The Diamond Coterie.

(Continued from 1st page.) "I believe so," indifferently.

"You can't swear to the fact, then?" "I knew him better by reputation, than by sight." The coroner wiggled, uneasily. "You are a friend to Doctor Heath?"

"I am," promptly.
"Please relate what you know of his difference with Mr. Burrill?" "What I-know." "Yes, sir."

"Why, I don't exactly know anything." "Why, sir, did you not witness a meetang between the two?" "I-suppose so." "You suppose!" "Well, I can't swear that the man I

saw knocked down, if that is what you mean, was Burrill; it was night, and I did not see his face clearly.' "You believed it to be Burrill?"

"Yes. "Dr. Heath so believed?" "I don't know."

More uneasiness on the part of

'Please state what Doctor Heath said to the man he knocked down?" "Well, I can't repeat the exact words. He said what any one would have said under the circumstances."

"Ah! what were the circumstances?" "The fellow was half drunk. He approached Dr. Heath in a coarse and offensive manner."

"Was his language offensive?" "I didn't hear what he said." "Did you hear what Dr. Heath said?" "I did."

"You heard it distinctly?" "Ah!" smiling triumphantly. "Then you can give us his words?" "Not verbatim."

"Give us his meaning, then." "His meaning, as nearly as I could understand it, was this: He would allow no man to insult him or to meddle with his affairs, and he finished with something like this: 'Keep my name off your lips, wherever you are, if you want whole bones in your skin.' " "He said that?"

"Well, something like that; I may have put it too strong." "Do you remember what Dr. Heath said by way of comment on the affair?" "One of the men picked the fellow by the sleeve, and said, 'Come out of that, Burrill!' and then Heath turned to me and asked, 'Who the deuce is Burrill?' " "And your reply?"

"I said-" stopping a moment and turning his eyes upon the two Lamottes
—"I said, 'He is Jasper Lamotte's sonin-law." "And then, sir?"

"Then Dr. Heath made about the same sort of comment others have made before him-something to the effect that Mr. Lamotte had made a very remarkable "Mr. Vandyck," says the coroner

severely, "it seems to me that your memory is singularly lucid on some points, and deficient on others of more importance."
"That's a fact, sir," with cheerful humility. "I'm always that way."

"Ah!" with an excess of dignity. "Mr.

Vandyck, I won't tax your memory fur-

Ray turns away, looking as if, having done his duty, he might even survive the coroner's frown, and as he moves again to the side of the suspected man, some one in the audience above, a portly gen-tleman, with a diamond shining in his immaculate breast, makes this mental comment: "There is a witness who has withheld more than he has told." And he registers the name of Raymond Van-

dyck upon his memory. This is the last witness. While the jurymen stand aside to de-The jail is new and clean and comfortable. They gesticulate rapidly and with a variety of movements that would be ludicrous were the occasion less.

Finally the verdict is reached, and is The coroner's jury "find, after due de-liberation, that John Burrill came to his death by two dagger, or knife strokes from the hand of Dr. Clifford Heath."

The accused, who during the entire scene, has stood as immovable as the sphynx, and has not once been startled, disturbed, or surprised from his calm by anything that has been brought forward by the numerous witnesses, lifts his head proudly; lifts his hat, too, with a courtly gesture, to the gentlemen of the jury, that may mean total exoneration from plame, so far as they are concerned, or a haughty defiance, and then, after one sweeping glance around the assembly, a glauce which turns for an instant upon the faces of the Lamottes, he beckens to the constable; beckens with a gesture that is obeyed as if it were a command.

"Corliss," he says, just as he would say—"give the patient a het drink and two powders." "Corliss, I suppose you won't want to lose sight of me, since I have suddenly become public property. Come with me, if you please; I am going home; then—I am at your service." And without more words, without let at the other, and then he says:-

or hindrance, without so much as a mur-mur of disapproval, he lifts himself out I had no hand in this murder?" of the cellar, and walks, at a moderate pace, and with firm aspect, toward his cottage, closely followed by Corliss, who looks, for the first time in his official career, as if he would gladly be a simple private citizen at that moment.

