

AUTHOR OF 'The Leavenworth Case.' AGATHA WEBB. By ANNA KATHAPINE GREEN.

Synopsis of preceding chapters. Just after a bell at the Sutherland mansion Agatha Webb and her servant...

There was but one topic discussed in the countryside that day, and that was the life and character of Agatha Webb. Her history had not been a happy one.

In Deacon Bratton's cottage the discussion was concerning Agatha's lack of vanity, a virtue not very common at that time among the women of this busy seaport.

"For a woman so handsome," the good deacon was saying, "I think I can safely call her the greatest beauty before who ever trod these streets."

"I don't know," the deacon's wife, who had not spoken till now, when she first came into town on the sparrows of that wrecked ship...

"I am not the greatest-hearted and most capable woman in town," retorted his wife, clicking her needles as she went on knitting.

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reputation. When called upon to talk he talked well, but he much preferred listening, and was, as now appeared, the safest repository of secrets to be found in all that region.

"I know, and sad enough it was, too, especially as she and Philemon were both fond of children. Well, well, the ways of Providence are past finding out! And now she is gone, and Philemon—"

"And he'll follow her soon; he can't live without Agatha." "Never more," the old deacon was chattering about the six gravestones raised in Portchester churchyard to these six dead infants.

"I shall never forget the night my first baby died," she faltered. "I was alone out of my misery, and having no nearer neighbors than now, I was all alone on the hillside, Alice being away at sea."

"I wish you had the help of any one else," said she. "Babies perish in my arms and wither at my breast. I cannot touch it. I must have fallen again, for the next thing I remember I was lying by the hearth, looking up into her face which was bending over me."

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added, as Mr. Fenion moved. "Abel, here, will see that I am given a hearing." "Show me your credentials," said the coroner. He did so. They seem all right, and you should be a man who understands his business. Go alone, if you prefer, but bring your credentials here. They may need some correcting."

"Oh, I will return," Knapp nonchalantly remarked, and went out, having made a thing but a favorable impression upon the assembled gentlemen. "I have never," he said, "I have never had a hearing of this kind."

"The man whose presence in the doorway had called out this exclamation started at the sound of the doctor's heavy voice and came very hesitatingly forward. He was of a weak, irritable type, and seemed to be in a state of great excitement."

"What money? New money? Crisp, fresh bills, Loton?" eagerly questioned Mr. Fenion. "Loton, who was the keeper of a small confectionery and bakery store on one of the streets leading up the hill, shifted uneasily between his two interrogators, and finally addressed himself to the coroner."

"I was new money, I thought it felt so at night, but I was sure of it in the morning. In fact, many lawyers of the world of the quester part. I was asleep, sir, sound asleep, and dreaming of my courtship days; for I asked Sally at the circus, sir, and the band playing on the hill made me think of it."

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"Well, we will see. And is that all you have to tell us?" "It is not expressive; and they let him go. An hour or so later Detective Knapp made his reappearance."

"What! a man who has been in the street, with a pocket knife in his hand, and a spring catch entering a depression in the shank to lock it in place."

"An Illinois inventor has patented a broom handle with a spring attachment near the top, consisting of a metallic band surrounding the interlocking ends of the members, with a bolt extending through the joint to fasten it securely."

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