DONALD DONALDSON, JR. Being a True Record and Explanation of the Seven Mysteries Now Asso-clated With His Name In the Public Mind, and of an Eighth, Which Is the Key of the Seven By HOWARD FIELDING

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[Continued from last Week.]

A day or two later Donaldson laid the whole case before me in a manner time," answered Gillespie. most delicate and most affecting. He spoke as if I had been his father. "Produce the evidence now or forever Archer had come to him, he said, in hold your peace." such an attitude of mind as to alter his own feeling materially. He was tested Gillespie. "He changed the pack inclined to believe that the man had ages on your desk. That I knew at the been greatly overwrought by the ex- start, but it took me a long while to igencies of our common business af- work down to what he'd done with the fairs.

"He believes," said Donaldson, "that Kelvin will win in this fight and that ed down to it?" it will be the beginning the end, so far as this business is concerned. He precision. "He played the same trick has brooded over it and gone sleepless, twice. He put the money into another as he tells me, and I know what package and dropped it in his box at as he tells me, and I know own strange things, contrary to his own "Can you describe that package?" deject to such a strain. It is a weak jus- manded Donald.

tification, but one can't look at him and feel that there is nothing in it. And he gave details, adding, "I saw He has been beside himself for weeks. bim take that package to the bank at a I think his attitude toward Don has tertain day and hour." been the result of pure nervousness. At any rate, acting under Dorothy's

that may cut Carl off from the benefit referred.

"That's the central fact, isn't it?" I Age of papers. It is now in this safe. interrupted. "You want to please me. Well, then, let's wait. Let's trust a bit a keen glance at me and read clearly in to him. We will not hastily condemn my face that the facts were as stated. a man who seems to be struggling to redeem himself."

Now that my attention was thus directly called to it I perceived that Carl had not been himself of late, and I was weakly anxious to make the best pos-sible plea for him. He was my dead sigter's san and had he deat her best possister's son and had been dear to me. his chances of getting the money after-I thought it might be well to have a ward. Let's see the package." long talk with him, and one day when I was already busy unlocking the I came into my office after luncheon safe. Gillespie had hard work to reand found him there alone I was upon the point of burdening him with much when the safe was open I expected to useless advice, but he turned my mind see him dive into it, but he managed into another channel.

said he. "The last man you'd expect to my desk. The various documents rollsee, upon my word." "Not Kelvin?" I queried, for a call ever in the package.

from him at that juncture would indeed have been unexpected.

one-the pretender." I was amazed at the impudence of in there. It is an unquestionable cer this visit.

"He wouldn't tell me what he want- since then." ed," said Carl. "He inquired for you and promised to come back."

"His reception will be more lively than cordial," I responded. It was about half an hour later when

the man appeared. His looks had greatly changed, but whether he was in said Mr. Gillespie slowly. disguise then or had been so before I could not have decided. He had an official and solemn air as he entered the office, and he laid a card upon the leaf of my desk without having spoken a word in the meantime. The card conveyed to my mind the information that

Mr. Frank Gillespie was a special operator for the Dorn Detective agency of New York.

"You lost some money awhile ago," said Mr. Gillespie. "Well, sir, our agency keeps its eyes on little matters of that kind, and when they're particularly interesting we sometimes investered in response to it I said: "Ask Mr. Donaldson to step this It happened that Donald had entered the outer office within a few minutes, and the boy thought that it was the son and not the father whom I wished to see. To my surprise, therefore, the door presently opened, and Donald en-

in the outer office, and when a boy en-

tered. He closed the door slowly and stood with his back against it. "How do you do, Mr. Gillespie?" he said.

The detective was taken by surprise. but he masked it fairly well. "You have just made a serious charge

against my father," said Donald. "Have you any proof of it?"

"I'll produce my proofs at the proper "This is the proper time," said I. Donaldson or Archer. "I say that he took the money," pro-

o Donald.

money "Well," said Donald, "have you work the vote is."

going to be," said I. thing about it."

