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CHAPTER I. HE CALEFULLY OBSERVED THE MANNER OF THE DOCTOR. Detective Max Manson uttered an ex-pression of impatience.

"This is too bad. I have been away from home for nearly six weeks on that affair in Manitoba, and having worked it up so well that the chief took the trouble to telegraph me his thanks and congratulations I was confident of Maving a little vacation with Mollie and the baby at home. I was so certain, indeed, that I have telegraphed her on what train to expect me, and now this turns up gon- able information. ound it?" The "this" to which he referred was a physician in his sharp, nervous manner.

Excelosed and the second s cipher telegram that he held in his hand. New York asking them to detail one of

It was his duty to keep them posted at their best officers to trac headquarters as to his precise where was stolen last week." abouts, so that it was easy to intercept him at any point. Thus it happened that when within a few hours' ride of his. home the following peremptory message reached him:

Miss Antoinette Livermore at Ellenville has been robbed of valuable lewelry. Go thither without delay and take charge of the case Vanues. It was a sore disappointment, but Deto the office?"

tective Manson had followed his profes-sion long enough to learn to take things philosophically, and by and by his raffled temper was tranquilized, and he was able to address himself to his new task with his accustomed energy and skill. A half hour later the train drew up at ferred with deliberate action." the junction, and the detective, taking "The funeral? Of whom?" down his grip from the rack overhead, buttoning his overcoat about his athletic figure and "shaking himself together," as the expression goes, stepped out upon the platform and watched the train with a sigh as it swept out of sight around a curve. Then he stepped into a little telegraph station and sent a message to his

wife apprising her of the sudden change made necessary in his arrangements. He thought bimself warranted in indulging in a slight explosion of wrath over their mutual disappointment.

telegram," he grimly mattered, "but it is a relief and worth all it costs.", The crisp automn night was closing

in when Detective Manson left the trainat the small station of Ellenville at

CHAPTER IL "WATCH HIM!"

"You know how such things are managed in a sleepy town like Ellenville," continued Dr. Maidhoff, "I have been a practicing physician here for more than 20 years, and this is the first instance of a burglary that I have known. I informed the chief constable, and," he added with a smile, "he went through a certain investigation, looking exceedingly solemn and wise all the time, with the result of declaring that the crime had been committed by some person or persons unknown."

"What of those supposed East Indians?" "They were traced to the adjoining village of Meadmore, arrested and subjected to an examination."

He was fortunate in finding Dr. Maid-'With what result?"

hoff in his little office and dischgaged. He was a small, wiry man, slightly gray, "Nil. If they were the guilty parties, of course they were cunning enough to nervous and quick of speech and movehide the ruby beyond all possibility of its being traced." ment, and with the keenest and most piercing eye that the officer had ever seen in all his experience. It cannot be

"They certainly had every opportunity to do so. said that the appearance of the physician

The interview between the detective nspired the visitor with instant confiand physician had progressed far enough for the former to see that prodigious Detective Manson introduced himself blundering had marked every step on the part of the authorities, even if it could be conceded that any steps at all had been taken. The fact that Miss Livermore kept such exceedingly valuable jewels in a safe in her own house

"It was I who wrote to your office in "Last week!" repeated the officer. "Why, we are close to the end of the present week. This is Friday. When did the robbery take place?"

"On Wednesday a week ago." "And when, may I ask, did you write

"Eight days ago." "Why did you delay so long? Hours are worth days at such times." "One day is not very long, but I see that it would have been better had I course did not arrive until some hours been more prompt. Regrets, however, can do no good now. You must rememher, too, that the flurry and excitement caused by the funeral naturally inter-

"Is it possible that your folks did not to him by name?"

but Miss Livermore's?" "Is Miss Livermore dead?" asked the detective forgetting himself in his ex-citement. "We are not accustomed to bury peo-

ple alive, in Ellenville, though it must be confessed that such instances are not

unknown.' "I beg pardon, but will you be kind robbery?

trace behind.'

"It will add a little to the cost of the

call of every one, and I must answer an urgent summons to a point several miles

out in the country." "That is one of the penalties of popu-larity and skill," replied the detective, with much heartiness, as he arose to his feet. "I am very much obliged to you for your kindness and shall not fail to let Mr. Varick know of your courtesy." "It is not worth mentioning," said the doctor, drawing on his gloves. "May I ask how the matter strikes you?" Detective Manson shook his head disparagingly.

"Why didn't the chief let me go on home to the bosom of my family instead of sending me on such a wild goose chase as this? "Is that the question which you will ask Chief Varick?" inquired Dr. Maid-

hoff, with a laugh. "Will it not be the question which he will ask himself when he has all the facts before him?"

