# THE FATAL REQUEST OR FOUNDOUT

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### CHAPTER XVI.

"To Be Left Till Called For." Three weeks later and the curtain | to America?" rising discloses the same scene. It is the second interview between Mr. John Sharp and his new client.

"So you had my letter, sir?" said the former. "I hope you didn't think I was wasting time? But the fact is, you gave me rather a large order."

"I do not care how much time you question is, what have you been do-

had to discover at which hotel the trying any of the others, and in the visitor's book I found a couple of en- Here it is." tries, both under the same date-April 24th-'James Ferrers' and 'S.

the profession in general and himself in particular.

discover it so easily," murmured his | remember a Mr. Ferrers, or some such client. "It almost seems-but never | name, who was with her from 'fiftymind, go on!" with eagerness.

"That was the name of the gentleman who arrived first and secured a to live, 'and she did hearprivate sitting room, mentioning at friend from London, who would re- lips. main for the night and would require a bedroom. Between six and seven. if anyone of the name of Ferrers were | went abroad under a cloud." stopping there. The waiter told him yes, that a gentleman of that name had arrived by the boat that morn- bad, I think." ing, and directed him to the door of '

"But have you discovered anything relating to the past?-anything to show why he left England and went

Mr. Sharp referred to another of the documents before him. "I have been hard at work ever since my return to town, trying to pick up the thread. At last it occurred to me to try and find out the photographerthe one who took this photograph"selecting it from among the other artake over the affair so long as you ticles before him. "Somewhat to my bring it to a successful issue. The surprise, I found the same firm still carrying on business. I explained ing? What have you discovered? And | matters, and found them very obliging do you think that you are on the right | and willing to give any assistance in their power. Of course, it was too "You shall see for yourself, sir." | much to expect that they would resaid the detective. "To begin with, I member anything about a customer who came to them so far back as two gentlemen put up. I went first | 1858; but they referred back to some of all to the 'Lord Warden,' before of their books, and"-triumphantly-

Mr. John Sharp handed him another paper, which had an address written on it, and continued, "I went to this At this remarkable confirmation of place, No. 23 South Street, Pentonhis suspicions, the young man could ville. There happened to be a card in not restrain a violent start, which the window announcing 'apartments Mr. Sharp received as a tribute to to let for a single gentleman.' I saw the landlady, an ancient party, and led her back by degrees to the date "I had not expected that you would in question, and found that she did eight to 'sixty. But after that date he left her, and went to the West End

"they found the name and an address.

"What?" was the question, short the same time that he expected a and sharp, which fell from the other's

"'She did hear,'" continued Mr. Sharp, "'though how she came by it a gentleman did arrive, who inquired | she didn't know, that he subsequently

"And that is all?" "That is all at present, and not so

"And what is to be done now?" was



"Packages and cases with the initials 'J. F."

the private sitting room. The waiter the impatient question. also informed me that they dined together at the table d'hote, and seemed, to all appearances, on the most amicable terms. The next morning they breakfasted together in their private room, and left by the 4:30 train in the afternoon. The waiter mentioned a circumstance, which I take to be of considerable importance, which was that one of the chambermaids told him that, from the appearance of the in No. 37-meaning the one who had ployed. crossed by that boat-had slept with a pistol, or something, under his pillow. Ah! you see the importance of that bit of evidence?

"The next thing I had to do," conthe boat by which the gentleman, who which had all been sent ont to London to await the owner's arrival. As reavement. soon as I ascertained this fact, I came back here directly. I obtained permission to inspect the luggage depot | that might lead to the discovery of and-" He paused for the sake of the murderer in what was now genereffect.

"Go on! go on!" exclaimed the other.

"I found a number of large packages and cases marked with the initials J. F. still waiting to be claimed. pened to pass by. From the marks and directions upon them. I made out that the party they belonged to had come from America. that he had visited Paris, and afterwards crossed to Dover via Calais. man. Now, either he will claim his luggage, and by that means render detection a mere matter of A, B, C, or he may decide to relinquish his property, whatever its value, as being, after all, less precious than his own safety. I incline to the latter view myself."

