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By LAWRENCE M. LYNCH (E. M. Van Deventer)

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Mr. Wedron, dignified and placid as usual. Mrs. Lamotte, with head proudly poised, and eyes that seem wells of pentup anguish. Evan Lamotte, looking like a lost and

Frank Lamotte, who during the time rest, and is once more, for a moment, zervously.

They came slowly forward-Evan Lamotte, supported on either side by his mother and the soi-disant Mr. Wedron, of the New York bar. They pass so close that the lady's trailing silks brush against the feet of Jasper Lamotte, but she never vouchsafes a glance to husband or son, and Evan's

vacancy-unseeing orbs of fire, set in a spectral face. Presently, they are seated near the group gathered about the prisoner, and then Mr. Wedron confers with Mr.

when he rises to address the Court, his tone is subdued, his manner that of one performing a painful task. "May it please the Court," he says slowly, "the witnesses for whom I waited have come. As one of them is just recovering from a serious illness, Mr. Bathurst

has thought it best that a reliable physician should certify to his perfect ability to testify at this time. Let Doctor Benoit It is done, and in the same grave and subdued manner Doctor Benoit bears witness, as follows:--"I have been in attendance at Maple ton for some weeks past. Evan Lamotte has been one of my patients. He has

stantly. It is less than a week since he any one is inclined to question my statement, I shall desire Professor Harrington and Doctor Gaylor to examine the wit-

There is profound silence for a moment then O'Meara says, quietly:-"Will Detective Bathurst take the

The gentleman who has become known to many in W- as Mr. Wedron, of the New York bar, left his place near Evan Lamotte, and came quietly forward. Having been duty sworn, Mr. O'Meara said:— "Mr. Bathurst, you have been connected with this case from the first. Tell us

gold-rimmed eye-glasses, and turned upon the court a pair of bright, handsome, dark blue eyes, that proved themselves capable of numberless expressions. "My name is Neil J. Bathurst," he began, "and I am a detective. I came to W- for the first time early in the summer-in June, I believe. I came on professional business. To my surprise, and quite by accident, I found Sir Clifford Heathercliffe here in the character of Doctor Heath. My business in W— was in no way connected with Sir Clifford, but before I left the town, which was on the third day after my arrival, I became aware that he had an enemy here. I left W- to return in a short time, and I figured among the factory people as Brooks, the drunken mechanic. Mr. Lamotte employed me twice and twice discharged me because of my intemperance.

gaining his confidence. I was also on good terms with Nance Burrill, John good many things from her.

knowledge that Sir Clifford's enemiehad begun to move, that a plan was on foot against him. About this time I discovered that several people needed looking after, and I sent for a boy shadower. He came, and did his work well. He is not here, because his testimony is not

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Author of "A Woman's Crime," "John Arthur's Ward," "The Lost Witness," "A Slender Clue," "Dangerous Ground," "Against Odds," Etc., Etc.

stand grouped close together, against him, and bring some circum-

almost disembodied spirit. Mr. Belknap was occupied in giving his testimony, has quietly re-entered the room, seeming to have recovered, and looking almost composed, looks with the startled out of all semblance of calmness; he starts up from his seat, then sinks back weakly, a desperate hunted look in his eyes, his hands elenched and working

eyes are set straight before him, fixed on

As they talk, the little lawyer's face becomes grave, even to sadness, and

been very ill, and delirious almost conentirely recovered his reasoning faculties. To-day, at the request of Mr. Wedron, I subjected him to various tests, and I freely pronounce him perfectly sane as sane as any here in this court room. If

what you have discovered, in your own The detective bowed, took off a pair of

I became quite intimate and friendly with John Burrill, and succeeded in

Burrill's divorced wife, and I learned a "Early in the autumn it came to my

"You will understand that I had now more than one operation on my hands. I was still engaged upon the case which first brought me to W—, and I was intent upon frustrating the designs of Sir Clifford's enemies. He, Sir Clifford, was not aware of my presence in W-, and he was likewise ignorant of the plot against

"Early in November, I found it expedient to appear in W- in a new character. Brooks had done his work. Accordingly, I, as Brooks, set out for the city one morning, leaving my shadower in charge of the field. Jasper Lamotte went to the city by the same train, and, singular coincidence, he came back on the train which brought me. I returned, as Mr. Wedron, an attorney, and I brought with me an assistant (for the plot was thickening fast), who assumed the character of a book peddler. I was absent only two days, but, during that time, the entire drama had undergone a transform-

Yours sincerely W. E. ROOD. my identity; we decided to act together, and at once set to work. "I knew that Francis Lamotte was Sir

