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Being a True Record and Explanation of the Seven Mysteries Now Associated With His Name in the Public Mind, and of an Eighth, Which is the Key of the Seven

By HOWARD FIELDING

(CONTINUED.)

"More and more this man got me under his thumb until I half agreed that if the money could be found I would allow it to be thrust upon Donaldson. I had known all along that Archer was plotting against him. Carl used to walk the floor in your office at noon and say over and over again: 'Donaldson, Donaldson! I'll have him under my foot!' He used to do this even before my crime. I overheard him once as long ago as the early spring. I had opened the door suddenly when his back was toward it."

"Why didn't you tell me, Jim?" said I. "Tell you?" he echoed. "Would you have believed it?"

I was silent. Therein had lain the weakness of the case both for Bunn and for Donald. They knew that I would not be convinced of Carl's real character.

"Archer told me that Kelvin would furnish any amount of money that might be required," continued Bunn. "Kelvin was to know nothing about any robbery. It was merely that the money was needed. Now, what was I to do, Mr. Harrington? I never would agree to vote my stock against you. Not even the threat of prison could make me do that. But I did at last agree to absent myself from the meeting. If you want to know just what I really meant to do," he cried, rising and seizing me by the shoulder, "I meant to go to New York and kill myself in a hotel there, where no one would know me. But I had their pledge that the money which I had taken from you should be refunded."

"Considering that they had \$25,000 of it already," said Donaldson, "it wasn't much of a price to pay for the control of the branch road, with my disgrace and ruin thrown into the bargain. They probably relied on Gillespie to manage that."

"I will tell you how they relied on

him," said I, "and how they relied to count upon Donald; but, Jim, what changed this crazy plan of yours?"

Bunn shuddered.

"More and more," said he, "throughout all these terrible days I have come to fear Donald. I had no faith in him at first, but that night at Kelvin's I saw my own fate in it. Well, let me finish. Last evening I went quietly across to Solway to take the train for New York. No man can know what misery I endured. A traitor to my best friend, a ruined man, a suicide at my age, unable to bear the weight of the year or two that would be granted me at the best! I was insane, truly insane. I walked across to Solway, and as I stepped up on the platform of the railroad station there I came face to face with Donald."

"Ah, Mr. Bunn," said he, "I was waiting for you."

"I would have fallen if he hadn't caught me in his arms. He lifted me into a wagon, and when I got my senses I found that Isaac Thorndyke was there. We rode slowly back to Tunbridge, and upon the way Donald told me everything that had happened to me in these dreadful weeks. He told me what I had said to Archer and what Archer had said to me in our most private conversations. He knew my crime and my temptations and my sufferings as they are known in heaven. Do you think it's any wonder that not only I, who was at his mercy, but Thorndyke also, who was merely a spectator, agreed to do precisely as Donald directed? I was hidden in Thorndyke's house, and Donald drove me over here this morning. We were hidden across the street. Thorndyke signaled to us from the window when I should come over."

"So far as my part of it is concerned," said Thorndyke, "this is all strictly true. Of course I could have no part with Kelvin when such business as this was doing."

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And he entered into a weak explanation and justification of his previous conduct. He was interrupted by a sound of confusion outside. We ran into the hall and saw men looking from the window down into the street. As we went toward them Donald came flying up the stairs.

"Uncle," he cried, taking my arm in a grip that nearly broke it, "don't you believe this! Don't you believe it! Father, tell him that I had no knowledge of it. I didn't mean that the man would die!"

"Not Gillespie?" I cried.

"Yes," answered Donald, with white lips. "He's dead. He's been sitting in his wagon before the door here for hours stone dead, and no one suspected it. He was there by agreement with Archer to stop Jim Bunn in case he should not keep his word—in case he should not stay away from this meeting, as he had promised."

"Dead!" I exclaimed.

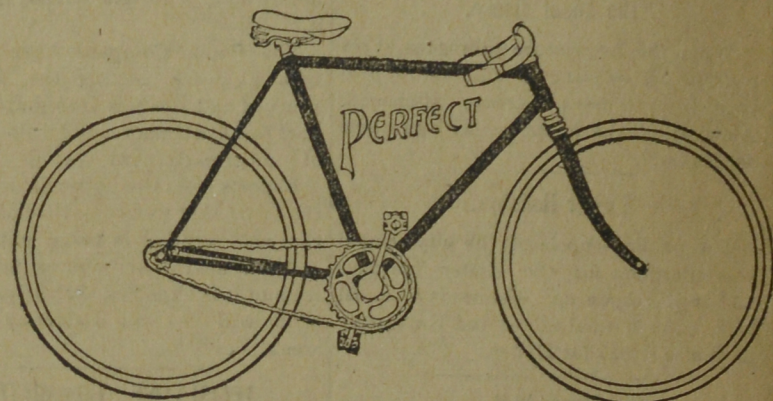
"It's heart disease," said Donald. "Uncle, you won't believe that I knew it? I have no such powers. I am a fraud—an absolute fraud—and when I told Gillespie to denounce me yesterday because today would be too late I meant that I should confess everything openly today, and I'm going to do it. I have merely been playing tricks."

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