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This ignorance, which he appeared to have carried with him to the Placide, was regarded by those who knew him best as proving the truth of the affirmation elicited from him in the pauses of his delirium of the genuineness of the stone which had passed from his hands to those of his wife at the time of their separation, and further dispatches coming in, some private and some official, but all insisting upon the fact that it would be weeks before he would be in a condition to submit to any sort of examination on a subject so painful, the authorities in New York decided to wait no longer for his testimony, but to proceed at once with the inquest.

Great as is the temptation to give a detailed account of proceedings which were of such moment to myself and to every word of which I listened with the eagerness of a novice and the anguish of a woman who sees her lover's reputation at the mercy of a verdict which may stigmatize him as a possible criminal, I see no reason for disturbing my narrative with what, for the most part, would be a mere repetition of facts already known to you.

Mr. Durand's intimate and suggestive connection with this crime, the explanations he had to give of this connection, frequently bizarre and, I must acknowledge, not always convincing—nothing could alter these nor change the fact of the undoubted cowardice he displayed in hiding Mrs. Fairbrother's gloves in my unfortunate little bag.

As for the mystery of the warning, it remained as much of a mystery as ever. Nor did any better success follow an attempt to fix the ownership of the stiletto, though a half day was exhausted in an endeavor to show that the latter might have come into Mr. Durand's possession in some of the many visits he was shown to have made of late to various curio shops in and out of New York city. [Mr. Durand's visits to the curio shops, as explained by him, were made with a



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view of finding a casket in which to place his diamond. This explanation was looked upon with as much doubt as the others he had offered where the situation seemed to be of a compromising character.]

I had expected all this, just as I had expected Mr. Grey to be absent from the proceedings and his testimony ignored. But this expectation did not make the ordeal any easier, and when I noticed the effect of witness after witness leaving the stand without having improved Mr. Durand's position by a jot or offering any new clew capable of turning suspicion into other directions I felt my spirit harden and my purpose strengthen till I hardly knew myself. I must have frightened my uncle, for his hand was always on my arm and his chiding voice in my ear bidding me beware not only for my own sake and his, but for that of Mr. Durand, whose eye was seldom away from my face.

The verdict, however, was not the one I had so deeply dreaded. While it did not exonerate Mr. Durand, it did not openly accuse him, and I was on the point of giving him a smile of congratulation and renewed hope when I saw my little detective, the one who had spied the gloves in my bag at the ball, advance and place his hand upon his arm.

The police had gone a step further than the coroner's jury, and Mr. Durand was arrested before my eyes on a charge of murder.

### CHAPTER IX.

THE next day saw me at Police headquarters begging an interview from the inspector, with the intention of confiding to him a theory which must either cost me his sympathy or open the way to a new inquiry, which I felt sure would lead to Mr. Durand's complete exoneration.

I chose this gentleman for my confidant from among all those with whom I had been brought in contact by my position as witness in a case of this magnitude, first, because he had been present at the most tragic moment of my life, and, secondly, because I was

conscious of a sympathetic bond between us which would insure me a kind hearing. However ridiculous my idea might appear to him, I was assured that he would treat me with consideration and not visit whatever folly I might be guilty of on the head of him for whom I risked my reputation for good sense.

Nor was I disappointed in this. Inspector Dalzell's air was fatherly and his tone altogether gentle as, in reply to my excuses for troubling him with my opinions, he told me that in a case of such importance he was glad to receive the impressions even of such a prejudiced little partisan as myself. The word fired me, and I spoke.

"You consider Mr. Durand guilty, and so do many others, I fear, in spite of his long record for honesty and uprightness. And why? Because you will not admit the possibility of another person's guilt—a person standing so high in private and public estimation that the very idea seems preposterous and little short of insulting to the country of which he is an acknowledged ornament."

"My dear?"

The inspector had actually risen. His expression and whole attitude showed shock. But I did not quail; I only subdued my manner and spoke with quieter conviction.

"I am aware," said I, "how words so daring must impress you. But listen, sir; listen to what I have to say before you utterly condemn me. I acknowledge that it is the frightful position into which I threw Mr. Durand by my officious attempt to right him which has driven me to make this second effort to fix the crime on the only other man who had possible access to Mrs. Fairbrother at the fatal moment. How could I live in inaction? How could you expect me to weigh for a moment this foreigner's reputation against that of my own lover? If I have reasons?"

