

A Dark Night's Work.

BY PAUL INGELV. Continued from 1st page. The next town being Crossville, neither the photographer nor the man...

his liberty, she is a pliable tool in my hands. Ah! I plot wisely, I execute well. The cold-blooded schemer chuckled severely. He cut savagely at the pretty flowers...

"Yes." "To provide against the very contingency that has occurred—to so mislead the estate temporarily, that whoever became executor, would have to work for his salary, keeping the estate in order, instead of pilfering from it."

In two hours Le Britta returned. The manager had word for him. "I telegraphed the leading lady on the train—had a despatch sent and delivered at a junction," he explained.

They drifted into their usual tactics of discussion. "You still hold to your old idea that photography is an art?" "You know me too well to doubt it."

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CHAPTER XXV.—FOUND AND LOST. Jera Le Britta had faced some startling surprises in his eventful career, but the scene that greeted him when he stepped into the studio where he had been engaged in photographing his fellow-knights, fairly electrified him.

CHAPTER XXVI.—BLOCKED. The next train on the Central left in two hours. Le Britta's decision had been quickly suggested and formed—he would go to Hawthorne villa.

CHAPTER XXVII.—CHECKMATE. The new master of Hawthorne villa had got up late. Moreover, he had arisen with a headache, the result of too free indulgence in strong drink the previous night.

CHAPTER XXVIII.—A MYSTERY. Ralph Durand looked much like an eager fox-hunter suddenly checked in his mad career of further progress, by an insurmountable barrier, with a shock.