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The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Godfrey, a newspaper reporter, is talking with his friend Simmons, a detective, when the janitor of the Marathon, an apartment house, comes in with the story that a murder has been committed. At the Marathon, Miss Croydon, an acquaintance of Godfrey, is found with a pistol in her hand in a room with a dead man. She denies being responsible for his death and claims that she came to his room to secure family papers which he claimed to possess. She alleges that the murder was committed by a stranger who came into the room, but states that she fired a shot at the assailant of the deceased. The bullet from her pistol was found imbedded in the wall.

Later, Jimmy, a well known crook, is arrested for the murder, but he insists on his innocence until told that Miss Croydon will appear as a witness against him. Then he suddenly asks to be locked up.

Drysdale, fiancé of Miss Croydon, calls on Godfrey, who tells him the story of the murder. Drysdale explains that he called at the Delroy residence on the night of the crime and found Miss Croydon absent and her sister, Mrs. Delroy, greatly agitated. Miss Croydon returned suddenly and declined to explain her absence. Drysdale expresses faith in the innocence of Miss Croydon.

At the coroner's inquest Miss Croydon states positively that Jimmy, the Dude, is not the guilty man, and he is released.

Godfrey secures the record of the Croydon family, who formerly lived in France, but removed to England. Edith Croydon, eldest daughter, was educated in France; left school suddenly on account of ill health; subsequently married Richard Delroy of New York. Croydon and wife died in England, leaving fortune to daughter Grace.

Lester, an attorney, interested in the murderer, secures suite 14 in the Marathon as lodgings. He searches the rooms carefully and finds a diamond.

Tremaine, a promoter of a railway technique, and his wife, Cecily, are lodgers at the Marathon. Lester meets them and suspects that they were acquaintances of Thompson, the murdered man. Godfrey observes Tremaine making a search for something in Lester's rooms.

CHAPTER IX.

"I HAVE come to thank you for your kindness of last night," said Tremaine as he entered. "It was indeed a great favor."

"It was nothing," I protested, waving him to a chair. "I was glad to do it. I had a very pleasant time myself."

As he sat down he laid a handful of cigarettes on the table beside him. "You see, I've come for a chat," he said, with his inimitable smile. "I hope you will help yourself."

"Thank you," and I suited the action to the word. Tremaine's cigarettes would have tempted any one.

"I have been curious to see," he said, "how Cecily would affect New Yorkers. She is certainly well stared at."

"And no wonder," I said. "She would make St. Anthony turn his head."

"Ah, you think so?" and he shot me a quick glance. "You admire her, then?"

"Admiration is hardly the word," I said slowly. "It is too weak, too thin." Evidently he misunderstood me, for he did not wait for me to finish, to explain myself.

"That makes it easier for me," he interrupted. "You have perhaps suspected that the union between us is not a—ah—a legal one?"

"Yes," I said, "I had suspected that."

"Such unions are the rule in Martinique," he continued calmly, "and have been from time immemorial. They are a part of the life there. They are a matter of course, and frequently they are as permanent and happy as any regular one could be. Cecily, as what is known as a fille de couleur—physically, I believe, the most beautiful women in the world."

"Then she is not an exception?"

"Oh, no—she's a type—physically, at least. Mentally, I believe she does differ somewhat from the typical capresse. For instance, I never knew another attempt to tame a fer-de-lance."

"It seemed to me," I observed, "that

she had as many possibilities as the snake."

He laughed lightly.

"For evil, you mean? That's merely the effect of the first view. Really, the capresse girls have an excellent reputation for docility and all the rest. Not that it would matter much in Martinique—the people there are used to living over a volcano and don't mind. Of course," he added in another tone, "I shall before long have to break it off. Society here is differently organized—different climates, different morals, you know; I feel that I must conform to it. Indeed, I even wish to do so. It is time that I settled down, ranged myself, became a man of family. I have been a wanderer long enough. Cecily can't endure this climate anyway. I'll send her back to St. Pierre."

"What will she say to that?" I asked, with a vivid memory of the adoring way her eyes always dwelt upon him.

"You think it sounds a little brutal?" and he smiled gayly. "It isn't, in the least. You've put Cecily on too high a pedestal. They have an axiom down there, 'Née de l'amour, la fille de couleur n'a d'amour, de rires, et d'oubli'—her life is a thing of love, laughter and forgettings. I think it's essentially true. At the same time," he added more seriously, "I don't wish to be needlessly cruel. That's the reason I'm telling you all this. It's a sort of introduction."

"Ah," I said, and looked at him. "I'll blurt it out in a word. I'll be out of town next week—all week—my business demands it—and it's absurd for me to think of taking Cecily with me—it's absolutely impossible—it would ruin the whole affair. What I want to ask you is this—look in on her occasionally, cheer her up, take her to the theater, if you'll be so good. She knows no one here, and she has a ridiculous need of companionship, of chattering to some one, of having some one to admire her. It's born in the blood, I suppose; it's an inheritance from two centuries of ancestors. Left to herself, she'll soon mope herself sick. Will you do this for me, my friend?"

