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Our Annual Summer Clearing Sale, which usually commences about August 1st, owing to the large stock which we now have on hand, commences July 15. The stock must be reduced 50 per cent. within 30 days. The entire stock consists of over \$50,000 worth of Dry Goods, Notions, Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods, Millinery, Cloaks, Wrappers, Infants' Wear, etc., has been marked down to a price lower than ever seen in Scranton before. Below we mention a few of the bargains only, to give you an idea of what we are selling. Hundreds of other bargains just as good in every department.

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as a detective I have never suspected when found?" any one of a crime. I don't allow myself to be misled by the bias which a mouth," I answered. "I would not per-

dividuals are concerned, my mind re- away with a handkerchief." mains an absolute blank until I am "But do you know that no water was sure that I have identified the criminal. used before you came?" he pursued. Therefore, I begin by investigating everything and every one." Reassred somewhat, I tried to ac-

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phillips ment, I had been utterly unable to detect the least change in her demeanor. nce or twice I had heard her talking to herself; but the only time I ventured came over me. to console her was immediately after covery of the body, when I feared the shock of the first news might be serious. I was astonished at her calmheard me to the end, and

"I am not a child, uncle. I have borne other troubles, and I shall have to bear this-and I will bear it. I will even try to believe it may be for the best. Only one thing I want to say; that I know Jack Ralph to be as innocent as-as I am: and now let us not of it all. It is too horrible." may readily believe," I conclud-

"Vhat I made no further attempt at Phillips had listened without com-

"I hope you do not think it worth

"The face has been washed, I presume?" he squeried, "Do you know "My dear Mr. Smith, in all my career whether there was much blood on it

"There was some blood 5 om the suspicion would generate. As far as in- mit them to do more than wipe is

"I am very sure of it," I answered. "The neighbor who discovered my brother runned at once to the house, quaint him, as well as I could, with my where I was at breakfast at the time dece's peculiar disposition, as going fur Within five minutes of the discovery I to explain the indifference she had cer- was at the spot. The body lay on its tainly manifested since her father's back; and I noticed that two slenddeath. As I have before stated, she streams of blood had run from the corhad been gloomy and depressed—sulky, no s of the mouth and formed a small in fact, from the time of my brother's congenied or rather caked pool beneath

Phillips took a magnifying glass from his pocket and carefully examined the looked at him inquiringly, and he point-wound in the forchead. A flash of in-ed toward the left breast. taltion as to the line of his investigation

"You think it possible---" I began. "I think nothing," he said shortly, straightening up. "There is not a sign of bleed having flowed from this wound. I can readily see traces of it about the mouth and neck. Nothing but a thorthe blow on the head. He was dead for at least half an hour before it was re-

calved." A rensation of horror came over me at the words. I had been hoping against hope that Phillips might be able to show that the death was accidental. after all. Now I saw at once the utter futility of entertaining such a notion.

Gilmore's Aromatic Wine "No-no, I think not." he replied, rousing himself from what seemed to be a fit of deep abstraction. "Not now at any rake. I will have an opportunity of seeing her casually—at dinner, perhaps. The next step will be, I think, with your permission, to look at the body—and the clothes in which it dessed when found."

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the blood was 'caked,' he must have This is probably how the skull was question, in order to relieve my sus-been dead for several hours before he broken." amine the railroad cut on my way here. You will remember that its bottom is entirely shielded from the morning sun, the lack of which, together with the heavy dews of the last two or three mornings, would tend to keep blood nore or less moist for some time." "What did kill him, then?" I asked,

"We shall see," returned Phillips, and, drawing down the sheet, he pro eeded to minutely examine the body, beginning at the head. Suddenly he



He Pointed Toward the Left Breast.

topped and straightened up again.

looked at him inquiringly, and he pointed toward the left breast.

"He must have had a pin or a needle in his undershirt," I said as I noticed a scratch less than an inch in length a scratch less than an inch in length a little above the heart. "A rather long pin or needle," mut-tered Phillips, grimly, and, bending

over, he pressed his thumbs on each side of the hair-like line of browning use of soap and water could remove red scab, until it broke apart; and I saw them. Your brother did not die from a deep, gaping wound made undoubted red scab, until it broke apart; and I saw ly by a very thin-bladed knife. It ran horizontally across the body between the ribs and seemed to range downward at an angle of about forty-five degrees.