"Well enough," answered Gillespie "I think it would be very interesting," said he. "I'd like to know wheth-

er you think the same way that I do And he named the day and the hour, about it." "Your opinion is far the worst of the whereby I knew for certain that it was advice, I am unwilling to do anything the Strobel correspondence to which he lot. Mr. Bunn," responded Donald jok-

ingly. "You're not right, even about of your influence. I know how strong "Your case fails, sit. Grand pack-"Your case fails, Mr. Gillespie," said Gillespie was staggered. He darted

> "He gave them to you?" said he. "How did he happen to do it?" "I asked him for them," I replied. "Well, if you asked him for them he

to stick to his chair. I took the pack-"Who do you think has been here?" age out and opened it upon the leaf of

> ed apart. There was no money what-"Who had the combination of that

safe?" demanded Gillespie. "Severn," answered Carl, "the first "Myself alone," said 1. "I changed it on the day when I put the package

> tainty that nobody has opened the safe Gillespie began to walk the floor,

gnawing his lips. "Well, sir," said I. "If you are other." ready to make your charge, I will call Mr. Donaldson.'

"I-don't-think-I'm-quite-ready," be voted." "Can you produce the money?" this afternoon," he replied; "Not dred short," said he. "not this afternoon. I may have some thing to say about it tomorrow." chair. He stood looking at Donald for some

seconds thoughtfully, then turned upon his heel and strode out of the room. Donald walked to one of the windows and stood there, moodily staring out. Not knowing just what to say, I busied

myself in wrapping up the papers and returning them to the safe. "Can this be confidential, uncle,' said Donald-"everything that happens between us this afternoon? Why

tive, beginning to descend the steps. "Tomorrow I'll come to see you at far deceive himself, but he was perfectly sincere in his opinion and per-

your office, Mr. Harrington." sisted in crediting us with the votes of "I shan't be there," said I. men who were as sure to vote the Kel-"Then I'll find you over to the Juncvin ticket as Kelvin was himself. tion," he rejoined. "Oh, I shan't have Among them were two members of the any trouble in keeping track of you present directory of the company. It

bomorrow." Donald stepped forward into the at the door, which was locked. We all tomorrow. was they who had objected to moving the office, as I mentioned somewhere man's path. I saw that some unusual in the early part of this narrative. impulse was upon the boy, and it af-It will be remembered that Donald fected me with a peculiar thrill. I maintained his seat in the window had made a startling prediction in re had often seen him show the same | throughout the proceedings and did not gard to Bunn and that it had been veraspect, but never with such intensity. | stir at the noise. fied by Bunn's redemption of his stock "Frank Gillespie," said he, "if you which had stood in my name. But I have anything to say upon this mathad received Bunn's solemn pledge ter speak now. Tomorrow will be too late. If you wait till then, I warn you and then turned toward Kelvin. My that this stock should not pass out of his control, either by sale or proxy, and that you will not speak at all. Now is that it should never be voted against your time, and there is no other." me. He was a stockholder of record He extended his right hand and at the date prescribed, before the electouched Gillespie upon the breast over tion, and I counted upon him with the the heart. He has declared since then ground or another against the admissame certainty that I counted upon that the gesture was entirely acciden-

tal, that he was wholly unaware of it. When my table had been made up And I think that is one of the strongest | Bunn. and sufficiently discussed, I showed if points in the case. As to the immediate effect of his "This may be all right, Uncle John," words and manner, I never saw the said he. "but I will bet a million dollike. There was such a silence that

lars against a teaspoonful of east wind it seemed as if the whole town of Tunthat it won't come out that way. Howbridge had stopped to take its breath. ever, if you win you don't care what In certain moments Donald undoubtedly exercises an influence upon those "I'd like to know what you think it's about him which has no rational ex-

planation. "I'm ashamed," said Donald, "It's Gillespie put up his hand and covsilly for me to pretend to know any- ered the spot which Donald had touched. Bunn was hitching about in his chair.

