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CHAPTER X—Continued

Vance appeared to accept his explanation without question. "And what time did you arrive here that evening, Major?" Higginbottom seemed to ponder the question; but before he could speak Annie supplied the information. "You arrived about six o'clock, sir," she informed him with a respectful naivete. "And Miss Doris came in at half-past seven."

did you get Miss MacTavish, Major? "I bought her from Mr. Henry Bixby, when she was five months old, and I turned her over immediately to Mr. Delafield," the major said regretfully. "Doris became attached to her and insisted upon showing her. I tried to discourage her—" "She was quite worthy of being shown," said Vance. "So you drove out to Mr. William Prentice's, and had him trim her for the ring—eh, what? . . . But why did you enter her under your own name at Englewood?"

the murderer for the doing-in of Archer. My great difficulty, however, would be that there was no point whatever in the murderer's killing Brisbane. Motive is lacking—in fact, that particular murder is meaningless from a logical point of view. But I'm sure the murderer most passionately desired the death of Archer. And yet, it would be utterly unreasonable to accuse him of killing Archer—he apparently couldn't possibly have done it. And there you are. Do you not sympathize with me in my predicament?"

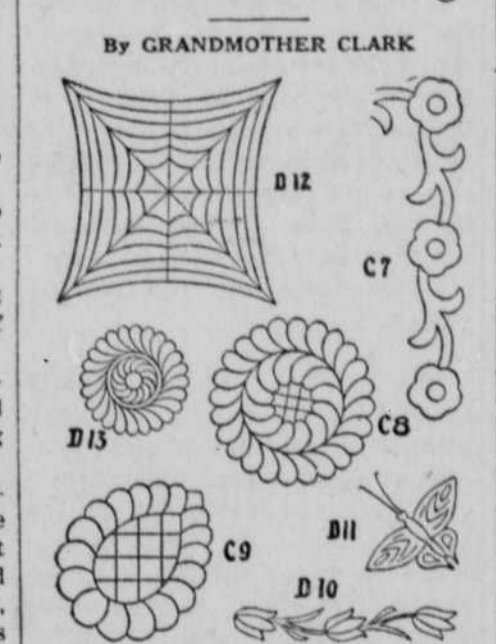


Wrede Was Bowled Over Backwards.

We entered Central Park. I noticed a familiar figure seated on one of the benches just beyond the cut privet hedge, a little distance from the roadway; and at that moment Vance leaned over and gave an order to the chauffeur to halt the car. "Wrede is communing with his soul on your bench," he said. "And he was one of the persons with whom I wished to have parley. I think I'll toddle over and put a few questions to him."

Vance knelt down and felt the prostrate man's pulse. Then he stood up and shrugged. "He's quite dead, Markham," he said without the slightest emotion. "The dog's fangs severed the jugular vein and the carotid artery. Wrede died almost at once from the profuse hemorrhage and, possibly, an air embolism. . . . No use rushing him to a doctor." "And what do you want me to do?" waited the frightened Enright. "Go home and take a stiff drink and try to forget the episode. If we need you, we'll call on you."

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The quilting on a patchwork quilt may make or ruin the entire work, if the design and work is not done neatly. Beauty in the design is necessary, but the needlework and evenness of the stitches bring out the design, and if done right the result will be perfect and always admired. Needleworkers know the best way to transfer a design to cloth is through a perforated pattern. The design is perfectly drawn and perforated so that each stamping is alike and requires very little time. The stamping powder can be brushed off when work is finished, leaving no lines or marks.

Forget Self to Win Popularity

Personality Means Much, of Course, but There Are Many Methods.

A girl is popular for some one of many reasons, or by a combination of them. For example, a girl who is good at sports will find herself popular with those of similar tastes. She must be expert in some field. It may be tennis, golf, water sports, sailing a boat, skiing, etc., and she should be above the average in some of the other sports. It is worth while for a girl who enjoys out-of-door exercise to practice and perfect herself in her favorite sports so that she will be sought as a partner for games or a companion in sports. Her very ability at winning gives her prestige which makes her agreeably noticeable. If to this ability she adds a pleasant manner and is a good sport in losing, when she does, as every one must at times, she has gone a long way on the road to popularity.

makes a girl sought as a partner, and cut in for when already dancing. A help to this popularity is to have a happy expression. The one with whom the girl is dancing may get only brief glimpses of this, but those watching get full view and are apt to make mental note of expression. Another drawing room accomplishment is playing a good game of cards plus taking a beating without arguments. To haggle over cards played, to criticize your partner's leads or the way he failed to follow yours, is fatal to popularity. Girls who are unpopular are apt to think harshly or even speak disparagingly of those who are popular. It is distressing to find one's self in the background, but one is wise to analyze the situation and find out why one loses out, before being too downcast or derogatory. Learn to be good at something which makes for attraction. To be good looking isn't everything. To be made up too much is no help. To have a winning expression is a great aid. To be a good listener is another. This does not mean merely being silent and letting the other person talk. It means listening so that whatever comments you do make are to the point, revealing an understanding of the conversation. Try to make yourself popular in some field and in some way. If you do this with sincerity and not superficially you are in a fair way to win success.

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"She Always Gets Under My Feet When I'm Serving."

or one of the expressmen, had stolen her. She's a sly little devil, she is. And very sweet. And she has a lovely nature. Almost anyone could get her to follow them. But no one had been here after seven o'clock that evening."

"I'm terribly sorry, sir, honest I am. I loved little Miss MacTavish—"

"That's quite all right, Annie," Vance said in a kindly tone. "Miss MacTavish is well and happy."

He turned to Higginbottom. "By the by," he asked, "where

"I SN'T it amazing how coffee can affect a man like Jack?" "Why, no... the caffeine in coffee affects lots of grown-ups just as it does all children. It can give 'em indigestion, upset their nerves and keep 'em awake."

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