

AUTHOR OF "The Leavenworth Case."

AGATHA WEBB.

By ANNA KATHARINE GREEN.

Synopsis of Preceding Chapters.

Just after a ball at the Sutherland mansion Agatha Webb and her servant...

CHAPTER XVI.

The lantern zone, the room resumed its former appearance. Abel, who had been much struck by Sweetwater's mysterious manner...

CHAPTER XVII.

A half hour later these men were all clustered with Dr. Talbot in the Zabel kitchen. Abel had rejoined them and Sweetwater was telling his story with great eagerness and no little show of pride.

Biliousness

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But Sweetwater quickly undeceived him. "No," said he, "only into the woods opposite his house."

"And under them?" "A hole, or rather, the entrance to one."

"Gentlemen, I am glad it is you who have named her." "So you should," acknowledged Sweetwater, "but when the detective instinct is aroused it is hard to be just to his rivals; besides, I was obliged to have Miss Page to watch. Happily for me it had been decided that she should not be allowed to leave town till after the funeral, and so my task became easy. This whole day I have spent in sight of Mr. Sutherland's house and in the garden, and I was rewarded by detecting her end of a prolonged walk in the garden by a hurried dash into the woods opposite. I followed her and noted carefully all that she did. As she had just seen Frederick Sutherland and Miss Haliday disappear up the road together she probably felt free to do as she pleased; she walked very directly to the old tree and had just come from, and kneeling down beside it, pulled from the hole underneath something which rattled in her hand with fresh blankets. I had approached her as near as I dared, and was needed to guard around a tree trunk when she stooped down again and plunged both hands into the hole. She remained in this position so long that I did not know what to make of it. But she rose at last and turned towards home, laughing and whistling, but pleased way that did not tend to make me think any more of her. The moon was shining very brightly by this time and I could readily perceive every detail of her person. She held her hands out before her and shook them more than once as she trod by me, so I was sure there was nothing in them, and this is why I was so confident we should find the money still in the hole.

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an effort to throw the blame of her own wrongdoing on one or both of these unfortunate old men. She is sufficiently cold-blooded and calculating to do so; and, circling Miss Page a witness to her. Shall I show her?"

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