Clifford's secret enemy, and, naturally, I began to study him, and to watch him. You have heard his testimony to-day, and you know how easy it would have been for him, first to follow and kill John "I followed stealthily. I did not make Burrill and next to cast suspicion upon my nearness known. I think he was too an innocent man. I could prefer a charge drunk to know where he was going or

Of one thing I was assured; Francis Lamotte, whether guilty or innocent, knew more of that murder than he chose to "One day, while in conversation with Miss Wardour, I chanced to mention the name of Evan Lamoete, adding something not complimentary to that young gentleman. Miss Wardour took fire at once. She assured me that Evan Lamotte was not what people sought to make him; that in spite of his weaknesses, he had many noble and lovable qualities. She told me how he came to her when the first shock of his sister's flight was upon him; she described, vividly, his passion, his sorrow, his love for his sister. He spoke of her as the only being on earth whom he truly loved, the only one who had been unvaryingly kind to him. He cursed the destroyers of his sister's hap-piness, and implored Miss Wardour not to abandon that unfortunate sister. He

stantial evidence to back it; but this

would not vindicate Sir Clifford, and

would complicate affairs very much.

What I wanted, was proof positive, abso-

lute. So I waited and studied the case.

said that he believed she would return, and he implored her to visit his parents, and intercede in behalf of the fugitive. "Miss Wardour gave him the required promise, and then said that if the real reason for this strange elopement must remain a secret, she wished they could hit upon some explanation that would spare the fugitive as much as possible, and satisfy the gossips. Instantly he sprang up, declaring that he would furnish a reason, a reason that no one would question, and that would spare his sister.

"A few days later, the story was flying about W-, that to save her brother Evan from the consequences of some evil deed, Sybil Lamotte had sacrificed herself. "When Miss Wardour heard of this she knew that Evan Lamotte had allowed himself to be defamed for his sister's sake. She knew that the true reasons for her friend's mesalliance was hidden safely beneath a brother's sacrifice. "Miss Wardour told me this, and much

more, in praise of Evan Lamette; and here, for his sake, let me say, that in studying John Burrill and Francis Lamotte, I had discovered that Sybil Lamotte had been made to believe, that the honor and safety of her father and elder brother, depended upon her sacrifice, when the truth is, that she was sold. Simply sold-for their convenience, and their gain.

"You have looked upon Jasper Lamotte as an honorable citizen. On the day of John Burrill's funeral, I resumed my old disguise, that of Brooks, and went to come as a friend of his, and of Burrill's, alive. to warn him, that if Nance Burrill was allowed to remain in W-, she would be brought forward at this trial, and give damaging evidence against his dead son-

"I remained in the library with him some fifteen minutes. My errand was a trap, and he fell into it. What followed, Mr. Belknap has already told. In the presence of this court, Jasper Lamotte has perjured himself. Let the officers of the law keep this fact in mind. "Now, to return to my witness. When heard Miss Wardour's glowing vindica-

tion of Evan Lamotte, I said to myself 'Here is the right person. Evan Lamotte is the one who can clear up this mystery. It was clear as day to my eyes. "It was necessary that I should see him, but I very soon learned that he was lying at his home dangerously ill, and quite out of his senses. There was nothing to do but to wait. I made the acquaintance of Doctor Benoit, and from him I obtained daily news of his patient. "At the eleventh hour, when I had begun to despair of his recovery, the doctor reported the patient restored to his senses. I then told him, Doctor Benoit, that the very moment Evan Lamotte was able

"This day, at the very hour when the trial was called, I set out for Mapletons: I saw Evan Lamotte; I told him that Clifford Heath was on trial for the murder of John Burrill; and that the chances were against him. "It is not necessary to repeat all that passed between us, the result is, that Evan Lamotte comes into this court of his own free will and accord, and it is his desire that he be allowedd to tell his own story.

to listen, and to talk rationally, I must

see him. That the case was one of life

and death.

"He comes here freely, willingly, ask ng nothing, hoping nothing, and when this audience has heard his testimony, they will join me in pronouncing him the noblest Lamotte of them all." There is a look so weird, so unearthly, in the eyes of Evan Lamotte, as he comes forward and turns his face slowly upon the audience, so that all can see its ghastly contrast with those burning orbs, that a startled hush falls upon them all, a funeral silence pervades the room. They seem to note for the first time, what a solemn thing is the oath, which Evan takes with voice, hollow and weak, but calm and full of decision. His breath comes in short gasps, his sentences are broken, the fatigue caused

by his effort to speak is evident. But he goes on to the end, and this is what he 'When I learned that my sister's life had been ruined, I was a madman; I did not know for a time why she had thus thrown herself away, but I determined that I would know, and I set myself to spy upon my own family. "If the detective had not told you this

truth I should withhold it now, for we all have a sufficient burden of shame 'I watched and I listened and I learned why Sybil had been sacrificed "At first I thought I would openly assault Burrill, would compel him to resist and would make his life as uncomfortable as possible; I was a madman.

