

# The Mystery of The Yellow Room

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chance of finding myself in the same train with you and in the same compartment of the same carriage."

"Where are you going, then?" asked M. de Marquet.

"To the Chateau du Glandier," replied Rouletabille, without turning.

"You'll not get in, M. Rouletabille!" "Will you prevent me?" said my friend, already prepared to fight.

"Not I! I like the press and journalists too well to be in any way disagreeable to them, but M. Stangerson has given orders for his door to be closed against everybody, and it is well guarded. Not a journalist was able to pass through the gate of the Glandier yesterday."

M. de Marquet compressed his lips and seemed ready to relapse into obstinate silence. He only relaxed a little when Rouletabille no longer left him in ignorance of the fact that we were going to the Glandier for the purpose of shaking hands with an "old and intimate friend," M. Robert Darzac—a man whom Rouletabille had perhaps seen once in his life.

"Poor Robert!" continued the young reporter, "this dreadful affair may be his death—he is so deeply in love with Mlle. Stangerson. It is to be hoped that Mlle. Stangerson's life will be saved."

"Let us hope so. Her father told me yesterday that if she does not recover it will not be long before he joins her in the grave. What an incalculable loss to science his death would be!"

"The wound on her temple is serious, is it not?" "Evidently, but by a wonderful chance it has not proved mortal. The blow was given with great force."

"Then it was not with the revolver she was wounded," said Rouletabille, placing at me in triumph.

M. de Marquet appeared greatly embarrassed. "I didn't say anything, I don't want to say anything, I will not say anything," he said. And he turned toward his registrar as if he no longer knew us.

I give it up," said Rouletabille, with a despairing gesture.

"And was the wound on her temple a bad one?" he asked presently.

"Terrible." "With what weapon was it made?" "That is a secret of the investigation."

"Have you found the weapon—what ever it was?" The magistrate did not answer.

"The affair as reported in the Matin," said Rouletabille eagerly, "seems to me more and more inexplicable. Can you tell me, monsieur, how many openings there are in the pavilion? I mean doors and windows."

"There are five," replied Monsieur de Marquet, after having coughed once or twice, but no longer resisting the desire he felt to talk of the whole of the incredible mystery of the affair he was investigating.

"There are five, of which the door of the vestibule is the only entrance to the pavilion—a door always automatically closed, which cannot be opened, either from the outer or inside, except with the two special keys which are never out of the possession of either Daddy Jacques or M. Stangerson."

"How do you know that?" "How? Oh, the thing is simple enough! As soon as he found he could not escape by the door of the pavilion his only way out was by the window in the vestibule, unless he could pass through a grated window. The window of the yellow room is secured by iron bars, because it looks out upon the open country; the two windows of the laboratory have to be protected in like manner for the same reason. As the murderer got away I conceive that he found a window that was not barred—that of the vestibule, which opens on to the park—that is to say, into the interior of the estate. There's not much magic in all that."

"Yes," said M. de Marquet, "but what you have not guessed is that this single window in the vestibule, though it has no iron bars, has solid iron blinds. Now, these iron blinds have remained fastened by their iron latch, and yet we have proof that the murderer made his escape from the pavilion by that window! Traces of blood on the inside wall and on the blinds as well as on the floor, and footmarks, of which I have taken the measurements, attest the fact that the murderer made his escape that way. But, then, how did he do it, seeing that the blinds remained fastened on the inside? He passed through them like a shadow. But what is more bewildering than all, is that it is impossible to form any idea as to how the murderer got out of the yellow room or how he got across the laboratory to reach the vestibule!"

"Could that window have been closed and refastened after the flight of the assassin?" asked Rouletabille.

"That is what occurred to me for a moment, but it would imply an accomplice or accomplices, and I don't see."

toward the country, M. Stangerson has had barred, like the rest of the windows. These bars, as in the other windows, have remained intact, and the blinds, which naturally open inward, have not been unfastened. For the rest, we have not discovered anything to lead us to suspect that the murderer had passed through the attic."

"It seems clear to you, then, monsieur, that the murderer escape—no body knows how—by the window in the vestibule?" "Everything goes to prove it."

"I think so, too," confessed Rouletabille gravely.

After a brief silence he continued: "If you have not found any traces of the murderer in the attic, such as the dirty footmarks similar to those on the floor of the yellow room, you must come to the conclusion that it was not he who stole Daddy Jacques' revolver."

"There are no footmarks in the attic other than those of Daddy Jacques himself," said the magistrate with a significant turn of his head. Then, after an apparent decision, he added, "Daddy Jacques was with M. Stangerson in the laboratory, and it was lucky for him he was."

"Then what part did his revolver play in the tragedy? It seems very clear that this weapon did less harm to Mlle. Stangerson than it did to the murderer."

