

LOVE AFTER DEATH.

They say if our beloved dead should seek the old familiar place, some stranger would be there instead, and they would find no welcome face.

My Strangest Case BY GUY BOOTHBY.

CHAPTER IV.

It will be a truism to declare that human nature is about as complicated a piece of machinery as could be found in the human world.

It was between the hours of two and three that I entered the gates of Brompton cemetery and commenced my examination of the various graves therein contained.

"He was here last Sunday afternoon," the man replied. "He is a most kindly and generous gentleman, and must have been very fond of his sister."

"This was news, indeed, and I pricked up my ears on hearing it. Having learnt all I was likely to discover, I thanked the man for his kindness and left the cemetery."

Most people who know me would tell you that it might be considered consistent with my character that I still occupied the same apartments in the private hotel, off the Strand,

the people with whom one has to deal, and in my case I could not have been better cared for had I been a crowned head.

I had some time before this found out that I was being followed again. The two men who had dogged my steps on the previous night were doing so again, though the reason for their action was no more apparent.

"Now, my men," I began, "what's the meaning of this? No, you can keep your distance. It's no use thinking of violence, for I've got you before and behind. Take care that they don't get away, Wilson!"

Never were the tables turned so quickly or so completely on a pair of rogues, and the man I addressed seemed to think too. After a whispered conversation with his companion, he walked away at his best pace, and we saw no more of him.

"First and foremost, do you know where you are and who I am?" I asked him. "No," he said, "I can't say as ever I set my eyes on yer afore last night, and I don't know yer bloomin' name or what yer are and I don't want to."

"Politeness is evidently not your strong point," I commented. "Just look at that!" Taking a sheet of note-paper from the rack upon my table I handed it to him.

That evening I again went for a walk. Feeling fairly confident, however, that the men who had followed me before would do so again, I took certain precautions before I set out.

your first attempt, you followed me again to-night, of course by his instructions as before?" "That's so, guvner," the man replied, "but I reckon we ain't agoin' to see any money this trip. If I'd ha' knowed who you was, I wouldn't a taken this job in hand, not for no money."

"That is where so many of you go wrong," I said. "You fail to make sufficient inquiries before you commence business. And I understand you to say that the gentleman who put you up to it is to be at the back of St. Martin's church to-night?"

"You seem to be the leader," I said, "and for that reason I want to have a little talk with you. Your companion can take himself off as soon as he pleases. If he does not, let me assure him that he will get into trouble. Your intention to 'out me,' as you call it, has failed, as you can see, and when I have done with you I don't think the attempt will be repeated."

"There are funny incidents in the life of a photographer. A man came in the other day and looked over all the samples, asking the price of each. 'Do you want a sitting?' I asked. 'I don't see nothin' like what I want,' he replied."

"I don't see nothin' like what I want," he replied. "I told him if he would indicate what he wanted that I might arrange it. 'I don't know as you can,' he said, 'for I don't see nothin' at all like what I want.'"

"Well," he said, "I don't know as how I won't tell you, a seein' you're who yer are, and I am not likely to get anything out of the job. It was a rare toff who put us on to it. Silk hat, frock-coat, and all as natty as a new pin. He comes across us down in the Dials, stood us a couple of drinks, turfed out a surring apiece, and then told us he wanted the gentleman at Rickford's hotel laid for a time. He told us 'ow yer were in the habit of going about the streets at night for walks, and said as 'ow he would be down near the hotel that evenin' and when yer came out, he would strike a match and light a smoke just ter give us the tip like. We was to follow yer, and to do the job wherever we could. Then we was to bring your timepiece to him at the back of St. Martin's church in the Strand at midnight, and he would pay us our money and let us keep the clock for our trouble. Oh, yes, 'e's a deep un, just take my tip for it. He knowed that unless we 'outed yer properly, we'd not be able to get at your job, and then 'e'd not have paid out."

"I see, and not being successful on

AGRICULTURAL HINTS.

SOME LUCKY FARMERS.

Illinois farmers and country people have the most wonderful luck in recovering lost money, valuable papers and other articles. Names and places are given in instances of recent date when large amounts of money have been recovered.

A few weeks ago C. O. Johnson, who lives on a farm near Sycamore, discovered that he had lost \$310 in money and some insurance papers. He had kept the money in a box in an upper room, and having occasion to go to the box he found it missing.

MISTAKES WILL HAPPEN.

An Incident Which Goes to Show That Even in Court Life Etiquette is Not Infallible.

The following incident afforded much amusement to the late Kaiserin Augusta, and for long afterward used to be told amid considerable merriment at the Prussian court.

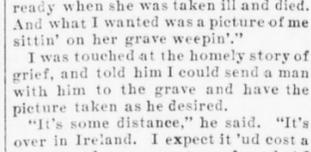
At the dinner one of the guests, after looking round the room to see if he was being observed, put a couple of pockets of bon-bons into his pocket to take home to his children as a souvenir of the royal table.

The queen, who was standing hard by, overheard the word "children," and, glad of a subject of conversation with her guests, who were not well versed in court topics, turned to the deputy and said: "How many have you?"

PAINTING FARM BARN.

How to Do It Quickly and with a Minimum Expenditure of Money and Labor.

The first coat of paint may be put on the siding intended for a barn in a fraction of the time it usually takes, by piling up the siding as here illustrated. Paint six boards at a time, slide them to the farther side, then six more, and so on.



PAINTING BARN SIDING.

air to circulate between the different layers. As much surface can be gone over in this way in one day as could be done in three days when the siding is nailed on the barn, besides, if the boards are matched and beaded, the paint can be rubbed into every crevice much more thoroughly than where the painter stands on a ladder.—P. J. Rohr, in Orange Judd Farmer.

Milk Must Be Cooled Quickly.

In cooling milk the work should be done rapidly. It is not enough to set the cans in cold air; they should be set in cold water. Anything cools more rapidly in cold water than in cold air, for the reason that the air is to a considerable extent a non-conductor. Water absorbs very rapidly heat from any object placed in it. If it is desired to have the milk cool in a very short time it should be stirred after it has been in the cold water for some time, as the milk at the sides of the can will be quite cold while that in the middle of the can will be still hot.—Farmers' Review.

His One Success.

It sometimes happens that when a man fails in doing anything else well he marries well.—Athens Globe.

Nurses' Experience.

Medical men say that a good nurse in a difficult case is better than medicine, but when we can get a good nurse and good medicine, the patient stands a much better chance of recovery. The few words of advice given below by nurse Eliza King, are well worthy the attention of all readers:

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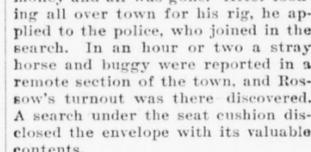
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