The Treasure of Franchard.

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CHAPTER VI.

A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION, IN TWO PARTS.

The next morning there was a most unusual outcry in the doctor's house. The last thing before going to bed, the doctor had locked up some valuables in the dining room cupboard; and behold, when he rose again, as he did about 4 o'clock, the cupboard had been broken open and the valuables in question had disappeared. Madame and Jean-Marie were summoned from their rooms, and appeared in hasty toilets; they found the doctor raving, calling the heavens to witness and avenge his injury, pacing the room barefooted, with the tails of his night shirt flirting as he turned.

"Gone!" he said; "the things are gone, the fortune gone! We are paupers once more. Boy! what do you know of this? Speak up, sir, speak up. Do you know of it? Where are they?" He had him by the arm, shaking him like a bag, and the boy's words, if he had any, were jolted forth in inarticulate numbers. The doctor, with a revulsion from his own violence, set him down again. He observed Anastasie in tears. "Anastasie," he said, in quite an altered voice, "compose yourself, command your feelings. I would not have you give way to passion like the vulgar. This—this trifling accident must be lived down. Jean-Marie, bring me my smaller medicine chest. A gentle laxative is indicated."

And he dosed the family all round, leading the way himself with a double quantity. The wretched Anastasie, who had never been ill in the whole course of her existence, and whose soul recoiled from remedies, wept floods of tears, as she sipped, and shuddered, and protested, and then was bullied and shouted at until she sipped again. As for Jean-Marie, he took his portion down with stoicism.

"I have given him a less amount," observed the doctor, "his youth protecting him against emotion. And now that we have thus parried any morbid consequences, let us reason."

"I am so cold," wailed Anastasie.

"Cold!" cried the doctor. "I give thanks to God that I am made of fierier material. Why, madame, a blow like this would set a frog into a transpiration. If you are cold you can retire; and, by the way, you might throw me down my trousers. It is chilly for the legs."

"Oh, no!" protested Anastasie; "I will stay with you."

"Nay, madame, you shall not suffer for your devotion," said the doctor. "I will myself fetch you a shawl." And he went upstairs and returned more fully clad and with an armful of wraps for the shivering Anastasie. "And now," he resumed, "to investigate this crime. Let us proceed by induction. Anastasie, do you know anything that can help us?" Anastasie knew nothing. "Or you, Jean-Marie?"

"Not I," replied the boy, steadily.

"Good," returned the doctor. "We shall now turn our attention to the material evidences. (I was born to be a detective; I have the eye and the systematic spirit.) First, violence has been employed. The door was broken open; and it may be observed, in passing, that the lock was dear indeed at what I paid for it; a crow to pluck with Master Goguelat. Second, here is an instrument employed, one of our own table knives, one of our best, my dear; which seems to indicate no preparation on the part of the gang—if gang it was. Thirdly, I observe that nothing has been removed except the Franchard dishes and the casket; our own silver has been minutely respected. This is wily; it shows intelligence, a knowledge of the code, a desire to avoid legal consequences. I argue from this fact that the gang numbers persons of respectability—outward, of course, and merely outward, as the robbery proves. But I argue, second, that we must have been observed at Franchard itself by some occult observer, and dogged throughout the day with a skill and patience that I venture to qualify as consummate. No ordinary man, no occasional criminal, would have shown himself capable of this combination. We have in our neighborhood, it is far from improbable, a retired bandit of the highest order of intelligence."

"Good heaven!" cried the horrified Anastasie. "Henri, how can you!"

"My cherished one, this is a process of induction," said the doctor. "If any of my steps are unsound correct me. You are silent? Then do not, I beseech you, be so vulgarly illogical as to revolt from my conclusion. We have now arrived," he resumed, "at some idea of the composition of the gang—for I incline to the hypothesis of more than one—and we now leave this room, which can disclose no more, and turn our attention to the court and garden. (Jean-Marie, I trust you are observantly following my various steps; this is an excellent piece of education for you.) Come with me to the door. No steps on the court; it is unfortunate our court should be paved. On what small matters hang the destiny of these delicate investigations! Hey! What have we here? I have led you to the very spot," he said, standing grandly backward and indicating the green gate. "An escalade, as you can now see for yourselves, has taken place."

Sure enough, the green paint was in several places scratched and broken; and one of the panels preserved the print of a nailed shoe. The foot had slipped, however, and it was difficult to estimate the size of the shoe, and impossible to distinguish the pattern of the nails.

"The whole robbery," concluded the doctor, "step by step, has been reconstituted. Inductive science can no further go."