His listener's face clouded. "Then it all depends upon his ap-

pearing to claim the luggage?" "1 good deal depends upon that, and everything depends upon nothing occurring to excite his suspicions. Above all things, we must keep quiet, and if the police authorities should pay you a visit, for the purpose of accepted, and, in due time, the doctor making inquiries into the matter, you will remember to be cautious and not give them the least hint, or we shall have it proclaimed in all the papers. that the police have a clue, and that will put our man on his guard at

once."

"Well, sir, in my opinion there is only one thing." "And that is?"

"Wait and see what happens!"

# CHAPTER XVII.

At Twelve of the Clock.

It is all very well to tell another person to wait, but it is not so easy for the other person. However, Ted bed, she believed that the gentleman Burritt had plenty to keep him em-

There were all his father's affairs to be settled, and arrangements made for carrying on the business in Tim-

The words (unknown to him) which tinued Mr. Sharp, "was to discover his father had spoken, such a very short time before his death, as to gave the name of Ferrers, had ar- how this event would affect his famrived. This was easily done. I ily, were fully realized. They were, found that he had crossed from Calais | at least, spared any anxiety as to the by the Black Eyed Susan; that there | future, and were not destined to sufhad been a large amount of luggage | fer those pecuniary trials which often add so much to the sorrows of a be-

A reward had been offered by the police authorities for any information ally known as "the affair of the Dover express." Copies were posted up outside all the different police stations and presented themselves prominently to the view of anyone who hap-

"One hundred pounds reward!" and, but for the detective's advice, this sum would have been doubled and trebled by the son of the murdered

"Wait and see what happens," were the words of the oracle in the person of Mr. John Sharp. "Let nothing be done to excite the alarm of the individual under suspicion."

Ted had written to Dr. Jeremiah according to promise, and the doctor's answer, when it came, contained the news of an approaching flying visit to London-an expedition which was to combine business with pleasure.

Under these circumstances, of course, he must be invited to make Magnolia Lodge his headquarters. The invitation was dispatched and arrived, gold-rimmed spectacles, military bearing and all complete.

It is hardly necessary to state that he made himself quite at home in an

astonishing short space of time. "I like your doctor," said May Bur-ritt to her brother. "I liked him be-Ted assented to this, and asked, fore I saw him, from what you told five days. - New York Herald.

me about him; but I like him better even than I thought I should now I've

Later on, in the retirement of the best spare bedroom, Dr. Cartwright was communing with himself:

"I had an idea she'd be a nice girl, and I wasn't far out. If I'd said an uncommonly nice girl I should have been nearer the mark. Seems a sensible girl, too, this one. I should say her waist was quite twenty-two inches -and an appetite to match! And her name's May! Pretty name thatshort and sweet!"

At the same moment that the doctor was pursuing these reflections, Ted Burritt was inserting the key into the lock of the study door. During all this time, he had allowed none to enter the room except himself. It seemed to him to be full of mysterious associations, which no outside influence should be allowed to dis-

Nothing had been moved. His father's chair, pushed back against the wall, remained just as he had left it on the last time he had entered the room. The pen lay beside the blotting pad, and the dust had accumulated over everything. He placed the lamp upon the table and drew up a

Then he unlocked that same compartment, removed the bundles of papers as before, touched the spring which opened the secret recesses and took from it the burnt letter.

Again he took a sheet of paper and a pen from the desk-he would not use that other which lay beside him, with the ink dried upon it-and began again to write and re-write the words which he knew by heart:

"Have not forgotten ... of twenty years ... on receiving this letter ... at once for Dover ... expect to reach ... There is that between us which ... not allow you to deny ... I ask ... and many ... you alone can ... If you refuse, I shall ... that you ... as the criminal ... of your youth ...

After working at this for about hab an hour, without being able to add so much as a single syllable to what he had already deciphered, he threw down his pen.