"I am inclined to think you are right, though of course everything possible will be done to trace the ruby, which is a fortune in itself. What a pity that after such a varied history it should become

the prey of an ordinary housebreaker!" Mr. Manson thought it best to sympathize with this view, though he might well have replied that the last robbery was in keeping with the history of the wonderful jewel. More than likely few owners of the gem for a century of years men to make just such a visit as had could have shown a clean moral title to

Liading the doctor good night the caller passed out of the office down the short regiment of soldiers, and yet so long as graveled walk, stepping briskly, as she of necessity possessed the secret of though he had important business on his hands or because the keen autumn air stirred his blood.

way was the telegraph office, where he at Warhampton when she received my ick in cipher:

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others at the funeral. Why do you refer hours in the town. Although the even-"It is generally considered that he will ing was well along, and he supposed the soon become the husband of Miss Gilold gentleman was at home with his family, he was pleased to find him with-

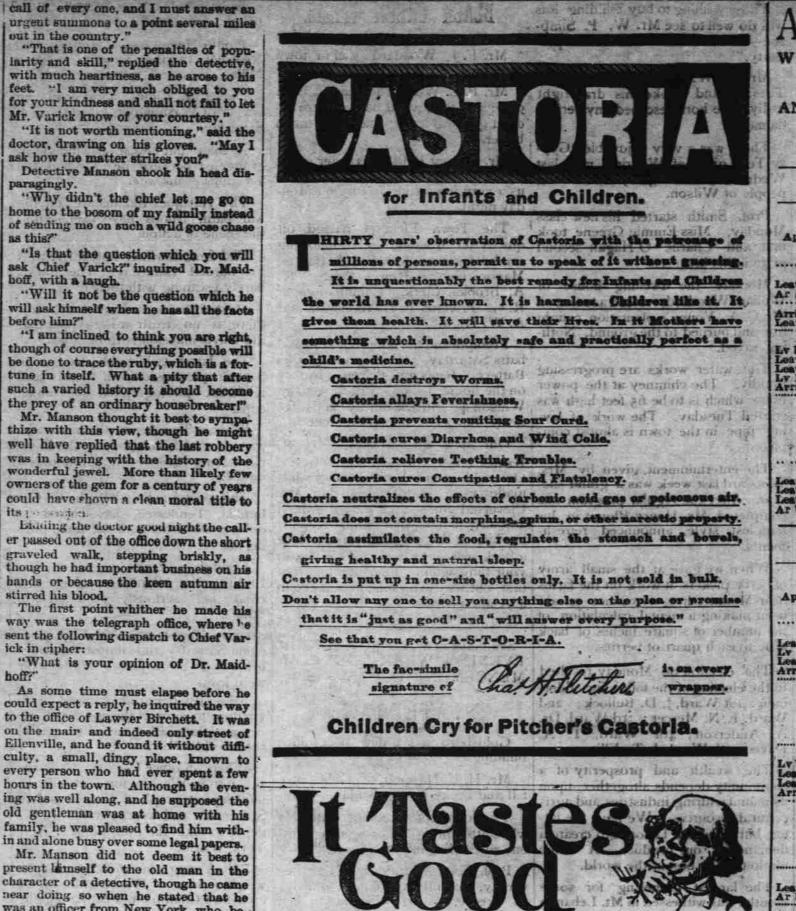
in and alone busy over some legal papers. Mr. Manson did not deem it best to "Do you know such to be the fact?" "I am not honored with the confidence present limself to the old man in the character of a detective, though he came "Nor with that of Miss Gilder?"

"Not to the extent that your question was an officer from New York, who, be-"What will be done with the home ing in the neighborhood and hearing of the robbery of the late Miss Livermore

Livermore? "Briefly they are these: Miss Liver-"We shall be governed by the instruc-

more at the time of the burglary was at bome alon — that is, with last a single fe-male attendant. She kept this famous ruby with a number of superb liamonds in a same in the dining room. About nature of a revelation to him.

"I certainly wish you could, but I see no way in which you can be of any



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"Respecting the niece of the deceased, Miss Gilder, where is she?" "She was visiting among her relatives

telegram summoning her to her aunt's

were at the funeral." "Who is Mr. Fairchild?" "A young lawyer in this place."

tell you? Whose funeral would it be

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enough to give me the particulars of the | and the property left by the late Miss

The first point whither he made l

sent the following dispatch to Chief Var-"What is your opinion of Dr. Maid-

As some time must elapse before he could expect a reply, he inquired the way to the office of Lawyer Birchett. It was after her death. She and Mr. Fairchild

Ellenville, and he found it without difficulty, a small, dingy place, known to every person who had ever spent a few "There must have been a good many

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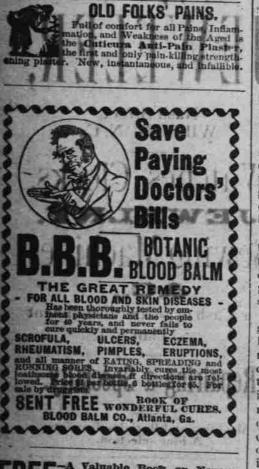
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try town. He expected a letter giving im fuller information, and on inquiry at the postoffice the missive was placed in his hand.

one to his room did he open the letter.

