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> "impossible" have all happened. You may doubt whether a foundling may become an heiress to \$5,000,000 and may also develop into a society lady, but the original of this character was a debutante last season, and the

company with a man who is practically at the head of the criminal fraternicollege graduate, bas never been ar of "crooks," so that, however implicated he may be in their crimes, they ing this master hand. On that boat | "Ahl You have discovered that, I met at least 50 men whom society

the pitfalls for you. Go ahead with mine, after all, I should not be at all

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"Oh, yes, it tells you something!" in-

well as in Fifth avenue drawing rooms | assailant." "How was the killing effected?"

sly twinkle enlivened his eye.

this be true of a single word, how something, and it may even, however run for an hour, when it was still keepwhich are or most common or convey. The crime of the century has not have intended murder when he ble to the floor, and at every attempt I that is, if you asked them?"

After all, the main object of not been committed by one man. It is not been committed by one man. It is not been committed by one man. It is not been committed by one man. fiction is to entertain, and, even too stupendous. It is the problem to entered the house; second, he may not found that it would cease its move-

> "Mr. Mitchel," said Mr. Barnes, "I hand, eh?" "This case was not broken open, I

have left the door open." But I do not intend to point out all affair. It may have a connection with

"Old is a figure of speech. He was "In a most brutally horrible manner. something over 50, but he had been an abbed to death. athlete in his youth and could give a murderer, the men were evenly mate the body. This was shrewd, because ed. He is not so beavy as his father its discovery might have been a clew of steel. I found Mr. Mora's watch un-

Mr. Mora its presence in the bedroom ing with the time during which the watchman testifies that young Mora terjected Mr. Mitchel. "Every known, "Yes," said Mr. Mitchell, "but do not fact connected with a crime tells its go too fast. The watch may have run more important than the theoretical or watch to stop merely because it falls

circumstantial evidence which may be to the floor." "Of course I know that," said the de- ory," replied the detective, "but nel-tective testily. "What I mean is that ther applies in this instance. If a weapon left in the room, having watch runs down, it cannot be started no direct clew to the identity of the shaking this one I set it going, and to If murderer. It does, however, tell us make assurance doubly sure I let It so must it be when we indirectly, point to the right man. For ing time. Next, though it be true that

"the first theory in these cases is nat- Mitchel laughed heartily. urally that of the miduight marander "It may be brilliant," retorted Mr. gation of a case. Young Mora has been "No; but as the key was commonly in amination showed that nothing had prove it so if it be so." condition of the cabinet, however, to cles of furniture, and especially Mr. Barnes-if it be so!" es us with another safe deduction. As sacked. I ought to mention that an point in this affair is the conflicting you know, it is often difficult to de open package containing several thou- statements of the watchman and young thing," said Mr. Barnes, flushing deepcide whether a crime be premeditated sand dollars in notes was conspicuous. Mora. The watchman asserts positive- ly. "I am sure"or not. In this instance it was certain- ly in view in a small drawer and was ly that he saw the son enter the house

presumption? Why may not this years and was acquainted, therefore, ous element in such investigations. cabinet, as I have said, is shrewd criminal have taken half or with his son. Yet the young man merely call your attention to the existusually locked, though the key is left two-thirds of the cash found, leaving stoutly denies that he was at home be-

murder the door was found open. Thus detectives?" use had not himself taken the club most methodical. We found a note say that one of the men lies because the case as you desire." to his room, for, being a man of ex- book in which was entered from time you think that young Mora is telling a __"I am more than surprised. I am ceedingly orderly habits, he would to time a detailed account of his world- falsehood. You do not mean that by sorely disappointed," said the detecthave locked the door. No; the mur- ly possessions. This included a state any possibility the watchman is ly- ive. derer, knowing that a weapon of this ment of the cash balances in various ing, yet it may be that Mora tells the to be had, took it from the banks and the cash on hand. Under a truth and also that the watchman be Mr. Mitchel quickly. "I may be of cabinet, but in his excited or abstract- date two days previous to the murder lieves that his own statement is aced frame of mind be might naturally is an entry giving the balance of cash curate," on hand, which is only a hundred dol- "You mean that the watchman was tective by trade. I mean no offense, "You said awhile ago, Mr. Barnes, lars more than the amount of the notes perhaps mistaken and that it was some but I cannot look at these cases from that the more plausible theory is that found in his desk."

the criminal was an inmate of the "Well, then, if not money, what did house. This may be, but do not over the murderer seek in the desk which look the possibility that, coming from you say was ransacked?"

have been borrowed from life.

Another word. I know that you distance was a wint would divert the attention of a decire that they made other bit of cloth like it could be found toward and I agree with you in and I agree with you in westlesses "dislect" is Mr. Mitchel said this so quickly that tective away from bimself and toward in this city. The watchman was familiar with this suit of clothing and lar with the clothing and l Nevertiseless "dialect" is essential. It should never and then replied without having fully some other man. He would need, of the linear the man who entered the his fortune to his son, and the other house that night were that suit of stence of the Indian weapons and of half was distributed among various forms. He would need, of his fortune to his son, and the other house that night were that suit of stence of the Indian weapons and of half was distributed among various forms.



says, 'Prisoner, there is blood upon blood, it is chicken blood.' Then the lies nicely with the time of his actual outset. He says, 'Yes; it is blood, the seems to be making an effort to white-"Both of your points are good in the blood of my father.' Then he explains wash young Mora, for the rest of the

"Ah, yes, very good, Mr. Mitchel! you like." But if he were really innocent why

Come all the time for those who in wisdom do their trading with us. When "Exactly. And this is the more "The watchman's testimony must be would hide the fact that the wristband tice by discovering the truth."

