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The LASH of CIRCUMSTANCE

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CHAPTER I.—Abner Holliday, a miserly millionaire, is found gagged, bound and helpless in his room, his safe rifled and \$40,000 missing. The thread of the story is taken up by his nephew Tom. Living in the same house are other relatives: reckless Bruce Holliday and pretty Clara Winton. It is Tom who discovers his uncle, his condition surrounded with mystery at every point.

CHAPTER I.

That was a rather peculiar crime, the robbing of my Uncle Abner's safe. It was cleverly planned, opportunely timed and successfully executed. It was a good haul, too. Forty thousand dollars in crisp coin of the realm is pretty high pay for almost any criminal for a few hours' work and risk, and that is what the perpetrator got out of it.

You will notice that I said "criminal." I did that to distinguish it from the operation of a gang of thieves; for as it turned out it was the work of a single individual and not the combination of effort of a coterie. That made it still more difficult to solve. As a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, so is the cunning of a combination of men no keener than the wits of its dullest member. That is why conspiracies generally come to grief—somebody turns out to be weak. In the matter of which I am speaking there were as many baffling points as there are to a hedgehog, and for a time it seemed impregnable. As for the sleuth bounds of the police, they came up to it with caution, smelled about it discreetly and then drew away, looking wise, to ponder over it, and for all I know are looking wise and pondering yet. But with William LeDuc the case was different.

LeDuc had been something of a friend of mine ever since we were schoolboys together, and he did really brilliant work on the case. Everything conjured up by the human mind is capable of human solution if we go about it right, and LeDuc found the way. Just because a dog is helpless before a bristling porcupine it is no sign that all animals are. The wild cat isn't. He is too quick for the briar. He feints him out of his defensive posture by lightning play and eventually gets him by the unprotected nose—which is the beginning of the end of the problem. Just what LeDuc did has never been made public up to this time for the reason that none but he or I is competent to give the inner particulars of the running down of the thief, and up to this time neither of us has cared to tell. But I feel that I must do so now.

That I happened to know more than anybody else about certain incidents connected with the affair and was able to supply LeDuc with the proofs of guilt was due to the fact that I lived with Uncle Abner at the time the crime took place. I, also, was the one who found him lying bound and unconscious. Also it was myself who reported matters to the police and introduced LeDuc to my uncle. As for the time when the burglary took place, I happened to be away from home, having stayed at a hotel in the business district quite a few miles from where I lived.

And now at the outset I am going to emphasize one fact. While it is an unpleasant thing for me to do so, I am going to tell everything I know regarding this crime. I am going to spare nobody's feelings, faults or reputations. That I have not done so before was because of a reason which will be apparent when all the other facts are known. But now that a certain event has happened I feel free to make everything known.

In writing this account I have thought best to do so chronologically when possible. Therefore, I must go somewhat into matters which preceded and were more or less directly connected with the crime in order that the motive may be shown and that there may be the proper perspective. To do this I must tell more or less about people not absolutely connected with the burglary, but who are necessary to the narrative by reason of their propinquity. However, I am simply the shading and side lights that go to make up the picture. And while LeDuc may disappear for considerable periods in the telling, the mistake should not be made of thinking he is nowhere around. That is what he did in the actual ferreting out of the case, and that is what misled the criminal. But when his fine Italian hand did appear at the finish, it wore a glove of mail.

Right at this point I find myself somewhat at a loss to decide just where to begin the recital. This is for the reason that I am not a writer trained in the art of building up a mystery with such skill that it stands intact until the time comes to demolish it; when with one deft blow the keystone is removed and the whole fabric comes down with a crash. Therefore all I can hope to do is to simply and plainly outline the characters which seem to me to be pertinent to a full understanding of conditions, and then go on and relate events as they happened. Perhaps I had better begin with a brief description of Uncle Abner, his peculiarities and meannesses.

