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was left on the table in the room, and out." the key to the clerk."

Archie. "I do not remember it."

"It is a sort of private sanctum, a little room opening out of his bed-room, where he keeps his account-books and private papers, and all sorts of odds and ends. that door behind us also."

"And the window?" asked Archie.

and has iron bars behind. Don't you renember how Goerge has always grumbled about the small windows on the second floor, and what huge ventilators he had put above them all ?"

well put in fresh windows at once. But | ing no opinion or remark. about the case of jewels when was it first

was gone. The book-room door was found unlocked. The case stood empty least likely person in the world to have on the table and all the jewelry was been the thief."

Archie, opening his eyes.

"Yes with nothing in it, not even a scrap of cotton wool!"

There was a moment's pause. Archie wood." looked puzzled, his brows puckered up in

deep thought. "Was the safe opened or disturbed in | ing the cross-questioning. any way ?" he asked.

"Not in the least; and there was quite Hilton, raising his eyebrows a little. a large sum of money in it too; everything was exactly as it had been left on the night before."

"What was the jewel-case like?"

"It was a dark green morocco case, not unlike a small dressing case. Inside it had drawers and trays lined with cotton wool, and it fastened with an ordinary ghost of a smile which told nothing. snap. George told the man that a case | "Believe me, Miss Tresham is above like that ought to be better secured; and suspicion," said the Major, getting vexed. MOODY THRESHERS and patent lock, but it had been sent to Scot- stealing the jewelry " land with some jewelry, and he had been to get into the room through two locked | money."

Archie pondered deeply, with his eyes | declared the Major. fixed intently on the head of his walking-

last person to be suspected,"

"Because I was the last person in the ties." bed-room."

"But you say you all went out together, after locking both doors?" he argued. "Yes, we did; but afterwards Ida asked me to fetch some particular kind of lace

out of her wardrobe, and George gave me a quarter of an hour or twenty minutes | quite does awry with any suspicion in that in looking for it, and the police seem to quarter." think I managed to take the jewelry during that time."

the keys ordinary door keys?"

"The bed-room door-key is; but a few weeks ago George fancied his papers had of the detective. been meddled with, so he had a fresh patent lock put on the book-room door. It was the key of that lock he gave to the

"Then how can the police imagine you opened the door?" asked Archie.

"I do not know; but that is not the strangest thing "-and Edith's face looked anxious again. "This morning, the first thing my maid saw on entering my room was a set of pearls lying scattered about on the dressing-table. They were Ida's?" "Why, you must have taken them in

your sleep?" said Archie suddenly. Edith shook her head.

I get through two locked doors in my to the clerk. The bed-room door is also sleep? George of course locked his bed- locked, and, excepting when Miss Tresham room door and the clerk had the key of goes in, continues so during the night. In the other. I have been worrying and the morning the jewels are gone, but the puzzling over it all day," she went on case itself is intact. A portion of the nervous and unhappy that I couldn't stay | Miss Tresham's room. Is that correct?" any longer in the house."

ing the night?"

tatingly. "Once, in the middle of the night, I woke up with a start and a dreadful sense of being watched by something I Hilton, "the thief required two keys-one could not see. But I have often had the same feeling before, when it has been only magination; so I do not know whether I was dreaming or not; and I dare not have got up to see on any consideration."

"What an arrant coward!" said Archie with a laughing glance. "I suppose George and your sister do not believe this absurd suspicion of you?"

"No, they are very kind. They laugh, at the bare idea of it. It is the police. There are three or four of them in the house, and I know they have watched me all day. It is horrible. The servants too are whispering and prying about in the corners; and I cannot help fancying it is about me. I am glad you are come, Mr.

was the least danger, the case of jewels Lorrimer; you will be sure to find it all

George shut and locked the door, and gave "I must have a long talk with the Major about it," he said, as they rose to go. "Where is the book-room?" asked "It certainly is a most uncomfortable and mysterious affair."

CHAPTER II.

