JUST

The Diamond Coterie.

(Continued from 1st page.) misery and the shame that overwhelmed the Lamottes, would be useless.

The excitement of the audience, judge and jury, can be imagined better than The tragic farce is at an end. The case is given to the jury. Without ouitting their places, they return their verdict. Clifford Heath is not guilty; is honorably

Exhausted by his recent effort, Evan Lamotte is carried from the court room. closely attended by his mother; is carried to the cell where lately Clifford Heath has dwelt a prisoner, while the latter is escorted in triumph, to O'Meara's, by all his rejoicing friends. As the procession of conquerors moves

away from the entrance, an officer approaches Jasper Lamotte. "Mr. Lamotte, I am very sorry, sir, but you must consider yourself my pri-

Jasper Lamotte bows coldly, and signals the man that he will follow him. The officer turns to Frank, but before he can open his lips. the miserable young man steps back, makes one quick movement; there is a flash, a loud report, and Frank Lamotte falls forward, to be caught in the arms of a by-stander. They lay him gently down, and Jasper Lamotte bids them send for a physician:

there must be one very near. But Frank beckons his father to come close, and when the others have drawn kerchief was marked! back, this is what the father hears, from the son's lips:-

"There is another-pistol in my pocket -I meant it for Evan-you-had better Horrible words from the lips of a dying son. They are his last. Before Doctor Benoit can turn back and reach his side,

Frank Lamotte has finished his career of folly, and sin, and shame, dying as he had lived, selfishly, like a coward. me by Sir Clifford.

CHAPTER XLIV.

"I never before in all my career, brought to justice a criminal whom I both pitied unreservedly, and justified fully. Viewing all things from his standpoint, Evan Lamotte is less a murderer than a martyr." It is the day after the trial with so

strange an ending. They are seated in O'Meara's library; Constance, Mrs. Aliston, Mrs. O'Meara, Sir Clifford, his Bathurst. Mr. Bathurst, who now ap- must have known Miss Wardour. pears what he is; a handsome gentleman, about thirty years of age, clever, vivacious, eminently agreeable. Mr. Wedron, like Brooks, has served out his day, and

been set aside.

They have assembled at the detective's request, and while fully expecting a revelation of some sort, they look a serene, and not an apprehensive party.
"Poor Evan," sighs Constance; "I pity him most sincerely; I shall go and

dispute the correction. "Before I begin my other story," says the detective, "I may as well tell you of my visit yesterday, and how my news

"From the moment when I heard Miss Wardour's description of Evan Lamotte, I knew he was our man. But I was determined to have no more mistakes. So I kept my opinion to myself. You can imagine how anxiously I hung upon the words of Doctor Benoit, knowing that upon this boy's chances for life hung Sir Clifford's life, liberty, and honor.

In the secret conclave with a gang of bank burglars, who were conspiring to raise a fortune for each, and escape with their booty through the connivance of our false detective.

"I exploded this little scheme, and

"When I saw that poor, pale, wreck of humanity, my heart almost failed me. How could I drag his secret from him? But no time was to be lost, and, as best I could I told him everything. First, that his sister believed herself the guilty one; guilty, at least, in that she had instigated the deed, and nest, that Sir Clifford was now the victim of this crime. His mind at once seemed to grasp the issue. He had listened to me intently, breathlessly almost; he now lifted himself suddenly from the bed, and said quickly:— " 'Why, then, it seems I have not saved Sybil yet. Call my mother! let me see

"I obeyed him without a question; they were alone together for a long half hour, then Mrs. Lamotte came to me programme.

one son of whom I may be proud. Evan Lamotte has saved his sister's honor. was to relate his adventures, and this he Saved it doubly. My weak, my ill-used Evan, has preven the only man with a man's pride, who bears the name of Lamotte, because he could not see his sister and his mother contaminated by the presence of the monster his father and brother had been so base as to force upon us; he has taken justice into his own hands. He has freed his sister; he has saved her from crime, and now he stands ready to put himself in the place of a wronged and innocent man. I shall go with him into court; I shall not leave

"She broke off with a dry sob and turned away to prepare for the drive. "How I pitied that proud woman. How tender she was of her lost boy, and how

"Mr. O'Meara," turning suddenly note had contained any thing damaging toward the lawyer, "we must get that to himself. This much I learned from his noit says that he can live but a short time at best. He must not die there, and justice can not deal with a dying man.' "I think it can be managed," replied the lawyer. "All W— will favor the scheme. Not a man or woman will raise their voice against that dying boy. He will have plenty of friends now."

"He shall find them strong friends,

too," exclaimed Constance. "Mrs. O'Meara, we will stir up the whole

"Then you'll get your way," put in Bathurst. "And now, Miss Wardour, are you ready to hear the end of the mystery surrounding the Wardour robbery, and the Wardour diamonds?" All eyes were turned at once upon the

speaker. "Because I have asked you all to meet me here to-day that I might tell it," he went on. "It will contain much that is new to you all, and it will interest you all. I know Miss Wardour will wish you all to hear the end of her diamond case, and the fate of her robbers."

