

HOW MANY CARDS?

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HE PROFFERED them to Inspector Druet, who cut gravely, and as he started to deal the argument died down as he had arisen. Mrs. Kip looked at her husband and Terhune, glanced at his side. Waverly's head had fallen forward on his thick neck and his chin lay in folds over his collar.

"Your cards, Mr. Waverly," Terhune touched his arm.

"Pardon," Waverly mumbled, jerking his head back. "Confoundedly hot here! Cutter, old man, you needn't be afraid of a ray of light or a breath of air now we have the majesty of the law on grinned lappedly up at Inspector Druet as McCarty picked up his hand and scrutinized it. He held the seven, eight, nine and ten of clubs and the eight of hearts.

"Who opens?"

"I'm by," O'Rourke regarded his hand critically and Dennis reluctantly laid down his cards.

"I'll open it," Cutter pushed three chips into the center of the table.

"Anybody else?" Terhune followed suit.

"Name here," Waverly drew a star-spangled breath. "Inspector Druet relinquished his hand and sat back.

"Raise you five, Mr. Cutter," McCarty remarked.

"O'Rourke dropped his cards upon the table.

"This action at last, eh?" Cutter smiled and showed ten chips forward.

"I'll drop," said Terhune. "The psychology of success in cards as in all things."

"I'm staying right with you—both," Waverly breathed rapidly.

"Only we—three—in it?"

McCarty nodded.

"How many cards?" he asked.

"Before Cutter could reply Waverly's head fell forward again and his great body seemed to slump in his chair. He dropped one card aside and the other hand holding the remaining four thumped inertly on the table.

"Not any, thanks; I'll play these," Cutter spoke with cold annoyance and his eyes turned once more to Waverly, who he was now convinced, had been indulging too copiously in stimulants, just as the latter crumpled forward in his chair and his head, with the tray with trailing eyes. It remained unshaken, and there was no slightest stir of that bulky mound of inert flesh.

"Great God in Heaven! A reverential awe went up with that silent cry from McCarty's heart and a pean of thankfulness and swift-rising exultation, that which but a moment before had been a man, was now but a thing, an inanimate substance incapable forever more of betrayal, for out of his body with the passing of life had gone the secret which would always have imperiled McCarty's plan. It had not been an accident, nor the normal result of his own evil passions and dissipation which had stilled the heart in that gross body, but the hand of God. His death had been laid upon it, and miraculously

grateful glance at him and then squared his broad shoulders. "We can prove that Douglas Waverly had a quarrel with Eugene Creveling in that gentleman's own house at a late supper about a fortnight ago, and we have a witness who listened to it. The two of them are dead now, but you both know them of old do I need to say what that quarrel was about in a general way, though no names were mentioned? Waverly threatened Creveling then and they're not spoken to each other since. If you'll look back, you'll both recall what happened in this very house a week ago tonight; how Creveling threw down his cards and left the game when the great coup hit his career."

"One card, Mr. Waverly!" he cried, and at the ringing quality of his tone an electrified start ran around the table.

"There is your card, your lucky card, but you lose with it now. It is stained with the blood of the man you killed; I arrest you, in the name of the law, for the murder of Eugene Creveling!"

As he heaped the accusation to dead ears, to clay, he had slipped quickly from the bottom of the deck the nine of diamonds which, torn and blood-stained, he had found beneath the strip of tapestry on the table beside the body of Creveling, and now he flung it down before that which had been Douglas Waverly.

A moment of silence followed his denunciation and then a stifled shriek from Mrs. Kip broke the hideous tension and O'Rourke leaped to his feet.

"Waverly!" he cried. "For God's sake, Waverly!"

"No that was the game, the real game!" Cutter kicked his chair aside. "Doug, do you hear his mania? Sit up and answer him, or by Heaven!"

"Wait!" Terhune had bent forward even as Inspector Druet placed his hands upon the shoulders of that inert figure, and together they raised it once more to an erect position.

The head fell back revealing a face suffused with purplish blue, the close-set eyes half-open and glaring in a fixed stare, the chin dropped hideously. Mrs. Kip shrieked again and covered her own eyes, and Terhune exclaimed:

"The others crowded about and Inspector Druet pressed his ear for a moment against the wide expanse of shirt bosom. When he raised his head they read confirmation in his eyes even before he spoke.

"Mr. Terhune is right," he said solemnly. "We were just a little too late."

Mr. Kip dropped her hands and her eyes, dark and wide, gazed straight into those of McCarty. The next moment she fell back limply in her chair.

"I've just one thing to say to you gentlemen, and a decision I'm going, with the permission of the inspector, to have to you. McCarty stood on the hearth-rug in the sumptuous library where he had been received on his first visit to the house and surveyed Cutter and O'Rourke, who with Terhune Inspector Druet and the still dazed Dennis, were grouped before him.

It was an hour later. Mrs. Kip, hysterical and fainting, had been sent to her home in the capable care of Cutter's buxom housekeeper, and back in that dark, silent room where the last game had been played to a tragic finish an immovable figure lay stretched upon a fauteuil beneath a pagan prayer rug.

"A decision?" Cutter raised his eyebrows.

"It looks very much as though you had taken things into your own hands. Waverly was my friend, his one and he cannot answer your charges, but in his place I should like to know what grounds you have for this. That, at least, you owe me since you chose to stage your farce in my house!"

"It was hardly straight cricket, you know, Timmie!" O'Rourke spoke in a shocked, strained tone. "I don't believe, though, that you're the sort of man to make an accusation like that unless you thought you could substantiate it."

"Thank you, sir," McCarty shot a

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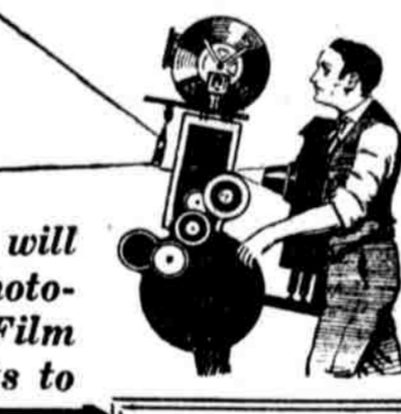
For the first year the attendance to all of you and I'm still here for that purpose, but we've others, to consider now—two women."

"Mrs. Kip—" O'Rourke asked in a low voice.

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