The coroner's inquest is over; there remains now nothing save to remove the body to a more suitable resting place, and

Jasper Lamotte moves about, giving short orders in a low tone. He is pallid and visibly nervous. If it were his own son who lay there in their midst, stiff and cold, and saturated with his own blood, he could scarcely appear more a ritated, more shocked and sorrowful. He is really shocked; really sorry; he actually regrets the loss of this man, who must have been a constant crucifixion to

This is what they whisper among themselves, as they gather in knots and furtively watch him, as he moves about It has been a shock to Frank Lamotte,

too, although he never had seemed to crave the society of his brother-in-law, and always turned away from any mention of his name, with a sneer. Two men, who withdraw quickly from the crowd, are Lawyer O'Meara and Ray

Vandyck. As they come up out of the cellar and go out from the hateful place, Ray breaks into bitter invective; but O'Meara lays a firm hand upon his arm. "Hold your impulsive tongue, you young scamp! Do you want to be impeached for a prejudiced witness? You want to help Heath, not to hurt him; and let me tell you he will need strong friends and shrewd helpers before we see him a free man again.

Ray grinds out something profane, and then paces on in wrathful silence. "You are right, of course," he says after a moment's pause, and in a calmer "But, good God! to bring such a charge against Heath, of all men

O'Meara," suddenly, "you must defend

"I intend to," grimly. "And in his invicinity is quiet; we must think the matter over and then see Heath." "Heath puzzles me; he's strangely

apathetic. "He'll puzzle you more yet, I'm think ing. I half think he knows who did the and don't intend to tell." He pauses, having come to the place where their ways diverge. "Come around by dark, Vandyck, we can't lose any time, that is if the buzzards are out of the

"The buzzards will follow the carrion," scornfully. "I'll be on hand, Mi

He goes on, looking longingly at Clifford Heath's cottage, as he passes the gate, and the little lawyer begins to pick his way across the muddy street, not caring to go on to the proper cross-

He turns nervously, to encounter the gaze of a large gentleman with a rosy face, curling, iron-gray hair, and beard, and a blazing diamond in his shirt front. "Eh! sir; you addressed me?"

"I did," replies the gentleman, in a low, energetic tone, strangely at variance with his general appearance, at the same time coming close and grasping the law-yer's hand with great show of cordiality, give the lie to these hints so industriousand before the astounded little man can ly scattered by Burrill?" realize what he is about. "Call me "O'Meara, let us understand each Wedron, sir, Wedron, ahem, of the New other; your question means this: Do I York Bar. I must have an interview with intend, now that this crisis has come, to

you, sir, and at once." O'Meara draws back and replies rather "I am glad to know you, sir; but your business is not too urgent-if another time will do-"

"Then, sir, I am at your service."

ness concerns Clifford Heath."

CHAPTER XXX.

"Another time will not do? my busi-

"There, sir; I think we understand each other, sir." "Humph! well, that's according to how you put it. My knowledge is sufficient unto the day, at any rate. I am to visit Heath at once, taking young Vandyck with me; I am to insist upon his making a strong defence, and to watch him closely. Vandyck is to add his voice, and he'll do it with a roar, and then we

are to report to you. Is that it?" "Exactly." The speakers are Lawyer O'Meara and 'Mr. Wedron, of the New York Bar;" for more than an hour they have been seated in the lawyer's study, conversing sled by the little lawyer's phlegmatic acin low, earnest tones; and during this interval O'Meare's valuation of his visa-vis has evidently "taken a rise," and stands now at a high premium. His spirits have risen, too; he views the case of Clifford Heath through a new lens; evidently he recognizes in the man before him a strong ally.

It is arranged that, for the present, Mr. Weddron shall retain his room at the hotel, but shall pass the most of his time with the O'Mearas, and the uninitiated are to fancy him an old friend, as well as a brother practitioner. Even Mrs. O'Meara is obliged to accept this version, while inwardly wondering that she has never heard her husband mention his friend, "Wedron, of the New York Bar."

Evidently they trust each other, these two men, and, as O'Meara has just said, their mutual understanding is sufficient unto the hour. Therefore, it being already sinset, they go together to the parlor, and are soon seated, in company with Mrs. O'Meara, about a cosy tea table.

