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We cordially invite the inspection of the public, putting you under no obligations to buy whatever.

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IT OFTEN HAPPENS

The holes that make their appearance in the dish-pans and milk-pans come without warning, like the ghost that walks at night. No one knows how it happened. We don't mind, of course, because it makes business good for us. The holes are there, and the new pans are here. That's what we are trying to get at. Solid, honest tin, fashioned in convenient, shining pans, etc., waiting to save you many steps and keep the food clean and wholesome. As much honesty has gone into the making of this tinware as goes into a diamond ring.

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THE LASH OF CIRCUMSTANCE
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you, having no idea, of course, who the charmer may be whom you have in mind." The wisdom of her advice seemed unanswerable and I remained mute before it. My hand falling upon hers and clasping it longingly was my only reply.

It was the day following this that I met Bruce in his despair over his lost fortune, and it was the next night that Uncle Abner was robbed. I think everything of importance has now been told up to the time I drew LeDuc through the door after the departure of the police.

CHAPTER IX.

LeDuc was a medium-sized man, wiry of build and tough as whalebone. His eyes were restless and the faint smile which hung habitually about his lips was offset by a hawkish nose. I had known him ever since we had attended the same school as youths. Later on he had naturally gravitated into the service of one of the big detective agencies; had been successful on important cases with a uniformity that mere good luck could not account for, and having thus acquired a reputation had established an agency of his own. I had seen very little of him in the last ten years, but as boys we had been more or less chummy, the difference in our ages having been neutralized by the physical fact of my being considerably larger for my years than was he. I had admired him in those days for his remarkable agility and strength. As it is quality of brain matter which counts rather than quantity, so it is equally true of muscle. And while Billy was not especially powerfully made as far as appearances went, his muscles were like piano wire and the bulk of his competitor in a physical contest was to him a matter of supreme disregard. Moreover, he was shrewd and pleasant to meet and a decent fellow withal, and our friendship had wended along smoothly until the inevitable separation of our life paths. As he had never called to see me before, it took no rare instinct on my part to divine that this visit was not purely a social one.

Dr. Courtney passed us in the hall on his way back to his office, and with a farewell salutation to him I led my old friend up to my private quarters. He seated himself and I gave him a cigar. No sooner had he got it burning to his satisfaction than he broached the subject of his visit.

"I have just heard that you have had a robbery of some consequence," he began. I assented with the remark that it was a beastly affair. LeDuc's eyes had always impressed me as having the alertness of a watching hawk's, and I now noted that they were flicking about the room as though searching for some lost article and apparently overlooking nothing. He continued:

"I don't suppose under the circumstances that it is necessary for me to state the object of my visit, although I presume I may as well do so. When I got wind of this affair it occurred to me that perhaps I might be of assistance to you professionally, and even if that were not the case that I would be glad to see you again on general principles. So I hurried right over. But now that we have shaken hands and looked each other over, I am anxious to know the particulars of this affair—thief catcher's instinct, you know. Mind telling me about it?"

"Not in the least. Glad you came," I returned heartily. Without further ado I briefly outlined the salient facts in the case as they had come under my observation. He then asked me a few questions as to who had possessed the keys, and such like, to which I gave him the same answers that I had the police. He listened quietly and without comment, and then expressed a wish to be introduced to Uncle Abner, whereupon I immediately took him to the adjoining room and made them acquainted. LeDuc settled down to business without delay.

