

THE DEAD SINGER.

"She is dead!" They said, who were gathered by the grave...

No need of a tomb for the singer: Her fair hair is a crown...

The Great Hesper.

BY FRANK BARRETT.

CHAPTER V.—CONTINUED.

"I was nearly sound asleep when I noticed a sound coming from the window. It was as if someone were rapping upon the glass—

I could not sleep for some time, I heard no further sound whatever, save the chiming of the clock.

CHAPTER VI.

It is necessary for the reader to know what kind of building Monkton Abbey was, and something of the disposition of the rooms, in order to follow clearly the action of the drama that took place within its walls.

"The great door is the center of the old part, the dining-room is on one side, the library on the other. The floor above is occupied by the picture gallery. It has a gable roof, and the belfry rises from the middle. The block on the right and that on the left are alike. The ground floor is divided into drawing-rooms, sitting-rooms, etc."

me a plan of the rooms, roughly and broadly, showing their relative position to the stairs, the bay, and the picture gallery."

CHAPTER VII.

But I was still incredulous. How was the girl hiding in the woods all day to know of the existence of the ledge? It was true she had access to the house at night, but I doubted if it were possible for her to see the ledge in the dark even from the bay window.

I was inclined to believe that the explanation Miss Lascelles had offered was a just one, and that what she had seen was purely imaginative and the result of fear, inspired by those mysterious sounds which might yet be explained.

This was not Van Hoek's opinion, nor was it Brace's.

"I will not say the kid has done it," he said; "there's no sayin' what greaser blood will not do. For the sake of argument, we will say she did, but I undertake she shall not play the same bowler twice, if her father's persuasion counts for anything," and he went off at once to search for Lola in the wood.

When we were alone, Van Hoek said: "Ask Sir Edmund; he will tell you, as he told me, that Brace was in the woods yesterday while you were philandering with Miss Lascelles. What was he there for but to find his daughter and employ her in working out this plot?"

"Good heavens!" I exclaimed, losing my temper; "what notion have you got hold of now? Last night you suspected Sir Edmund—"

"I would suspect any one who has the opportunity to possess himself of such a treasure as you hold. Do you blame the man who protects himself when his life is in danger? That diamond is life to me! What could I do if it were lost? You hold that diamond—my life—in your keeping. You are bound to take every precaution for its safety. You have no right to despise my warning because it does not agree with your reckless trust in humanity."

"What possible connection can there be?" I asked, "between the safety of our diamond and the event of last night?"

"A palpable connection. The event of last night was an abortive attempt to obtain the diamond."

"As I heard this, and looked at Van Hoek, I almost doubted if he were in his right mind."

"The plot failed," he continued, "because the girl mistook the room."

An incredulous exclamation escaped me.

"You shall hear me," he muttered, stretching his arm to the right and left until he encountered mine with his hand, and then clutching it tightly; "you shall see—with my eyes, if not with your own. You have urged that the girl could know nothing of the disposition of the rooms; but she might receive instructions from her father. He went into the wood to give her those instructions yesterday. Look at your plan"—he handed me the diagram I had drawn at his request—"Brace, having his room at the back of the right block, would naturally tell her that when she got to the top of the stairs she was not to pass through the picture-gallery, but to go straight to the landing over the stairs she had ascended, open the window in the bay, which would then be on her left hand, and make her way to the oriel facing her. That, according to his calculation, would bring her to your window."

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Summing a Problem.

Teacher—"If I should give you ten cents and your father should add twenty-five cents, and your mother five and your sister one, how much would you have?"

Dull Boy—"Nothing like that ever happened to me."

"Just imagine it has happened. Can't you imagine?"

"Yes'm."

"Well? Come! Seems to me you are a long time at it."

"Yes'm. I'm imaginin' I'm runnin' to a candy store so it'll be easier."

"How will it?"

"Cause then there won't be any left."

Not a Swindler.

Daughter—"That man who advertised all the latest popular songs for \$1 is a swindler."

Old Man—"H? Didn't he send anything for your money? I'll report him to the authorities at once."

Wanted a Leave.

Little Boy—"Mamma, may we have one of the sleeves of that white dress you got tired last summer?"

RAILROAD BUSINESS.

RESULT OF ELECTION IS ENCOURAGING.

