothing. And perhaps I also know tothing of the murderer. It need not ecessarily have been one of these ople we have already questioned.

lis thoughts strayed to the underreants of the house, to common bur ars, or to some powerful unknown But always the thought re-Illain. irned that no one could have entered nd left the house unobserved within hat fatal hour.

And then, to his intense satisfaction Citty French came into the room, "Good morning, Rose of Dawn," aid, looking at her bright face. on properly glad to see me?" Yes, kind sir," she said, dropping little curtesy, and smilling in a lendly way.

Well, then, sit down here, and le he talk to you, for my thoughts are unning riot, and I'm sure you alone an help me straighten them out."

"Of course I can. "I'm wonderful t that sort of thing. But, firstl' ll tell o about Miss Dupuy. She's awfully II-I mean prostrated, you know; and the has a high fever and sometimes she chatters rapidly, and then again the won't open her lips even if any one speaks to her. We've had the doctor, and he says it's just overstrained nerves and a naturally nervous disposition; but, Mr. Fessenden, I think it's more than that; I think it'

cullty conscience." "And yesterday, when I implied that Miss Dupuy might know more about t all than she admitted, you wouldn't isten to a word of it!"

"Yes, I know it, but I've changed my mind."

"Oh. you have; just for a change. suppose.

"No." said Kitty, more seriously; but because I've heard a lot of of having made a voluntary assignment 'leely's ranting-for that's what it is, to the undersigned as assignee, had "and while it's been only disconnected sentences and sudden exclamations yet it all points to a guilty knowledge of sent the same to the said assignce on it all points to a guilty knowledge of some sort, which she's trying to conceal. I don't say I suspect her, Mr.
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