

# THE MASTER KEY

By John Fleming Wilson

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"I own it all," Ruth returned proudly. "It's my mine. My father left it to me when he died." She did not see the sullen hatred that slowly flamed until Jean Darnell's eyes fairly blazed.

In her own room she stood a moment breathless. Then she tore off her sleek negligee in an intensity of silent rage and despair, seen only by the unexcited eyes of the god whom she had defied.

It is wickedness, not virtue, which is theatrical, and at this moment Jean Darnell flung herself into her evil passion with all the abandon of the tragedian, only her voice was almost inaudible: "Tom Gallon, Tom Gallon, dead though you are, I'll have revenge!"

When her fury had spent itself—and, like all physically indolent women, she could not yield long to emotion—she prepared her campaign.

First she called up George Drake and made certain that he would be at her home for dinner that evening. Then she called up two old acquaintances who were always glad to fill empty chairs at her well set table.

"You must be very tired, my dear," Mrs. Darnell purred. "And, anyway, you know, in New York young ladies do not go about unescorted to men's business offices, and I cannot go with you until tomorrow or next day."

"That will be too late," cried Ruth. Mrs. Darnell opened her eyes wide, as if in surprise. "Mr. Everett is coming to dinner tonight," she said soothingly. "You can talk business to your heart's content right here."

"That will be much better," said Ruth. When her hostess was gone she stood by the window trying to think more calmly of all that had happened since she had left "The Master Key" mine, but one thought was prominent: "What was John Dorr doing?"

She recalled that there was three hours' difference in time. It was now 2 o'clock in New York, and it was only 11 in Silent Valley. Tom Kane would be just making his final preparations for dinner, and she could almost smell the odor of his coffee. These homely details occupied her mind tenderly for an hour; then she caught up and dressed herself for the street again.

She had barely finished when the maid came in with tea, followed by Mrs. Darnell.

"My child, what in the world are you going to do?" asked Jenn. "Look, we'll have tea together."

"I was going out for a walk," Ruth responded. "You know I have never

been in New York, and it seems a shame to waste this fine afternoon. Anyway, I want some fresh air."

Mrs. Darnell looked at her thoughtfully and smiled presently in a way that made Ruth flush. It seemed to convict her of discourtesy to her hostess. "You had best have tea!" and the girl obediently removed her hat and jacket and sat down.

It seemed to her that the rest of the afternoon passed in flashes of such entertainment as she had never known. It must be remembered that Ruth, living in the mine nearly all her life since leaving school, had not had the advantages or the society of trained, alert, smart, clever women. Mrs. Darnell was very clever and she used her every art to keep Ruth's attention. She succeeded.

That night at dinner George Drake, posing as George Everett, suddenly flushed darkly and turned to the girl at his left. "Miss Gallon," he said in a whisper, flashing his dark eyes toward his hostesses to see if she were watching, "I really hope that the trust you put in me you won't find misplaced. I'll do everything I can to help you, even if it is funny that I didn't know that John Dorr has red hair."

Ruth looked at him very soberly. "I don't just understand a great many things," she said. "It all seems so strange, Mr. Everett, and, you know, I am worried. I ought to go to the Ritz Carlton and see if there are telegrams for me, for that's where John would wire me. I'm afraid Mrs. Darnell thinks I'm awfully impolite because I want to go and make sure for myself that John has not wired."

"I'll go myself," said the false Everett, looking at his plate. "I'll go tonight. In fact, I'll go right now." He caught Mrs. Darnell's eye and said apologetically: "I'm afraid my dear hostess, I'll have to leave you. I have just remembered my solemn promise to be at the club at 9 o'clock, and, besides, I've promised Miss Gallon to go to the Ritz and get her mail and telegrams."

He turned to Ruth, and she noticed a very grave look in his eyes, which she was to understand later. He bent gallantly over her hand and lightly kissed her fingers. "You may trust me," he said.

### CHAPTER IX.

Master of the "Master Key" Mine. WHEN Ruth Gallon did not call upon him and he found himself unable to locate her, Charles Everett was at a loss what to do. He had wired Dorr of his anxiety about her and had received word in reply that the young engineer had received conflicting messages. To Be Continued Wednesday

by a stray bullet, but her injury is not serious, the ball having caused only a flesh wound in the right arm.

The shooting occurred late yesterday afternoon at the Fortney home in Linden street, following a visit by Mrs. Throne to her husband's room.

A Brute and a Gun The Thrones, who were married five years ago, have been separated for nearly three months. The separation, it is said, came through Throne's inability to keep out of trouble. Mrs. Throne worked at a Market street store. She visited her husband once each week, and, it is said, was paying his board at the Fortney home.

The quarrel did not take place until Mrs. Throne was just about to leave the Fortney home, it starting over a refusal on the part of Throne to give a pet poodle dog to his wife. Mrs. Throne was knocked down by her husband in the vestibule of the home and ran through the hall to escape his blows. With an oath Throne rushed by the two women, ran upstairs, and stormed down again holding a revolver in his hand.

With a vile oath Throne opened fire on his wife. Mrs. Throne fell with the first bullet. He fired a second shot and then Mrs. Fortney started to interfere. She received the third bullet.

Mr. Fortney, who was asleep in another room, rushed to the scene and tried to grab Throne.

But the slayer ran to another room and placing the revolver against his breast, shot himself through the heart. He died instantly.

Throne a "Bad Actor" Throne was arrested seven years ago by Colonel Joseph B. Hutchison on a charge of misappropriating funds belonging to a firm with whom he worked. After serving a six months' sentence here, he was sent to Columbus, Ohio, where he served a term on a similar charge. Since his return to Harrisburg Throne worked at various jobs, but has been idle most of the time. The wife paying his board.