"Constance Wardour told me it was not the way to help Sybil; that such a "St. Andrew's Church, Tabusintac. Terms cash." sault Burrill, would compel him to resist and would make his life as uncomfort-

course would only cause her added sor-

row. When I grew calmer I saw that

Conny was right. I promised her to do

nothing that would add to my poor sis-

ter's unhappiness.

"By and Ly they came home, and I saw the misery in my sister's face; day by day it deepened, her eyes growing hel low and wild, and full of unutterable horror and fear, her face growing paler and thinner, and s. dder, her hands so yeak and tremulous, all appealed to me, all maddened me afresh. I resolved that in some way I would free her. But how? "Day after day I brooded upon it. Burrill became more bestial, more besotted, more contemptible, every day. My sister's

strength was almost gone, her reason

was tottering. "I began to cultivate Burrill. I flatter ed him: I caroused with him. I had sunk so low myself that he could feel at eas: with me. But drunk or soter I never once forgot a resolve I had taken. Mat ters were going from bad to worse. It must be Sybil's life or his. I resolved that it should not be my sister who was sacrificed.

"When I found that no more time could be wasted, I laid my plans. feigned illness and kept my room for sev

"Burrill came daily to see me. I tol. him that I had some rare new tun in my head, and we planned that I should teigh to be worse than usual. Burrill knew that our people had made efforts to sto our nocturnal expeditions, and he agree with me that the thing should te kep secret. On the last night he left the housearly, saying that he would spend a couple of hours at 'Old Forty's, and ther meet me at a place appointed.

"At nine o'clock I stole cut, and none at Mapleton discovered ny al sence I did not intend that they should. I wait ed at the place appointed for our meeting until I grew impatient. The time can for him to appear; he did not come knew where I should find him, and se out for 'Forty Rocs.' I was determine to let that night end Sybil's troubles.

tor Heath's I saw him. He passed close to me, as I came up from Mill avenue, and reeled across the road. He was not going toward our rendezvous, but away

E. LEE STREET, - - PROPRIETOR where to stop. He reeled past Doctor Eeath's house, and was nearly opposite the gate of the empty lot before he discovered that he had gone too far. "He turned, and while he leaned against the fence and seemed to ponder, I crept upon him, knife in hand; I struck him, once, again, a third time. He utter ed one groan loud enough to have been heard some distance away, and then fell heavily. I had struck home. When I was sure that he was dead-I seemed to know just how to act-I ran to the gate of the Burns' lot and opened it wide. The body was twice my weight but I dragged it FEAMS will be in attendance on the arriv-als of al trains. inside before my strength gave out. "Then, for a while, I seemed panie stricken. What should I do with that body? By and by, I thought of a way to get help. I waited until midnight, then I made my way to Mapleton, all blood stained, and carrying the knife with me. Unseen I entered and gained Frank's room. He was up and pacing the floor; I told him to follow me. He saw my bloodstained hands and garments; I opened my coat and displayed the knife, and he obeyed me. I told him what I had done, and that he must help me conceal the body. For a moment he seemed stunned, and then he assisted me with surprising readiness; he planned everything; in fact, took the lead from that moment. I thought he was working to save his brother. The detective has told me the truth, and abjured me to tell all I know. "Frank left me at the foot of the stairs leading to Heath's office. When he came down he seemed much excited, and hur-

ried on very fast. We scooped out a grave in the cellar, as best we could in the dark, Frank working actively. He told me to take my knife and throw it into the old well-if you look you will find it there. While I was doing it, he must have put the other knife in the grave. When I came back he had covered the face with something white. I did not think about it at the time; now I know that it was Doctor Heath's handkerchief. "Doctor Heath is an innocent man. I killed John Burrill; I am here to accept the consequences. I did the deed to save Then, turning toward the place where

my sister. I do not regret it." Frank Lamotte sits, cowering and panie stricken, he stretches out one spectral hand and says:-"Frank! Frank Lamotte, do the only | Arrive thing left you to do; stand up and say

that I have spoken the truth. Let us end this at once, Frank!' Like one roused from some strange stupor. Frank staggers to his feet. "It is all true!" he gasps. "Evan has told nothing but the truth." Then he Mapleton; I told Mr. Lamotte that I had falls back in his seat more dead than To describe the triumph of O'Meara

the mingled pity and gladness that fills

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