There was a compelling wizardry in his eyes as he looked at me, yet I had self control enough to pause and reflect. Still, I saw no reason why I should refuse, even had my own inclination not greatly urged me forward. Here would be an opportunity to unveil such secrets of his as Cecily might know—especially as to where they had been on the evening of the murder. Perhaps she even knew the victim; could give me a clue to the connection between him and Tremaine, if such a connection existed. There were unlimited possibilities. And yet a feeling of shame held me back. To take advantage in this way of a man who trusted me, against whom there was nothing but the merest, most intangible suspicion—

I looked up and met his intent gaze.

"You were reflecting?" he said. "Merely that it is a delicate trust. I'm not at all unwilling to undertake it, only—"

Again he misunderstood; again he did not wait for me to finish. It was the only weakness I ever detected in him—he made a false step that could never be retraced.

"Only you are flesh and blood, you would say?" and he shot me a smile which illumined as a lightning flash the depths of his character. "On that score, do not worry, I beg of you. I am not of a jealous disposition. I shall not."

A knock at the door interrupted him or I might have answered in a way that would have wrecked Godfrey's plan forever. I flung the door open and saw Higgins standing there.

"A call at the telephone for you, Mr. Lester," he said.

"Excuse me, please," I called over my shoulder to Tremaine, and strode down the hall after the janitor.

It was Mr. Royce who wanted me; he had been called suddenly out of town and wished to give me some instructions for the next day. Our conversation lasted perhaps five minutes; then I hung up the receiver and mounted to my rooms. With a hand not wholly steady, I opened the door. Tremaine was sitting in the chair where I had left him and was just lighting another cigarette.

He arose with a smile as I came in.

"I must be going," he said. "And you will keep an eye on Cecily?"

"Yes, I'll be glad to. Good night," I answered, and closed the door.

As I turned Godfrey walked calmly out of the bedroom.

"What do you think of him?" I asked.

"I think," said Godfrey slowly, "that he's one of the most consummate scoundrels I ever had to deal with. However, we'll unmask him. He's let-

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ting us into his citadel.

"Did he sit still while I was away?"

"Not for an instant. I was sure he wouldn't. Therefore as soon as I caught Higgins' errand I dived behind my raincoat. Luckily, it's a long one."

"Yes, And then?"

"And then he took a quick look through the bedroom. I heard him open the closet door and drop on one knee to glance under the bed. Then he went on into the bathroom and finally came back again to the sitting room."

"Well?" I asked, for I saw that there

was something yet untold.

"Well," continued Godfrey, "after a minute or two I thought it safe to venture out from under the raincoat, more especially as certain peculiar sounds from the other room awakened my curiosity. The sounds were a sort of slow, regular scraping."

"I paused a moment to look at me. I could only stare at him.

"I crept to the door and peeped through. Guess what I found. You never could guess, though. Tremaine was crawling slowly about the room, running his hands earnestly over the carpet. He was searching for the dia-

mond."

CHAPTER X.

"WELL," I said at last, "it seems to me we're weaving a pretty strong chain about our friend Tremaine. But why should he have waited this long to look for the diamond?"

"Perhaps he's just discovered its loss," suggested Godfrey.

"Or perhaps this is the first oppor-

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What Texas soil would grow;
Said he, "I'll never tell you, for really
I don't know.

The soil's so rich in this great state,
Remember what I say,
That if I told you everything,
I'd not get through today.

Just take the products of the earth
From every land and clime,
And Texas soil will equal
The best grown, every time.

"Why, Sir," said he, "if walls were built
Around us ten miles high,
We'd have the best of everything
And wouldn't half-way try.

We have our mines, our countless herds,
And industries galore;
And hands that work, and hearts that beat,
For Texas evermore.

And women fair, large men and strong,
Our cities rich and great;
I'll tell you, Sir, what Texas is:
The world rolled in one State."

G. HERB PALIN.

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THE AMARILLO PROPOSITION.

The Amarillo proposition, to
abandon that portion of the Santa
Fe line between Washburn and
Panhandle and build in lieu
thereof directly from the latter
named town into Amarillo, will,
if brought to a successful termi-
nation, affect disastrously not
only those people served by the
proposed abandoned line but also
every town and hamlet within
the "Queen City's" commercial
influence. No argument is neces-
sary to convince every business
man of the truth of this state-
ment and it should also likewise
be clear to every other citizen of
this broad Panhandle country.
During the recent political cam-
paign Amarillo, this self-styled
"Queen City of the Panhandle,"
had a man out for every district
office within the gift of thirty-
eight counties and succeeded in
landing them all. Her grip com-
mercially and politically is good
now, but allow success to follow
this latest iniquitous proposition
and she, indeed, will "queen" it
over her less favored neighbors for
years to come.