Almost at the same time that Edith was enlightening Archie Lorrimer on the sub-We call it the book-room. No one can ject of the robbery, the quiet gentlemanly get into it without going through the bed- stranger who had travelled with Archie room first, as it has only one door, and, from Normanton Junction was having an when we left the bedroom, George locked interview with Major Forwood on the same subject. And the interview meant business, for the quiet, uncommunicative "That is only a very small casement, man was a skilled detective from Scotland Yard, who had been telegraphed for in all haste to fathom the mystery of the robbery at Forwood Chase.

He listened with quiet attention to Major Forwood's account, asking a search-"Yes. I remember saying he might as | ing question or two occasionally, but offer-

"It is the most painful thing possible," said the Major, when he had finished his "Not till the first thing this morning. | tale. "Added to the annoyance and loss Then the clerk discovered that his key of the actual robbery, those stupid police have pitched their suspicions upon the

"You mean the young lady?" inter-"And the case left behind?" asked rupted the detective, whose name was Hilton. "Is she on a visit here?"

"She lives here; she is my wife's sister, the daughter of the former Rector of For-

"Is she well off?"

"No," said the Major shortly, not lik-

"Enough to live upon?" persisted Mr.

"Yes," returned the Major, not choosing to confess how little that "enough"

"Is she fond of jewelry?"

"Yes, of course Did you ever see a woman who was not?"

The detective smiled an inscrutable

he said the one they generally used had a "Besides, she could have no motive for "The most curious cases I know have

obliged to take this one. No; the mys- been done without apparent motive," was tery is not how the jewelry was taken | the detective's comment in a thoughtful from the box, but how any one contrived tone; "and she might be in want of

"I am as sure of her as I am of myself,"

"Nevertheless we are often mistaken in our estimate of others," said Mr. Hilton "It is certainly very strange," he said. persistently. "Pardon me the remark, 'But in what way are you connected with 'Truth is stranger than fiction'; and it it? So far as I can see, you should be the is a detective's duty to search for the truth among the greatest improbabili-

And then there was a few minutes'

"Have any of your servants left lately?" was t next question.

"They are all old servants, except my wife's maid. None have been here less the key of the bed-room. I could not find than four years; and they are to be the lace-in fact, it was not there, as Ida trusted. Besides, not one of them knew remembered afterwards; and I was quite of the jewelry being in the house, which

"And so," commented the officer significantly, "narrows the circle, and makes it "What idiots?" ejaculated Archie. "Are all the easier for us to find the thief." And again there was silence, the Major chafing inwardly at the quiet deliberation

> "Will you allow me to recapitulate the heads of the case?" said the latter presently. "You will correct me if I make a mistake!"

"Certainly," said the Major, somewhat

"Briefly stated, then, the case is this," began Mr. Hilton, in his quiet, grave way. "In the presence of four persons the jewels are packed in a case, taken up-stairs, and placed on a table in an inner room, to which no access can be gained except through an outer one. The key of the safe being lost, the box is left on the table, apparently exactly the same as before; "I wish I could think so. How could the door is then locked, and the key given with a slight shiver, "till at last I got so missing jewelry is found strewed about

"Perfectly-though, for that matter, "You must not let it trouble you," he my bed-room door was bolted as well as said, with a face full of sympathy. "It locked after I went to bed," answered the will all come out in a day or two. Are Major, keeping his temper with difficulty. you sure you did not hear anything dur- the cool statement of facts, and the inferences the detective seemed to be drawing "I scarcely know," she answered hesi- from them, rendering him almost furious with indignation.

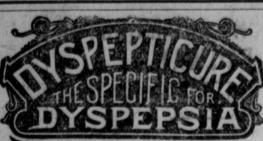
"To reach the jewels," went on Mr. in possession of a person in quite a different part of the house, the other on the inside of the door of a room in which two people are sleeping. Are the keys ordinary door-keys like the rest of the house?"

"The bed-room door-key is; but I had a new lock put on the other one about a fortnight ago-the old one was worn out. I keep private papers in the book-room and wish to have them safe.

"I should like to see the rooms," said the officer after a pause.

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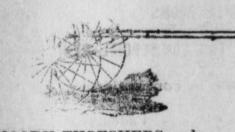
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