The magistrate made no reply to this question, which doubtless embarrassed him. "M. Stangerson," he said, "tells us that the two bullets have been found in the yellow room, one embedded in the wall stained with the impression of a red hand—a man's large hand—and the other in the ceiling."

"Oh, oh, in the ceiling!" muttered Rouletabille. "In the ceiling! That's very curious! In the ceiling!" He puffed awhile in silence at his pipe, enveloping himself in the smoke. When we reached Epinay-sur-Orge I had to tap him on the shoulder to arouse him from his dream and come out on to the platform of the station.

There the magistrate and his registrar bowed to us and, by rapidly getting into a cab that was awaiting them, made us understand that they had seen enough of us.

"How long will it take to walk to the Chateau du Glandier?" Rouletabille asked one of the railway porters.

"An hour and a half or an hour and three-quarters—easy walking," the man replied.

It was in this place, seemingly belonging entirely to the past, that Professor Stangerson and his daughter installed themselves to lay the foundations for the science of the future.

When M. Stangerson bought the estate, fifteen years before the tragedy with which we are engaged occurred, the Chateau du Glandier had for a long time been unoccupied. Another old chateau in the neighborhood, built in the fourteenth century by Jean de Belmont, was also abandoned, so that that part of the country was very little inhabited. Some small houses on the side of the road leading to Corbell, an inn, called the Auberge du Donjon, which offered passing hospitality to wagoners—these were about all to represent civilization in this out of the way part of the country, but a few leagues from the capital.

But this deserted condition of the place had been the determining reason for the choice made by M. Stangerson and his daughter. M. Stangerson was already celebrated. He had returned from America, where his works had made a great stir. The book which he had published at Philadelphia, on the "Dissociation of Matter by Electric Action," had aroused opposition throughout the whole scientific world. M. Stangerson was a Frenchman, but of American origin. Important matters relating to a legacy had kept him for several years in the United States, where he had continued the work begun by him in France, whither he had returned in possession of a large fortune.

Mlle. Stangerson was at the time when her father returned from America and bought the Glandier estate twenty years of age. She was exceedingly pretty, having at once the Parisian grace of her mother, who had died in giving her birth, and all the splendor, all the riches of the young American blood of her parental grandfather, William Stangerson. A citizen of Philadelphia, William Stangerson had been obliged to become naturalized in obedience to family exigencies at the time of his marriage with a French lady.

Twenty years of age, a charming blond, with blue eyes, milk white complexion and radiant with divine health, Mathilde Stangerson was one of the most beautiful marriageable girls in either the old or the new world. It was her father's duty, in spite of the inevitable pain which a separation from her would cause him, to think of her marriage, and he was fully prepared for it. Nevertheless he buried himself and his child at the Glandier at the moment when his friends were expecting him to bring her out into society.

Questioned by her friends, the young girl replied calmly, "Where could we work better than in this solitude?" For Mlle. Stangerson had already begun to collaborate with her father in his work. It could not at the time be imagined that her passion for science would lead her so far as to refuse all the suitors who presented themselves to her for over fifteen years. The young girl's extreme reserve did not at first discourage suitors, but at the end of a few years they tired of their quest.

One alone persisted with tender tenacity and deserved the name of "eternal fiancé," a name he accepted with melancholy resignation; that was M. Robert Darzac. Mlle. Stangerson was now no longer young, and it seemed that, having found no reason for marrying at five and thirty, she would never find one.

Suddenly some weeks before the events with which we are occupied a report—to which nobody attached any importance, so incredible did it sound—was spread about Paris that Mlle. Stangerson had at last consented to "crown" the inextinguishable flame of M. Robert Darzac! It seemed that M. Robert Darzac himself should not deny this matrimonial rumor to give it an appearance of truth, so unlikely did it seem to be well founded. One day, however, M. Stangerson, as he was leaving the Academy of Science, announced that the marriage of his daughter and M. Robert Darzac would be celebrated in the privacy of the Chateau du Glandier as soon as he and his daughter had put the finishing touches to their report summing up their labors on the "Dissociation of Matter." The new household would install itself in the Glandier, and the son-in-law would lend his assistance in the work to which the father and daughter had dedicated their lives.

The scientific world had barely had time to recover from the effect of this news when it learned of the attempted assassination of mademoiselle.

## CHAPTER V.

In Which Joseph Rouletabille Makes a Remark to M. Robert Darzac Which Produces Its Little Effect.

ROULETABILLE and I had been walking for several minutes by the side of a long wall bounding the vast property of M. Stangerson and had already come within sight of the entrance gate when our attention was drawn to an individual who, half bent to the ground, seemed to be so completely absorbed in what he was doing as not to have seen us coming toward him. At one time he stooped so low as almost to touch the ground. At another he drew himself up and attentively examined the wall. Then he looked into the palm of one of his hands and walked away with rapid strides. Finally he set off running, still looking into the palm of his hand. Rouletabille had brought me to a standstill by a gesture.