The News says iniquitous, ad-
visedly, because the proposition
on the part of Amarillo is char-
acterized by great injustice not
only in depriving some citizens
of railroad facilities which they
have enjoyed for years but in
that it lengthens the road several
miles and thereby lays an extra
tariff on all the people. It is in-
iquitous also because, if success-
ful, it will do much toward es-
tablishing a precedent in Texas
law making whereby wrong when
padded with money may over-
come the right.

In this proposition, as The
News sees it, it is Amarillo not
only against her neighbors, but
against the State, and not only
against the State, but against
every citizen of these United
States who may have occasion
hereafter to either travel or ship
goods over the Santa Fe lines.
Thus it is Amarillo against the
whole country and the special
legislation asked for can benefit
her and her alone. Only get the
Legislature to see this and she is
defeated.

For awhile it looked as though
Amarillo would have a clear
track in so far as opposition be-
fore the Legislature was con-
cerned. It seemed as if the old

adage "what is everybody's busi-
ness is nobody's business" was
going to be once more forcibly
illustrated in this instance, but
not so, the public are awakening
and the fight is on.

Washburn will make a showing
down at Austin against the propo-
sition, so will Panhandle and
Canyon City also has agreed to
lend her assistance. In this op-
position there will be no "lobby-
ing" as the term is generally ac-
cepted, but only a statement of
the facts and an appeal to the
law makers of Texas for a judg-
ment in accord therewith.

The Hereford Brand, easily
the best country newspaper in
the entire Panhandle has passed
out of the hands of J. Ray, its
owner and editor for some three
years, into those of a recent pur-
chaser, C. E. Edwards. Under
the management of Mr. Ray, who
has proven himself a very capa-
ble newspaper man, the Brand
has enjoyed unusual success not
only as a money maker, but as a
leading factor in making Here-
ford what she is today, one of
the best and most enterprising
towns on the Texas Plains. With
the best of wishes for the new
owner of the Brand it is with
sincere regret that The News
sees Mr. Ray retire from its
management, and by reason of
it, from our Northwest Texas
Press Association. However, Joe
is a born newspaper man and he
will return. They all do.

The Saturday Democratic pri-
mary in Travis county went
against Senator Bailey one hun-
dred and fifty majority. Every
ward in the capital itself was
anti-Bailey except two and large-
ly so.

Bank Elections.

The Canyon National Bank, at
its annual election Tuesday, re-
turned the same officers as here-
tofore. The names can be ascer-
tained by reference to the bank
ad elsewhere in this paper. The
First National will elect its new
officers on return of its presi-
dent, Mr. Lester, who left Tues-
day for Tulsa, Plainview, Lub-
bock, etc., to attend the elections
in the other banks in which he
is concerned. It is expected he
will be absent some ten days. No
change, however, is looked for
among the officers of the First
National.

The personnel of our Canyon
City banks is exceptionally strong
and good and their condition,
financially speaking, is as good
as the best in the land.

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HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Misses Emma Hoffman and Ora
Cage went to Hereford Monday
on special business.

Rev. George Bryant preached
his first sermon in this section
last Sunday to an appreciative
audience.

Deaf Smith was visited by an-
other fire last Sunday that cre-
ated much excitement. Seventy-
five men went to fight it and were
successful in putting it out after
it had burned for several miles.
It was set by a cigar smoker.
No loss except grass.

F. Hoffman has returned from
his trip in South Dakota, much
delighted with that part of the
world.

Will and Roy Cage have re-
turned from their Mexico trip.

Farmers are very busy turn-
ing the soil for wheat and oats.

C. H. Hitchcock went to Can-
yon Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Johnson
desire to thank their friends for
the many nice china presents
that were presented on their an-
niversary. Several have been
sent in since then by those who
could not attend.

J. W. McClain and family have
moved to Canyon for the benefit
of school. We regret very much
to give them up.

Sunday school at Paladuro is
growing in interest all the time.

Mrs. B. T. Johnson visited
Mrs. T. Lester Saturday. We
are highly pleased with our new
neighbors from Missouri.

TASSIE.

District Court.

Will convene on Monday the
4th day of February. There is
but one case on the criminal
docket and that is a forgery case
carried over from last court.

On the civil docket there are
some nine cases consisting of
trespass to try title, damage
suits and two divorce cases. The
latter cases are those of J. W.
Cummings vs. Lois Cummings
and Kattie Bell Hall vs. Arthur J.
Hall.

GRAND JURORS.