Hercules Car Here in Charge of E. L. Craft E. L. Craft, well known in motor car circles of this city, is in the city placing agencies for the Hercules motor car throughout this section of the State. Accompanied by a mechanic, Mr. Craft is making a 3,500 mile trip to introduce the car. Coming here from Pittsburgh, the car has now covered 2,265 miles. From here they go to Philadelphia and then to the automobile show in New York, stopping about ten days in the principal cities enroute.

The Hercules "20" is equipped with an electric starter, electric lights and horn and has a true streamline body, with full floating axle, to sell for \$550 complete. The company contemplates putting a factory branch here after January 1 and using it as a distributing station for Western Pennsylvania.

Mr. Craft reports very bad roads on his trip, but is sanguine over the success of the new car, as it pulled through the mud in very satisfactory manner. Mr. Craft was formerly in business in this city, but for a year past he has been factory representative for the Hercules Motor Car Company of New Albany, Indiana.

## SHOOTS HIS WIFE IN QUARREL OVER DOG

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GEORGE ED. THRONE, Who Put Bullet Through His Own Heart After Shooting Wife and Boarding Mistress



MRS. GEORGE FORTNEY, She Got a Bullet in Her Arm When She Tried to Prevent Murder

the way of a stray bullet, and killed himself with the last shell in his revolver.

Mrs. Throne, aged 26, is in a critical condition at the Harrisburg hospital with three bullets in her body. One passed through her right lung and this, it is feared, will cause her death; another struck her in the right shoulder, and a third caused a flesh wound in her right side.

Mrs. Fortney was hit during the fray

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### VACCINATE 200 AS RESULT OF SMALLPOX

Dancing Master Gets Disease and the Health Board's Looking For His Pupils

A case of smallpox at 209 State street, reported to Dr. J. M. J. Rannick, city health officer, last night, may result in the closing of one hotel, a laundry and a dozen or more offices, in addition to sending R. J. Hinkson, a dancing master, to the sanitary hospital for the holidays.

At least 200 persons, including dancing pupils, musicians, employees in luncheon and restaurant, and representatives of two large manufacturing firms, will be vaccinated and placed under parole. Every man and woman who has been in contact with the victim during the past ten days must report daily to the health department through their physician until all danger of a spreading of the disease is passed.

Hinkson, with his wife, conducted dancing classes at 306 North Second street. They roomed at 209 State street. The Hinksons came to Harrisburg from Lebanon about six months ago. Mr. Hinkson was taken ill ten days ago and was confined to his room since Friday. His last appearance with his dancing classes was on Thursday, when, it is said, he had smallpox on his face. He had between 100 and 150 pupils.

Twenty-two roomers at 209 State street take their meals at various lunch and dining rooms. The Board of Health has started an investigation to ascertain the names of the persons with whom the victim came in contact.

### TO VISIT LANCASTER LODGE

Many members of the Improved Order of Heptasophis in Harrisburg are expected to visit George Ross Conclave, at Lancaster, to-night, when forty candidates will be initiated. Officials of the supreme body will be present. A York team will do the degree work.

### CAUSED BY OVEREATING

Deficient gastric secretion, meaning a lack of the fluids necessary for digestion, is a prevalent condition. You may have it now and not know it because you are able to get along without actual discomfort even with your enfeebled digestion.

But if you are to be well in trouble. You have indigestion because you have given your weakened stomach too much to do. The deficient gastric secretion was what doctors call the pre-disposing cause, the overeating was the exciting cause. It is easy not to repeat the overeating but the predisposing cause must be corrected if you are to be well.

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### GARRANZA SAYS FIRE WOULD BE HOSTILE

Mexico Would Object to U. S. Soldiers Shooting Across the Border

Washington, Dec. 14.—General Carranza, through Consul Canada at Vera Cruz to-day formally advised the State Department that any use of force by the American troops at Naco, Ariz., in their efforts to keep Mexican bullets from American soil will be considered an act of hostility, however well disposed the government may be.

This agrees with the general's statement at Vera Cruz on Saturday. Reiterating his previous statements, Carranza says General Hill has controlled his firing and that he is sending instructions anew to the Sonora commander to avoid any firing that would endanger those across the American border. He deprecates that Americans have been killed and wounded, but suggests that these accidents have been due to carelessness on the part of Americans or "imprudent curiosity."

He points out that the position of

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### Hill's troops who are stationed with their backs to the American frontier is such that it would be impossible for their fire to enter American territory and that consequently any shots from the American side would be directed aid to the Villa forces.

### German Cruiser Dresden Reaches Punta Arenas Safely Says Report

Valparaiso, Chile, Dec. 14. — Dispatches received here from Punta Arenas declare that the German cruiser Dresden has come into that port uninjured.

This location of the German cruiser

Dresden at Punta Arenas, on the Strait of Magellan, clears up all doubt as to the whereabouts of the last of the German warships that, encountered the British squadron December 8-off the Falkland Islands. The Gelsenau, the Scharnhorst, the Leipzig and the Nürnberg were sunk; the Dresden escaped and has been pursued by British cruisers. Her presence at Punta Arenas means that she was either endeavoring to reach the Pacific again, or that she contemplates interning for the remainder of the war. Punta Arenas is a Chilean port. The Strait of Magellan is narrow. British warships doubtless are at its Atlantic entrance and Japanese cruisers are said to be either watching or not far from the approach on the Pacific side.

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