"It is best that Vandyck should not see me here until after your interview ing your past life. That's a fine case, with Heath," Mr. Wedron has said to now; don't you think so?" the little lawyer; therefore when, a little later, Ray puts in an appearance, he sees only O'Meara, and is immediately hurbattles."

eral days absent from the town. The friend. Since you won't help me, I won't constable looks relieved and fatigued. He disturb you farther. Come along, Vanbelieves that within the hour he, single dyck." handed, has conveyed into safe custody | Young Vandyck began at once to extime; and, having gained so signal a victory, he now feels inclined to take upon himself airs, and he hesitates, becomingly, over O'Meara's civilly worded request to be shown to the cell assigned

But O'Meara, who possesses all the brusqueness of the average Yankee lawyer, has no mind to argue the case. "I don't know, sir," says Corliss, with some pomposity. "Really, I consider Beeth a very unsafe prisoner, and—"
The detice you do," breaks in the impatient lawyer. "Well, I'll promise that Doctor Heath shan't damage you

any, so just trot ahead with your keys, and don't parley. My time is worth Corliss slips down from his stool and

It filters into the head of the constable

lost in thought. Evidently he is glad to see his visitors, for a smile breaks over for? I never heard of such foolhardiness." solemn, the issue less than a man's life lost in thought. Evidently he is glad to his face as he rises to greet them.

in no mood for a prologue to his task; so of yours. You may be all eyes and ears, he begins at the right place. the more the better; but I'm going to in-"Heath, I'm sorry enough that you, almost a stranger among us, should be singled out as a victim in this case. It don't speak well for the judgment of our citizens. However, we are bound to set you right, and I've come to say that I shall esteem it a privilege to defend you—that is, if you have not a more able friend to depend upon."

The prisoner smiles as he replies:-"You are very good, O'Meara, and you are the man I should choose to defend me; but-you will have to build your case; I can't make one for you, and-you heard the evidence.' "Hang the evidence!" cries the law-

yer, drawing from his pocket a small note "We'll settle their evidence; just you give me a few items of information, and

then I will let Vaudyck talk; he wants The prisoner turns slowly in his chair, and looks steadfastly first at one, then

"Do you really believe, O'Meara, that "I do," emphatically. "And you, Ray?"

"I! You deserve to be kicked for asking. I'll tell just what I think, a little later; I know you didn't kill Burrill." Clifford Heath withdraws his gaze from the faces of his visitors, and seems to hesitate; then he says slowly:-

"I am deeply grateful for your confidence in me; but, I fear my actions must belie my words. My friends, the evidence is more than I can combat. I can't prove an alibi; and there's no other way to clear myself.'

"Bah!" retorts O'Meara; "there are several ways. Let us take the ground that you are innocent; there must be some one upon whom to fasten the guilt. You have an enemy; some one has stolen your handkerchief and your knife. Who is that enemy? Whom do you suspect?" The prisoner shook his head. "I shall

accuse no one," he said, briefly. "What!" burst out Ray Vandyck; 'you will not hunt down your enemy? This is too much! Heath, I believe you could put your hand on the assassin."

No reply from the prisoner; he sits with his head bowed upon his hand, a look of dogged resolution upon his face. "Vandyck," says the little lawyer, who has been gazing fixedly at his obstinate client, and who now turns two keen eyes upon the excited Ray; "keep cool! keep cool, my lad! Heath, look here, sir, I'm bound to defend your case—do you object

"On the contrary, O'Meara, you are my only hope; but your success must depend upon your own shrewdness. I can't give you any help.' Down went something in the lawyer's

"That means you won't give me any help," writing briskly. "It's an ungracious way of putting it," smiling slightly; "but—that's about the way it stands.

"Just so," writing still; "you believe the handkerchief to have been yours?" "And the knife?"

"Yes. Stay, send Corliss with some one else to my office; let them examine my case of instruments, and see if the knife is among them; this, for form's

"It shall be attended to-for form's sake. Heath, who besides yourself had access to your office?" "My office was insecurely locked; any one might easily force an entrance, and a

common key would open my door." Scratch, scratch; the lawyer seems no to notice the doctor's evasion of the ques-"Ahem! As your lawyer, Heath, there any truth in these stories about a

previous knowledge of Burrill?" "Do you mean my previous knowledge

"I never knew the fellow; never saw him until I knocked him down in his first wife's defence. "Yet he claimed to know you."