E W Neece	C T Degraffenried
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Sam Wiggins	Sam Heyster
F Hoffman	Henry Shinebarger
J A Edwards	E D Harrell
C L Gordon-Cummings	I L Hunt

"To be or not to be?" Such is
about the status within the city
council concerning the proposed
cement sidewalks around the
public square. That the lot own-
ers must put them in at their
own expense is settled, but when
and how wide? That's the ques-
tion at issue.



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Board of Directors have called a
meeting of the stockholders, to be
held in the city of Amarillo, county
of Potter, State of Texas, at the
principal office of the Company, on
the 10th day of March, 1907, to
consider and act on a proposition to
authorize the execution by the
Company of a mortgage on all of
its railroad properties now owned
and hereafter acquired, to secure
bonds in the sum of \$15,000,000.00,
such bonds to bear interest at the
rate of six per cent per annum, and
to be payable thirty years from
date thereof, so much of said bonds
as may be required therefor to be
used in retiring the bonds of the
Company now outstanding, the bal-
ance of said bonds to be used for
construction and extensions and
such other purposes as may be
determined by the Board of Directors,
and that this notice is given to you
by order of the Board of Directors.

DON A. SWEET,
Secretary.

CITATION.

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Randall county, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to
summon W. L. Childress by making
publication of this citation once in
each week for four successive weeks
previously to the return day hereof, in
some newspaper published in your
county, if there be a newspaper pub-
lished therein, but if not, then in any
newspaper published in the 4th Ju-
dicial district; but if there be no
newspaper published in said Judicial
District, then in a newspaper pub-
lished in the nearest district to the
said 4th Judicial District, to appear
at the next regular term of the Dis-
trict Court of Randall county, to be
held at the court house thereof, in
Canyon City, on the 1st Monday in
February A. D. 1907, the same being
the 4th day of February A. D. 1907,
then and there to answer a petition
filed in said court on the 2nd day of
January A. D. 1907, in a suit, num-
bered on the docket of said court No.
344, wherein W. F. Heller is plaintiff,
and W. L. Childress is defendant, and
said petition alleging that hereta-
fore, to-wit, on the 19th day of June,
1899, the plaintiff was, possessed of
the following described premises sit-
uated in Randall county, Texas:

Block No. 19 in Lair Addition to
Canyon City, as shown by the rec-
orded plat of said addition in the deed
records of said county and state,
Book 7, page 4, holding the same in
fee simple. That afterwards, on said
date, the defendant unlawfully en-
tered upon and dispossessed the
plaintiff of said premises and with-
held from him the possession there-
of. And prays for judgment for title
and possession of said land, for costs
etc.

Herein fail not, but have before
said court, at its aforesaid next regu-
lar term, this writ, with your re-
turn thereon, showing how you have
executed the same.

Witness, J. A. Tate, Clerk of the
District Court of Randall county.
Given under my hand, and the seal
of said court, at office in Canyon
City this 2nd day of January A.
D. 1907.
J. A. TATE, Clerk
[Seal] District Court Randall Co.



19 JANUARY 07

SUN.	MON.	TUE.	WED.	THU.	FRI.	SAT.
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27	28	29	30	31		

TOWN & COUNTY

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Good time to plant trees.
 Prospectors were not so numerous on the last excursion.
 Building in town is still moving on.
 Fine Candies—Best in town at Wilson's.
 Miss Annie Buie left last Sunday for Fort Worth. She enters Polytechnic college.
 All kinds of Racket Goods School supplies and Confectionery at Wilson's. Try us.
 T. W. Barrett sold his residence to Ed and Bob Pipkin at \$1250.
 Wilbert Peterson, the jeweler, has decided to locate at Plainview. He left us last week.
 J. C. Pipkin, J. R. Harter, M. S. Lusby and one or two others are on a trip about Boaz, N. M.
 The Canyon Sash & Door Co., an adjunct of the Canyon Lumber Co., is building a store house above the depot.
 Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gosser of Amarillo, spent last Sunday at Judge Henson's, of this place.

Card of Thanks.

I desire to thank my patrons and the people of Canyon City generally for the business given me during 1906 and for other appreciated considerations. Business has called me to Plainview, but I shall always remember with gratitude my friends and their interests in Canyon City.
 Respectfully,
 WILBERT PETERSON.

Geo. Long and daughter, Miss Winnie, returned last Saturday from Martin, Tenn., where they spent the holidays with relatives.
 A. S. Rollins on Tuesday sold his residence including two lots to C. C. Doniphon at \$1500 cash. Mr. Rollins talks as if he will build on his inside lots.
 E. M. Hagood of Endfield, Ill., has bought through the Randall County Land Co., the Steen section No. 54 and will, so he says, move here this coming fall.
 The Crider Land Co., composed of Mr. Crider and John A. Wallace, is the name of a new firm. They will office in the Wallace new brick.
 T. A. Wier of Umbarger, last week moved to Hereford. He was in town Saturday and running up his date with us one year also subscribed for the Dallas News.

OPERA HOUSE!

