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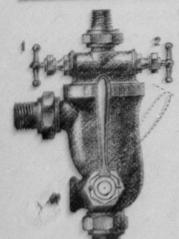
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tie body is most extraordinary, and is evidence at once of dominant will-power, and, too, of a certain lack in the physical perception of pain.

HIS MORAL INSENSIBILITY.

Closely allied to this is the moral insensibility which is indicated chiefly by an absence of remorse. This to the normal man is altogether astonishing and alarming, and it is clearly revealed in the personality of Holmes. He confesses that he is a criminal, that his life has been one long series of outrages upon the rights of others, yet he expresses no sorrow for his shameful acts. He even refers with pride to the fact that his confessed crimes were never the robbery of the poor, but always the wealthy, but he is complacent over his domestic virtues in having contributed to the support of a number of families. Another damaging characteristic of Holmes is that he has what may be termed a genius for deception. He is a liar so colossal that Ananias seems a pigmy and the Baron Munchausen a failure. He recounts a long tale which minutely describes every imagined detail in some one of the tragedies wherein he was concerned, and at its conclusion calmly says :- "You go there and look in that alleyway, and you will find that old hat which I threw away on my way to the station." In another his whole tale rests upon the discovery of the fragments from a broken bottle. His stories seem to depend for their proof upon evidence similar to Mark Twain's statement concerning the legend of the Seven Sleepers; he knows it to be true because he has seen the cave where they enjoyed their slumbers. Holmes does not claim that he is habitually truthful, nor do any of those engaged in his defence. Such a habit of lying is undoubtedly significant of criminality.

HIS VANITY.

Vanity is a conspicuous feature in the individuality of the criminal, and of this quality Holmes gave me an illustrious example. When I visited him he was dressed something in nowise remarkable, as the every day. I could not rest at night and weather was warm and the hour later than had to walk the floor to get any ease. that at which visitors are ordinarily adhis appearance, and did it profusely. He referred to it more than once, and not only that, but after I had left him I received a message through his attorney of reiterated regrets that he was not apparelled as for a stroll in Fifth avenue. One might regard this as merely the natural act of a gentleman in such circumstances, but a gentleman would surely make but the slightest reference to his dishabille. O one might say that it was no more than an evidence of bad taste. Unfortunately the exaltation of a matter so insignificant in itself to such importance by one whose condition is so deplorable, whether guilty of murder or not, is evidence of something more than bad taste. It is the revelation of one with an illy balanced mind, who dismisses with carelessness the awfulness of his estate, while mourning over the inelegant arraying of his body.

I learned, too, that he is proud of the ability which his confessed crimes reveal, although he does not boast of them.

As to the possible taint of heredity in Holmes, he told me that one uncle had become insane, but he denied that there was any possibility of madness as the motive of his deeds. "I am willing to classes-those who go ahead and do somestand on my own acts and take the blame thing, and those who sit still and inquire, of all that I have done. I don't depend on any plea that my deeds are caused by the faults of my ancestors." But all criminologists assert that insanity in an remark sixty times in the last hour. ancestor is most com non among criminals.

IS HE A MURDERER?

What shall we think, then, of this man horrid series of assassinations. His dwelling place was a sepulchre for those whom dows he had slain. Ten times, his accusers declare, he was guilty of meditated murder. Perjury, theft, bigamy and the minor crimes he freely confesses. He boasts that the father of a union station train crier." lumber and grist mills. he did not seduce, although he betrayed innocence by illegal marriages. He is as he spied the footprint on the island, confident of his virtue because he eschewed "Is Trilby here, too?" unlawfully. This man Holmes, whose der. "If only," he whispered, "thy evil disposition. He early fled from his with ammonia and alcohol. home. While a student in Burlington, A police officer met an organ grinder startling career of crime. One of the women he married describes him as a dog of patience when he sought revenge. Another declares that his one passion was to dominate all with whom he came in contact. He himself declares that his love for Mrs. Howard is the mainspring of his life; that if she withdraws from his support he will at once destroy himself. He declares that he has no belief in another life; that he will end all when her love for him ends; that he has knowledge enough to escape the vigilance of his captors.

upon him? Or were his assurances merely the vain boastings of a coward? He is a without leaving sore spots.

man of educated mind, an expert reasoner of temperate habits, not a user of tobacco or liquor, by his own statement. He is in the prime of life. He has not the air that sentiment attributes to the assassin. But beautiful women, saintly seeming men have not hesitated to drop poison in the cup or to hire the ruffian's knife. The gentle eye, the pleasant features, are not sure exponents of the soul. This young man confesses that he is a criminal, denies that he has slaughtered his fellows, admits that for gain he poured the explosive iquid into a dead man's mouth and blew the head open; denies that he first slew him. This man now rests under the burden of public execration. Before him looms the scaffold; he knows that men think of him with a curse on their lips and are sold on a guarantee to give satisfaction hatred in their hearts. In his cell he is confronted with the ghastly horrors of his foul life, with the terrifying possibility of a hideous and shameful death. None of those whose blood he shares come to comfort him, to weep with him, within the shadows of his prison. Is he, then, in the thrall of woe? Is he overwhelmed by anguish? Does he curse his mad folly? Does he cry out for sympathy? No. 1 found him distressed over his clothes, proud of his mental powers, cheerful, glad to chat with me, confident that my investigation would be in his favour. Was it, or was it not?

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"The human race is divided into two 'Why wasn't it done the other way?' " "Augh-Waugh!"

It was the baby. He had repeated the Mr. Newleigh's hair, such as it was,

stood on end.

"Gwow ahwb wowbdgwow lilwaugf!" Holmes? He stands accused of the most added the baby, while people living across the street got up and closed their uin-

> think," he groaned, burying his head in post-office, where a daily mail is received, the pillows, "that I should grow up to be

"What!" exclaimed Robinson Crusoe,

lewd women and took to himself wives Her head had dropped upon his shoulreal name is Mudgett, born amid the cheek could remain there forever." Litgranite hills of New Hampshire, in a spot the thought he what was to be. Little free from corrupting temptations, yet thought he until he got home and tried to manifested from his youth an unruly and remove the cheek from the dress coat

Vt., he married his first wife, only to on the street and said : "Have you a lidesert her almost immediately. He won cense to play? If you have so much the an unenviable reputation in Ann Arbor, better for you. If not, you must accom-Mich., where he completed his medical pany me." "With pleasure," answered studies, and from that time his life was one the street musician, "what will you

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