***** Mystery of the Lost Jewel

A Romance That Began In a Queer Robbery

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'he great car fought its way relad usly through heavy drifts of snow n stood still, throbbing in every rt, while its driver hesitated uncernly, his hand upon the steering eel. He regretted now the gener impulse which had prompted him dismiss Nat, the chauffeur, and take

on himself the task of calling for mother and sister at a city the-. Nat could have found his way ndfolded through these tangled by vs. which seemed to branch out in ry direction, as Dick Serviss left portals of their new homestead

on the hill. leretofore the suburban trains had med to him the best means of asportation. He peered auxiously ough the swirling clouds of snow.



HAT DO YOU WANT HERE?" SHE WHIS-

r in the distance shone one solitary ht. With all possible speed Servisa de toward the light; it might bein point a way out of his difficulty. the car drew nearer he saw that it s an arc light which had been placed the imposing entrance to an isolatmansion. He was still too far away discern more than the dim outline the building, but even as he watched ight gleamed brightly for a moment m an upper window, then disapred, to show forth presently in anper part of the house, and so at reger intervals from floor to floor. With great lurch the limousine plunged sily down the avenue between the es, and Serviss, springing lightly to ground, ascended the stone steps ding up to the doorway. To all aprances the house was deserted, but, sembering that moving light, he ig the bell repeatedly, then listened its echoing sound. Suddenly a womvoice broke the stillness. Here!" called the voice. "Come

o Jack Serviss it sounded like a

of distress. am out here on the rear porch."

le hastened to obey the summons.

voice prompted.

owing a winding path and groping way up ice covered stens. As he ched the top a girl's figure came ard him

am half dead with fear," she said eathlessly. "Take the box and let go at once."

You have evidently made a mis-" Serviss answered slowly, not the person you are expecting see." He reached for the little aunobile torch in his pocket, throwing light first full upon himself, then the shadowy corner, where the

drew back tremblingly. What do you want here?" she whis-

I have lost my way in the storm." viss explained, "and stopped to ask most direct road to the city."

Oh!" The one word seemed to exss vast relief. "Follow the straight d leading past this house," she addhastily. "It will take you there." Thank you." Serviss answered, and n lingered in doubt, "Can I be of

istance to you?" he asked. No," she spoke shortly, "Please go." le plodded back through the snow had barely reached the car when in came that imperative call:

Please come here," the voice enated.

e quickly retraced his steps, but small flashlight revealed no waitfigure on the porch, and though be rehed diligently in every hidden ner, tramping patiently about the nt house, the mysterious little lady med to have disappeared. As a last surce he rang the doorbell and led londly; then, receiving no aner, he resumed his seat in the auto-

bile and started cityward. Jove, that was queer." he mused king back at the great dark house. memory of the girl's tragic face | which my grandmother had worn at | she replied,

in anted him all the way. "I am haif Lincoln's inauguration ball. Why had dead with fear," she had said, yet why was she there? What did it all mean? His mind was still a confusion of thought as he reached the theater. Suddenly the door of the impusine was thrust open. A girl linstily alighted and paused for a moment at his side as she looked up at him. Serviss uttered an exclamation of surprise.

"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

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

Serviss appeared at breakfast the following morning distrait and preocupied. His apathy vanished, however, as his eyes met the glaring headlines of a morning paper:

'Another Daring Robbery on Sumner Road-Home of Colonel Richmond Entered by Burglars Last Night While Family Were Out of Town-Valuables and Money Amounting to Several Thousand Dollars Stoten-Famous Diamond and Pearl Necklace Among the Missing Jewels, Etc., Etc. - Police Working Upon Slight Clew-Member of Mounted Police Saw a Large Limousine Stalled at the Entrance to Colonei 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 Ser visa' mouth as he folded the paper. So here was the solution of the mystery. 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 engerly in his paim. A hasty glance showed a name engraved upon its cover. "I will take care of the trinket. Nat," he said unexpectedly.

When the man had gone he read the name inscribed. It was Marguerite Richmond. All morning he deliberated upon the best course to pursue. One thing was very evident-the locket must be restored to its owner. At length he decided to return it in person and tell what he realized would sound a most improbable story. He was determined, however, to give no information which might lead to the possible detection of the girl to whom he had "rendered a service."

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 ec-

centric old gentieman, "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. "The wrong has been righted." he said

brusquely, "Notes and lewels are all

safe in my possession once more." He turned away with a chuckle. "The culprit is here in my own house. I'll send her in to talk with you. Excuse me, sir: I'm busy."

As Colonel Richmond left the room Jack Serviss' fingers came in contact fied every police station and detective with the golden trinket in his pocket. agency in the surrounding country." Then a soft, rustling sound caused him to glance expectantly toward the doorgirl's slight figure. She stood a mo- read the papers?" she questioned. ment, looking up with the dark, appealing eyes he remembered so well.

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."

The girl's face flushed rosily as she extended her hand to receive the trinket. "I must ask you to listen to an explanation," she said, , "although it will place me in a ridiculous position. I have been attending school in Boston, taking a postgraduate course merely in order to stay on a little longer with the girls. Not long ago 1 wrote mother and father to expect me home for the holidays, and mother replied, telling of various dances and dinners which were being planned in my honor. It was then that I decided to return at an earlier date, so that we three might have a nice, 'homey' time together. Wishing to give them a good surprise, I did not announce my coming, and it never occurred to me that father might take it into his head to carry mother off to visit a sister out in the country, but such proved to be the case. My train was late, and I left it at the junction, keeping close to the trees which border the roadside in the hope that no one would spy me from the windows, for I wished to enter the familiar old room very quietly and see two dear faces light up with pleasure, But before me the house toomed desolate, forsaken. I fitted my latchkey and slipped into the gloomy hall. Then, The girl smiled, as I passed again and again from room to room, turning on each light as I yours is!" she said reminiscently. went, I found that not even a servant remained in the house to bid me welcome. What could I do-battle my way back through the sudden storm to the station in the chance of finding a late train to the city or spend the night alone in this cold, ghostly house? As I leaned back in the study chair, trying to think a way out of my difficulty, I saw upon the table before me a little 'strong box' in which father usually carries his notes and valuables to the bank. Strange to say, the key remained in the lock, and as I raised the cover several rows of banknotes met my eye, and flashing upon its velvet cushion was the wonderful necklace

the box been left thus carelessly upon the library table?