January 17, 18 and 19

A UNEXCELLED ATTRACTION

The Little Hollingsworth Twins,

MYRTLE AND MAUDE

The Youngest Leading Lady and Character Soubrette on the American Stage.

The Roswell Register-Tribune has the following to say in its issue of December 27th relative to this company:

The Hollingsworth Twins Company, appearing at the Majestic Theater all of this week, has been accorded a good patronage and rightfully, as it is perhaps the most meritorious troupe that has appeared in this city in recent years. Of course the stars of the company are the Hollingsworth Twins, little girls of 15 or 16, but the rest of the company is well balanced, and the work of the whole of a very high grade. In the line of specialty work the company is especially strong, led as it is by the Twins themselves, their singing and dancing being clever in the extreme, their burlesques of grand opera, as used Tuesday evening for example being particularly effective. There is a complete change of program, specialties included, every night. All lovers of good, clean dramas with a healthy sprinkling of comedy, should attend the Majestic at least one night before the close. It is mighty seldom that a good troupe visits Roswell, and when one does, it should be liberally patronized. It takes nerve to bring a big company like the one under discussion to this isolated town, and no little ingenuity to select plays suited to the limitations of the house, and such faith should be justified, especially when in its justification lies amusement of a very high order.

At Washburn's Call.

Saturday morning in the district court room a well attended mass meeting of citizens was had to see what action should be taken, if any, in response to a call from Armstrong county citizens asking for aid against the move of Amarillo to take up the railroad between Washburn and Panhandle. Judge Henson was elected chairman and R. A. Sower, Esq., secretary. Letters from Washburn were read and also from Panhandle, and several rousing speeches were made with results as follows:

Nearly \$400 was subscribed and placed at the disposal of Judge Cyrus Eckman who was unanimously elected to go down to Austin as the representative of Canyon City and as such to co-operate with Armstrong county citizens and the people of Panhandle town in this matter. Judge Eckman in a neat speech accepted this responsibility, saying that he would put all of the effort of which he was capable into the contest, but that he thought it would be best to send two representatives at least. This question of sending others was referred to the Commercial Club.

Resolutions were also adopted condemning the Amarillo proposition and a committee was appointed to draw up petitions along this line which, when signed by our citizens, should be forwarded to our Senator and Representative.

In the evening the Commercial Club also convened for the same purpose. There was a good turnout and plenty of enthusiasm. The proceedings of the club consisted chiefly in endorsing the action of the mass meeting except that the matter of sending others to Austin in addition to Judge Eckman, was left for the regular meeting, January 14, to determine.

The News is real glad to see this action taken. It has materialized none too soon. The cause which Canyon City here espouses is a righteous one; it should and will appeal to right thinking men both in and out of legislative halls and if principles are to count at all in the contest Amarillo will come out with just what she richly deserves—ignominious defeat.

Just Arrived—A lot of slicker suits; plenty of comforts, rubber boots and overshoes, high-top shoes, a full line of overalls. See our big ad on first page for special announcement.

CANYON MERCANTILE CO.

This week Canyon City Judge L. O. O. F. installed officers as follows: Noble Grand H. J. Cavett, Vice Grand J. F. Smith, Secretary Walter R. Brandon, Treasurer S. A. Shotwell. H. J. Sevall will go as representative to the Grand Lodge which meets in March, first Monday, in San Antonio.

J. F. Womble, a dry goods merchant of Shawnee, Okla., was in town Wednesday looking around for a suitable house in which to move his business. He owns land four miles this side of Amarillo and will locate either there or here, so he says.

Commercial Club meeting last night. Particulars next week.

Of Interest to Mothers.

There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In cases of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears so as to prevent the attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so and it saves them much uneasiness. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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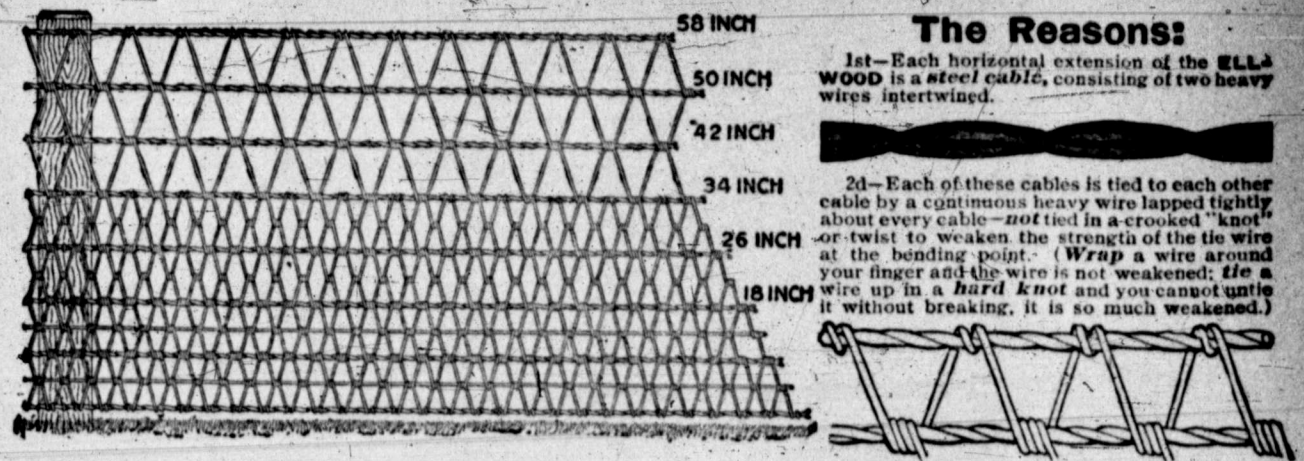
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THE CANYON NATIONAL BANK.