"Of course! You are perfectly right, Mr. Bathurst," said Constance. "Doctor Heath cuts more of a figure than he knows in this business, and Ray has staid out in the cold long enough. Go on, Mr. Bathurst, expose me in all my iniquity. But have you really found the

"Listen," said the detective, and while they all fixed upon him their gravest attention he began.

CHAPTER XLV.

"For several years past," began Mr. Bathurst, "the city and many of the wealthier suburban towns have been undergoing a systematic overhauling. Through the network of big thefts, and little thefts, petit larcenies and bank robberies, there has run one clear-cut burglarious specialty—a style of depredations noticeably similar in case after case; alike in 'design and execution,' and always baffling to the officers.

"I allude to a series of robberies of jewelry and plate, a succession of provoking thefts, monstrious enough to be easily traced, but executed with such exceeding finesse that in no single instance has the property been recovered, or the robbers run to earth.

"These fastidious thieves never took money in large amounts, only took plate when it was of the purest metal and least cumbersome sort; and always aimed for the brightest, the purest, the costliest diamonds. Diamonds indeed seemed

their specialty. "This gang has operated in such a gingerly, gentlemanly, mysterious manner, and has raided for diamonds so long and so successfully, that they have come to be called, among New York detectives,

The Diamond Coterie, although no man knew whether they numbered two, or "They could always recognize their

handiwork, however, and whenever the news came that some lady in the city, or suburbs, has lost her diamonds, and that having just been robbed of jewels to the the thieves had made a 'clean job' of it, amount of fifty thousand dollars, should the officers said, 'that's the work of the be so little distressed, so little agitated Diamond Coterie.

"I have been much abroad of late, but every time I came back to New York the strange facts, I evolved the following coterie had gathered fresh jewels into its treasure box, and no man had found a clue to the sly fellows.

theory, which certainly looked well from my standpoint, but might not hold water. You will see, that from the first 1 "I began to feel interested in the clique | connected the Wardour robbery and the and resolved to take a hand at them, at Lamotte element.

the first opportunity. That opportunity came, with the news of the great Wardour robbery, and I came down to W-. "I saw enough in this robbery to inter-

of work I had known them to bungle. And they had bungled in this. "I made some of my conclusions known

ery while there. I pretended to be a patient; and just as bandage to partially conceal my face. "Now my eyes are trained to see much at a glance, and the moment they fell upon that bit of white linen they were

riveted there. "The handkerchief was precisely like the mutiliated one used with the chloroform. This might be a coincidence—plain white handkerchief with wide borders were not uncommon, but this hand-

"I could scarcely wait until Sir Clifford should show me to my room, so anxious | which to work. was I to compare the two pieces of linen. "The whole one bore the initials F. L., L. upon the whole handkerchief given Frank Lamotte.

"This might be a coincidence, but it is the story of this girl as connected with one of my rules to suspect two coinci- Lamotte; but this must be borne in dences coming close together; and I had already discovered three remarkable ones in this case.

"Sitting alone in my room, I reflected "Take it for granted that this robbery was perpetrated by the Diamond Coterie, what are the facts?

"The robbers knew where to enter, and where to look for plunder; ergo, they must have known the premises. brother, the Honorable George Heathercliffe, Ray Vandyck, O'Meara, and Mr.
Bathurst. Mr. Bathurst, who now apmust have known the premises.

"They administered the deadly chloroform with nicest calculation; ergo, they
must have known Miss Wardour

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dustricts to sell on commission the leading
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dandy-witness the superfine bit of cambric, and the print of jaunty boots where he leaped the garden fence. "The next morning I took unceremonious leave of my host, and set out on my explorations. As I approached Wardour COMMISSION MERCHANTS. Place I met a man, who immediately

drew my interest to himself. "This man was Jerry Belknap. He wore a disguise quite familiar to me, and I recognized him easily. He entered at "We will go and see him," corrects Sir the Wardour gate, and I sauntered Clifford, and she smiles, and does not having found new food for thought. the Wardour gate, and I sauntered on. "Now, a word concerning this man

> "At one time he was an honorable member of the best detective force in the city; but he had too much cupidity, and SPECIAL BARGAINS not enough moral firmness. Twice he allowed himself to be bribed into letting a case fall through, and finally I caught him in secret conclave with a gang of

"I exploded this little scheme, and compelled Belknap to withdraw from the force. Imagine my surprise when, a little later, Miss Wardour told me that Mr. Belknap was the detective sent down from the city by Mr. Lamotte!

"Well, Mr. Belknap went to work upon the case, and Miss Wardour concealed me near her dining room so that I might have the pleasure of listening to his first

"That was a fortunate ambush for me. Mr. Belknap's deductions were as diametrically opposite to mine as if he had purposely studied out the contrast; and I was shaking my sides with the thought of how all this plausibility must be puz-

with the same look upon her face that you saw in court.