"Hocus pocus!" he cried somewhat "I'll attend to your case tohoarsely. morrow. He brushed past Donald and unhitch-

ed the horse with so much nervous bustle that the animal was irritated and started just as Gillespie had a foot upon the step of the buggy. The man jerked the reins with his right hand, slipped upon the step and turned about so that he was thrown against the hitching post, the iron ball upon the top of it striking him with considerable force upon the breast. The horse stopped, and Gillespie tottered back against a wheel of the buggy. His face was very white and somewhat contorted. surprise, this line: Such was my state of nervous and superstitious apprehension that I expected to see the man fall dead, though in ordinary circumstances I should not have feared a serious result from the

accident. Evidently I was not alone in my alarm, for a strangely suppressed and inarticulate cry went up from the group upon the sidewalk, and several men stepped forward to assist Gillesple. He recovered himself, however, without help, climbed into his carriage, this time with sufficient care, and drove

"Donald," said I in his ear, "what mistake about this. We'll verify those ballots."

him to speak. I wish to heaven he could have exposed me right there in the public street." lowed and touched him on the shoul-

happens to Mr. Gillespie after what you told him just now you may be exposed by the recording angel, and it will have no effect in Tunbridge.'

CHAPTER XVI.

The boy looked surprised. "I thought he estimated them a hun-Bunn slowly raised himself from his

away.

"I must get back to my work," said say a final word, though, in our opinion, the election was as good as over. I Donald meanwhile was writing on experienced a great relief and, as slip of paper. sometimes happens, was the better "This is my prediction," he an

nounced, "and if you won't look at it till afterward I'll give it to you, uncle.' "All right, my boy," I replied. And when he had sealed up the prediction

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I had various errands here and there in the Junction and was separated spoke. in a very small envelope I put it into from Donaldson for some hours. We my waistcoat pocket. In the course of the next day or two

"Tomorrow will do," said the detec- [thing else which he had in the world] ANNUAL STATEMENT to me.

OF THE There were two tickets-that is, two lists of men named for directors. The DIRECTORS OF THE POOR lists were printed and were entitled

Ticket No. 1 and Ticket No. 2. Ours OF was No. 1.

I was about to begin my tactics for Danville and Mahoning Poor Dis trict for the Year Ending jumped up from our places around the

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Jan. 1, 1903. long table except Thorndyke, who had J. P BARE, Treasurer.

The door was opened, and Jim Bunn stalked into the room, with the air of a crazy man. I cast one look at him enemy had seized upon Archer, who happened to be nearest to him, and had dragged him into a corner. I judged that Kelvin was protesting upon one

sion of Bunn's vote, but I could not hear what was said. So I turned to "Well, Jim," said I. "where have you

been? "Wait," said he, speaking like a man in a trance. "Wait. I'm here to vote." "That's what we're all here for." I responded, "and the sooner the better." Quiet was restored, and the voting began, the ballots being dropped into a hat. When all had been collected, the tellers took them to a little table in the corner and proceeded to make the count. I glanced across at Donaldson and saw instantly that he had encour tered a most unnleasant surprise. In

great uneasiness I turned to Carl. He vas gnawing his fingers. Bunn sat rigid in a chair, his head thrust forward, his eyes staring.

I began to feel a dire isolation. Thes l due Directors at present settlemen men seemed to know something of which I was ignorant. The perspira Directors of Dancille and Mahonin

tion started from my face. I would have given much for a gift of prophecy to anticipate the events of the nex

few minutes, and this wish naturally suggested Donald. I took from my pocket the envelope which contained his prediction and turned it nervously in my fingers. Curiosity overcame me I broke the seal and read, with great

"The Harrington ticket will win by 300 majority." While I was vainly trying to make

this result fit the mathematical possi hilities I heard the tellers rise from their table. Donaldson handed a slip of paper to the secretary of the company, who read as follows: "All ballots are straight. No. 1 ticket has received the preferences of the

holders of 5,150 shares. No. 2 ticket has received the preferences of the holders of 4,850 shares. No. 1 ticket is therefore elected." "Here!" cried Kelvin. "There's some

I expected a reply from Donaldson. but he had crossed to the end of the table where Carl was sitting. I fol-

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"Well, my boy," said I, "if anything der. (To be continued.)