M. E. Slover on Wednesday traded block 13, Bomgr H addition in the west end to Merton Bogar receiving in exchange therefor 160 acres out of section 73, block K 14. The block went at \$550 and the quarter section at \$8 per acre.

Agreeably Surprised.

Many sufferers from rheumatism have been agreeably surprised at the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It makes sleep and rest possible. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

Sunday W. F. Taylor returned to Cordell, Oklahoma, taking with him to view the country S. A. Shotwell, C. B. Wallace and S. V. Gentry. R. A. Campbell returned home from a visit to that country on Saturday buying while there 160-acre farm near the one purchased by T. W. Barrett. Mr. Campbell paid something over \$3,000 for his quarter.

DeGraftenreid last week sold the southwest quarter of section 144 to Eugene Yates at \$15; the northwest quarter of the same section went to Wm. Willard also at \$15. Mr. DeGraftenreid also sold the south half of 142 to Elias Aken of Indiana at \$13 per acre and the northwest quarter to Mrs. H. B. Harvey of Williamsport, Ind., at \$13, the northeast quarter going to Galloway Land Co., of Illinois, at the same price. Jack Campbell made the trade on section 144.

D. N. Redburn & Co. Assignment.

The firm of D. N. Redburn & Co., consisting of D. N. Redburn, W. G. Marsh and W. H. Parks, filed a deed of assignment in the county clerk's office Tuesday morning under Title 8 of the Revised Statutes of Texas, Art. 73. R. B. Redburn is named as assignee. Total assets, accounts and merchandise are given as \$6,395.17 and liabilities are estimated at \$5,377.40.

Fair Warning.

All persons subject to an occupation tax must call and pay same by the 15th or complaint will be lodged in the city court for failure to pay such tax. Office opposite postoffice.

BRENT TAYLOR, City Marshal and Collector.

Furniture to Sell.

Will sell all or any part of my household furniture CHEAP. Am going away and must sell between now and Monday.

J. L. CRAWFORD.

The merchants of Amarillo have agreed to close their stores at 6 p. m. the year round. Good deed and it could be imitated with profit to all concerned clear over the Panhandle.

For Quick Sale—At a bargain, a cooking stove, one heating stove, one bedstead, mattress and springs, one extension dining table, two chairs, one rocker, and some other articles. All these things practically new. For particulars enquire at Model Restaurant or of L. B. Post, railroad pumper.

Sidewalks of uniform evenness, width and quality all about the business part of town would exert a great influence with progressive people passing through the country looking for a permanent location.

Local Weather Record.

A good rain Tuesday night and plenty of mud Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. With this exception the seven days just past have been all right.

Louis Hart, who made quite a reputation for good meals and excellent service during the brief period of time he stood out as proprietor of the "Model Restaurant," we are glad to say has decided to remain with us and again become a public caterer. He has completed arrangements, whereby near the first of next month he will open up a modern restaurant near the depot. The building and fittings are to be new and will be conveniently situated, especially so for the traveling public. Mr. Hart knows his business and can make a success of it.

In Line With the Pure Food Law.

The National Food and Drug Act which takes effect Jan. 1, 1907, does not effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that Act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with a cough or cold. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

Misses Long and Miss Annie Jordan of Canyon City, were the guests of Miss Nannie Jowell during the holidays.—Hereford Brand.

M. E. Woosley on Monday purchased from J. W. and Louis Bradley of Hereford, through Hall Abbott, lots 4, 5 and 6 in block 72, east part of town, at \$100. Mr. Woosley says he will build on these lots right away.

Misses Fannie and Edna Morgan of Amarillo, spent holiday week with Zina Henson.

T. C. Thompson came in from Amarillo and Sunday with his family of this place.

Rector and Miss Blanche Lester entertained a number of their friends with various games last Friday night.

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Special Prices

For the next two weeks on
Men's and Boys' Clothing, also Ladies' and Children's Cloaks.