"As you perhaps know, I am a professional detective and cases like this are strictly my specialty. I take it for granted that you wish to apprehend the parties who did this job, and that you would like to recover your money, or as much of it as possible. That being the case I would like to make an arrangement with you. I am in a more favorable position to get you results than are the regular police for a number of reasons. In the first place I am better equipped for it than are the majority of them, both by nature and education. It is a matter of common observation that the smart crook is smarter than the average crook-catcher, and while I don't wish to sound egotistical, I don't believe that the rule holds good in my case. Furthermore, I can mix with ladies and gentlemen among any surroundings, as well as with professional criminals, without betraying myself to either class, which is in itself a considerable advantage. For the criminal can spot the average city policeman, although he is in plain clothes, as readily as you could should he put on a dress suit and enter your drawing room. In addition to that, I am not bound by rules and regulations or the instructions of superiors who may or may not be competent to direct me, and neither am I always looking forward to the spur when it is time for me to get off duty and take my rest. Your city although it paid a few dollars a day for certain hours of work, expects no reward as a general thing, and therefore more or less mechanically performs his work and then goes to his home the same as any other workman. I do not blame him for it, but it illustrates the weakness of the system. In addition to that, he probably has a dozen other somewhat similar affairs in his mind, and his work is more of a general than a special character. If he is running along the trail of one criminal and strikes that of another which seems a little warmer, he is likely to be diverted, since all evil doors are

never closed. On the other hand, when I take up a case I do it with the expectation of receiving substantial remuneration in case I succeed, and I am not to be diverted by other matters which only indirectly concern me; and neither am I at all particular as to the hour when I shall quit my day's work. These and other facts which I will not take the time to mention, added to my natural fitness for the work, have made me successful many times when the regular police force failed. You have lost \$40,000, and I make this proposition to you: It will be a case of no cure and no pay, as the doctors put it, and therefore an advantageous arrangement for you. If the regular police get your money back I will charge you nothing for what I may have done in the meantime. Neither will I present you any bill for the capture of the guilty party or parties unless I get some or all of your money back as well. But on all funds that I regain for you I will charge you a 25 per cent commission. I don't see how anything could be any farther than that."

Uncle Abner, who had remained quiet during LeDuc's utterances now sat up and began to whimper. "Ten per cent is plenty enough for any one to charge. I have been robbed enough already. Suppose you should go out and get the money back in 24 hours. Would you have the greediness to charge me \$10,000 for a day's work?" LeDuc's lips tightened into a thin smile.

"I certainly should. I am very impudent in some respects, and I should charge you the full price even though the transaction took me only ten minutes. I have tried to emphasize that point as one of the reasons why I will do harder, longer and more intelligent work than will the policeman who only gets his \$3 a day. But on the other hand, and to balance the scales between us, of course the more I get the more you get. I take it for granted that you would rather get \$30,000 back than nothing at all. Also you must remember that there is the contingency that I may fail completely, and in that event I will be out my time, labor and expenses. Then again, I may recover but a small portion of what has been stolen, and in that case my fee will be insignificant and my time practically wasted. I have made you my offer and it is the best I will do. You can take it or you can let it alone if you prefer."

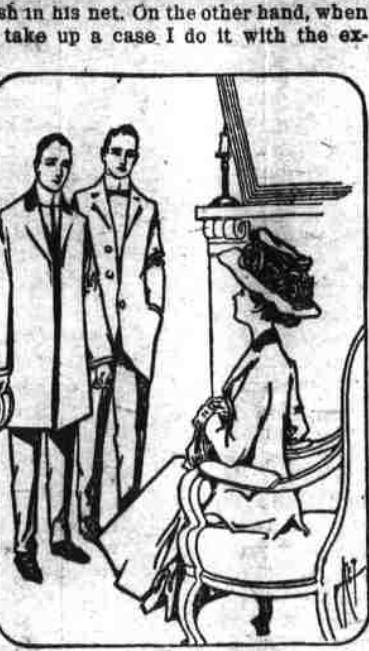
"Too much—altogether too much," whined the voice from the sheets. Then, as LeDuc, with an indifferent shrug of his shoulders, arose as if to depart, the lean hand of Uncle Abner shot from beneath the coverlet and hooked itself to the tails of his coat. "Very well, if you must take advantage of a sick man, I suppose I will have to submit. I'll be lucky if I don't die in the parlorhouse after all, the way everybody imposes upon me." That LeDuc was half inclined then, and there to throw up the proposition, I don't know, but after a second of reflection he turned to me with a little smile which told me that he had made his allowance for the nature of the man with whom he was dealing.