"Reasons?"

"Reasons which would appeal to all. If instead of this person's having an international reputation at his back he had been a simple gentleman like Mr. Durand would you not consider me entitled to speak?"

"Certainly, but—"

"You have no confidence in my reasons, inspector. They may not weigh against that splash of blood on Mr. Durand's shirt front, but such as they are I must give them. But first it will be necessary for you to accept for the nonce Mr. Durand's statements as true. Are you willing to do this?"

"I will try."

"Then a harder thing yet, to put some confidence in my judgment. I saw the man and did not like him long before any intimation of the evening's tragedy had turned suspicion on anyone. I watched him as I watched others. I saw that he had not come to the ball to please Mr. Ramsdell or for any pleasure he himself hoped to reap from social intercourse, but for some purpose much more important and that his purpose was connected with Mrs. Fairbrother's diamond. Indifferent, almost morose before she came upon the scene, he brightened to a surprising extent the moment he found himself in her presence, not because she was a beautiful woman, for he scarcely honored her face or even her superb figure with a look. All his glances were centered on her large fan, which in swaying to and fro alternately hid and revealed the splendor on her breast, and when by chance it hung suspended for a moment in her forgetful hand, and he caught a full glimpse of the great gem, I perceived such a change in his face that, if nothing more had occurred that night to give prominence to this woman and her diamond, I should have carried home the conviction that interests of no common import lay behind a feeling so extraordinarily displayed."

"Fanciful, my dear Miss Van Arsdale! Interesting, but fanciful."

"I know. I have not yet touched on fact. But facts are coming, inspector."

He stared. Evidently he was not accustomed to hear the law laid down in this fashion by a midwife of my proportions.

"Go on," said he. "Happily, I have no clerk here to listen."

"I would not speak if you had. These are words for but one ear as yet. Not even my uncle suspects the direction of my thoughts."

"Proceed," he again enjoined.

Upon which I plunged into my subject.

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### CLEAR STOMACH, CLEAR MIND

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(From the Montreal Gazette.)  
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Early in October information reached the Crown authorities which led up to Smith's arrest for stealing sleeping-car fares, and for stealing and selling railway tickets to various persons in Montreal and elsewhere. Smith had a preliminary hearing and was committed for trial to the Court of King's Bench, his case being set for the 19th. When called, he failed to appear, with the result that his bail was forfeited and a bench warrant issued for his arrest.

The case caused a good deal of interest in railway circles, and it is probable that other than railway people will become interested, as the names and addresses of quite a number of people with whom he has been doing business are known, and it is likely that before the matter is finally disposed of several of the hunters for bargains in railway transportation will be dealt with.

"It is really too bad," said a high official of the Canadian Pacific on Saturday, "that the travelling public should suggest such dishonesty to conductors. If passengers would refrain from making conductors steal from the company by offering them facilities and inducements to do so, it would be better for them in every way. We have the names of a good many men who have done this, in Montreal and other places, and they include some pretty prominent men. Morally they are as guilty, if not more so, than the conductors whom they train to become thieves, and the practice of trying to get this cheap transportation at the expense of the company and the honesty of the conductors cannot be too sharply repressed."

"In the present instance it has led to the ruin of a young man and the breaking up of his home. While we are sorry for those who suffer by it, the company must stop this business of stealing fares, and prosecution will follow every instance that is discovered."

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### NOVEMBER HORTICULTURE.

The November issue of The Canadian Horticulturist, of Peterboro, Ont., contains much valuable information and many useful suggestions for this month. The apple situation in Ontario is discussed by a number of leading Ontario fruit growers who have years of experience to back up their statements. The extent to which California fruit predominates over Canadian fruit on the Montreal market is shown in another article. Norfolk County is becoming celebrated all over Canada as a fruit growing centre, and an article appearing in this issue describing what has been done in this district will interest all Canadian fruit growers.

The flower and vegetable departments are particularly attractive and interesting. Winter protection of plants and shrubs, care of fall bulbs, construction of a private greenhouse, the fall planting of bulbs, and insects that attack vegetables, are a few of the many subjects discussed.

A page of suggestions relating to November work in the flower garden tells what amateurs can do this month to prepare for next year. An interesting feature of the vegetable department is an illustration showing some of the "ready-made" truck farms in the Bow River Valley, Alta.

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