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CHAPTER III.—SUSPICION IS NOT PROOF.

When Mrs. Adams told me that she had picked up Henry's whip-ribbon Wednesday morning I said nothing, but thought that Henry must have driven over Tuesday evening after all, and even come up into the yard, although the house was shut up and I in bed, to get a little nearer to me. I felt con- science-stricken because I could not help a thrill of happiness, when my father lay dead in the house.

My father was buried as privately and quietly as we could bring about. But it was a terrible ordeal. Meantime word came from Vermont that Rufus



I Was Arrested.

Bennett had been arrested on his farm. He was perfectly willing to come back with the officers and, indeed, had not the slightest trouble in proving that he was at his home in Vermont when the murder took place. He proved by several witnesses that he was out of the state long before my father and I sat on the step together that evening, and that he proceeded directly to his home as fast as the train and stage-coach could carry him.

The scrivener with which the deed was supposed to have been committed was found by the neighbor from whom it had been borrowed in his wife's bureau drawer. It had been returned and she had used it to put up a picture-hook in her chamber. Bennett was discharged and returned to Vermont.

Then Mrs. Adams told of her finding the yellow ribbon from Henry Ellis's whip, and he was arrested, and was returned to one of the hostlers in the livery stable in Digby, where he kept his horse and buggy, came forward and testified to finding the yellow ribbon in the carriage-room that Tuesday night before Henry returned from his drive. There were two yellow ribbons in evidence, therefore, and the one produced by the hostler seemed to fit Henry's whipstock the more exactly.

Moreover, nearly the exact motive of the murder was claimed to be proved by the post mortem examination; and by the testimony of the stableman as to the hour of Henry's return and the speed of his horse he was further cleared of suspicion; for if the opinion of the medical experts was correct, Henry must have returned to the livery stable too soon to have committed the murder.

He was discharged, at any rate, although suspicion still clung to him. Many people believe now in his guilt—those who do not believe in mine; and some believe we were accomplices.

After Henry's discharge I was arrested. There was no one else left to accuse. I was the only person left with a motive. Unlike the others, who were discharged after preliminary examination, I was held to the grand jury and taken to Dedham, where I spent four weeks in jail awaiting the meeting of the grand jury.

Neither at the preliminary examina-

tion nor before the grand jury was I allowed to make the full and frank statement that I am making here. I was told simply to answer the questions that were put to me, and to volunteer nothing, and I obeyed.

I know nothing about law. I wished to do the best I could—to act in the wisest manner, for Henry's sake and my own. I said nothing about the green evidence. They searched the house for all manner of things, at the time of my arrest, but the dress was not there—it was in Phoebe Dole's dresser. She had come over after it herself one day when I was picking beans in the garden, and had taken it out of the closet. She brought it back herself, and told me this, after I had returned from Dedham.

"I thought I'd get it and surprise you," said she. "It's taken a beautiful black."

She gave me a strange look, half as if she would see into my very soul, in spite of me, half as if she were in terror of what she would see there, as she spoke. I do not know just what Phoebe Dole's look meant. There may have been a stain left on that dress after all, and she may have seen it.

I suppose if it had not been for that four-paste which I had learned to make, I should have been hung for the murder of my own father. As it was, the grand jury found no bill against me, because there was absolutely no evidence to convict me; and I came home a free woman. And if people were condemned for their motives, would there be enough hangmen in the world?

They found no weapon with which I could have done the deed. They found no blood stains on my clothes. The one thing which told against me, and saved me from the gallows, was the fact that on the morning after the murder the doors and windows were fastened. My volunteering that information had, of course, weakened its force as against myself.

Then, too, some held that I might have been mistaken in my terror and excitement, and there was a theory, advanced by a few, that the murderer had meditated making me also a victim, and had locked the doors that he might not be frustrated in his designs, but had lost heart at last and allowed me to escape, and then somehow fled himself. Some held that he had intended to force me to reveal the whereabouts of father's money, but his courage had failed him.