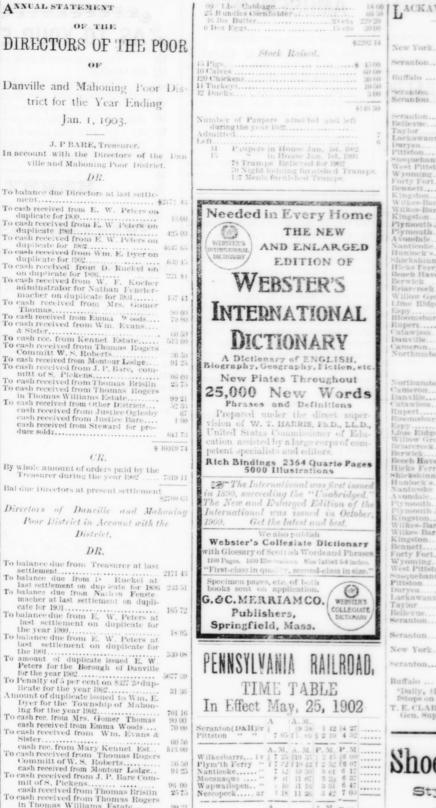
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a young woman whose courtesy never THE next morning Donaldson deserts her, even in the most trying and I went over to the Juncmoments. Not long ago she stood tion on the early train. There swaying back and forth, holding to a were three or four stockhold- strap in a crowded electric car on a ers over there to whom we wished to rainy day.

A young man who stood next her had a dripping umbrella, with which he emphasized his remarks to a friend. As he pounded it down on the floor of the car an expression of anxiety graduable to realize how great would have been my bitterness of spirit if Kelvin ally deepened on the young woman's face, and at last when the umbrella

> "I beg your pardon," she said in a "I am sorry to tron-



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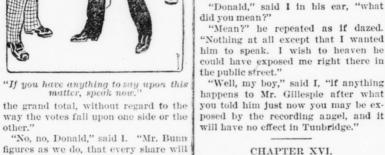
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tigate on our own account without offering our services in the regular way." "Was that why you came here before?" I demanded.

Mr. Gillespie gravely inclined his head. I asked him why he hadn't said before you lock up the safe I'll give be counted absolutely with the Kelvin so like an honest man, and I received | you this."

in return the information that the detective business sometimes involved an the side pocket of his sack coat. element of deception. "Now, Mr. Harrington," said he,

I was strongly indisposed to deal with this man, yet I would have been | that I did not at first notice this new glad of the money, and I could not suppose that he had come to see me a second time without having some very promising clew. So I asked him what

he would think right. "Ten per cent of what I find," said he promptly and added, "I'm suspicious that the amount may be a trifle short." I was more than suspicious that it might be so, supposing that Mr. Gillespie should find it when no one was



"How do you do, Mr. Gillespie?" ed and the crime fully exposed.

"Well, sir," said he, "I think I'm pre-pared to do it, but I warn you that it in this form: will be considerable of a shock to you." "It will be a good deal more of a shock to the thief," said I. "I guess John Harrington Donaldson

that I can stand it if he can."

closer to mine, and with an eye upon the door and his lips close to my ear he whispered:

"It's your man Donaldson who turned this trick." "No, sir," said I; "that won't go."

"Wait a bit," said he, laying a hand

upon my arm. I won't listen to this charge except regard to the smaller holders who in Mr. Donaldson's presence," said I. would personally vote and in regard "You don't inspire me with very much to the proxies, for, though Donaldson "You don't inspire me with very much confidence, to be frank with you. But if you have the stamma to make this charge to Mr. Donaldson's face, that if you have a sort of standing" will give you a sort of standing."

his hands.

bother my father with it yet? wait until we get to the bottom of it." In the course of the until the event opportunities for exerting "I'm willing, Donald," said 1, "if you my powers of persuasion upon Mr. think it important."