"It is wonderful," said his wife. "You should have been a detective, Henri. I had no idea of your talents."

"My dear," said Desprez, condescendingly, "a man of scientific imagination combines the lesser faculties; he is a detective just as he is a publicist or a general; these are but local applications of his special talent. But now," he continued, "would you have me go further? Would you have me lay my finger on the culprits—or rather, for I cannot promise quite so much, point out to you the very house where they consort? It may be a satisfaction, at least it is all we are likely to get, since we are denied the remedy of law. I reach the further stage in this way. In order to fill my outline of the robbery, I require a man likely to be in the forest idling, I require a man of education, I require a man superior to considerations of morality. The three requisites all center in Tentaillon's boarders. They are painters; therefore they are continually lounging in the forest. They are painters; therefore they are not unlikely to have some smattering of education. Lastly, because they are painters, they are probably immoral. And this I prove in two ways. First, painting is an art which merely addresses the eye; it does not in any particular exercise the moral sense. And second, painting, in common with all the other arts, implies the dangerous quality of imagination. A man of imagination is never moral; he outsoars literal demarcations and reviews life under too many shifting lights to rest content with the invidious distinctions of the law."

"But you always say—at least, so I understood you"—said madame, "that these lads display no imagination whatever."

"My dear, they displayed imagination, and of a very fantastic order, too," returned the doctor, "when they embraced their beggarly profession. Besides—and this is an argument exactly suited to your intellectual level—many of them are English and American. Where else should we expect to find a thief? And now you had better get your coffee. Because we have lost a treasure, there is no reason for starving. For my part, I shall break my fast with white wine. I feel unaccountably heated and thirsty today. I can only attribute it to the shock of the discovery. And yet, you will bear me out, I supported the emotion nobly."

The doctor had now talked himself back into an admirable humor; and as he sat in the arbor and slowly imbibed a large allowance of white wine and picked a little bread and cheese with no very impetuous appetite, if a third of his meditations ran upon the missing treasure, the other two-thirds were more pleasingly buried in the retrospect of his detective skill.

About 11 Casimir arrived. He had caught an early train to Fontainebleau and driven over to save time, and now his cab was stabled at Tentaillon's, and he remarked, studying his watch, that he could spare an hour and a half. He was much the man of business, decisively spoken, given to frowning in an intellectual manner. Anastasie's born brother, he did not waste much sentiment on the lady, gave her an English family kiss, and demanded a meal without delay.

"You can tell me your story while we eat," he observed. "Anything good today, Stasie?"

He was promised something good. The trio sat down to a table in the arbor, Jean-Marie waiting as well as eating, and the doctor recounted what had happened in his richest narrative manner. Casimir heard it with explosions of laughter.

"What a streak of luck for you, my good brother," he observed, when the tale was over. "If you had gone to Paris you would have played dick-duck-drake with the whole consignment in three months. Your own would have followed, and you would have come to me in a procession like last time. But I give you warning—Stasie may weep and Henri ratiocinate—it will not serve you twice. Your next collapse will be fatal. I thought I had told you so, Stasie? Hey? No sense?"

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Arrangement of Passenger Trains on, and after, SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1888.

NORTHWARD.

Leave	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Quarryville	6.40	9.25	3.00
King Street, Lanc.	7.30	12.35	3.60
Lancaster	7.40	12.43	3.00
Chickies	7.30	12.30	3.50
Marietta Junction	7.08	12.58	4.04
Columbia	7.30	12.20	3.60
Arrive at	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Reading	9.50	2.00	5.50

SOUTHWARD.

Leave	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Reading	7.20	11.50	3.10
Arrive at	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.
Marietta Junction	9.04	1.39	
Chickies	9.30	2.04	
Columbia	9.27	2.00	5.20
Lancaster	9.20	1.49	5.00
King Street, Lanc.	9.30	al.7 div 3.05	5.20
Quarryville	10.20	3.05	6.15

SUNDAY.

Leave Quarryville at 7.10 a. m.
King Street, Lanc., at 8.05 a. m., and 5.15 p. m.
Arrive at Reading, 10.10 a. m., and 8.55 p. m.
Leave Reading, at 7.20 a. m., and 4 p. m.
Arrive at King Street, Lanc., at 9.20 a. m., and 5.50 p. m. Quarryville, at 6.40 p. m.

Trains connect at Reading with trains to and from Philadelphia, Pottsville, Harrisburg, Allentown and New York, via. Bound Brook Route.

At Columbia, with trains to and from York, Hanover, Gettysburg, Frederick and Baltimore.