Below are a few of them—

One lot Boys' Clothing	25 per cent off
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Men's Suits, worth \$22.50, at	\$18.00
Men's Suits, worth \$20.00, at	16.00
Men's Suits, worth \$16.50, at	13.50
Men's Suits, worth \$12.50, at	9.75
Men's Suits, worth \$8.50, at	6.75
Men's Overcoats, good value at \$12.50, at	9.75
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We have a few LADIES' CLOAKS left that we will close out AT 25 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

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With best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, we are

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Tremaine was crawling slowly about the room.

That will let in the air; besides, through it one can get an admirable view of the outer room.

"Ah!" I said, beginning to understand. "It's a trap!"

"Yes, a trap. Maybe we'll catch something and maybe we won't. What time do you usually go to lunch?"

"About 1 o'clock."

"That ought to bring you here by 1:30. Very well; lock me in and take the key with you."

I did as he bade me, though not without some reluctance, and I confess that I thought of little else during the morning.

One o'clock came at last and I hurried out and took the elevated uptown as the quickest way of getting there. It was just 1:20 when I opened my door. With a little shiver of apprehension I inserted the key in the lock of the closet and threw back the bolt. Godfrey walked out on the instant. He was smiling, but pale with fatigue.

"If you've got such a thing as a nip of brandy anywhere about, Lester," he said, sinking into the nearest chair. "I'd be infinitely obliged for it. I feel rather shaky in the knees."

I brought a glass for him, and he set it down empty, with a sigh of satisfaction.

"That's better. Do you know, I thought for a time toward the last that I was going to collapse. One little crack is scarcely ventilation enough for an active pair of lungs. However, I was repaid."

"You were?"

"Yes," and he smiled at my impatience. "I'll tell you the story and see what you make of it. First came the chambermaid, who performed her duties with neatness and dispatch. Then a dreary half hour passed. I had about come to the conclusion that I might have spared my pains when I caught the sound of a key in the lock of the outer door. I heard the door open and close, and an instant later our friend Tremaine appeared within my range of vision."

"Tremaine!" I exclaimed. "Then he had Thompson's key?"

"Yes," agreed Godfrey. "But my story's only begun. Tremaine took a look through the rooms to assure himself that there was no one here. He tried the closet door, but didn't seem surprised or suspicious when he found it locked. Then he went back to the outer room, dropped on his hands and knees and began to search."

"For the diamond?"

"So I thought at first. I couldn't see him for a little while, but presently I perceived that he wasn't searching over the body of the carpet, but around its edges. He seemed to be looking for a place where it was loose, for he went very slowly from track to track. Once I thought he had found it, for he came to a place where a tack was wanting and ran his hand under eagerly. But in a moment he brought it out again empty."

"So it couldn't have been the diamond?" I remarked in perplexity.

"No; it couldn't have been the diamond," asserted Godfrey, his eyes shining. "But Tremaine wasn't done yet. Really, he'd make an admirable detective. I admired his methods, though they also gave me a clue to what he was looking for. He placed a chair just here, before this desk, just opposite the bedroom door. You'll remember that Thompson also had a table and chair similarly placed."

"Yes, I remember."

"Then he sat down in the chair and began a minute scrutiny of the walls. First that one you see. He went over it inch by inch until he came to the speaking tube. Then he sprang up and opened it and peered inside, even holding a lighted match in. Let us see," and Godfrey also examined the tube.

"It's empty."

"Yes," I said. "I tested it once or twice, and it works all right."

"Well, Tremaine wasn't satisfied with that. He ran his hands along the top ledges of the doors, mounted a chair and peered above the windows, examined every nook and cranny. At last he gave it up, replaced things just as he had found them, glanced at his watch and went away. Now, what was he looking for?"

I endeavored my brain.

"I don't know," I said. "I can't imagine."

"Let me help you," said Godfrey, his eyes shining still more brightly. "I had time to think it all out in the closet there. In the first place, he looked only in the outer room; in the second place,

he was plainly looking for something that had been purposely concealed; in the third place, when he examined the room he placed his chair just where Miss Croymon had sat."

A flash of light burst upon me.

"The clippings!" I cried. "The clippings. Just that. I haven't the least doubt of it. And that explains another thing which seemed very puzzling. It explains why Miss Croymon was so anxious to rent this suit."

"But how did he find out about them?" I asked at last.

"I think they contain some secret of his, and he's concluded she hasn't got them because she hasn't produced them against him. And he's reasoned correctly in supposing that if she hasn't got them she must have hidden them here."

It was a good guess; an adroit one. "The question is," added Godfrey, looking about him, "where did she hide them?"

CHAPTER XI.

WHEN I left the office at noon next day I took a cross town car which eventually landed me at the foot of West Tenth street, where the red and black steamers of the Quebec line load and unload their West Indian cargoes. I had found by reference to a file of the Maritime Gazette that the Parima had arrived on Feb. 23 and had sailed again on the 5th of March, and the paper of the day before showed me that she had just arrived in port again.