For a moment the interest in this For a moment the interest in this iscovery overwhelmed the horror of it. "But the clothes?" I said, stepping toward the chair. "They examined

> Phillips' lip curled. "What's the good of examining any-thing," he said, "when you start with a

daughters. It is the best the chair. "Your brother did not wear these clothes when he was stabbed." found," I said vaguely, and with a con-sciousnes of added mystery dawning hood. It promotes digestion, slowly upon me. "You see the dirt stains where they lay in the cut."

"It is perfectly clear," pursued Phillips, ignoring my remark, "that whoever killed your brother dressed him in these clothes and then carried him out

and threw him down the embankment.

no blood on his linen," I put in "I don't imagine there was any on the linen he did wear," said he. "You forget that there was none on the skin in the neighborhood of the woundjust enough to form that tiny scale which you mistook for a scratch. wasn't sure about it; but I was looking for serious wounds and I found one. Perhaps you do not know that a deep stab with a very thin-bladed knife hardly ever bleeds externally. The internal hemorrhage was probably considerable ,as the bleeding from the nouth would indicate; and death must

I was all at sea now, and my mind whitled around amid a dozen halfformed conjectures. Phillips picked up the shoes that lay near the chair. "He had these on?" he asked. I nodded. You can see, then, that the last ime they were worn was in the house;

have been practically instantaneous."

that he could not have walked to the cut in them," he pursued, unwinding an unsoiled thread of carpet from a prolecting nail. This disclosure came upon me with

rushing force. It seemed to point to yet to whom? It was impossible for me to believe that Anderson could be you'll doubtless find that the coat and guilty, and yet who else was there? wastecut that do match them-if there Only myself and my niece. At last, as

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all their work was superficial and useless. Now, let us see," he pursued, and,
taking up the articles of apparel, one
by one, he scrutinized each carefullyespecially the shirt, undershirt and
tooat.

"Where did the knife pierce these?" I
broke in, as I peered over his shoulder.

"I see no—"
I see no—"
I see no—"
Thillips, putting the garments back on
the chair. "Your brother did not wear

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"Perhaps it would be as well

carrying the body across the lawn."



view to ascertaining whether any garments are missing. You see that the some one in the house as the criminal; trousers on the chair here do not match this coat. If he were up and dressed. were such-are gone."

Without trusting myself to reply, I receeded to search carefully, but withat avail.

re missing-both of them; and it was the shit he has been wearing every day. cannot conceive my stupidity in neglecting to observe so noticeable a point, especially as my brother was a very careful man about his dress. As to the shirt and undervest, I don't know how many he had, but probably

ny niece---" "Never mind those," said Phillips shortly. "He had unquestionably dressed himself fully, and we shall be safe in assuming that the murderer has dectroyed or otherwised disposed of all the four garments through which the knife passed. Kindly permit me to examine the grate, although I don't

He removed the chimney board as ne spoke. The dust lay thick within, and, upon it, the charred fragments of letter. But for this, the place had evidently been undisturbed since it was shut up in the spring.

The detective leaned over and picked the burnt paper carefully up. It was perfectly black and fell to pieces in his and. Of course, no writing was visble, much less legible. We both exemined each minute fragment thoroughly, with the aid of Phillips' pocket lens, and it was apparent that both let-ter and envelope had been thrown where we found them within a very few days. Their freedom from soot and dust was most superficial observer.

enough to make that much clear to the "Do you think it probable that this letter is in any way connected with the affair?" I asked. "I can't tell yet," he replied. "I shall

cool and deliberate in all his acts. I think we may further assume that the amine your brother's wardrobe with a | yet dark. Otherwise it is inconceivable that aryone should have risked

A new idea, more horrible than any I had as yet harbored, came suddenly over me, and I grew sick at the mere hought. Was this man going to prove that my niece had let Ralph into the nouse to kill her father? The detective, lowever, seemed not to notice my agitation.

"I presume," he continued, "that no xamination was made of the doors or windows to see whether they have been ampered with?" I shook my head. Then I said:

"Anderson reported to me that he found the front door unfastened, but we naturally explained that by the supposition we had already arrived at-that my brother had walked out before

breakfast." "And as we may feel sure that he did not walk out," said Phillips, "we simply after your supposition to assuming that the murderer opened it in order to carry his victim out. How the murderer got in. I shall be better able to tell

when I have looked about a bit." He now went over the house very carefully, with the exception of my own, my niece's and Anderson's rooms but, though the lens was frequently brought into use, there was no trace

whatever of any housebreaking. "It is unnecessary," he replied. "No would-be murderer would break into a house through the occupied room of a third party. It would only serve to double the chances of his detection. You may regard it as established that our man, if he entered at all, entered by collusion with one of the inmates."

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