When you look at that last sentence again you will begin to understand what I meant it when I said I was going to spare nobody. Notice

do I believe any one will think as I proceed that I am attempting to spare my own feelings. What an idiot I was! I think when the fates were making the world's supply of fools, after they had constructed me they broke the mold. Having turned out a perfect specimen there was no use of experimenting further.

I have called Uncle Abner mean and peculiar, but that description is insipid. It is about as adequate as describing Satan as not being a pleasant person. Of all the cold-blooded scoundrels ever met, Uncle Abner was the most frog-like temperature. I once had a dream which will illustrate my life-long impression of him. It happened when I was spending a year at a technical school learning practical mechanics prior to entering college, and it was brought about by a particularly heartless and thoroughly un-called-for letter which he had written me. I dreamed that I had seen him dissected at a clinic and that his veins were filled with liquid air instead of warm red corpuscles. And when it came to the region of his heart they found its place occupied by a toadstool. He was long, lean, miserly and rich. As to the amount of his wealth, I had little knowledge except from a boast he once made to me and which I was inclined to believe at the time.

I happened incidentally to remark that he must be a pretty wealthy man, and he turned to me with that cunning leer of his—a leer that had the cunning of a fox and the relentlessness of a wolf. "I suppose you know how far it is from here to the heart of the city," he grinned. I told him that it was eight miles as the crow flies.

"And about 80 rods. Now, you listen to me, young gadabout. If I should turn all my money into American dollars and put them side by side, edges touching, remember, they'd reach from here to the city hall."

"Which is a long way," I assented meekly. He grinned again.

"And I'll tell you where else they would reach. They'd reach to the chambers of the judges; they'd reach to the private office of the assessor, and they'd reach to the heart of any public official I wanted, then to which is the reason I desire them. Understand, now, young jackanapes?"

"Yes," I returned wearily, disgusted by his contempt for all human honesty. Then I went away and left him, feeling more resentful than ever that I must toil day in and out as the cashier of a soulless corporation for \$2,000 a year, and then out of it pay my uncle pretty near first-class hotel rates for my board and lodgings. At times his browbeating and insults fairly sickened me of life; yet I swallowed them with the resignation of a schoolboy who takes quinine as a condition to his being allowed to go fishing. Oh, dead men's shoes! How we will dance until we fall for the prospect of wearing them.

Now a few words about the house we lived in.

It was a rookery. Large and rambling, it had degenerated from a handsome, well-groomed suburban home to a hulking, tattered demoralized outcast



"If I Should Turn All My Money Into American Dollars, They'd Reach From Here to the City Hall."

amidst respectability. It was bruised and battered. The spine of its roof already had a curvature; the paint hung from it in shreds, and ragweeds surrounded it. Internally it was nearly hollow. Year by year Uncle Abner, clutching his dollars, sat by and watched it run down as steadily as a clock that is never wound; prideless of himself and of all belonging to him save his money. And whenever he did spend a few dollars upon repairs his cheerfulness was that of one who gives a surgeon his fee for extracting his vermiform appendix. Necessity, so grinding and imperative that further neglect would prove fatal, was the only condition that could loosen the Gordian knot which bound his money bags.

I never opened the heavy door that led from the group of magnificent century old oaks, the branch ends of which stroked the gray house like caressing hands, without a feeling of disgust and hot shame. The lower floors were unfurnished save for the kitchen, the dining room and the

FIFTY CENT BUTTER SOON

Say Supply is Exhausted, but Bremen Hints There is Plenty in Storage.

New York, Jan. 19.—Fifty-cent butter within a few days, with the chances that it will go higher still, is what New Yorkers have to look forward to, said wholesalers yesterday who were asking forty-two cents a pound and were unable to supply the demand. This means that butter at retail in the stores will be sixty to sixty-five cents a pound.

G. W. Martin, President of the Mercantile Exchange, agreed with other wholesale dealers that butter would reach the half dollar mark within a short time and even go higher. He insisted that there was no combination to keep butter off the market so as to force the price skyward and said the explanation lay in the fact that the supply was exhausted. Butter is being imported from Canada, he added, to meet the hotel and cafe demand.

