

Mystery of the Lost Jewel

A Romance That Began In a Queer Robbery

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The great car fought its way... through heavy drifts of snow...

Herefore the suburban trains had... to him the best means of transportation...



WHAT DO YOU WANT HERE?" SHE WHISPERED.

in the distance shone one solitary light. With all possible speed Serviss...

With an impatient gesture Colonel Richmond waved the subject aside.

He turned away with a chuckle. "The culprit is here in my own house."

As Colonel Richmond left the room Jack Serviss' fingers came in contact with the golden trinket in his pocket.

He quickly retraced his steps, but a small flashlight revealed no waiting figure on the porch...

anted him all the way. "I am half dead with fear," she had said...

"I thank you for a long ride," the girl said. "Unconsciously you have rendered me a great service."

She flashed a laughing glance into his bewildered face and melted into the crowd.

"My dear son," he heard his mother saying at this moment, "I hope we have not kept you waiting long in the cold."

Serviss appeared at breakfast the following morning distraught and preoccupied.

"Another Daring Robbery on Summer Road—Home of Colonel Richmond Entered by Burglars Last Night While Family Were Out of Town—Valuables and Money Amounting to Several Thousand Dollars Stolen—Famous Diamond and Pearl Necklace Among the Missing Jewels, Etc., Etc.—Police Working Upon Slight Clue—Member of Mounted Police Saw a Large Limousine Stalled at the Entrance to Colonel Richmond's Residence as He Passed on His Rounds at a Late Hour Last Night, but Did Not Think It Necessary to Investigate at the Time—It Is Now Believed That It Was This Car Which Enabled the Sneak Thieves to Get Away Unobserved."

Grim lines showed about Jack Serviss' mouth as he folded the paper.

"Take the box," she had said, "and let us go at once." And she had made him her accomplice.

Nat, the chauffeur, entered the room at this moment. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but did one of the ladies drop this in the car last night?"

He held out a little jeweled locket. Serviss took it eagerly in his palm. A hasty glance showed a name engraved upon its cover.

When the man had gone he read the name inscribed. It was Marguerite Richmond. All morning he deliberated upon the best course to pursue.

His ring was promptly answered on this occasion, and he was ushered into the presence of Colonel Richmond.

"How do you do, sir," said this eccentric old gentleman, "and what's your business?"

"I have called," Serviss replied, "concerning the robbery which occurred here last night."

With an impatient gesture Colonel Richmond waved the subject aside.

Then a soft, rustling sound caused him to glance expectantly toward the doorway.

"Well," she asked, "have you come to inform upon me?"

Serviss stepped forward. "I came to return this locket," he said slowly.

"It was found in my car last night, and I feared that it might be one of the missing Richmond jewels."

Lincoln's inauguration ball. Why had the box been left thus carelessly upon the library table?

"I recalled many daring robberies which had been committed of late in this same lonely locality, and perhaps even now burglars were searching the empty house for further booty."

"Try not to be alarmed," he said, "and admit no person to the house. I will be with you as soon as the auto can rush me there and will bring you and the valuables back with me."

"The thought of remaining longer in the silent house was unbearable; so, concealing the little box beneath my cloak, I crept out into the darkened porch and awaited my deliverer."

"I quite understand," Serviss answered gently, "but why did you not let me help you?"

She leaned forward with a graceful gesture. "Why, don't you see," she asked, "I was not a very responsible person then, and so I thought you might be the burglar—returning for his stolen prize. At any rate, it would scarcely have been wise to make a confidant of a man who appeared at the rear door of a vacant house so late at night to ask the very apparent way to the city, nor would it have been advisable to trust an entire stranger with the care of a box containing several thousand dollars' worth of valuables."

Nevertheless I was determined not to stay in the place another moment, so when I had called you I ran around the other way and peeped into your automobile. Finding it empty, I took a desperate chance and slipped inside, hoping that you would not see me there and that I might thus reach the city quickly and safely. As we rolled along and I had time to think the matter over soberly I was ashamed of my folly and knew instinctively that you had spoken the truth.