At Marietta Junction with trains to and from Chickies.

At Manheim with trains to and from Lebanon.

At Lancaster Junction, with trains to and from Lancaster, Quarryville, and Chickies.

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NORTHWARD.

Leave	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	Sunday. A. M.	Sunday. P. M.
Quarryville			5.15		
King Street, Lanc.	7.00	12.35	5.54	8.05	3.55
Lancaster	7.07	12.43	6.02	8.13	4.04
Manheim	7.33	1.18	6.30	8.45	5.32
Cornwall	7.50	1.46	6.58	9.17	5.45
Arrive at					
Lebanon	8.11	1.58	7.10	9.32	6.00

SOUTHWARD.

Leave	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Lebanon	7.12	12.30	7.30	7.55	3.45
Cornwall	7.27	12.45	7.46	8.10	4.02
Manheim	7.58	1.14	8.15	8.40	4.16
Lancaster	8.27	1.48	8.42	9.13	4.45
Arrive at					
King Street, Lanc.	8.35	1.56	8.50	9.20	4.50

A. M. WILSON, Supt. R. & C. Railroad.
S. S. NEFF, Supt. C. R. R.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD SCHEDULE.—In effect from June 11 1888.

Trains LEAVE LANCASTER and leave and arrive at Philadelphia as follows:

WESTWARD.	Leave Philadelphia.	Leave Lancaster.
Pacific Express	11.20 p. m.	1.20 a. m.
News Express	4.30 a. m.	8.25 a. m.
Way Passenger	4.30 a. m.	8.00 a. m.
Mail train via Mt. Joy	7.00 a. m.	9.31 a. m.
No. 3 Mail Train	via Columbia	3.35 p. m.
Niagara Express	7.50 a. m.	9.50 a. m.
Hanover Accom.	via Columbia	5.25 p. m.
Fast Line	11.20 a. m.	1.00 p. m.
Frederick Accom.	via Columbia	2.10 p. m.
Lancaster Accom.	via Mt. Joy	3.00 p. m.
Harrisburg Accom.	3.15 p. m.	5.05 p. m.
Columbia Accom.	4.40 p. m.	7.40 p. m.
Harrisburg Express	5.50 p. m.	7.00 p. m.
Western Express	8.50 p. m.	11.10 p. m.

EASTWARD.	Leave Lancaster.	Arrive at Phila.
Phila. Express	2.20 a. m.	4.55 a. m.
Fast Line	6.05 a. m.	9.30 a. m.
Harrisburg Express	9.10 a. m.	10.20 a. m.
Lancaster Accom.	8.35 a. m.	via Mt Joy
Columbia Accom.	9.00 a. m.	11.40 a. m.
Atlantic Express	11.30 a. m.	1.25 p. m.
Seashore Express	12.55 p. m.	3.15 p. m.
Philadelphia Accom.	3.05 p. m.	8.00 p. m.
Sunday Mail	3.00 p. m.	8.45 p. m.
Day Express	4.45 p. m.	8.20 p. m.
Harrisburg Accom.	8.35 p. m.	10.05 p. m.

The Lancaster Accommodation leaves Harrisburg at 8.10 p. m. and arrives at Lancaster at 9.35 p. m.

The Marietta Accommodation leaves Columbia at 6.40 a. m. and reaches Marietta at 7.05. Also, leaves Columbia at 11.05 a. m. and 3.05 p. m., reaching Marietta at 12.03 and 4.03. Leaves Marietta at 8.05 p. m. and arrives at Columbia at 8.30; also, leaves at 8.35 and arrives at 9.00.

The York Accommodation leaves Manheim at 7.10 and arrives at Lancaster at 8.15, connecting with Harrisburg Express at 8.20 a. m.

The Frederick Accommodation, west, connecting at Lancaster with Fast Line, west, at 2.10 p. m., will run through to Frederick.

The Frederick Accommodation, east, leaves Columbia at 12.35 and reaches Lancaster at 1.35 p. m.

Harrisburg Accommodation west connects at Columbia for York.

Hanover Accommodation, East, leaves Columbia at 4.10 p. m. Arrives at Lancaster at 4.35 p. m., connecting with Day Express.

Hanover Accommodation, West, connecting at Lancaster with Niagara Express at 9.50 a. m., will run through to Hanover, daily, except Sunday; also connects at Columbia for Safe Harbor.

Fast Line, west, on Sunday, when flagged, will stop at Downingtown, Coatesville, Parkesburg, Mt. Joy, Elizabethtown and Middletown.

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