Asked why there should be such a scarcity this year, he replied: "There are many reasons, principal among them a vastly increased demand and the fact that dealers last summer, instead of holding large quantities, disposed of as much as they could at reasonable prices, fearing the effect of reciprocity with Canada."

The winter supply is normal and there has been no decrease in the receipts," he admitted.

Start the New Year right, by letting the Basnight Hdw. Co. supply your hardware wants.

Lancashire Mill Strike Settled

Manchester, England, Jan. 20.—The dispute in the cotton trade which culminated in a lockout affecting about 300,000 men on December 27th, has been settled. The question at issue between employers and workers, was the employment of non-unionist labor. All the mills will be re-opened on Monday. The operatives by two-to-one vote agreed to accept a truce for a year. This is regarded as a victory for the employers. The rank and file of the operatives are satisfied with the settlement, but the union leaders are displeased with it as their difficulties in persuading non-unionist to join the unions will be increased.

How about a barn-size Range, for twenty-five dollars? J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

ANOTHER STEAMER IS IN DISTRESS

Off Cape Lookout. Big Haul Of Fish At Beaufort Yesterday.

Beaufort, N. C., Jan. 18.—Quite a number of Masons have gone to Morehead City to attend the funeral of Mr. Edward Dennis who died in his office in Richmond, Va., his body was accompanied home by five Masons.

Messrs. Edgar and Cray, whose schooner yacht "Agnes" has been for some time past in New Bern and Oriental and lately in Beaufort started yesterday through Bogue Sound expecting to go out Bogue Inlet enroute to Florida; after going part way through the Sound the masses of floating ice forced them to return to Beaufort.

Fishmen still continue to catch quantities of mullet in waters hereabouts, many of the fish weigh 1 1/2 lb. each. The British tramp steamer "Frevia" loaded with cotton pulled a ground off Cape Lookout, was pulled off at 6 o'clock this morning by the Chapman and Merritt Wrecking Co., whose boats were fortunate at the Cape lightering the cargo of the ill-fated "Thistleroy."

A big haul of very large fat mullets was made today by a fisherman who loaded 1500 pounds in his boat, all he could carry.

Standard Oil steamer "Manchester," reported 40 miles off Cape Lookout with one blade of propeller gone. "Itaska" left early this a. m. to go to her assistance. Thermo 160 early this morning.

Lookout will soon have as disagreeable notoriety as Hatters, and the old saying of Westbound Sailors, "If Bermuda let you pass, look out for Hat-teras," will have to be changed to "If Bermuda let you pass, Lookout for Hat-teras." It is just reported that another large tramp ship loaded with cotton is ashore near the "Thistleroy," no other particulars.

A river steamer in Oregon blew up killing three persons.

COTTON MARKET PAST WEEK

Fears of Strikes Causes Nervous Situation. Trade Conditions Good.

New York, Jan. 20.—Cotton has acted nervously last week, owing to the strike in Lancashire and at Lawrence, Mass., and the fear that a general strike might break out among the industries of England, including the coal industry, and that the cotton strike at Lawrence might spread to other parts of New England. Riots and the calling out of the militia to quell them have not added to the feeling of security in regard to the New England outlook. Also, it is contended that if prices continue at about the present level this spring there is not likely to be much, if any, reduction in the acreage in Texas and the Southwest generally, or indeed, anywhere else.

The continent has been selling in Liverpool and apparently here also, Liverpool and the South have sent selling orders. Hedge selling by the South has been something of a feature. Southern spot markets have been reported generally quiet. The ginning is said to be on a liberal scale. Thus far it is some 5,000,000 bales in excess of the quantity brought into sight. Though cold weather has interfered with the marketing of the crop, very large quantities of cotton at points of distribution in the South are still to be forwarded. The condition of the soil in the South is said to be good after heavy precipitations of rain and snow, putting the ground, it is declared, in the best condition seen for several years, in marked contrast, it is added, to that witnessed in 1908-1909 and 1909-1910. Also the weather in the South has grown milder and there are signs of a larger movement of the crop.