"By heavens, Mr. Barnes, a brilliant "Of course," continued the detective, answer, a very brilliant answer!" Mr. or of your acquaintance you allow per-

in search of plunder, but a careful ex- Barnes, "but it is false, and I will insolent to you, but that would not justhe lock this counts for nothing. The been abstracted, though various arti-

and leave it again. He has been in the You will do your best to discover the "This is interesting. How do you "Untouched? Is not that merely a employ of the deceased for several truth, only a personal spite is a danger-

is evident that the master of the "I have said that Mr. Mora was "Pardon me, Mr. Barnes, but you to hear me say that I cannot go into

other person who entered the house?" your standpoint. With you a crime "Precisely so. It is possible." "Possible, yes, but far from proba- criminal at large. That criminal must

ble. It seems that Mora has been be discovered, imprisoned, perhaps wearing a peculiar brown plaid suit of hanged. That is your work. It is a tion, the murderer may have chosen "Ah, of course, the will! Do you late. The material he procured in work with which I can have no sort

positive assertion young Mora denies ly where the use of brains, and more "It is estimated that the fortune that he wore that suit at all that night particularly of brains against brains, amounts to 18 millions." and suggests that the murderer, after enters into the work. But the study of "One-half of which is nine millions," committing the crime, may have dress. a murder case, with the single object Mr. Mitchel. "enough, quite ed himself in this suit, wearing it over of hanging the murderer, is not atrough, to be considered an incentive his own clothing. He claims that the tractive to me." e occupying all of for murder-a legal incentive, I mean." watchman may have been mistaken "Surely you do not mean that mur-

aving the house at or near 1 o'clock.

was evidently acceptable to the jury. This might not have been had not Mr. Mora satisfactorily accounted for his he has been taking an interest lately in the east side slums and has been studying the labor problem. On the night of the murder he attended a ball at Apolto hall, hoping by associating with the tracted his attention thither, as it was thus perhaps later on to apply the again before going out to the police shrewd. This is a point of which I Apollo hall throughout the ball, danchave often thought. The prosecution ing with some of the fair Jewish maid-

"Too nicely!" growled the detective.

Well, my friend, I have often thought over your words, even though I have not yet been convinced that the most interesting phases of human life are interesting phases of human life are those which are of most common occurred. The crime of the century has those which are of most common occurred that the crime of the century has those which are of most common occurred to the police?"

Well, my friend, I have often thought to the police?"

"So! He had attempted to wash unite several into a phrase! This one, for some reason, is stopped, this one, for some reason, is over yet been convinced that the most the crime of the century, means more the crime of the century has the most watches would not be so easily stopped, this one, for some reason, is over yet been convinced that the most the police?"

"So! He had attempted to wash unite several into a phrase! This one, for some reason, is overy sensitive to a blow. I tried the fear. But they all make mistakes, than you have perhaps intended to sible deductions—first, the man may sible deductions—first, the man may be convey. The crime of the century has the most watches would not be so easily stopped, this one, for some reason, is over yet at the murry to report to the police?"

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> "Yes, but beware, Mr. Barnes! For if it do not bring him to the gallows." "I hope I am above that sort of

"So am I-sure that you are above it. sticking. On the morning after the the rest, as he did the club, to battle fore 5 o'clock in the morning. Evi- with your heel. But you ask me to aid dently one of these men is lying." | you in this affair. It may surprise you

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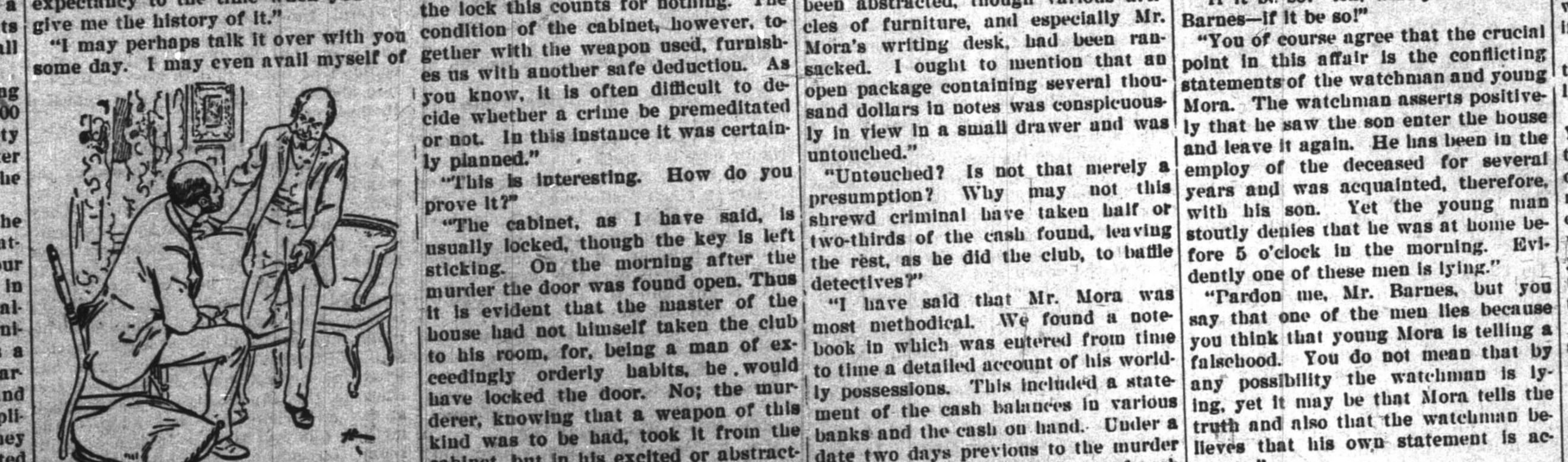
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