Father had quite a sum in a hiding place which only he and I knew. But no search for money had been made, so far as any one could see—not a bureau drawer, had been disturbed, and father's gold watch was ticking peacefully under his pillow; even his wallet in his vest pocket had not been opened. There was a small roll of bank notes in it, and some change; father never carried much money. I suppose if father's wallet and watch had been taken I should not have been suspected at all.

I was discharged, as I have said, from lack of evidence, and have returned to my home, free, indeed, but with this awful burden of suspicion upon my shoulders. That brings me up to the present day. I returned yesterday evening. This evening Henry Ellis has been over to see me; he will not come again, for I have forbidden him to do so. This is what I said to him:

"I know you are innocent, you know I am innocent. To all the world we are under suspicion—I more than you, but we are both under suspicion. If we are known to be together that suspicion is increased for both of us. I do not care for myself, but I do care for you. Separated from me, the stigma attached to you will soon fade away, especially if you should marry elsewhere."

Then Henry interrupted me. "I will never marry elsewhere," said he. "I could not help being glad that he said it, but I was firm."

"If you should see some good woman whom you can love, it will be better for you to marry elsewhere," said I.

"I never will!" he said again. He put his arms around me, but I had strength to push him away.

"You never need, if I succeed in what I undertake, before you meet the other," said I. I began to think he had not cared for that pretty girl who boarded in the same house, after all.

kind and not leave behind traces which are as the known quantities in an algebraic equation to those who can use them.

There is a chance that I shall not be quite so unaided. Henry has promised to come again until I bid him, but he is to send a detective here from Boston—one whom he knows. In fact, the man is a cousin of his, or else there would be small hope of our securing him, even if I were to offer him a large price.

My man has been remarkably successful in several cases, but his health is not good; the work is a severe strain upon his nerves, and he is not driven to it by any lack of money. The physicians have forbidden him to undertake any new case, for a year at least, but Henry is confident that we may rely upon him for this.

I will now lay this aside and go to bed. Tomorrow is Wednesday; my father will have been dead seven weeks. Tomorrow morning I commence the work, in which, if it be in human power, aided by a higher wisdom, I shall succeed.

(To Be Continued.)

NEWS OF OUR INDUSTRIES

Happenings of Interest to the Staple Trades and Particularly to the Trade in Iron, Steel and Anthracite Coal.

The American Tinplate company, Elwood, Ind., recently started up six additional mills, making an all sixteen that are active. The plant is now four times as large as when it started in 1892, and employs 1,000 men.

There is a material increase in the demand for car equipment. This is the cause of an advance in bar iron of 2 cent per ton in the west, and 1-10 of a cent per pound in the east. Railroad shops all over the country are resuming full time.

The work of rebuilding the Susquehanna Rolling mill, at Columbia, Pa., which was recently destroyed by fire, has been commenced. The new structure will be entirely of iron, and will be much larger than the burned mill. The Janson Iron company has commenced the work of enlarging its rolling mill plant at Columbia.

The Reading Iron company announces that it has assumed charge of the rolling mills of the Montour Iron and Steel company located at Danville, and that they will be placed in full operation by Aug. 12. About 400 men will be employed at the start.

Statistics from the European Continent show that the number of cars of iron ore has increased 15 per cent; button-hole makers, 50 per cent; shirt makers, 33 per cent; bakers and confectioners, 20 per cent; cabinet makers, 35 per cent; typesetters, 41 per cent; type foundries, 50 per cent; silk hand weavers, 40 per cent, and wood cutters, 42 per cent, within that time.

Engineering News noted recently a striking example of the accuracy of American tools and workmanship in the case of the 12-inch guns going from Watervliet arsenal to the proving grounds at Sandy Hook. Each of these guns is 46 feet long and weighs 115,000 pounds, yet the difference in weight between the seven guns is said to be only five pounds.

These guns are nickel steel tube army rifles of 40 calibre in length, instead of the usual 35 calibre. Instead of a jacket a series of hoops are shrunk on the inner tube for nearly the whole length of the gun, and over this is shrunk a single jacket, covering about two-thirds of the length, and the number and curve are varied to support the gun.

When the intricacy of this assembling process is considered in connection with work done on lathes capable of handling guns 40 feet long, the close agreement in weight is almost phenomenal.