"Hush! Frederic Larsen is at work! Don't let us disturb him!"

Rouletabille had a great admiration for the celebrated detective. I had (To Be Continued.)

### SALSBERG

IMPORTED STALLION FROM AUSTRIA

Will stand at Maunders Hotel until the season is ended. Property of W. A. WEESE

### Notice To Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF the estate of William Hobbs, late of the town of Lindsay, in the County of Victoria, Blacksmith, deceased.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Ontario 1897, Chapter 129, and amending acts thereto, that all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the said William Hobbs, who died on or about the Twentieth day of May, A.D. 1903, are required on or about the twenty-fifth day of July 1910, to send by post prepaid or deliver to Messrs McLaughlin Peel, Fulton and Stinson, of the Town of Lindsay, Solicitors for James Hobbs, of the Township of Manvers, Administrator of the said deceased, their christian and surnames, addresses, description and full particulars of their claim and the nature of the security, if any, held by them.

And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice and that the said administrator will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by him at the time of said distribution. Dated at Lindsay this Twenty seventh day of June A.D. 1910.

McLAUGHLIN, PEEL, FULTON, & STINSON, Solicitors for the Administrator of the said deceased.

### Notice to Creditors

IN THE SURROGATE COURT OF THE JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF REGINA

In the matter of the estate of Hugh Reid, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to an order of His Honor Judge Hannon, dated the 24th day of June, A.D., 1910, that all persons having claims against the estate of the late Hugh Reid, deceased, who died on or about the 8th day of November, A.D., 1909, at the Town of Milestone, in the Province of Saskatchewan, and who formerly lived at Lorneville, in the Province of Ontario, are required to send by post prepaid, or to deliver to Embury, Watkins & Scott, Regina, Saskatchewan, Solicitors for the Administrator, on or before the first day of November, A.D., 1910, their names and addresses and descriptions and a full statement of particulars of their claims and the nature of their security (if any) held by them, duly verified by Statutory Declaration, and after the said date the said administrator will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice.

Dated at the City of Regina, in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 29th day of June, A.D., 1910.

EMBURY, WATKINS & SCOTT, Solicitors for William Herbert Reid, Administrator.

### Live Stock Insurance

I am agent for the General Live Stock Insurance Co. of Montreal, and can take risks on all kinds of live animals. Pr. Broad, office 46 Peel-st.

### WANTED

TEACHER WANTED—Qualified teacher for S. S. No. 1, Digby, Salary \$450, duties to commence after summer holidays. Address John Cronin, Uphill, Ont.—w3d1.

TEACHER WANTED—S. S. No. 10 Minden, Protestant; 2nd class certificate, duties to commence Aug-1910. Salary \$400. Apply to C. P. ROGERS, Sec.-Treas. S. S. No. 10, Minden, Carnarvon P. O.—w2d2.

QUALIFIED TEACHER WANTED for school section No. 4 Eldon, Hartley. Duties to commence after holidays. Salary \$500. Apply Hugh Smith, sec-treas. Hartley.

WANTED—A certificate teacher for Ursula school from August 1st to Christmas holidays. State salary required. Apply to S. KETTLE, Ursula Sec.-Treas. (Not Catholic or Mormon) —w3d1S.

WANTED—Qualified teacher, Protestant, for S. S. No. 11, Verulam. Salary \$450. Apply JAS. POULSON, Fenelon Falls, Ont.—d1w3

### AUCTION SALE

A good farm in the Township of Darlington. In order to wind up the Estate of the late Margaret Martin, I am instructed to offer for sale by auction on the premises at 2 o'clock Saturday July 16th, 1910, that farm near Tyrone, known as the Vanstone Farm, being the south 50 acres of lot 13 and north 50 acres of lot 12 in the 6th Concession. These parcels can be sold separate or together. The land is well adapted for mixed farming, is well watered by spring creek and has splendid pasturage.

On the premises is a comfortable dwelling, stables, barn, hog pen, etc. The soil is clay loam. There is about 10 acres of orchard and woods. Convenient to the farm is a flour mill, stores, post office and good church and school accommodation. Railway facilities good, choice of three lines, Ploughing possession April 1st, 1911. Terms and conditions made known on day of sale.

Further particulars may be had from Jas. Tape, Executor, Box 338, Port Hope, or from Auctioneer, L. A. W. Tole, Bowmanville—w2.