Business Not Any Heavier at Present, but the Next Year Expected to Bring Renewed Prosperity—Many Employees Saved From Present Idleness.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—The Railway Age publishes a summary of reports received from 200 railway companies and manufacturers in all parts of the country regarding the effect on business up to date of Mr. McKinley's election.

These show that the railroad business has not picked up at all, but in parts of the West and Southwest has been evidently distinctly so since election than it was before, the railway companies as a whole have very materially increased their expenditures, especially in increases of shop forces, and a very general tendency to purchase more freely. The last fact is shown more conclusively by the reports from manufacturers than from the reports of the companies themselves.

A number of companies report that they had all plans made for a reduction in forces in case the election had gone the other way. The railway companies generally have, during the hard times, been keeping up their forces and expenses at a point in excess of what existing business would justify, and they are now in a position to meet any increase of demands that may be made upon them without further expenditures.

The expectation of a revival in the near future is almost universal. There is a curious unanimity in the expression of a belief that this revival will really begin to be felt after the first of January. There is an evident belief in all directions, this revival will be permanent, and will last for several years, at least.

CARPET MILL CLOSED.

More Than Three Thousand Employees Out of Work.

YONKERS, N. Y., Nov. 23.—The big tapestry mill of the Alexander Smith & Sons Carpet company closed today, throwing from 3,000 to 4,000 hands out of work. It is rumored that Wednesday next the other mills of the company will shut down also, so that there will be 7,000 people out of work at the beginning of the winter.

THE ELKS' INITIATION.

A Statement as to How Iowa State Chairman Curry Met His Death.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Nov. 23.—The body of Democratic State Central Committee Chairman Edward W. Curry, who was killed at an Elks' initiation a week ago, was taken to his home at Leon in charge of Masons and Elks. The Elks have issued a statement as to how he met his death, from which it appears that he sat on a thin sheet of cast iron over a small gas jet, according to an initiation custom of the order, but that instead of jumping up on feeling the heat, as most candidates do, he retained his seat, probably to show his stoicism. When it was seen that he would not rise of his own accord he was led away and it was found that his clothing had been burned away and his flesh slightly blistered. Nevertheless he made a good speech and lunched as merrily as anyone. The next day he went about his business as usual and that night attended a performance by Joseph Jefferson and it was not till the day after that he felt any ill effects from his experience. According to the statement, Mr. Curry's system was in such condition from the excitement of the campaign that any small hurt would have caused blood poisoning.

JOY SPENT TOO MUCH.

The St. Louis Congressman Charged With Infraction of the Law.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 23.—The Post-Dispatch says: "On the basis of his statement of campaign expenses filed with Recorder Lewis, Charles F. Joy is not entitled to his seat as Representative from the Eleventh Congressional district of Missouri. Though elected by nearly 4,000 majority, he is liable to be ousted under sections 9 and 10 of the corrupt practices act. Under this act Mr. Joy was entitled to spend \$539 on the voters in his district. He went over this by \$204.50. His liability will cost him his seat in congress. Congressman-elect Joy said: 'I don't know how much I was entitled to spend under the law, but I hardly think my extravagance will keep me out of my seat in congress.'"

MILLIONAIRE A SUICIDE.

Helmas Romaine, a Rich New Jersey Man, Kills Himself From Grief.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Helmas Romaine of Patterson, N. J., whose estate was estimated to amount to about \$1,000,000 in value, committed suicide on his farm in Rochelle park, Bergen county, N. J., by shooting himself. Three months ago Romaine's mother died. This had a depressing effect on him and he continually complained of being ill.

The Officer's Shot Held Justifiable.

SEDALIA, Mo., Nov. 23.—In the case of ex-officer William Raiffeisen, charged with the murder of Henry Rosse, colored, while trying to escape arrest, January 30, the jury returned a verdict of acquittal after being out two hours.

Stewart for Don Cameron.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—Senator Stewart of Nevada to-day came out for Senator Don Cameron for the silver party's Presidential candidate in 1900. He believes that with such a platform as Cameron suggested two years ago—"free silver and protection"—the Pennsylvanian can win.

A Child Killed With a Knitting Needle.

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 23.—Lorena, the 3-year-old daughter of George Rogers, while playing with her 5-year-old cousin, Nellie Reddick, was struck by a knitting needle, which penetrated the base of the brain. She died this morning.