Serviss clasped the proffered hand. "If you are the culprit," he replied, "remember that I am also your accomplice. I am still anxious to hear—"

"Wait," interposed the girl. "When I left you I went directly to Mr. Leigh's home, where his wife welcomed me sympathetically. This morning when Mr. Leigh read the startling news of the robbery we came out here directly. It seems that in the hurry of departure father had forgotten the box, which he had intended to leave at the bank for safe keeping. It was not until he had reached his destination that he recalled having left it upon the library table and immediately boarded a homecoming train."

"My predominating thought was that I should like above all things to see you again," Serviss answered daringly. The girl smiled.

"What a swift, light running car yours is!" she said reminiscently. "Perhaps you would be good enough to try it again under more favorable circumstances?" he ventured.

"Yes," Miss Richmond answered frankly, "I would."

And a very short time after—in fact, the first spring flowers were just poking their heads above ground—a happy couple motored in this same car down the highway to the city.

"Darling," he said rapturously, "sometimes I think it was this little charm which led me back to you."

And Mrs. Serviss smiled demurely. "I hoped it would when I left it there," she replied.

THE WRONG HAS BEEN RIGHTED," HE SAID.

you again," Serviss answered daringly. The girl smiled.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE POOR DISTRICT OF THE TOWNSHIP OF TEXAS AND THE BOROUGH OF HONESDALE FOR THE YEAR ENDING JANUARY 8, 1912.

RECEIPTS FOR 1911. Received from W. A. Gaylord, Ex-Treasurer \$2696.10. Received from H. Schuerholz, Coll. on 1910 dup. 969.09. Received from W. A. Sluman, Coll. 325.00. Received from H. Schuerholz, Coll. 300.00. Received from W. A. Sluman, Coll. on 1911 dup. 1150.38. Received from W. A. Sluman, Coll. bal. on 1910 duplicate 173.38. Received from H. Schuerholz, Coll. on 1911 dup. 2683.87. Rec'd for support of persons in asylums 279.25. Rec'd from Philip Rose, support of father 136.50. Rec'd for milk 1788.52. Rec'd farm produce and stock 210.07. \$10712.16

EXPENDITURES FOR 1911. By patients in insane asylums \$2735.89. By patients in schools for feeble-minded 67.50. By fees to Auditors and statement 15.00. By coal for almshouse 141.38. By coal for outside relief 7.25. By drugs and medicine 18.25. By Dr. Gavitt \$6.50, Dr. Powell \$19.00 25.50. By shoes for paupers 11.90. By butter 160.93. By dry goods, groceries, clothing, dishes and provisions 440.77. By horse shoeing 21.90. By removing patients to asylums 73.35. By printing statements 30.00. By hardware, stove and mowing machine 181.52. By stationery and stamps 11.39. By tobacco for inmates 14.20. By outside relief 313.88. By livery hire 17.00. By telephone service 37.50. By seeds for farm 34.88. By pasturing stock 16.25. By insurance 90.88. By making two duplicates 7.00. By repair work, fertilizer, gasoline, oil and carpenter 81.05. By lumber, stock and fur're 154.68. By refund to L. Guckenburger, guardian 2.65. By flour and feed 613.18. By stewards' salary 450.00. By hired men 299.50. By hired girl 156.00. By Searle & Salmon, Attys. 25.00. By directors' salaries 225.00. By butchering 6.00. By repairing telephone line 21.90. \$6509.08. Balance in Treas. hands 4203.08. \$10712.16

ASSETS. Cash in Treas. hands \$4203.08. Due from H. Schuerholz, Coll. of Honesdale for 1910 360.92. Due from H. Schuerholz, Coll. of Honesdale for 1911, subject to exonerations and commissions 502.42. Due from W. A. Sluman, Coll. of Texas for 1911, subject to exonerations and commissions 367.59. \$5534.01

We, the undersigned Auditors, having examined the accounts of the Directors of the Poor District of Texas township and the borough of Honesdale, find the same correct as above set forth both as to items of charge and discharge.