### FOR SALE

FOR SALE—At a moderate price, that richly bred Holstein bull calf, just fit for service, sired by Mercavia's Sir Posh, 3rd, whose dam and sire's dam have official records averaging nearly 15,000 lbs., in one calf's two great dams have yearly averaging nearly 15,000 lbs. in one year calf's dam at 2 years and 8 months old, in milk 7 months, giving over 30 lbs. milk a day. For description and price write JOS. N. TAYLOR, Bobcaygeon, Ont.—wtf.

### FARM FOR SALE

FARM FOR SALE—100 acres, east half lot 16, con. 9, Ops, all cleared, good frame house and frame barn with stone stabling, 5 miles from town of Lindsay; the Hooley property. Terms easy: wants to sell at once. For further particulars apply to ELIAS BOWES, Real Estate Agent, Lindsay.—wtf.

FARM FOR SALE—West part of lot 7, Con. 14, Mariposa, 145 acres, about 95 under cultivation, the balance pasture. Good buildings, 2½ acres in orchard and all fruits. Apply to Wm. L. Stone, Woodville.—w5

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McLAUGHLIN, PEEL, FULTON & STINSON, Barristers Lindsay

### FARM FOR SALE

FARM FOR SALE—Improved farm of one hundred and fifty acres, more or less, being composed of the South Half of Lot Twenty (20) in the Tenth and the West part of Lot Twenty (20) in the eleventh Concession of the Township of Ops. This land is good clay loam, suitable for any kind of grain, drained, and all cleared but about Fifteen (15) acres of pasturage, through which there is running water. Situated three miles East of Lindsay, on good gravel road. There is a frame dwelling, kitchen and woodshed. Large frame barn 45x75 feet with stone foundation and stabling for all kinds of stock. Apply to MOORE & JACKSON, Solicitors, Lindsay, Ont. or A. BLACKWELL, 1 Notre Dame Street, West, Montreal.—wtf.

FARM FOR SALE—The N ½ of Lot 5, Con. 2, and the East Pt. of the S ½ of Lot 4, Con. 2, in the Township of Emily, 150 acres. About 140 acres cleared, balance woodland and swamp. Two miles south of Omemee. Well built on Good orchard. Well watered by a running stream, spring and wells. Good all round farm and in good condition. School convenient. For terms and particulars apply to Mrs. David Toole, Lock box 205, Omemee, Ont.—w4.

FARM FOR SALE—Known as the Ewers' homestead, Wanchester, 2 miles from Port Perry, containing between 95 and 100 acres. Clay loam Bids or communications received and Particulars from NORMAN EWERS, 69 Alexander-st., Toronto.—wtf.

FARM FOR SALE—Lot 15, con. 2, Fenelon, containing 93½ acres, more or less, adjoining the village of Islay. 90 acres cleared and about 4½ acres hardwood bush. New frame barn 50x65 on stone wall with first-class stabling complete, cement floor. Log house, well finished inside, partly plastered and partly boarded. School post office and blacksmith shop within a few rods of farm, 6 miles from Cambray station. Grass Hill and Cameron grain markets. The property of JOHN R. COWISON. For further particulars apply to Elias Bowes Real Estate Agent, Lindsay.—wtf.

FARM FOR SALE—Lot No. 1, con. 5, Anson township, containing 99 acres, about half cleared. Balance well timbered with hardwood, splendid sugar bush, good 10 roomed frame house, finished throughout. Bank barn 30x50, pig pen, hen house, etc. A snap for quick sale. For particulars apply to T. H. ROGERS, Carnarvon P. O.—3w.

FOR SALE—For \$1,500. I will sell the south east quarter of lot 13 con. Mariposa, containing 50 acres with about 12 or 15 acres cleared and under cultivation, the rest good pasture land, as there is a stream of water running through it. A good cedar log house and stable. Terms easy. Neil McCorvie, Midland.

FARM FOR SALE—Containing 100 acres, more or less, being part of lot 14 and 15 in 8 con. Mariposa. Brick house, frame barn, 40 by 10 with stone wall and first class stabling. Water in front of horses a cattle with taps. Good hog pen. Driving house. Hen house, cement floors in them all. A never-failing well, well fenced, adjoining the thriving village of Oakwood. Known as the W. A. Silverwood farm. Would like to sell at once. For further particulars apply to Elias Bowes, Real Estate agent, Lindsay.

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in Toronto this week. Dale, and Miss Burns, of Toronto, Mrs. Randolph McDonald, of Rose-bush, passed through town on Tuesday on their way to Toronto.

Whalen has given them a contract. They are doing first class work and several of the farmers are likely to follow Will's example.

Mr. and Mrs. Jewell, of Lindsay, are not tired of having a silo yet, as he is putting up a cement

best wishes go with them. Mr. Ehl Hill takes the farm they leave.

Form The Good Habit