"Very well. Sign this agreement then," he commanded shortly, as he handed the quibbler a paper and a fountain pen. Carefully I

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"It's Queer About that Key; I Can't Find It—"

sedentary habits, lack of outdoor exercise, insufficient mastication of food, constipation, a torpid liver, worry and anxiety, are the most common causes of stomach troubles. Correct your habits and take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. For sale by all dealers.

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Consolation.
"I have been a drudge all my life," he complained.
"Well," the unsympathetic old bachelor replied, "it's largely your own fault. Why did you ever get married? Look at me!"
"Yes, I'm looking at you. That's what reconciles me to my condition. After all, there are worse things than drudges in the world."—Chicago Record-Herald.

REASON ENTHRONED.
Because meats are so tasty they are consumed in great excess. This leads to stomach troubles, biliousness and constipation. Revise your diet, let reason and not a pampered appetite control, then take a few doses of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets and you will soon be well again. Try it. For sale at Davis' drug store. Samples free.

Rainless Thunderstorms.
The records of meteorological offices show that rainless thunderstorms have not been common, but a few are on record. The most extraordinary was encountered near Chestow, England, on Aug. 9, 1893. It began at 9 p. m. and lasted five hours, and in that time it was estimated 10,000 dashes of lightning were seen, but not one drop of water fell. In a thunderstorm at Cape Verde in 1903 the sky was a continuous blaze of lightning, lasting an hour, yet both rain and low clouds were absent.—Boston Advertiser.

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The Michigan legislature convened in extraordinary session to consider a Presidential primary system.

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Punishing the Ladies.
Female conspirators against Rameses III. of Egypt, says Rawlinson, were condemned in 1250 B. C. "to the servitude of keeping a beer house, which was thought sufficient punishment for ladies of delicacy and refinement."

FOR THAT TERRIBLE ITCHING.
Eczema, tetter and salt rheum keep their victims in perpetual torment. The application of Chamberlain's Salve will instantly allay the itching, and many cases have been cured by its use. For sale by all dealers.

With wireless politics many politicians would be unable to connect.

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for backache, rheumatism, kidney or bladder trouble, and urinary irregularities. Foley Kidney Pills are tonic in action, quick in results. Refuse substitutes.

FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS.

Legal Notices
ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. A. Williams deceased and all persons holding claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same duly verified with the undersigned, on or before February 28 1912 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of any recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will make an immediate settlement with the undersigned.

J. H. HOLLEY,
Administrator.

Wives-Barre (Pa.) woman and two children perished in a fire.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA
Knowledge often causes a lot of worry.

THE SOUND SLEEP OF GOOD HEALTH.

Is not for those suffering from kidney ailments and irregularities. The prompt action of Foley Kidney Pills will dispel backache and rheumatism, heal and strengthen sore, weak and ailing kidneys, restore normal action, and with it health and strength. Mrs. M. F. Spalbury, Sterling, Ill. says "I suffered great pain in my back and kidneys, could not sleep at a night, and could not raise my hands over my head. But two bottles of Foley Kidney Pills cured me." For sale by all dealers.

A Feast of Horse Riding.
At Newark, England, May 3, 1758, a wager was laid by a young woman that she would ride on horse back 1,000 miles in 1,000 hours. She accomplished the feat in a little more than one-third of the time named.

A WARNING AGAINST WET FEET.
Wet and chilled feet usually affect the mucous membrane of the nose, throat and lungs, and a gripe, bronchitis or pneumonia may result. Watch carefully, particularly the children, and for their quick relief give Foley's Honey and Tar Compound. It soothes the inflamed membrane, and heals the cough quickly. Take no substitute. For sale by all dealers.

