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MAIDEN EFFORT

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CHAPTER X—Continued

"What's the proposition?" asked Kelsey. "It concerns Mr. A. Leon Snyder."

"Up to that time," he stated gently, "I should be glad to see you."

"Glunk thinks it can," interpreted Marne. "I caught him tying up his belongings for departure yesterday."

expression of perplexity deepening to a frown. "Error at the bank," he said.

CHAPTER XI

"In plain words, a spy," interpreted Kelsey unpleasantly. "Now, Mr. Sayles; Mr. Sayles! This is a legitimate procedure."

Still it rained. A restless, yellow smear spread and crawled across the lawn on its way to the lake.

Kelsey strolled away. The semi-ostentatious to which he had been consistently subjected since Holmes' return was getting on his nerves.

Three heads converged above the entry. Martin broke the silence. "You don't suppose that Kelsey—"



"I beg that you will control yourself."

"I don't know anything about it and don't want to." "Hear me out, please, Mr. Sayles. This is a most distasteful task and I beg that you will not make it more so."

they were living in an isolated world. Not isolated, however, from A. Leon Snyder. Telegrams of instruction, inquiry, and command, emanating from the New York offices, followed one another in quick succession over the local telephone.

with an alarming sound of objects being hurled about. The girls went in. They found him standing before his work-desk, despair upon his gaunt features and assorted documents on all sides of him.

"Where does that leave us?" demanded Martin. "Out on a limb," answered Gloria.

"It was bad enough," pursued the lawyer, with pursed lips, "to have him squander upon her emeralds worth a king's ransom. You have doubtless seen her flaunting them. I perceive that you have. I should be glad to hear from you—for a suitable consideration, of course—other information relevant to my inquiry."

Early one morning Marne woke up, feeling her bed shift and sway beneath her as if from the undulations of an earthquake. She mentioned it at the breakfast table. Gloria, too, had had her slumbers disturbed.

"Not me," disclaimed Marne. "It's all his own fault." "Let's get him down here and square it." The trio looked at one another. "You get him," they said in perfect unison.

"Ashamed?" Marne's small chin went up. "What of, I'd like to know!" With lips set in the classic line of disdain, she made a military exit. Gloria winked at Martin.

"I think you're crazy," returned the young man contemptuously. "Whatever else may be going on, you can't make me believe that she's that kind."

"Foundations settling, probably," volunteered Kelsey, addressing no one in particular. No one addressed him, except of necessity, these days. Lines of anxiety appeared between Martin Holmes' eyes.

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