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## SOLVING A MYSTERY

(Continued.)

"I tried to tell him something of my situation and Kate spoke of my ill-health, my unsuccessful drug-gery, my longing to write, to make myself a name—I stammered out an entreaty for a loan. 'I can guarantee to pay you, sir—I've a half-written play as security.'"

"I shall never forget his glassy stare. His face had grown as smooth as an egg-shell again—his eyes peered over his fat cheeks like sentinels over a slippery rampart."

"A half-written play—a play of yours as security?" He looked at me almost fearfully, as if detecting the first symptoms of insanity. "Do you understand anything of business?" he enquired mildly. I laughed and answered: "No, not much."

"He leaned back with closed eyes. 'All this excitement has been too much for me,' he said. 'If you'll excuse me, I'll prepare for my nap.' And I stumbled out of the room, blindly, like the Italian."

Granice moved away from the mantel-piece, and walked across to the tray set out with decanters and soda-water. He poured himself a tall glass of soda-water, emptied it and glanced at Ascham's dead cigar.

"Better light another," he suggested.

The lawyer shook his head, and Granice went on with his tale. He told of his mounting obsession—how the murderous impulse had waked in him on the instant of his cousin's refusal, and he had muttered to himself: "By God, if you won't, I'll make you." He spoke more tranquilly as the narrative proceeded, as though his rage had died down once the resolve to act was taken. He applied his whole mind to the question of how the old man was to be "disposed of." Suddenly he remembered the outcry: "Those Italians will murder you for a quarter!" But no definite project presented itself: he simply waited for an inspiration.

Granice and his sister moved to town a day or two after the incident of the melon. But the cousins, who had returned, kept them informed of the old man's condition. One day, about three weeks later, Granice, on getting home, found Kate excited over a report from Wrenfield. The Italian had been there again—had somehow slipped into the house, made his way up to the library, and "used threatening language." The house-keeper found Cousin Joseph gasping, the whites of his eyes showing "something awful." The doctor was sent for and the attack warded off; and the police had ordered the Italian from the neighborhood.

But Cousin Joseph, thereafter, languished, had "nerves," and lost his taste for toast and butter-milk. The doctor called in a colleague, and the consultation amused and excited the old man—he became once more an important figure. The medical men reassured the family—too completely!—and to the patient they recommended a more varied diet; advised

him to take whatever "tempted him" And so one day, tremulously, prayerfully, he decided on a tiny bit of melon. It was brought up with ceremony, and consumed in the presence of the housekeeper and a hovering cousin; and twenty minutes later he was dead . . . .

"But you remember the circumstances," Granice went on; "how suspicious turned at once on the Italian? In spite of the hint the police had given him he had been seen hanging about the house since 'the scene.' It was said that he had tender relations with the kitchen-maid, and the rest seemed easy to explain. But when they looked round to ask him for an explanation, he was gone—gone clean out of sight. He had been 'warned' to leave Wrenfield, and he had taken the warning so to heart that no one ever laid eyes on him again."

Granice paused. He had dropped into a chair opposite the lawyer's, and he sat for a moment, his head thrown back, looking about the familiar room. Everything in it had grown grimacing and alien, and each strange, insistent object seemed straining forward from its place to hear him.

"It was I who put the stuff in the melon," he said. "And I don't want you to think I'm sorry for it. This isn't 'remorse,' understand. I'm glad the old skin-flint is dead—I'm glad the others have their money. But mine's of no use to me, any more. My sister married miserably, and died. And I've never had what I wanted."

Ascha continued to stare; then he said: "What on earth was your object, then?"

"Why, to get what I wanted—what I fancied was in reach. I wanted change, rest, life, for both of us—wanted, above all, for both of us—chance to write! I travelled, got back my health, and came home to tie myself up to my work. And I've slaved at it steadily for ten years without reward—without the most distant hope of success! Nobody will look at my stuff. And now I'm fifty and I'm beaten and I know it." His coin dropped forward on his breast. "I want to chuck the whole business," he ended.

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It was after midnight when Ascham left.

His hand on Granice's shoulder, as he turned to go—"District Attorney he hanged; see a doctor!" he had cried; and so, with an exaggerated laugh, had pulled on his coat and departed.

Granice turned back into the library. It had never occurred to him that Ascham would not believe his story. For three hours he had explained, elucidated, patiently and painfully gone over every detail—but without once breaking down the iron incredulity of the lawyer's eye.

(To Be Continued.)

## HINTS FOR THE LADIES

If when baking cake before putting it in the oven you will jar tins with batter on the table a few times to allow all the bubbles to rise it will never fall.

When bathing children it is a wise plan to remove all articles of clothing from the room. The steam from the bath-water makes them damp, therefore unfit to wear.

To purify rancid butter, melt and skim the butter and put into it a piece of well-toasted bread. In a short time the bread will have absorbed all offensive taste and smell.

To make breakfast gems, take one cup sweet milk, one and one-half cup flour, one egg, one teaspoonful of baking powder; beat thoroughly together for five minutes. Bake for 15 or 20 minutes in hot gem pans.

It is claimed that wild duck sometimes has a fishy flavor, and to avoid this the fowl should be parboiled in salt water for a while, after which it can be prepared in the usual manner.

Never use melted butter for cake, but work cool, hard butter to a soft cream. Beat cake in one direction with a long heavy stroke, using a large wooden spoon, or a perforated cake spoon.

If a piece of old felt or carpet is tacked on the knifeboard, it will be found to give knives a more brilliant polish without the scratched appearance they have when cleaned on the rough board or leather.

Instead of throwing away the peels of oranges and lemons, put them into the jug on the washstand. This will give the water a delightful perfume, besides softening it until it is equal to rain water, for the complexion.

Choose apples with care when purchasing them. The heaviest are the best, and especially those which, on being pressed with the thumb, yield to it with a slight crackling noise. Prefer large apples to small, for waste if saved in peeling and coring the fruit.

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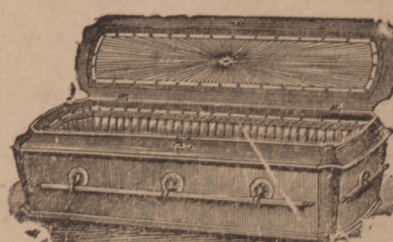
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