"I would give anything to be able to discover the missing words, but it is quite beyond the bounds of possibility. And there is no hope this time of any intervention-any guiding influence to direct me-to point out the way-of any spirit voice to speak to me and tell me-

Taking up the sheet of paper again on which he had been employed, he saw, to his surprise, as he turned it over, that it was the same on which his father had written those words: 'My dear-" The letter which had never been finished; It was strange he had not observed this before! Then he took up the pen which his father must have last used, with the traces of ink dried upon it. Should he put it away carefully as a relic? Or should it remain where it was a little longer? He dropped it and gave in the least inclined to go to bed. have a sort of feeling as though I had to sit up for someone." He gave a short laugh. "Suppose I turn in on the sofa for a bit? I wonder what makes me so sleepy? I didn't take anything at dinner but a little--" His eyes closed, and in a few minutes he was sound asleep. A clock outside in the hall struck the half-hour without any change taking place in his condition. Another interval of time passed and then the clock struck again. One-two-three-four-fivesix-seven-eight-nine - ten - eleven-twelve! As it gave the last stroke

he started up. (To be continued.)

# OLIVE OF ANCIENT LINEAGE.

### Trees 2,000 Years Old Are Still Bearing Fruit.

The olive that the bartender drops into the popular cocktail is an old campaigner. Wine drinkers thousands of years ago liked it, and for centuries no banquet has been considered complete without it.

The tree, olea Europea, is not only one of the oldest trees known to naturalists, but its longevity and productivity are astounding. Several of these trees over twenty feet in circumference, according to the scientific calculation of a foot for a century, must have been bearing fruit before the Savior walked and talked on the mount of Olives.

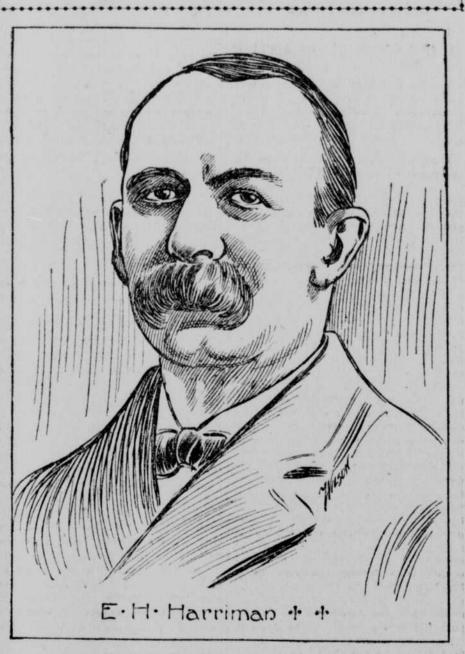
The olive has been a symbol in more than one mythology. The dove bringing the branch to the ark gave it to the imagination of the Orient as an emblem of peace or confidence restored. Among the Greeks it was the sign of peace and the placid power of wisdom.

Though a native of Syria, and possibly of southern Greece, the olive flourishes anywhere in a mild climate. Western Asia, southern Europe, northern Africa, southern England, South America. Mexico-in all these places the olive grows readily, taking on an average seven years before bearing

Two hundred years ago it was introduced into California by priests from Mexico, and there it has thriven mightily. In South Carolina it is hardy and fruitful, but unfortunately the crop matures there just when all labor is needed in the cotton fields.

The fruit is too bitter to eat unless pickled. Ranging in size from an acorn to a large plum, it is gathered green and placed in a strong solution of potash or lye of wood ashes. When the olives change color this denotes that the potash has struck through the stone and they are placed in water, renewed several times a day, for

### FIRST PHOTOGRAPH OF E. H. HARRIMAN, SECURED IN OMAHA



Union Pacific railroad, has, so far The above picture is the first photoas known, never had a photograph graph. It was taken in Omaha with taken, and the only picture of him a small camera.

E. H. Harriman, who a few days | heretofore available has been a snapago was elected president of the shot, which shows little of the face.