W. N. ALBERTY, BUEL DODGE, H. T. BISHOP, Auditors.

INVENTORY. Real estate \$7000.00. 20 cows 1000.00. 2 two-year-old heifers 60.00. 1 two-year-old bull 50.00. 2 yearlings 40.00. 4 calves 20.00. Pair horses 450.00. 2 sets harness 35.00. Farm implements 700.00. Dairy fixtures 100.00. Goods in Steward's kitchen 90.00. Dining room for inmates 45.00. Furniture and bedding 275.00. Furniture in directors' room 100.00. Groceries and provisions 300.00. FARM PRODUCE. Hay 525.00. Oats 130.00. Straw 75.00. Corn in crib 50.00. Potatoes 300.00. Chickens and ducks 30.00. Farm implements 150.00. 2 hogs 30.00. \$11,555.00

Number of inmates at close of 1911 11. Number admitted during year 1. Number discharged None. Number died None. Number days support 4480. Number average numbers inmates 12 1/4. We, the undersigned, Poor Directors of the Poor District of Texas Township and the Borough of Honesdale, certify that the above statement is true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

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A. M. LEINE.

SHERIFF'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE—By virtue of process issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of Wayne county, and State of Pennsylvania, and to me directed and delivered, I have levied on and will expose to public sale, at the Court House in Honesdale, on

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, AT 2 P. M.,

All the defendant's right, title, and interest in the following described property—viz:

All defendant's right, title and interest in the following described land situate in Canaan township, Wayne county, Pa., bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a heap of stones, the eastern corner of Chas. Hogan's land; thence by said land north 68 degrees west 76 rods to a stones corner; thence by lot No. 17 in the allotment of the Cadanaler Middle creek land; north 40 degrees, east 137 1/2 rods to a post corner; thence by land this day conveyed to Edward Walsh south 68 degrees east 76 rods to a post corner; thence by land in the warrantee name of Joseph Burrows and Benjamin Mashon south 40 degrees west 137 1/2 rods to the place of beginning, containing 62 acres more or less; also all that other piece or parcel of land situate partly in South Canaan township and partly in Cherry Ridge township, Wayne county, bounded and described as follows, viz: Beginning at a heap of stones, the common corner of lots Nos. 56, 57, 62, 63 in the allotment of the Cadwalader Middle Creek tract; thence by land conveyed by John Torrey to William Walsh and Dennis Donavan, north 40 degrees east 164 rods to a stones corner and thence 50 degrees David S. Buckley south 50 degrees east 35 rods to a stones corner, and thence by said lot No. 57 south 40 degrees west 164 rods to the place of beginning, containing 35 acres or less, and being the same land of which James McCarty died, seized and of whom defendant is a son and heir at law, having vested in him his said heir a one-eighth undivided interest in said land. Upon the first named premises is a frame house, barns and outbuildings and nearly all the land is improved; upon the second piece there are no improvements.

Seized and taken in execution as the property of D. G. McCarty at the suit of Margaret McCarty, March Term, 1909, Judgment, \$259.02, Attorney, McCarty.

ALSO

By virtue of the annexed writ of *fa. fa.* I have this day levied upon and taken in execution the two following described pieces or parcels of land, situate in the townships of Mount Pleasant and Clinton, the first bounded and described as follows: Beginning at post and stones, the northeast corner of the John Shee warrant; thence by the same south eighty-five degrees west one hundred seventy-one and one-half perches to stones corner; thence north five degrees west seventy-four and one-half perches to stones corner; thence north eighty-five degrees east one hundred forty-two and three-fourths perches to post and stones corner; thence by the Elias Dawson warrant south twenty-six degrees perches to the place of beginning, containing page 79, conveying these lands to seventy-three acres and twenty-four perches, be the same more or less. Upon the above stated premises is a

frame story and one-half house, frame barn and other out buildings, apple orchard and other fruit trees, and sugar maple orchard and largely improved land. The Second: Beginning at a heap of stones in the west line of the Elias Dawson warrant; thence along said line north twenty-five degrees west forty-four rods to stones corner; thence south eighty-two degrees east forty-six perches to a corner in the Lackawaxen Turnpike; thence southerly along the said Turnpike about thirty-nine rods to a post; thence south eighty-six degrees west forty perches to the place of beginning, containing eleven acres and twenty-four perches, be the same more or less. All improved land. For title to the first piece see Deed Book No. 5, at page 253, and the second piece No. 20, at Aaron Loomis; also Will Book No. 3, at page 149. Seized and taken in execution as the property of Augustus Loomis at the suit of Wm. L. Ferguson, Judgment, \$2,432, Mch. Term, 1910. Attorney, Lee.

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FRANK C. KIMBLE, Sheriff. Honesdale, Pa., Feb. 9, 1912.

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