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FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
FOR RHEUMATISM, KIDNEYS AND BLADDER

The United States took a step toward recognizing the Chinese republic.

A piece of flannel damped with Chamberlain's Liniment and bound on the affected parts is superior to any plaster. When troubled with lame back or pains in the side or chest give it a trial and you are certain to be mercifully pleased with the prompt relief which it affords. Sold by all dealers.

Secretary Meyer testified before the House Naval Affairs Committee

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J. A. Jones, administrator of the estate of K. R. Jones and trustee of K. R. Jones, heirs.
This 26th day of Feb. 1912.

COMMISSIONER'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE.

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Craven County, N. C., made in the special proceeding entitled Florence A. Collins and R. A. Collins, her husband, Mary Lucas, Carrie Williams and James Williams, her husband, William Lucas and Texana Lucas, her wife; Mamie Lucas and Fred Lucas, the last two being minors appearing by their next friend, D. S. Jones, vs. Carrie Louise Wetherington, Ruth Odessa Wetherington and Ira Wayne Wetherington, minors appearing by their next friend, Anthony W. Wetherington, the undersigned commissioner will on Monday, first day of April, 1912, at 12 o'clock, M., at the court house door of Craven County, in the city of New Bern, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder, for cash, all that certain lot or parcel of land, lying, situate and being in the city of New Bern, N. C., and bounded as follows, viz: Beginning on the west side of Pasture street and at the corner of Harriet Williams' and Henry Moye's lot and running with their line 140 feet; thence northwesterly parallel to Pasture street 32 feet, 1 inch; thence easterly and parallel to Queen street 160 feet to the west side of Pasture street; thence with the west side of Pasture street 32 feet, 1 inch, to the beginning; it being the same land conveyed by H. R. Bryan and Mary N. Bryan, his wife, to Rutherford M. M., by deed dated 23 May, 1880, and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Craven County, N. C., in book 82, page 316.

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Commissioner.

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NOW THEREFORE, in compliance with the terms and stipulations of said contract as aforesaid the undersigned will offer for sale and sell for cash at public vendue to the highest bidder at the court house door in the city of New Bern, Craven county, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock, M., on Saturday the 26th day of March, 1912, the following described real estate, lying and being situated in the city of New Bern, bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

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JOSEPH L. HAHN,
This 23rd day of February, 1912.

MORTGAGE SALE.

Pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain mortgage deed, executed by Daniel Holloway and Julia Holloway, his wife to J. L. Hahn, bearing date of April 21st, 1910, and recorded in the public records in office of Register of Deeds for Craven county, North Carolina, in Book No. 106—Folio 285.

The undersigned will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash at the court house door in said Craven county, on Saturday the 20th day of March, 1912, at the hour of 12 o'clock, all the following described real estate to-wit:

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Executor of Wm. Jones, deceased.

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The undersigned will offer for sale and sell to the highest bidder, for cash at the court house door in said Craven county, on Saturday the 20th day of March, 1912, at the hour of 12 o'clock, all the following described real estate to-wit:

All that certain lot or parcel of land lying and being situated in the city of New Bern, North Carolina, and in that part of said city commonly known as "Rosensteinville," as recorded in the office of Register of Deeds for said Craven county, in Book No. 106—Folio 26 and 27, and bearing upon said plan the number two (2) bounded and described as follows: Beginning on the west side of Middle street at a point, the extreme north end of said street, and running thence north 90 1/2 W. 100 feet to the northwest corner of said lot; thence southerly parallel with Middle street to the corner of lot No. one; thence easterly 100 feet to Miller street; thence northwesterly 35 feet along Miller street to the beginning. The dwelling house upon said premises bears the number 104 Middle street.

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All persons indebted to said estate will make an immediate settlement with the undersigned.

This 1st day of January, 1912.

W. W. LAWRENCE,
Executor of Wm. Jones, deceased.

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