The shot-making trade has a legend which recites that back in the days when guns were shot off by lighted matches and were pivoted to supports because they were too big and clumsy to be lifted to the shoulder, and when all shot was moulded as bullets are today, some workmen were fastening an iron grating to the wall of a castle.

They had cut out the hole in the stone, and, after placing the iron in the hole, poured some lead in to hold the iron in place, just as they do today. Some of the lead escaped and ran over the edge of the wall into the moat below. Soon afterward the attention of the soldiers was attracted to the lead in the clear water, and, dipping it out, they found that the metal in falling from the height had become globules. After that the soldiers made their bullets by sprinkling melted lead over the castle wall into the waters of the moat.

Hardware.

THE WORLD OF BUSINESS

STOCKS AND BONDS.

New York, Aug. 5.—Only 137,000 shares of stocks were traded in at the Stock exchange today. The trading was narrow and professional throughout. Chicago stock market steady; stock market active; life, but the advance from 54 to 59 was attributed to covering of shorts put out after the defeat of the frontage bill by the Illinois legislature. Sugar was the next most active stock transaction, were made at 1141 1/2 @ 115 1/4 @ 114 1/2.

The range of today's prices for the active stocks of the New York stock market are given below. The quotations are furnished by the Tribune by G. du B. Dimmick, manager for William Linn, Allen & Co., stock brokers, 412 Spruce street, Scranton.

Table with columns: Op'n, High, Low, Close, Bid, Ask. Lists various stocks like Am. Tobacco Co., Am. Col. Oil, Am. Sugar Ref., etc.

Table with columns: WHEAT, OATS, CORN, LARD, PORK. Lists prices for various commodities.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Bid, Ask. Lists various bank and utility stocks.

Table with columns: Scranton Board of Trade Exchange Quotations. Lists various local market items.

Table with columns: Scranton Wholesale. Lists prices for various goods like fruits and produce.

Table with columns: New York Produce Market. Lists prices for various commodities like flour and sugar.

Table with columns: New York Flour Market. Lists prices for various flour grades.

Table with columns: New York Grain Market. Lists prices for various grain types.

Table with columns: New York Cotton Market. Lists prices for various cotton grades.

Table with columns: New York Wool Market. Lists prices for various wool grades.

Table with columns: New York Hides Market. Lists prices for various hide types.

Table with columns: New York Tanned Hides Market. Lists prices for various tanned hide types.

Buffalo, Aug. 5.—Cattle—Receipts, 2,982 head; total for week thus far, 6,314 head; on sale, 4,350 head; market irregular, but generally 10c to 15c higher for good fat heavy and butchers; extra prime steers, \$5.00 to \$5.75; good to choice, \$4.00 to \$4.50; light to fair, \$3.75 to \$4.25; mixed butchers' stock, \$2.50 to \$3.00; good to good stockers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; good to extra feeders, \$2.00 to \$2.50; fresh cows, \$3.00 to \$3.50; mixed, \$2.50 to \$3.00; light and medium, \$2.00 to \$2.50; good heavy, \$3.00 to \$3.50; grassy Yorkers and Michigans, \$2.50 to \$3.00; roughs, \$2.00 to \$2.50; mixed, \$1.50 to \$2.00; sheep, \$1.50 to \$2.00; mixed, \$1.00 to \$1.50; good weights, \$1.50 to \$2.00; light, \$1.00 to \$1.50; mixed packers and mediums, \$1.50 to \$2.00; good heavy, \$2.00 to \$2.50; grassy Yorkers and Michigans, \$1.50 to \$2.00; roughs, \$1.00 to \$1.50; mixed, \$0.50 to \$1.00; fair to good, \$1.00 to \$1.50; light and common, \$0.50 to \$1.00; mixed, \$0.50 to \$1.00; fair to good, \$1.00 to \$1.50; culled and common, \$0.50 to \$1.00; exports, \$0.50 to \$1.00.

Pittsburg, Aug. 5.—Oil opened and lowest, 12 1/2; highest and closed, 12 1/2. Oil City, Aug. 5.—Oil opened and lowest, 12 1/2; highest and closed, 12 1/2.

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