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BEHIND THE DOOR.

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"Had you any knowledge that a large sum of money was in the house?" "I had no such knowledge."

"On the morning of the 8th of October did you visit the manager of the Funded bank, taking to him from your employers a check for a considerable amount?" "No."

"Did you, while you were at the bank, see Mrs. Davorn at the counter?" "No."

"Or in the neighborhood of the bank?" "No."

"Or hear that she had been in the bank that morning and had drawn out her balance?" "No."

"You passed through the bank—passed the cashier's counter—during the forenoon of the 8th inst.?" "Yes."

"At what hour?" "About 11 o'clock."

quarrel of the previous night, and noticing the door of Mrs. Davorn's room was slightly ajar she fancied her aunt might possibly be awake. She went into the room and found her in bed cold and rigid. It was a horrible shock to her. She was, she believed, her aunt's only living relative. She was not aware that the deceased had made a will.

The solicitor representing the treasury now took Miss Rodney in hand. "The deceased went to town on the morning of the 8th inst.?" "Yes."

"Were you aware of her intentions in going to town?" "Yes; she had been for some days uneasy about money of hers lodged in the Funded bank."

"And she went to town to draw this money out?" "Yes."

"I beg your pardon, Mr. Lamley," interrupted the coroner. "We are hearing a good deal about the deceased's money, and very little about herself. Is all this necessary?"

"I think you will find it is, sir." "Oh, very well, proceed," said the coroner languidly. He had refrained from yawning since Ethel had appeared before him, but he now made up for lost time by giving vent to a yawn and following it up by a strange sound, as if one making a final effort to prevent himself from being choked. Most of the on-lookers in the Vestry hall were startled. Then the coroner, stooping over his notes, gave utterance to a sigh, which was partly a sigh of utter weariness and partly a moan. He seemed rather startled himself, after this elaborate display of his emotions, and drawing his chair close to the table he buried himself in his notes.

"What did she do with the money?" "She put it into a desk, and placed the desk in a cupboard in her room."

"You saw her do this?" "Yes."

"And you alone saw her?" "I alone."

"She was very anxious about the money?" "Most anxious. She had been very unfortunate in her investments latterly, and she was always in fear of losing everything."

CHAPTER XIV. FURTHER EVIDENCE. Leclere made neither a very good nor a very bad witness. He had been buoyed up by the promise given to him by his good friend Percival, but he experienced a sudden collapse when he heard the coroner read Dr. Percival's letter.

"No doubt," reflected the highly strung young man, "Percival had good grounds for promising to get me out of the trouble in some mysterious way of his own. The post mortem had probably disclosed to him something unknown and unsuspected by the public, but his failing to turn up as he had promised. He may have thought he was on the track of something when he spoke so reassuringly to me and have afterward found as the last moment that he was astray."

There was little or no doubt in Leclere's mind as to the views which the police held concerning him. They regarded him as the guilty man. Every footstep of his was dogged. Even in the coroner's court could he not see the eye of that detective who stood behind one of the pillars fixed on him? He had planned out no line of defense, nor had he any idea what sort of examination he would be put through. The one dream of comfort was the tender, trustful glance which Ethel had given him as she passed out of the court.

"Your name?" said the coroner, looking at the young man. "Maurice Leclere."

"You are, I see, described as a doctor." "Yes; I am a fully qualified physician," answered Leclere, nervously. He was disconcerted by the coroner's manner.

"Will you tell the jury, Dr. Leclere, about your movements on the night of the 9th of October, so far as they concern the present inquiry?" "Certainly, sir," said Leclere, in an alert manner. "About half past 10 on Monday night I called at 13 Felspar road. I had some important matters to discuss with the deceased and Miss Rodney, the interview took place in Mrs. Davorn's bedroom, which she also used as a kind of sitting room. We had a somewhat stormy scene, and I left the house about a quarter past 11, being let out by Miss Rodney. I did not go straight home. I was in a violently agitated condition—feverishly excited. I have had a good deal to trouble me recently, and the interview with Mrs. Davorn upset me completely. I wandered about the streets for several hours, scarcely knowing where I was going, but I have a recollection of going through Felspar road about 1 o'clock in the morning. Shortly before 2 o'clock I let myself into my own house with my key, and went straight to bed. The next time I visited 13 Felspar road was about 8 o'clock on the morning of the 10th, when I heard that Mrs. Davorn was dead. That is all I have to say, sir."

"There was a short pause after Leclere finished his statement, and then the coroner lifted his head, knuckled his eyes and asked if any one desired to question the witness.

The foreman of the jury felt it was his bounden duty to assert himself. He had conquered the yawning attack, and felt equal now to any emergency. "Might I ask the witness," said he, "if he for any reason—let us say even for a job—looked these two lodgers into their rooms?"

"No, I did not," answered Leclere, with an indignant shake of his head. "Now, Dr. Leclere," said the solicitor for the treasury, rising, "we understand you are engaged to Miss Rodney, the niece of the deceased."

"Is this necessary?" asked the coroner. "Yes, sir. I think you will see it is."

DOMINION OF CANADA. Happenings Within Our Own Borders of Passing Interest. Feb. 10. Embro wants an electric railway. The new firehall at Ayr is completed. Arnprior's new waterworks will cost \$3000.

Godfrich is about to have a county law library. There is not one vacant house in Woodbridge. Music will be taught in the Woodstock schools. Walter Grey of Oro was burned to death in his barn.

Last year the police of Nanawake sheltered 531 tramps. Rev. G. B. Davis, Baptist minister, Sparta, has resigned. Georgetown's fire brigade has had but one call in 12 months.

James Campbell, of the hotel at Montague, P.E.I., is dead. James Eddy, contractor, Newcastle, dropped dead in the street. The Rev. J. P. Galt, was recently robbed of money and jewelry.

Ottawa women want \$20,000 to build a new Home for Aged and Infirm. Kent County Council has adopted the Torrens system of land transfer. Miss Ollie Cober of Henspel, Ont., is going to MacGregor, Man., to reside. Rev. Dr. Cochrane has been re-elected chairman of Branford Free Library Board.

Lindsay drags a harrow over its icy sidewalks, thus making them safe for walking. Rev. William Lowe has been installed as pastor of St. Paul's Church, Wingham. J. Sinclair of Oshpette picked a pimple on his forehead and died of blood poisoning.

No third-class teacher is allowed to teach in the Brucebridge and Huntsville schools. H. E. Irwin of Weston has been appointed High School Trustee for Toronto Junction.

George Gehr, yardman at a Kingsdon hotel, has fallen heir to a fortune in Germany. Van Van Norman of Belgrave has been appointed chief constable of Wingham out of seven applicants.

Winnipeg Exhibition Association asks the City Council for loan of \$30,000 to erect new buildings. Mr. William McGill of Morris Township, a prominent resident and leading Orangeman of the district, is dead. Rev. J. G. Smith of Guelph has been invited to become pastor of Norfolk-street Methodist Church, Guelph.

The Lanark County Board of Examiners will not grant certificates to teachers as enough teachers are qualified. In Madoc a religious sect waits quietly until "moved," and then the members dance until they are exhausted.

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