### THE WOMAN IN BLACK

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Mrs. Manderson's room.

It was evident at a plance that

eye noted the various perfection

of color and form amid which the

Quality

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There are moments in life as one might think, when that which is within us, busy about its secret affairs, lets escape into consciousness some hint of a fortunate thing ordained. Who does not know what it is to feel at times a wave of unaccountable persuasion that it is about to go well with him?-not the feverish confidence of men in danger of a blow from fate, not the persistent illusion of the optimist, but an unsought conviction, springing up like a bird from the heather, hat success is at hand in some great or little thing. The general suddenly knows at dawn that the carefully. The litter on the dressing interest in this unknown personday will bring him victory; the man on the green suddenly knows that he will put down the long putt. As on the empty chair, took his head of the burdens laid upon it, and of Trent mounted the stairway outside in his hands, and remained in that the deed of which the history was

into certainty of achievement. A host of guesses and inferences swarmed apparently unsorted through his mind; a few secret observations that he had made, and the big room had been hurriedly put that faced the door, and opening it, which he felt must have significance, down from its place as the lady's stepped out upon a small balcony still stood unrelated to any plausible bower. All the array of objects with an iron railing. He looked theory of the crime; yet as he went that belong to a woman's dressing down on a broad stretch of lawn up he seemed to know indubitably table had been removed; on bed and that began immediately beneath that light was going to appear.

The bedrooms lay on either side were no garments or hats, bags or by a tall end-window. It went the obstinate conspiracy of gloves and at the farther end, toward the orlength of the house until it ran at veils, handkerchiefs and ribbons, to chard. The other window opened right angles into a narrower passage, out of which the servants' the exception: it opened out of a tail of furniture and decoration it second door giving upon the passmall landing halfway to the upper spoke of an unconventional but ex-floor. As Trent passed it, he acting taste. Trent, as his expert glanced within. A little square room clean and commonplace. In going up the rest of the stairway he stepped with elaborate precaution against noise, hugging the wall closely and placing each foot with care; but a series of very audible creaks marked his passage.

He knew that Manderson's room was the first on the right hand when the bedroom floor was reached, and he went to it at once. He tried the latch and lock, which worked normally, and examined the wards of the key. Then he turned to the

It was a small apartment, strangly bare. The plutocrat's toilet appointments were of the simplest. All remained just as it had been on the merning of the ghastly discovery in the grounds. The sheets and blankets of the unmade bed lay tumbled over a narrow wooden bedstead, and the sun shone brightly through the window upon them. It gleamed, too, upon the gold parts of the delicate work of dentistry that lay in water un a shallow bowl of glass placed on a small, plain table by the bedside. On this also stood a wroughtiron candlestick. Some clothing lay untidily over one of the two rushbottomed chairs. Various objects on the top of a chest of drawers, which had been used as a dressing table, lay in such disorder as a hurried man might make-toilet articles, a book of flies, an empty pocketbook with a burst strap, a pocket compass and other trifles. Trent looked He noted also that the occupant of the room had neither washed nor shaved. With his finger he turned over the dental plate in the bowl, and frowned again at its incomprehensible presence.

The emptiness and disarray of the little room, flooded by the sunbeams, were producing in Trent a sense of gruesomness. His fancy called up a picture of a haggard man dressing himself in careful silence by the first light of dawn. glancing constantly at the inner door behind which his wife slept, his eyes full of some terror.

Trent shivered, and to fix his mind again on actualities opened two tall cupboards in the wall on either side of the bed. They contained clothing, a large choice of which had evidently been one of the very few conditions of comfort for the men who had slept there.

In the matter of shoes, also, Manderson had allowed himself the advantage of wealth. An extra ordinary number of these, treed and carefully kept, was ranged on two ong low shelves against the wall. Trent, himself an amateur of good shoe leather, now turned to them, and glanced over the collection with an appreciative eye. It was to be seen that Manderson had been inclined to pride himself on a rather small and well formed foot. The shoes were of a distinctive shape, narrow and round-toed, beautifully made; all were evidently from the same last.

Suddenly his eyes narrowed themselves over a pair of patent leather shoes on the upper shelf. These were the shoes of which the inspector had already described the position to him; the shoes worn Manderson the night before his death. They were a well-worn pair, he saw at once; he saw, too, that they had been very recently polished. omething about the uppers of these shoes had seized his attention. He sent lower and frowned over them, tomparing what he saw with the apsearance of the neighboring shoes. Then he took them up and examined he line of juncture of the uppers

As he did this, Trent began untonsciously to whistle faintly, and with great precision, an air which inspector Murch, if he had been resent, would have recognized.