Miss Livermore was a wealthy spinste bout 50 years of age, who lived alone with her niece, Evelyn Gilder, an orphan. The latter was a most excellent lady,

and accomplished. Naturally she was believed to be the heiress of the wealth. of her aunt, who had been in poor health

Miss Livermore was the owner of number of very valuable jewels, heir-coms that had descended to her through everal generations and with which nothng could induce her willingly to part The gem of the collection was an im 132se purs "pigeon blood" ruby worth more than \$100,000, and with a history

which traced it back to a famous rajah

Like all great jewels of the world, the story of the "rajah's ruby" was one of fire, blood, rapine and crime. It had played a prominent part in many fierce, struggles between the native chieftains of ayed a prominent part in many fierce ruggles between the native chieftains of he Punjab, and at one crisis in its his ory came near causing a war between vo leading nations in the east, Finally, means which it will not do to

through means which it will not do to inquire particularly into, it came into the possession of Captain Burbank of the royal navy, who when he sailed for England too! the magnificent gem with This Captain Burbank was an anestor of Miss Livermore, and from him tranquilly descended through several enerations to her, who was a resident the sleepy New England town of El-

After imparting these interesting facts he letter of Chief Varick broke off with he instruction to Detective Manson to onsult Dr. Henry Maidhoff, the family vsician, who would give him all necesry information.

Under other circumstances this suggestion would have read strangely, but Detertive Manson accepted it as the most natural thing for him to do. No one ould be presumed to be acquainted with e family history of the despoiled fam-

to that intimate extent as the gentlean who had ministered to the ailments of the invand. He was the one of all

ture of a revelation to him.

midnight of Weilnesday of last week she was aroused from slumber by a masked "Then you are one of the executors?" man with a dark lantern at her bedside." was now quite cool and self possessed. You will admit that the experience was enough to startle the brivest person. Consequentl; when the fellow lemanded that she should give him the combina-The two gentlemen looked at each other from behind their respective clouds of tobacco smoke and talked as though they had been acquainted for years.

tion of the safe under pain of instant death in case of refusal she could do nothing less than comply. The burghar strikes me that your questions are taking opened the safe, took out the "rajah's a singular line. ruby" and departed without leaving a

"And you will pardon me, doctor, if they seem to be objectionable." "You said there were other jewels in "I would hardly put it as strong

the safe. May I ask whether any party that. The information you ask could be is under suspicion?" readily obtained elsewhere, and it would Dr. Maidhoff seemed to be disturbed be rude in me to refuse it. It was only

by this pointed question, for if his eyes that I failed to see the bearing of the were sharp and penetrating they were knowledge you seek. Mr. Aaron Birchett. no more so than those of the visitor, who, sitting back in his cheft twiddling his fingers in front of his face, looked straight In elderly gentleman and a lawyer, who has spent all his life in Ellenville, is the other executor of the estate."

into his countenable while making his inquiries. "Have a cigar?" abruptly said the doc-tor, springing ap from his chair in front "The late Miss Livermore having been ouried. I presume the will has been

"Yes, but not yet admitted to probate. Would you like to know its provisions?

of the grate and taking a half filled box from the shelf. Manson thanked him and accepted one of the weeds and pro-ceeded deliberately to light it with the "I confess to some curiosity in that direction."

match which his lost handed to him. It next not be said that to caraftally up. "The late Miss Livermore had no nea relatives excepting her niece, Miss served the manner of the doctor, though Gilder. She seems to have been esappearing not to do so; DOY OLE 10 tranged from all besides her. What more "And they are there still SThe visitor natural, therefore, than that she should seemed to have a fancy for milies only. have willed everything to Miss Evelyn

or rather for this particular specimen He took nothing else." "But you spoke of Miss Livermore's Gilder "Including the diamonds and the rajah's ruby?"

"The criminal offered her no violence, "Including them. It makes Mis Gilder quite independent. for, leaving for, as I told you, she complied with his the jewels out of the question, the propdemand without question but the shock erty will amount to close upon \$250,000. of his visit for what could have been "Miss Gilder is a lady to be con-

more terrifying to one in her weak. gratulated, and from what I have heard nervous condition?) threw her into a de-plorable state. The servant came in great haste for me in the morning, for of her Mr. Fairchild will be an exceedingly fortunate man."

e wins her hand."

in the matter.

is nothing certain in this world except death, which is the most uncertain of all things.