I hunted up the purser without delay.

"May I see your passenger list for your last trip north," I asked, "the trip before this one?"

"Certainly," he responded, and produced it.

It was not a long one, and in a moment I had found what I was looking for. Victor Tremaine and wife were fifth on the list. But no "H. Thompson" appeared there. However, I had a last resource. I had scarcely expected to find him entered among the passengers.

"Is the captain aboard?" I inquired. "Captain Hake has gone over to his home on Long Island for a day or two," answered the purser. "The first officer, Mr. Grice, is forward, superintending the unloading."

"Thank you," I said, and hurried up to the deck. I found Mr. Grice without difficulty, a tall, blond young man, with eyes of a cerulean blue. "Can you spare me a moment?" I asked, after I had introduced myself.

"Why, I guess so. What is it?"

"Did you ever see this man before?" and I produced the photograph Godfrey had given me.

"Well, I should say so," he cried at the first glance. "And I hope I'll never see him again. Thompson's name is, and we shipped him at Barbados, in place of one of our men who deserted there. He didn't have a decent rag to his back, so we fitted him up with some old things out of the storeroom."

I nodded. "He only shipped as far as St. Pierre," continued the mate, "but after we'd got there he changed his mind and came on to New York. What's he been doing? Gettin' into more trouble? He's not weeks."

"Out of jail?"

"Yes. He was a regular fiend for booze, though we didn't find it out until after we left St. Pierre. Where he got it I don't know. He didn't have any money to buy it, that's sure. I've kind of thought one of the passengers must 'a' give it to him, though I can't imagine why. But, anyway, he was half drunk three-fourths of the time and dead drunk the other fourth. We'd find him layin' in his berth and we'd yank him out and drop him into a tub of water. He'd sober up quicker 'n any man I ever see, but he was never satisfied unless he had a pint or two inside him. When we tied up at the wharf here he got awful bad. Wanted 'n' to go ashore right away. Fought the captain when he wouldn't let him. The captain handed him over to a policeman, and he got twenty days on the island."

I nodded again. So that was why he was so long after Tremaine in putting in an appearance at the Marathon.

"What's the matter with him now?" he asked.

"He's been murdered, and we've been trying to find out something about him. Do you think the captain would know anything more?"

"No, I don't. Plant him in potter's field and good riddance. I'll bet he didn't get any more'n was comin' to him."

With which sage reflection he turned back to his work, while I sought the shore.

Godfrey came into the office that evening just as I was closing my desk.

"I want you to go to dinner with me," he said. "I have to run down to Washington tonight, and it may be three or four days before I get back. I want to talk things over."

We took a cab uptown and stopped at Riley's, and were presently encountered in a snug corner where we could talk without danger of being overheard.

(To be Continued.)

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The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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Author of "The Holiday Case"

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(CONTINUED.)

tunity he's had. I've never before left him alone here, and I keep the snap on so that the door locks itself whenever it's closed."

Godfrey sat for a full minute motionless, his eyes fixed on the door.

"Of course," he said at last, "it may not have been the diamond he was looking for, though I can't imagine what else it could be. But I've a theory I want to test. Suppose we take a look at your bedroom."

I followed him in and turned up the light. He glanced around keenly and went finally to the closet, which was almost opposite the door leading into the sitting-room. He entered the closet and closed the door behind him. After a moment I heard a scraping noise and perceived a knife blade working back and forth in a crack of the door. Finally the blade was withdrawn, the door opened and Godfrey came out. He examined the lock, tried it once or twice with the key, which was in it, then he turned to me.

"What time do you leave in the morning?" he asked.

"About 7:30."

"Seventy-thirty. Very well. Now I must be going. Look for me in the morning."

"Wait," I said, for I, too, had a sudden idea. "You have a photograph of Thompson, I suppose? Bring it up in the morning with you. I should like to look at it."

"All right," he said, and after I had made sure that the coast was clear he stole away upon tiptoe.

Scarcely was I out of bed next morning when there came a light tap on my door and Godfrey slipped in the instant I opened it.

"I had a few properties to arrange," he explained, smiling, "and so though I'd best come early."

He went on into the bedroom and opened the closet door. Then he took from his pocket a stout bolt, with screws and a screw driver, and proceeded to affix it to the inside of the door.

"Now, my dear Lester," he said, rising when the task was finished, "I'll have to ask you to run up this noon and let me out."

"Let you out of where?"

"Out of the closet. You see, unfortunately, this lock works only from the outside, so you'll have to lock me in before you go. I've put on the bolt as an extra precaution."

"You mean you're going to spend the whole morning in that closet?"

"That's precisely what I mean."

"But you'll suffocate."

"No—you see I've cut a hole through,