"I recalled many daring robberies which had been committed of late in this same lovely locality, and perhaps even now burglars were search Received from W. A. Gaying the empty house for further booty. They would return presently for the little box, and then tremblingly my hand sought the telephone. Mr. Leigh. who managed father's affairs at the bank, might be able to advise or help me. I explained the situation burried ly, and at last his well known voice answered

"'Try not to be alarmed,' he said, 'and admit no person to the house. 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 | Rec'd farm produce and porch and awaited my deliverer. When the lights of your car shone down the driveway I cried eagerly, although i might have known that it would have been impossible for Mr. Leigh to arrive so quickly, but the moments dragged as hours back there in the storm and

"I quite understand," Serviss auswered 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 By removing patients to 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 By outside relief...... 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 mat. By lumber, stock and fur're ter over soberly I was ashamed of my folly and knew instinctively that you had spoken the truth. When the lights of the theater gleamed out and that little old lady came to meet you, why. I wanted to beg your pardon for having doubted. I do so now," she added impulsively. "Will you shake hands with the culprit?"

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

"Wait," interposed the girl. "When left you I went directly to Mr. Cash in Treas. hands...... Leigh's home, where his wife welcomed me sympathetically. This morning when Mr. Leigh rend 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 be had reached his destination that he recalled having left it upon the library table and immediately boarded a homecoming train. Father is very hasty, and when he discovered that the house had been entered and the box taken I think he must have noti-

A mischievous light shone in Miss charge and discharge. Richmond's eyes. "I would like to way. The curtains parted to admit a know just what you thought when you

"My predominating thought was that



"THE WHONG HAS BEEN RIGHTED," HE

you again," Serviss answered daringly,

"What a swift, light running car

"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. The man glanced at a golden locket which deco-

rated his watch fob. "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,"

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

RECEIPTS FOR 1911. lord, Ex-Treasurer \$2696.10 Received from H. Schuerholz, Coll. on 1910 dup. . Received from W. A. Sluman, Coll. . . Received from H. Schuer-Received from W. A. Slu-man, Coll. bal. on 1910 duplicate

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By seeds for farm. pasturing stock insurance making two duplicates. By repair work, fertilizer, gasoline, oil and carpen-

By refund to L. Guckenburger, guardian By flour and feed. By stewards' salary..... hired men hired girl

Searle & Salmon, Attys. By directors' salaries.... By butchering By repairing telephone line

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ue from H. Schuerholz, Coll. of Honesdale for 1911, subject to exonerations and commissions. . Due from W. A. Sluman,

Coll. of Texas for 1911, subject to exonerations and commissions

\$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

> W. N. ALBERTY. H. T. BISHOP,

Auditors. INVENTORY.

Real estate \$7000.00 20 cows two-year-old heifers two-year-old bull yearlings calves Pair horses sets harness Farm implements Dairy fixtures Goods in Steward's kitchen Dining room for inmates Furniture and bedding Furniture in directors' room Groceries and provisions FARM PRODUCE.

Oats 130.00 Straw Corn in crib 50.00 Chickens and ducks 30.00 Farm implements 2 hogs 30.00 \$11,555.00

Number of inmates at close of Number admitted during year Number discharged None Number died Number days support Number average numbers in-1234

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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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 Cadanalader Middle creek land; north 40 degrees. 17.00 east 137½ rods to a post corner; 37.50 thence by land this day conveyed to 34.88 Edward Waish south 68 degrees 16.25 east 76 rods to a post corner; thence by land in the warrantee name Joseph Burrows and Benjamin Mashon south 40 degrees west 137 1/4 rods to the place of beginning, con-taining 62 acres more or less; also all that other piece or parcel of land situate partly in South Canaan town-ship and partly in Cherry Ridge township, Wayne county, bounded 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 Cad-225.00 walader Middle Creek tract; thence 6.00 by land conveyed by John Torrey to 21.90 William Walsh and Dennis Donavan. north 40 degrees east 164 rods to a stones corner and thence by land of Balance in Treas, hands... 4203.08 David S. Buckley south 50 degree east 35 rods to a stones corner, and thence by said lot No. 57 south 40 degs, west 164 rods to the place of beginning, containing 35 acres and 140 perches be the same more 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 in-terest 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 executon as
the property of D. G. McCarty at the
suit of Margaret McCarty. March
Term, 1909. Judgment, \$259.02.
Attorney, McCarty.

ALSO

virtue of the annexed writ of fi. 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 north-east corner of the John Shee warrant; thence by the same south eigh-60.00 ty-five degrees west one hundred 50.00 seventy-one and one-half perches 40.00 to stones corner; thence north 20.00 degrees west seventy-four and one half perches to stones corner; thence 35.00 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 east seven-275.00 ty-nine and three-fourths perches to 100.00 the place of beginning, containing 79. conveying these lands page 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 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 thirtynine rods to a post; thence south eighty-six degrees west forty perches pleasant to take. They tend to soothe to the place of beginning, containing eleven acres and twenty-four per-ches, be the same more or less. All improved land. For title to the first piece see Deed Book No. 5, at page 283, 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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