MAULIFFE GETS DECISION.

Beats Jimmy Carroll in Ten Rounds—Old Rivals Meet Again.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 23.—Jack McAuliffe, the lightweight champion pugilist of the world, and Jimmy Carroll, his old-time rival, and three times his antagonist in the ring for that honor, met last night before St. George's club in a ten-round bout to forever settle the question of superiority. In all their previous battles McAuliffe has been the victor, though never without a hard fight.

Although Carroll has passed his 40th year, he is a well preserved man, and has trained long and faithfully for this, perhaps his last fight, and was in prime condition. McAuliffe was also in good condition. Five thousand people witnessed the fight.

Betting on the fight has been quite brisk, with McAuliffe ruling slightly favorite at odds of \$9 to \$10, though considerable money changed hands at "even."

At the beginning of the fight McAuliffe adopted rushing tactics, forcing his opponent to the ropes repeatedly, but the pace was too hot to last, and at the end of the third round he had to slow down. From that time on until the last round his blows lacked steam, and it was noticeable that whenever he got Carroll in a tight place, after one of these rushes, he dropped his hands and retreated to the center of the ring. The men frequently indulged in conversation during the last few rounds, but in such low tones as to be inaudible to those at the ring-side. The census of opinion was that both had outlived their reputation as s, and that they had agreed to appear a genuine fight, but to avoid a knockout.

The last round was a series of clinches, neither striking an effective blow, although frequent openings occurred. Referee Armstrong gave the decision to McAuliffe. The audience was not entirely satisfied with the manner in which the men fought the last round, but the decision seemed to meet the approval of the majority.

REVIEW OF TRADE.

Gain in Volume of Business Continues Without Precedent.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review says: The gain in volume of business continues entirely without precedent. More than 200 establishments have started work since the election, which were idle, and at least 300 have increased working force, making 600 concerns which are known to have added largely to the number of hands at work, and those are only part of the whole number. Every day thus adds thousands to the number of those who are able to buy a week's supply of provisions and to make up gradually for many months of enforced economy. Already this brings a great increase in the volume of business, and the clearing house figures, for the first time in several years, not only exceed those of last year by 10 percent, but also exceed those of the same week in 1892 by 9 percent.

Failures for the week have been 34 in the United States against 320 last year, and 40 in Canada against 47 last year.

South Dakota Still in Doubt.

VANKERS, S. D., Nov. 23.—The vote in this state is only complete on congressmen. The totals are: Republicans, 40,780; Populists, 40,989. Several contests are in progress, and these may change the result. Of the Republican state ticket, the lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, commissioner of public lands, auditor and superintendent of schools are elected. The governor is in doubt. The official canvass will be made December 3.

Not a Victim of Fool Play.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Nov. 23.—Dr. C. D. Adams of Parnell, Mo., who mysteriously disappeared here last February, leaving his bride, was not the victim of fool play, as many people supposed. Dr. Adams was located at St. Paul, Madison county, Ark., a short time ago, but he suddenly left that place and just at this time his whereabouts are not definitely known.

Intimate Friend of Lincoln Dead.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Henry Asbury, an intimate personal and political friend of Abraham Lincoln, and the man who framed for him the four questions propounded to Stephen A. Douglas at Freeport in the famous debate of 1858, is dead. He was 86 years old. Mr. Asbury for many years had been suffering from disease of the kidneys.

Fears That Hayti May Revolt.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—A dispatch from Kingston, Jamaica, says grave fears of a revolt are felt in Hayti, according to advices just received. The popular impression is widespread in "the Black Republic" that there have been heavy frauds in the ministry of finance, and it is suspected that President General T. Simon Sam is suppressing facts.

Denial From Vanderbilt.

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—Chauncey M. Depew said yesterday: "The grotesque story that William K. Vanderbilt had contributed \$150,000 to the Republican campaign fund has been authoritatively contradicted by the treasurer of the national committee. Mr. Vanderbilt is not a candidate for any position within the gift of Mr. McKinley."

Du Maurier Left a Fortune.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—The estate of the late George Du Maurier is valued at \$230,000. It is all left to his widow, with a reservation to their children.

No Colorado sympathy strike.