"It is indeed," he replied. "And now his intent was clear. The man could He drew a great roll of money from

"Mr. Gillespie was suspicious that the amount might be a trifle short," he

"what is there in it if I find that mon- said. "It is. There's \$5,000 missingalmost all the smaller bills." I was so overpowered by surprise

instance of the accuracy with which the afternoon of that day Donald and I Donald could quote remarks which were not made in his presence. He had of Tunbridge, where most of the stores repeated Gillespie's suspicion precisely. "You have found it!" I exclaimed. are and the principal hotel, a sorry place of entertainment, I regret to say.

"I had to," replied Donald. "This As we approached it I saw Detective man was coming to make this charge Gillespie come out. He paused upon against my father. It was absolutely the edge of the upper step, and I nonecessary that I should find that mon-ey. Put it away, please. Quick! Some if under the influence of drink. I had had no interview with this man

mysterious

the hotel.

ready yet."

and now."

bowed to him.

one is coming." Donaldson and Jim Bunn entered, since the day when he had made his the former waving his hand, in which extraordinary and baseless charge against Donaldson. I knew that he there was a letter. "The proxy from Silas Harrington!"

he cried. "The branch is safe. We can en some pains to make sure that he win now by fifty shares even if Thorn- was not repeating his accusation. Had dyke votes against us." "If Mr. Thorndyke votes against

you," said Doe, id gloomily, "you will his main business was to drive about the town in a light top buggy and look We all star d at him. "There's no possible way to figure

that out," said Donaldson. "I don't figure it out," said Donald; "I know it. Yet what I know is not post. As we approached the spot from what will happen. It is what would happen if I didn't know it. Is that up from the other, so that it seemed

clear?" "As clear as mud," said his father, laughing.

> CHAPTER XV. THE PREDICTION OF DEATH.

ET'S see once more how the "A thing stands," said 1. "Practipie. cally every share of the whole going to have next Christmas?" 10,000 can be placed now." I sat down by my desk and made out Donald, pausing. "Be content with a table, which I will present here some- that." what abridged. It is not necessary to include the names of the small stock-

holders whose position was perfectly watching him. However, I agreed to well known to us, nor of those whose his terms, with the proviso that more proxies were held either by Kelvin or than half the money should be recover- myself. The event proved that we were right about this matter to the last

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There was considerable discussion i.

harge to Mr. Donaidson's face, that fill give you a sort of standing." "Very well," said he, spreading out "Very well," said he, spreading out I touched a button that rings a bell thus making the result of the election

bout noon in front of the branch is located. My first glimpse of Donaldson showed me that some-Isaac Thorndyke. He was evasive, but thing was wrong.

had won the fight.

"I've just had a telephone message from Archer," he said. "He tells me that he can't find Bunn." party. What inducements Kelvin offered him I have never learned, but I

"Can't find him?" I echoed. "Hasn't have suspected that they consisted in he been at the office?" promises to invest money in a crazy in-"No. And that isn't the worst of vention which Thorndyke controlled it," he replied. "Archer has sent up

and in which he had just sense enough to Mrs. Stewart's," Bunn's boarding not to sink all his own money. place, "and it seems that he wasn't No change occurred in the situation there last night." up to the day before the election. On "Good heavens!" I exclaimed. "Can

he have gone out on one of those long were walking along the business street evening walks of his and fallen dead in an out of the way place? I don't mean to be heartless. Donaldson, but you know what this means to us." "It means destruction," said he.