### SPENCER AN EXCITABLE MAN.

### Rarely in the Mood to Discuss Metaphysical Questions.

Sir Leslie Stephen, the long-time friend of Herbert Spencer, the reto illustrate Mr. Spencer's excitable temperament: "He would not join Emmanuel a letter in which the writsaid, "because he and his temper would fork in the face of a lady with whom his zeal had run away with him." Bir Leslie tells another story of Mr. Spen- it out that 1,000 lire is about \$195, so posed toward the philosophers conducted a party including Mr. Spencer expression to something between a and Sir Leslie over Hampton court. yawn and a sigh. "I'm uncommonly When the maze was reached Herbert sleepy," he said, "and yet I don't feel Spencer undertook to be the first one Asked for Autograph and Got Perat the center. "The rest of us," said Mr. Leslie with a smile, "decided that whatever route Herbert Spencer should take we should take another. The result justified our selection; the philosopher reached the center last. Mr. Spencer was chaffed, but quite abashed he replied: "It proves my theory. If I had taken the other way I should have been first."

# DANGER IN THE AUTO.

### Extreme Nervousness Brought On by the Rapid Transit.

French physicians report an increasing number of cases of acute nervousness which are due directly to automobiling, and they predict that with an increase of the sport will come an increase in the number of the cases. The sickness is called the neurosis of anxiety, and may be traced to the excitement and mental tension of rapid traveling with the emotional repression necessary to secure a reasonable feeling of enjoyment while speeding rapidly, with risks and dangers constantly at hand.

# FORTUNE OF \$7,000,000 LEFT.

### After Generous Gifts Ex-Gov. Bushnell of Ohio Still Is Rich.

Ex-Gov. A. S. Bushnell of Spring field, Ohio, recently gave a dinner party at his home to his family-including his two married daughters, with their husbands, and his son, with tne latter's wife-and to the women he gave \$150,000 each in stock of a harvester company which pays 5 per cent, while to the men he gave \$100,-000 each of the same stock, making a total of \$750,000. The governor afterward told a friend that he is worth just \$7,000,000 after having given away his harvester stock.

Check on Dishonest Servants.

It is difficult in Germany for a professional rogue to enter a family as a domestic servant. There every servant has a character book, in which the mistress must enter the dates of the coming and leaving of the servant, with her character while in the service. This the girl is obliged to take to the nearest police station and have it dated with the official stamp, thus preventing the manufacture of bogus recommendations.

Origin of Famous Phrase.

W. R. Givens, who wrote the interview in which Pierpont Morgan made use of the famous phrase "undigested securities," says the New York financier is not the author of that quotation. It originally appeared in a financial article in the London Times, and ask Mr. Morgan as to its significance. | treasure trove."

### HIS THOUGHT WENT WRONG.

#### Resident in Italy Unable to Influence Mayor McClellan.

Already Mayor McClellan's fame has reacher beyond the Alps where cently deceased philosopher, tells this lies Italy. His honor some time ago received from a subject of King Victor the Metaphysical club," Sir Leslie er explains that he is an adept at thought transference. He says that a not stand it. I remember seeing him thought has been wafted across the at a dinner brandishing his knife and ocean informing him that the mayor would lend him 1,000 lire for a short he had entered into an argument. He time. Since then two more letters was quite unconscious of the act; have arrived from the same correspondent. Col. McClellan has figured cer: "A lady who was kindly dis- he has done his best to transfer this thought to Italy: "Nothin' doin'."

# RICH PRIZE FOR COLLECTOR.

# sonal Letter From Mommsen.

The late Prof. Mommsen had a horror of autograph collectors. One day be received a request from a young man whose father he highly honored. Without replying to the son's request he wrote a long letter to the father giving his reasons for refusing his autograph in detail. One of these reasons was that the collectors made notoriety rather than fame their standard, the result being that professors, ballet girls, swindlers, generals and others were mixed indiscriminately in their albums. His letter, of course, found its way promptly to the young man's album as a grand trophy.