Most men who have the habit of self-control have also some involuntary trick which tells those who know them that they are suppressing excitement. The inspector had noted that, when Trent had picked up a strong scent, he whistled faintly a certain melodious passage; though the inspector could not have told you that it was, in fact, the opening movement of Mendelssohn's Lied ohne Worter in A major.

He turned the shoes over, made some measurements with a marked tape, and looked minutely at the botoms. On each side, in the angle be-



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tween the heel and the instep, he I was feminine enough to specudetected a faint trace of red gravel. late upon the identity of the dinner Trent placed the shoes on the guest, whose presence had led Lilfloor, and walked with his hands behind him to the window, out of lian to invest in an exquisite new which, still faintly whistling, he gazed with eyes that saw nothing. sentible after my hasty and unex-Once his lips opened to emit me-chanically the Englishman's explepected journey from school. She had promised to tell me the

At guest's name when I should be "fully clothe dand in my right mind," but length he turned to the shelves

This done, he took up the gar-ments from the chair, looked them ill-mated lady dreamed her dreams over closely and replaced them. He and thought her loneliest thoughts, turned to the wardrobe cupboards knew that she had at least the reagain, and hunted through them sources of an artistic nature. His table now engaged his attention for ality grew stronger; and his brows the second time. Then he sat down came down heavily as he thought the library door he seemed to rise attitide, staring at the carpet, for now shaping itself with more and some minutes. He rose at last and more of substance before his busy opened the inner door leading to mind.

He went first to the tall French window in the middle of the wall chairs and smaller tables there him, separated from the housewall only by a narrow flower bed, and of a broad carpeted passage, lighted boxes; no trace remained of the stretched away with an abrupt dip break the captivity of the drawer, with a sash above the garden en-The room-was like an unoccupied trance to the library. In the further tress to go out, in the morning.

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to "do the honors," so I descended utes, so you can see your errand again, and swiftly but carefully ex-amined every one of the shoes there. not in her bedroom when I returned greet and explain Lillian's delay to plain duty to stay here and enter-

> sprang up as I entered the room was in an appearance. I demand a substranger to me. I had last seen stitute. Allen Drake in the library above us when he and Major Grantland had eyes with a slight trace of mockery pledged their aid in the finding of in them, told me that he had appearance behind theetaoitaonnn promptly fathomed my ruse and Dicky after his mysterious dis-appearance behind the German things—that my ne blouse was meekly. lines. I knew from Lillian that the especially becoming, that my whole to please. exigencies of his work had taken appearance was not displeasing. him to the western part of the country shortly afterward, and I had heard nothing of or from him since. In truth I had not thought of him, or except for an occasional flash of pity, of blinded Major Grantland, who had also vanished

from my knowledge.
"Mr. Drake!" My utterance of his name was a startled exclamation.

"Ah, Mrs. Graham." He came quickly toward me, yet with the appearance of indolence which always invests him, and put out his hand in greeting. I extended my own hand, realized a moment later rooms opened. Martin's room was guest chamber. Yet in every de- inside corner of the room was a that he had not promptly realeased tail of furniture and decoration it second door giving upon the pas-spoke of an unconventional but exthat made it seem a self-concious. awkward act for me to withdraw it. It was no part of my program,

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Drake with my hand clasped in his, rare pleasure. neither did I wish to have him think that I had noticed the incident. So

and spoke hurriedly. "I cannot think what is keeping Mrs. Uunderwood," I said. "If you would pardon me a moment I'll find out where she is.

I took my hand from his when

spoke, turned toward the door

lis voice arrested me promptly. "I can give you all the information you desire on that subject," he over something Marse Robert wanted to eat, an' she It evidently was incumbent on me axed to be excused for a few mintain me. I have come here as a But as the tall, lithe figure which dinner guest, my hostess has not put

however, to stand listening to Allen and that seeing me again was a

eyes and smile put me on my mettle I put a note of apology in my voice, for Allen Drake a bit of antagonism, even in the moments when I was most compelled to admire his wonderful ability. I know that to him that a woman's mentality is not a serious thing, and that his general opinion of the sex is not an especially high one. He has always given me the impression that feminine idosyncracies, of which he necessarily sees many of his profession, afforded him keenest amusement, and I have always an uneasy impression when with him that he is watching my brain processes much as he might watch the antics of some insect

impaled upon a spindle. There are few women staid enough to resist the tempation to compel recognition of their power from a man of Allen Drake's type. I felt a little thrill of anticipated mental jousting as I turned back

from the doorway. "I can never be a substitute for Mrs. Uuderwood," I murmured neekly. "but it is always my aim

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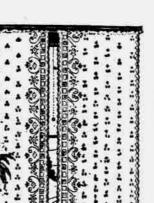
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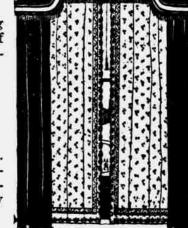


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