"That's the name of it." "Do you remember," said I, "that when Don was talking to Jim Bunn the other day he seemed to get an impression that this vote would be a

going to happen to Bunn?" had remained in town, and I had tak-"I tried to get the boy by telephone," answered Donaldson. "Dorothy doesn't know where he is. Nobody knows."

he done so I should have made trouble "I wish we had him here," said I. for him. But so far as I could judge Upon a chance I went to a public welephone and called up the office, but I got no word of any one, Archer, Bunn

nor Donald. I had a curious experi-The vehicle in question was standing ence with crossed wires, however, in before the door of the hotel, and the the course of which I heard Kelvin's horse was fastened to an iron hitching voice for a few minutes and made out that he was trying to get communicaone side Kelvin and Thorndyke came tion with Gillespie. It came to me then to wonder whether that rascal likely that there would be a rather inhad spirited Bunn away. It was a teresting encounter before the door of rick that I did not believe Kelvin would stick at.

Gillespie remained poised upon the Donaldson and I were entirely helpstep, and as we came near Donald less. We had to rely upon Archer, for

we could not get to Tunbridge and "Aha, the wonder-boy!" said Gillesback before the time set for the meet-"What sort of weather are we ing, and so, as there was nothing better to do, we had a morsel of dinner. "The weather is fine today," replied Shortly before 2 o'clock Archer arrived in a pitiable state of excitement. "What shall we do?" he cried as soon Gillespie turned to me. "Twe got some interesting facts for you, Mr. Harrington," said he. "They as he was within speaking distance.

"Without Bunn we're lost, and I can get no trace of the man. I've got all Tunbridge hunting for him. We must won't please your young friend there very much." hold up the meeting as long as we "I would suggest that this is hardly

ean." the place to disclose them," said I. "No," he answered, "and I'm not quite There were about a dozen of the stockholders in the room when we three entered. Thorndyke was there "That was the trouble with you the and I immediately perceived that he other day," said 1 injudiciously. "You was very restless. I could not get him fired off the gun before it was loaded.' into conversation. He sat in a corner It is a fault of mine that I am alof a window seat in the attitude of a ways impatient with a drunken man. man with the stomach ache and drum-Nothing else makes me so angry as med upon the floor with one foot, a foolishness, and at the head of all folhabit that especially distresses me. ies stands inebriation. On this occa Presently the meeting was called to sion Gillespie was seized with the sudorder by a little dummy who acts as den and absurd anger which ofter president of the company because more marks a certain stage of intoxication. important men do not want the office. "If you want me to talk right here, Some reports were read, and then, unsaid he, "I'll show the whole busines der the rules, it became necessary to up. I'm dead on to this boy. I can proceed to the election of a board of tell you the whole game from A to Z." directors. I had a little scheme for A crowd was collecting. Kelvin and holding back the vote, but it was not Thorndyke had stopped and were in necessary to spring it immediately. terested spectators. I caught a glimpse of Donald out of the corner of my eye Meanwhile the proxies were passed upon in the usual way, and tellers were and saw that he was pale with some appointed, one from each party. They strong emotion, which I judged to be were Donaldson and a man named Alwrath, though it was really mere misvin Green, a small stockholder who had thus making the result of the election sure. I don't know how he could so Gillespie. "Tell what you know here although he owed his stock and every-Telephone 1436

ness block in which the office of the ble you, but could you kindly change your umbrella to my other foot for a moment so that I may empty the water out of my rubber shoe in which the umbrella is now fastened?"

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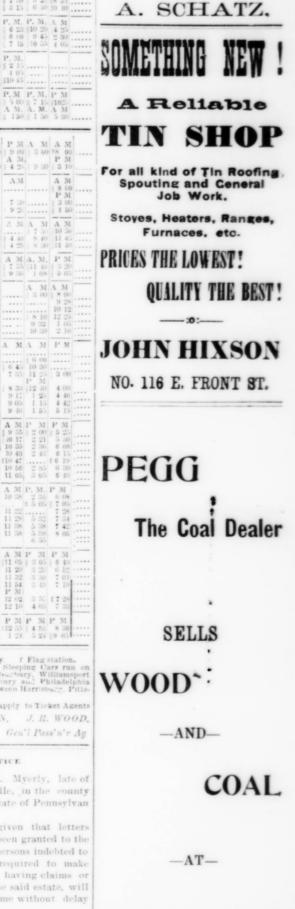
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