On the other hand spinners have been calling for cotton more freely both at home and abroad. The world shows a disposition to buy at around 9 1/2 to 10 cents, fearing that something may happen to the next crop. Exports look as if they will greatly exceed even the big total of 1908-09, to say nothing of last year's and that of the year before. It is also believed that American spinners, whatever the appearance to the contrary, will take a very much larger quantity of cotton than they have for several years. China and Japan are buying more freely. Some cotton goods have advanced. The cotton trade has lost its terror of the monster crop which for a time was a sort of Frankenstein, and it is now believed that it will be absorbed farmer a readily, partly through spinners buying for delivery years ahead, than at one time seemed conceivable. Mills at home and abroad find trade more profitable than formerly, when the high cost of raw material mitigated seriously against prosperity in the cotton manufacturing industry. Large spot inter-sets under contract to the mills find it no easy matter to get white cotton in the South on a favorable basis of values.

Bowden-Tighman.

Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Tighman, Caswell, Mr. George Bowden of this city and Miss Carrie Tighman of that place were united in the holy bonds of matrimony by Rev. C. W. Howard of Kinston. A reception was held after the ceremony and at 11:30 the young couple boarded the train for New Bern, where they will make their future home.

DIED.

Thursday night at her home, Tuscarora, Miss Mattie Griffin, daughter of Mr. J. H. Griffin. Miss Griffin was apparently in the best of health a short while before her death and her sudden taking away was a severe shock to her relatives and many friends. The remains were laid to rest yesterday at that place.

Many Failures

But Parisian Sage Overcame Miss Kruger's Hair Troubles

PARISIAN SAGE is not guaranteed to grow hair on bald heads, but it guarantees by the well known druggist Brad-ham Drug Co. to stop falling hair, eradicate dandruff and stop itching scalp, or money back. Sold in every town in America by leading druggists for 50 cents a bottle.

"PARISIAN SAGE is the best hair grower and beautifier and dandruff cure. I lost all my hair through typhoid fever; I was almost baldheaded and my scalp was as sore as could be. I tried everything, but in vain. Finally I tried PARISIAN SAGE, and after using one bottle my hair started to grow, and has grown three or four inches inside of two months. I advise every woman who wants beautiful hair to use PARISIAN SAGE." Miss Meta M. Kruger, Brownsville, Miss.

DEMOCRATIC CALL FOR CONVENTION

Chairman Mack and Secretary Woodson Give Plan—Direct Election Delegates Left With States

Buffalo, Jan. 19.—The official call for the Democratic National Convention to be held at Baltimore on June 25th, was issued by Norman E. Mack, chairman, and Urey Woodson, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, yesterday. The basis of representation and the method of naming delegates is outlined as follows:

Delegates and alternates from each State of the Union shall be chosen to the number of two delegates for every Senator and two delegates for each Representative from the States respectively, in the Congress of the United States under the Congressional re-apportionment of districts, based upon the census of 1910. The district of Columbia, Alaska, the Philippines, Hawaii and Porto Rico are each allotted six delegates.

"In the choice of delegates and alternates the Democratic State or territorial committees may, if not otherwise directed by the law of such States or territories, provide for the direct election of such delegates or alternates, if, in the opinion of the respective committees it is deemed desirable and possible to do so with proper and sufficient safeguards. Where such provision is not made and where the State laws do not provide specifically the manner of such choice, then the delegates and alternates to the said National Convention shall be chosen in the manner that governed the choice of delegates to the last Democratic National Convention."

FARM FOR SALE

I offer for sale my 109 acre farm one-half mile from city limits, 1,836 feet fronting on Pembroke road. For particulars apply or write to John A. Boom, 164 Broad street, New Bern, N. C.

Diamond Shoal Light Vessel.

