

SCHOOL TEACHERS
Superintendent of Public Schools...

A STUDY IN SCARLET

By A. OONAN DOYLE.

His intention had been to absent a year at the most, but a combination of unforeseen circumstances prevented his leaving the mines for nearly five years...

Again the avenger had been foiled, and again his concentrated hatred urged him to continue the pursuit. Funds were wanting, however, and for some time he had to return to work, saving every dollar for his approaching journey...

CHAPTER XL
A CONTINUATION OF THE ADVENTURES OF SHERLOCK HOLMES AND DR. WATSON.
Our prisoner's furious resistance did not apparently indicate any ferocity in his disposition toward ourselves...

"You had better come with me," said Holmes to the two detectives. "Good!" and Gregson can come inside with me...

meantime, Mr. Jefferson Hope, gave you anything that you wish to say? Must warn you that your words will be taken down and may be used against you.

"I've got a good deal to say," our prisoner said slowly. "I want to tell you gentlemen all about it."

"Hadn't you better reserve that for your trial?" asked the inspector. "You may never be tried," he answered.

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"They were rich and I was poor, so that it was no easy matter for me to follow them. When I got to London my pocket was about empty and I found that I must turn my hand to something for my living. Driving and riding are as natural to me as walking, so I applied at a cab owner's office and soon got employment. I was to bring a certain sum a week to the owner, and whatever was over that I might keep for myself. There was seldom much over, but I managed to scrape along somehow."

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may must have thought that there was some chance of their being followed, for they would never go out alone, and never after dark either.

"At last, one evening I was driving up and down Torquay terrace, as the street was called in which they boarded, when I saw a cab drive up to their door. Presently some luggage was brought out, and after a time Drabber and Stangerson followed it and drove off."

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poisons, and he showed his students some alkaloids, as he called it, which he had extracted from some South American arrow poisons and which was so powerful that the least grain meant instant death.

"It was near one that twelve, and a wild, black night, blowing hard and raining in torrents. Dismal as this was outside, I was glad within--so glad that I could have shouted out from pure exultation. If any of you gentlemen have ever pined for a thing and longed for it during twenty long years, and then suddenly found it within your reach, you would understand my feelings. I lit a cigar and puffed at it to steady my nerves, but my hands were trembling and my temples throbbing with excitement."

"I should be in every house," the doctor said, looking at me. "I suppose he thought we had come to the hotel that he had mentioned, for he got out without another word and followed me down the garden. I had to walk beside him to keep him steady, for he was still a little top-heavy. When we came to the door I opened it and led him into the front room. I



"HE GAZED AT ME WITH BLEARIED DRUNKEN EYES A MOMENT."

give you my word that all the way, the father and daughter were walking in front of me. "It's infernally dark," said he, stamping about. "Well, soon have a light, I vent, striking a match and putting it to a wax candle which I had brought with me."

"You dog!" I said, I have hunted you from Salt Lake City to St. Petersburg, and you have always escaped me. Now at last your wanderings have come to an end, for either you or I shall never see to-morrow's sun rise. He shrank still farther away as I spoke, and I could see on his face that he thought I was mad. So I was for the time. The pulses in my temples beat like sledge-hammers, and I believe I would have had a fit of some sort if the blood had not gushed from my nose and relieved me.

"What do you think of Lucy Ferrer now? I cried, locking the door and shaking the key in his face. "Punishment has been slow in coming, but it has overtaken you at last." I saw his coward lips tremble as I spoke. He would have begged for his life, but he knew well it was useless. "Would you murder me?" he stammered. "There is no murder, I answered. 'What talks of murdering a mad dog? What mercy had you upon my poor darling when you dragged her from her slaughtered father and bore her away to your accursed and shameless harem?'"

"It was not I who killed her father," he cried. "But it was you who broke her innocent heart," I shrieked, thrusting the box before him. "Let the high God judge between us. Choose and end. There is death in one and life in the other. I shall take what you leave. Let us see if there is justice upon the earth, or if we are ruled by chance."

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