# AGES OF GREAT AMERICANS.

#### Prominent Men Who Are Getting Along in Years.

Richard Olney of Massachusetts will be 69 on Sept. 15. Grover Cleveland will be 67 on March 18. Alton B. Parker of New York will be 52 on May 14. Arthur Pue Gorman of Mary land will be 65 on March 11. David B. Hill of New York will be 61 on Aug. 30. George Gray of Delaware will be 64 on May 4. William J. Bryan of Nebraska will be 44 on March 16. President Roosevelt of New York will be 46 on Oct. 27. John Hay of Ohio will be 66 on Oct. 8. Marcus Alonzo Hanna of Ohio will be 67 on Sept. 24. William H. Taft of Ohio will be 47 on

# APPEAL MOVED THE SENATOR.

### Responded at Once to Constituents' Request for Bibles.

One day recently the clerks in Senator Scott's committee room were busy packing up and shipping bibles and new testaments to West Virginia. The senator had received a very pathetic letter from a school teacher in his state saying that she was unable to secure copies of the scriptures and that the community was sadly in need of this kind of literature. Senator Scott immediately bought a supply and had them sent. He said he did not wish the people of his state to want for the good book.

### Kipling's Julcy Royalties. Rudyard Kipling was 38 years old

on next to the last day of last December. The London Chronicle remarks that he "is perhaps the only living poet of ours who can claim royalties that are really reyal. Publishers did not find much margin for themselves when they gave Lord Tenpyson £4,000 a yea for all his copyrights; but a single book like 'The Seven Seas' yields its author, accordits patness induced the interviewer to ing to popular report, even richer ALL DONE OUT.

Veteran Joshua Heller of 766 3. Walnut street, Urbana, Ill., says: In the fall of 1899 after taking Doan's Kidney Pills I told the readers of this paper that they had relieved me of kidney trouble, disposed of a lame back with

pain across my loins and beneath the shoulder blades. During the interval which has elapsed I have had occasion to resort to Doan's Kidney Pills when 1 noticed warnings of an attack. On each and every occasion the results obtained were just as satisfactory as when the pills were first brought to my notice. I just as emphatically en-

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dorse the preparation to-day as I did

### General Miles' Savings Deposit.

In his speech at an Evacuation day dinner in Boston the other evening General Miles mentioned that while working in that city before the civil war he saved up a dollar and deposited it in a savings bank. He had not thought of it for many years, but his visit to Boston recalled the matter. The officials of the bank looked over their books and sure enough found that the dollar was there in the name of Nelson A. Miles. Unfortunately for him howver, no deposit of less tahn \$3 draws interest, so he might as well have had his treasure hidden in a stocking.

#### Cruelty in the German Army. Cases of cruelty to privates in the

German army multiply daily. The most recent are that of Franszki, a non-commissioned officer in the Eightyfifth infantry, who was tried on 1,520 counts of cruelty and convicted on 100 of them. He got ten years. The interesting point of the case was that Franszki had left the army and was serving as a policeman in Hamburg when the accusations were made. Another interesting case is that of a private who was tried for desertion in Koenigsburg and sentenced to nine months' imprisonment. After he had begun to serve his sentence the case was reopened. It was learned then that he had deserted through fear of his life. Once a non-commissioned officer had threatened to run him through with his sword. The original sentence was quashed and the soldier restored to duty. No less than ten 'non-coms" of his regiment are being tried for cruelty.

# Words of Algonquin Origin.

Alexander F. Chamberlain has discovered that there are 131 words of Algonquin derivation in the English language. The Algonquins occupied a considerable section of this country before they were asked to move on. and some of the verbal heirlooms they left are: Chipmunk, hickory, hominy, menhaden, moccasin, moose, mugwump, musquash, pemmican, persimmon, pappoose, pone, porgy, 'possum, powwow, raccoon, samp, skink, squash, squaw, succotash, Tammany, tautog, terrapin, toboggan, tomahawk, totem, wigwam, woodchuch.

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