Light Vessel No. 71 was damaged on January 9 and was relieved on January 10 by the Lighthouse Tender Orchid, which displayed two fixed white lights and sounded the characteristics of the regular station fog signal with her whistle. Light Vessel No. 69 was ordered to relieve the tender and will show lights and sound fog signals having the same characteristics as those of Light Vessel No. 71. The general appearance of Light Vessel No. 69 will be the same as that of the regular station vessel, excepting the number.

ITALIANS ATTACKED NEAR TRIPOLI

By Joint Force of Turks and Arabs. Artillery Fire Save Italians.

Tripoli, Jan. 20.—A terrific attack was made Friday by a large body of Turks and Arabs on an Italian column which was on the march about ten miles from the town of Tripoli. After the Italian army, which included three battalions of line infantry, two squadrons of cavalry and other details, had taken up position after the first onslaught by the Turks in the vicinity of Ghirgarah, a galling fire was poured in on them. The Turks and Arabs, who were in considerable strength, were under cover in the bush of the oasis. Artillery fire from the Italian batteries caused the enemy to withdraw for a time, but they returned later with heavy reinforcements and succeeded in turning the Italians' right. The Italian commander succeeded in rallying his force and after several hours' fighting the Turks finally retreated to the desert. As punishment to the inhabitants of Z ara, who fired on Italian boats, the warships Carlo Alberto, Iride Fulmine and Cipric Cascope bombarded that locality, destroying the barracks, the residence of the Kaimkama or administrator, and sweeping the Turkish trenches. A number of Turks were fleeing in disorder. Many of them were struck by Italian shells.

London, Jan. 20.—Further serious fighting between Turks and Italians is reported to have taken place in Tripoli. The Italian fleet on the night of January 16th bombarded Zora to punish the Turkish garrison for shelling Italian patrol boats. On the 18th, 2,000 Turks and Arabs attacked the Italian position near Ghirgarah and there was break fighting for several hours. The Turks suffered heavily and were repulsed. The Italians lost 48 men killed and wounded. The Porte has issued a warning to shipping to avoid the coast in traveling the Hosphorus, on account of mines placed there.

NORTHERN FARMERS IN THE CITY

Arrived Here Yesterday afternoon. Tendered Reception By the Chamber of Commerce Last Night

A party of twenty-four farmers from northern States arrived in the city yesterday afternoon from Greenville, N. C., where they had spent the previous day looking over the farms in that section.

Yesterday afternoon they drove out and looked over a number of farms in this section with a view of settling in Craven county. Owing to the bad condition of the roads they were not taken very far from the city but they received a clear idea of the possibilities of farming here.

Last night they were tendered a reception at the Elks club by the Chamber of Commerce. At this reception a number of speeches were made and general good will prevailed. The visitors were extended a cordial invitation to return and settle in this section.

This morning they will leave for Beaufort where they will stay until tomorrow afternoon when they will go over to Morehead City and spend the following day at that place. They will disembark at Beaufort and return to their homes as they desire.

We will continue our sale till Feb. 1. Read our ad. J. J. Baxter.

Bright Outlook For New Bern.

Mr. John Davey was driven over the city and expressed a great surprise at the possibilities of New Bern. In the lecture at the court house next Thursday evening, he will point out how we can earnestly, quietly, launch out in all directions. Among the effectual agencies to bring our city to the fore front will be that of organizing all the children and enlisting them in the work of beautifying. To make the work systematic, Prof. H. B. Craven takes hold of this work with energy and will proceed to take out a State charter for "The Restoration Band of America." Mr. Davey will explain this work at the court house and show you how the United States and Canada are joining hands to restore native birds and renew the forests of America.

Under the auspices of the City Beautiful Department of the Ladies Club one of the most instructive steno-typing lectures in the world will be given at the court house Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. It will be the beginning of new life for New Bern in the way of beautifying. Let every one attend, so as to hear John Davey of international fame.

We have a few Cook Stoves on hand at your price—But they are hot Bucks. J. S. Basnight Hdw. Co.

DOVER ITEMS.

Jan. 19.—Everything here has been blocked the past week on account of the extremely bad weather, but we are glad to see it moderating.