"Evan tells me that you know everything," she said, her voice trembling in spite of herself. 'He tells me that you are the news that his sister had that day a detective. Then you know that I have eloped with John Burrill; but first, he

"If I can hear a voice, before seeing the face, I can usually measure its truth or falsity. Now, I had not seen Mr. Frank Lamotte, but his voice told me that he was rehearsing a well studied part; and, furthermore, I was assured that Belknap knew this, and purposely helped him on.
"By and by Miss Wardour withdrew,

and Mrs. Aliston fulfilled her mission Then I was more than ever convinced of the fellow's insincerity. I heard how he received the news of his sister's flight; and when Mrs. Aliston went, in a panic, to call her niece, I heard him, when he fancied himself alone.

"It seems he had been the bearer of a note from his sister to Miss Wardour, and he was now intent upon learning if that dour re-entered the room. He was half wild, until she had assured him that the note contained nothing that could injure him; and then he became calmer, and went out into the air to recover his

"Miss Wardour made haste to release me, and I came out of my concealment congratulating myself that I had been so

"And now I found myself compelled to leave W- just as things were growing very interesting; I had made my flying visit in a moment of leisure, but my vacation had run out; duty, honor and in-terest alike impelled me in another direction. "I left my address with Miss Wardour, and I promised myself that at the first

opportunity I would return to W- and take up my abode here for a time. "I had been in W— not quite three days. I had not seen Jasper Lamotte, I had barely seen Frank, and I had added to my deductions made on the night of my arrival, until the case stood like this

1st. The robbers were familiar with Wardour, outside and in. "2nd. They knew Miss Wardour, and her sensitiveness to the effects of chloro-

"3rd. One of them was a man of genpropensities, and probably "4th. They or a part of their number approached by the river, using a boat

"So much for my deductions. Now for some coincidences. "It was a coincidence that the handkerchief I got from Sir Clifford should bear Frank Lamotte's initials, and should be precisely like the one left behind by the robbers. "It was a coincidence that Frank Lamotte should be a student of medicine, who might have been quite as capable of

administering chloroform as was theburglar himself "It was a coincidence that Miss Sybil Lamotte should have eloped on the very day when her best friend was robbed. and that father, mother and brother were

all absent in behalf of the robbed friend, thus leaving the way open to the fugitives, and giving them plenty of time to "Now for some facts that looked

"It was strange that Sybil Lamotte should leave her home to marry a man like John Burrill, when she was known to have bestowed her heart elsewhere. "It was strange that Jasper Lamotte, going to the city to employ a detective, should so soon have stumbled upon Jerry Belknap, who was identified with no agency, and could only be reached through

"It was strange that Frank Lamotte should set himself up as an amateur detective, and should bring back a report that tallied so perfectly with the deductions of Jerry Belknap. "It was strange that Miss Wardour,

by her loss. "From deductions, coincidences and

the Lamotte closet. I said :est me, for various reasons.

"If this unseen Mr. Lamotte had planned this robbery, and if for some rea-"I believed I could see distinctly the handiwork of the Diamond Coterie, and son it seemed good that his daughter I saw another thing; it was the first piece | should elope, how well all was arranged. "His son assisting him, they could drop down from Mapleton in their row boat; come up from the river, and, with to Miss Wardour and her friends, but I their plans all laid, and knowing their kept to myself the most important ones. ground, could make quick headway. "The story of the chloroform, so care- Frank Lamotte's boot heel would leave fully administered, was one of the things just such a print as one of the robbers over which I pondered much; I borrowed left in the loose dirt beside the garden the chloroform bottle and the piece of fence. Frank Lamotte would know just linen that had been used to apply the how to administer the chloroform. Then, drug, and that night I accepted the hos- Mr. Lamotte, in going to the city, ostenpitality proffered me by Sir Clifford. I sibly to procure the services of a detectook a wax impression of the vial, at his tive, could easily take the spoils along; house, and I made an important discov- and his wife also, that she might be well out of his daughter's way. Such a man "Sir Clifford found me half famished | would naturally select a fellow like Jerry and ordered his housekeeper to bring in a Belknap, who would keep up a farce of lunch. Not wishing my identity known, investigation, and keep away all who might, perhaps, stumble upon the truth. my host was leaving the room, he tossed Frank's eagerness to be absent on this THE me a handkerchief, which he took from a day of his sister's flight, and to assist in side table, bidding me make myself a the search for the robbers, would be thus explained; and his anxiety concerning the contents of his sister's letter might be easily traced to a guilty conscience. "But my theories were doomed to be

laid aside for a time. Other duties claimed me and it was four weeks before I could turn so much as a thought toward W-"Before leaving the city, however, I had placed my wax cast of the chloroform bottle in the hands of one of my best men, and had also given him a clue upon

"My agent was wonderfully successful. He found the counterparts to the chloroon the raw, torn edge of the half square form bottle, and then he began shadowwas a black dut that was undoubtedly ing the owner of said vials. It proved to the fragment of a letter, or name, that be a young woman who had formerly had been torn hastily off. It corresponded lived in W-, as a factory hand, but who exactly with the lower end of the letter had been transplanted to the city by

"It is not necessary to enlarge upon mind. During the time that my agent had this girl under surveillance Frank Lamotte visited her, and, it is supposed that he removed the remaining bottles of the set, for one was afterward exhumed, in fragments, from Doctor Heath's ash heap, by the industrious Jerry Belknap, and the others have disappeared.' (To be continued.)

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