LEADVILLE, Col., Nov. 23.—The reports of a probable sympathetic strike of miners in other camps in aid of the Leadville strikers is declared to be unfounded. Union officers declare no such move is contemplated at present by the Western Federation of Miners or any of its branches.

Bryan Invited to William Jewell.

LIBERTY, Mo., Nov. 23.—At a joint meeting of the Philomathe and Excelsior Literary societies of William Jewell college, William J. Bryan was invited to deliver the annual address during commencement week next June.

THE NEXT HOUSE.

The Majority Against Free Coinage Will Be Forty Seven.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The receipt of the returns of the late election in South Dakota makes it possible to complete the list of members of the House of the Fifty-fifth Congress. This shows 205 Republicans, 134 Democrats and 18 Populists. Of the Republicans, five are said to favor the free coinage of silver—Hilborn of California, Broderick and Curtis of Kansas, Linn of North Carolina and Beach of Ohio, and of the Democrats two, Mr. Miller of Pennsylvania and Elliott of South Carolina are sound money men, so that the House will stand: sound money, 202; free coinage, 153; majority for sound money, 47.

THE ANDERSON GRAY CASE.

Cardon Application Under Consideration—Crime and Trial.

TOPEKA, Kan., Nov. 23.—The board of pardons is considering the application of Anderson Gray of Sumner county, who is in the penitentiary under a death sentence for the murder of Tom Patton, which was committed by Tom McDonald, now at large.

Gray was a well-to-do farmer and among his employees were McDonald and Patton. The crime was committed in June, 1893. McDonald claimed to have acted under hypnotic suggestion by Gray and the latter was arrested, tried first and convicted. The supreme court affirmed the sentence. Berryman is alleged before the board, influential friends are interested and it is thought that a pardon will be secured.

TRUCE MAY BE DECLARED.

The Possible Sequel to a Pitched Battle in Cuba.

KRY WEST, Fla., Nov. 23.—As marking a crisis in the war, it is whispered that at the conclusion of any pitched battle that may be fought, a truce may be declared and arrangements made for a conference between the insurgent leaders and the representatives of Spain looking to a settlement of the war. This is most significant as showing that all classes are utterly tired of the war and its burdens and longing for some way out of the present difficulties.

Will Open New Territory.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 23.—Capitalists from Iowa and Vermont are looking over the route from Rich Hill to Eldorado Springs, Mo., with a view to putting in the long-talked-of Rich Hill & Eldorado railroad. The capitalists have contracted for the old road bed built from Eldorado to Walker several years ago. They state that cars will be running over the proposed route by May 1, 1897. This road will give a big territory now without a railroad a direct line to Kansas City, as the line will be connected with the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis at Rich Hill.

Judge Parker's Successor.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—The name of ex-Congressman John H. Rogers, of Fort Smith, Ark., has been presented to the President for the vacancy on the bench for the Western District of Arkansas. Judge Rogers is strongly endorsed, and his selection is considered probable. It is stated that Senators Jones and Berry will not join in a senatorial fight to hold up the President's sound money nominations, if it will jeopardize Judge Rogers' chances.

Against Inheritance Taxes.

CHICAGO, Nov. 23.—Judge Carter of the county court, has decided that the inheritance tax law passed by the last Illinois legislature, is unconstitutional. If the decision of Judge Carter should be upheld by the supreme court, it would deprive Cook county of at least \$500,000 this year, and a steadily increasing annual revenue that would have amounted in less than a decade to over \$1,000,000 a year.

Maud Lewis Must Go to Prison.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 23.—The supreme court has affirmed the decision of the criminal court in the case of Maud Lewis. When arrested she will be sentenced and sent to the penitentiary for fifteen years for the murder of State Senator Peter Morrissey. The police have been trying to find a trace of her for two days in anticipation of the verdict, but without success.

Bryan's Hunting Trip Ended.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Nov. 23.—Mr. Bryan and party arrived here this morning from the Taney county game preserves and will scatter to their homes. All enjoyed the outing, but none broke records for shooting. Yesterday scores of people heard Bryan speak at the park and at Taneyville.

Sir B. W. Richardson Dead.

LONDON, Nov. 23.—Sir Benjamin Ward Richardson, honorary physician to the Royal Literary fund, the New-Super Press fund and the National Society of Schoolmasters, is dead. He was born in 1828.