Maidhoff tinkled, and excusing himself he arose to answer it. To do so he was obliged to step without upon the side porch. Instead of closing the door baffle me in my attempt to trace the was on his feet he became more at ease. He took two or three quick turns across der to prevent the words of the caller behind him while speaking to his patient, the small office, then dropped into his easy chair, cossed his legs, puffed at his ogar and replied to the question of his

"I hardly know what answer to make to your query. For a couple of days after the robbery I did not suspect any one. I would not have done so even reason remained in the doctor's field of vision. Not only that, but the physician kept his head partly turned, so that his visitor could not make a move without his acquaintances would suspect him. and therefore he incurred little risk." bein ; seen. then had I not learned that two sus-

Detective Manson smiled grimly and reflected

sistance at all. To my mind one of those The physician inclined his head. He tramp peddlers who were in Ellenville last week was the fellow that opened the safe, and so much time has passed since then that it is impossible to fix the guilt upon them, to say nothing of the missing

> "I am surprised that the investigation was delayed so long."

had called to learn whether he could be

Mr. Birchett scanned him closely over the top of his spectacles before he made

of any help in tracing the criminals.

"It was a great mistake," replied the old lawyer, twirling his spectacles over his fingers while he looked thoughtfully to the cobwebs on the ceiling. "I re-proved Dr. Maidhoff, but he had so much on his hands that he was excusable for not thinking of it." Detective Manson did not expect to pick up any important information here, nor did he do so. He wished to see the lawyer so as to form an impression of

On his return to the hotel he called at the telegraph office, as he had promised to do, for the reply to the message sent to New York. It had just arrived and consisted of two words, which being translated, read:

"Watch himf" CHAPTER III. HE WAS NOT DISTURBED.

Detective Manson believed there was good deal yet to be learned about the rajah's ruby. At the same time he was also 'convinced that he had picked up a few threads of exceedingly important evidence

Perhaps he was wrong. Indeed it was more than likely that he was in a fair way to commit several blunders if he had not already done so. The man of infallible judgment is yet to appear. "The simple fact as I view it," he wrote to Chief Yarick, "is that Miss Livermore was robbed of an exceedingly valuable jewel and died a few hours later from the shock. General suspicion points to the two East Indians who were seen in Ellenville about the time of the robbery. It is not at all impossible that, learning of the whereabouts of the rajah's ruby, they have been sent or have come of their own accord from the other side of the world to recover it. Those

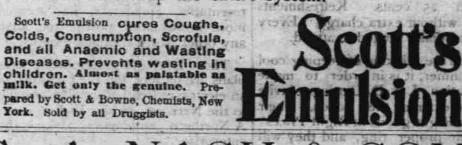
Asiatics are capable of any crime to se "But just now the most suspicious person to me is Dr. Henry Maidhoff. He is shrewd and cunning, and while pre-tending to help is doing all he can to ruby. He would not do so without reason

"Dr. Maidhoff was the only perso who was with Miss Livermore when she died. He must have known about the gem, where it was kept, and more than # JOB * likely he possessed the combination to the safe. Sappose he stole it. None of

The field of investigation expanded al-most infinitely before Manson, and a We'll do it Nicely

score of "theories" presented themselves, upon any one of which an apparently For You, stable structure could have been reared. It would have been a violent strain to one's fancy to suppose that this trusted physician had deliberately planned the death of Miss Livermore for the purpose of securing the ruby. It might be that he was in league with the East Indians

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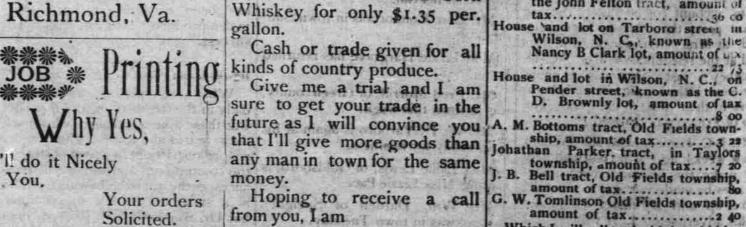
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picious characters were in Ellenville the day before the crime." "Who were they?" "We are enemies, but all the same l would like about 10 minutes in which "A couple of ostensible peddlers. They see red to be East Indians-swarthy felto go through some of the drawers and lows, almost as dark as negroes, with white teeth, jet black eyes and hair, fanbookcases over there. The doctor spent but a minute or two talking with the man who was in quest of his professional services. He turned abont, and without sitting down again