"And you don't know where he may have seen you?". "All I know, you have heard in the evidence given to-day. "And-" hesitating lightly; "is there nothing in your past life that might weigh in your favor; nothing that will

make public for the benefit of W- the facts concerning my life previous to my coming here as a resident? My answer must be this, and again I must give you reason to think me ungracious, ungrateful. There is nothing in my past that could help me in this present emergency; there is no one who could come forward to my assistance. I have not in all America one friend who is so well known to me, or who knows me as well as Vandyck here, or yourself. I can not drag to light any of the events of my past life;

on the contrary, I must redouble my efforts to keep that past a mystery." Utter silence in the cell. The lawyer's pencil trevels on-scretch, squatch, scratch. Boy sits moody and troubled of aspect. Doctor Heath looks with some ouriosity upon the mevements of the littie lawyer, and inwardly wonders at his coolness. He has expected expostulation, indignation; has even fancied that his obstitute refusi to lend his friends any assistance may alienate them from his case, leaving him to face his fate alone. He sees how Vandyck is chafing, but he is puz-

ceptance of the situation. Presently, the lawyer looks up, snaps his notebook together with a quick movement, and then stows it away carefully in his breast pocket.

off his items with the pencil which he has transferred to the left. "Umph! Then your case stands like this, my friend: A man is found dead near your premises; a handkerchief bearing your name covers his face; a knife supposed to belong to you is with the body. You are known to have differed with this man; you have knocked him down; you have threatened him in the public to have set out for your house; he is found soon after, as I have said, dead. kerchief to be yours; you can offer no mony. You refuse to tell aught concern-

"It's a worthless case for you, O'Meara. ried away toward the county jail.

They find Corliss at the sheriff's desk, the present; but this battle may turn "Umph! I'm going to leave you for his superior officer having been for sev- out to be not entirely your property, my

little lawyer cut short the tide of his elo-

"Vandyck, be quiet! Can't you let a gentleman hang himself, if he sees fit? No, I see you can't; it's against your nature. Well, come along; we will see if we can't outwit this would-be suicide, and the hangman, too." And he fairly forces poor, bewildered Ray from the room. Then, turning again toward his uncommunicative client, he says:-"Oh, I'll attend to that knife business at once, Heath, and let you hear the re-

"Stop a moment, O'Meara. There out a closer scrutiny, the knife that killed was not the knife found with the body. "But Mr. Vandyck, sir?" he begins.
"Mr. Vandyck will see Doctor Heath, too, sir," interrupts Ray, with much decision. "And you won't find it to your interest, Corliss, to hunt up too many human. The point has never been dipped It was a smaller, narrower bladed knife;

"Young man," retorts the lawyer, with a queer smile upon his face, "just It is not time for commonplaces, and O'Mera, who sees that time is of value, is at present I have no use for that tongue

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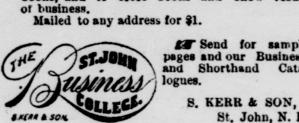
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one thing I can say, and that is—have the wounds in that body examined at once. As nearly as I could observe, with-

"Oh! ho!" cries O'Meara, rubbing his that the wealthiest and most popular of W—'s lawyers, and the bondsman and firm friend of the absent sheriff, are hardly the men to baffle, and so, for the safety of his own official head, he takes his keys and conducts them to Doctor Heath."

"Oh! ho!" cries O'Meara, Fubbling his hands together briskly. "So! we are waking up! why didn't you mention all this before? But there's time enough! time enough yet. I'll have the body examined; and by the best surgeons, sir; and I'll see you to-morrow, early; good evening, Heath."

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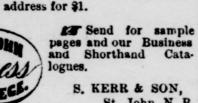
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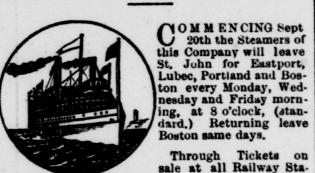
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