The many friends of Mr. H. E. Daugherty will regret to learn that he is dangerously ill.

The rough weather is greatly delaying the truck farmers around here with their spring planting, which makes it very discouraging to them.

Dr. Raymond Pollock was here one day last week to visit a patient. Dr. Pollock was our local physician for two or three years, residing here, where he made many friends, and we are always glad to see him come.

The rural mail route carriers were held up two days this week on account of the bad weather.

We are glad to see Mr. J. E. Griffin out again, recovered from a severe illness.

Craven County's Fair Association.

Although but little is being said in the newspapers just at this time in regard to Craven County's Fair Association and the work that is being done, the committees who have charge of the various departments of the work are letting no grass grow under their feet. Subscriptions, some of them for small amounts while others are larger, are still coming in to the treasurer and the amount originally subscribed has been considerably increased. Within a short while another vigorous campaign for subscriptions will be waged and there is not the least doubt but that the people all over the county will respond promptly and assist in securing the entire amount required.

Cost sheets for beef used by Armour & Co. were introduced in the packers' trial at Chicago.

HITCHCOCK TREACHEROUS TO TAFT.

Postmaster General Alleged To Be Getting Southern Delegates For Roosevelt.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Persons close to the President believe that the near future will witness a request from Mr. Taft for the resignation of the Postmaster-General. Mr. Hitchcock's espousal of government ownership of telegraph lines is merely incidental. The real trouble is that Postmaster General Hitchcock stands before his chief charged with political treachery.

President Taft has been informed by close personal and political friends, including at least one Cabinet officer, that Hitchcock is aiding and abetting the movement inaugurated and financed by George W. Perkins for the nomination of Theodore Roosevelt for President.

According to the information brought to the President, the Postmaster-General has furnished to the agents of George W. Perkins who are working in the Southern States to secure un-instructed delegations to the convention information regarding the personnel of the delegations to the convention which nominated Taft in 1908, that he is giving them data showing just how the Republican leaders in those States regard the President and how they can be won over to favor un-instructed delegations. Dan Hanna, one of the Ohio leaders who has come out into the open against the renomination of the President, came to the Republican National Committee meeting loaded down with money to employ workers in the South to secure un-instructed delegations to the next convention. Mr. Hanna made no secret of conferring with Mr. Hitchcock while here. Neither did the Postmaster-General show any hesitancy in hobnobbing with Mr. Hanna. George W. Perkins furnished the money for the work in the South. The President has been informed that Mr. Perkins is the employer of Ormsby McHarg, former Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor, who is known by President Taft and Secretary Hilles to be advancing the un-instructed delegation propaganda.

The President will not admit a belief that Col. Roosevelt is a party to the scheme. It can be stated on the best of authority, however, that the President has not dismissed the charges in the offhand manner with which he usually waves aside charges against his Cabinet officers. He is making an investigation. That the statements carried to the President have given him much concern is ridiculed by the conference he has held in the last few days with friends of Col. Roosevelt and with some of his own friends in the South. He conferred for an hour with Jacob M. Dickinson, former Secretary of War, regarding affairs in Tennessee. Mr. Dickinson told the President that he was assured of the Tennessee delegation, but that efforts were being made to win away some of the members. In all the political battles the Postmaster-General has had with Secretary Hilles, Hitchcock has been defeated. The sting of this defeat was felt by many of the Postmaster-General's friends in many parts of the South, the members of the great machine which he built up at the dictation of Roosevelt to assure the nomination of Taft in 1908. Back of all this the Administration sees the hand of the Steel and Harvester Trusts. It is believed here now that Robert Bacon's resignation as Ambassador to France is part of the general scheme to boost Roosevelt and down Taft.

Married.

A telegram received from Greenville, N. C. yesterday stated that Mr. Arthur Williams and Miss Ethel Simpson, both of this city, were married there yesterday morning. Mr. Williams is a travelling salesman with the F. S. Duffy Medicine Company.

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