

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

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CHAPTER XIX.

The Inexplicable Mr. Harris.

"Bunner has told me what he thinks," he said when Trent referred to the American's theory. "I don't find myself convinced by it, because it doesn't really explain some of the oddest facts. But I have lived long enough in the United States to know that such a stroke of revenge, done in a secret, melodramatic way, is not an unlikely thing. It is quite a characteristic feature of certain sections of the labor movement there. Americans have a taste and a talent for that sort of business. Do you know 'Huckleberry Finn'?"

"Do I know my 'Huckleberry Finn'?" exclaimed Trent.

"Well, I think the most American thing in that great American epic is Tom Sawyer's elaboration of an extremely difficult and romantic scheme, taking days to carry out, for securing the escape of the fugitive Jim, which could have been managed quite easily in 20 minutes. You know how fond they are of lodges and brotherhoods. You've heard of the Know-Nothing movement in politics, I dare say, and the Ku Klux Klan. Then look at the ham Young's penny-dreadful tyranny in Utah, with real blood. The founders of the Mormon state were of the purest Yankee stock in America; and you know what they did. It's all part of the same mental tendency. Americans make fun of themselves. For my part, I take it very seriously."

"It can have a very hideous side to it, certainly," said Trent, "when you get it in connection with crime. Or with vice. Or even mere luxury. But I have a sort of sneaking respect for the determination to make life interesting and lively in spite of civilization. To return to the matter in hand, however; has it struck you as a possibility that Manderson's mind was affected to some extent by this menace that Bunner believes in? For instance, it was rather an extraordinary thing to send you posting off like that in the middle of the night."

"About 10 o'clock, to be exact," replied Marlowe. "Though mind you, if he'd actually roused me out of my bed at midnight, I shouldn't have been very much surprised. It all chimes in with what we've just been saying. Manderson wasn't mad in the least, but he had a strong streak of the national taste for dramatic proceedings; he was rather fond of his well-acted reputation for unexpected strokes and for going for his object with ruthless directness through every opposing consideration. He had decided suddenly that he wanted to have word from this man Harris—"

"Who is Harris?" interrupted Trent.

"Nobody knows. Even Bunner never heard of him, and can't imagine what the business in hand was. All I know is that when I went up to London last week to attend to various things I booked a deck cabin, at Manderson's request, for Mr. George Harris on the boat that sailed on Monday. It seems that Manderson suddenly found he wanted news from Harris which presumably was of a character too secret for the telegraph; and there was a man at the hotel, who I was sent off as you know."

Trent looked round to make sure that they were not overheard, then faced the other gravely. "There is one thing I may tell you," he said quietly, "that I don't think you know. Martin the butler caught a few words at the end of your conversation with Manderson in the orchard before you started with him in the car. He heard him say: 'If Harris is there every moment is of importance.' Now, Mr. Marlowe, you know my business here. I am sent to make inquiries, and you mustn't take offense. I want to ask you if, in the face of that sentence, you will repeat that you know nothing of what the business was."

Marlowe shook his head. "I know nothing, indeed. I'm not easily offended, and your question is quite fair. What passed during that conversation I have already told the detective. Manderson plainly said to me that he could not tell me what it was all about. He simply wanted me to find Harris, tell him that he desired to know how matters stood, and bring back a letter or message from him. Harris, I was further told, might not turn up. If he did, every moment was of importance. And now you know as much as I do."

"That talk took place before he told his wife that you were taking him for a moonlight run. Why did he conceal your errand in that way, I wonder?"

"The young man made a gesture of helplessness. 'Why?' I can guess no better than you." "Why," muttered Trent as if to himself, gazing on the ground, "did he conceal it—from Mrs. Manderson?" He looked up at Marlowe.

"And from Martin the other amended coolly. 'He was told the same thing.'"

With a sudden movement of his head Trent seemed to dismiss the subject. He drew from his breast pocket a letter case, and thence extracted two small leaves of clean, fresh paper.

"Just look at these two slips, Mr. Marlowe," he said. "Did you ever see them before? Have you any idea where they come from?" He added, as Marlowe took one in each hand and examined them curiously.

"They seem to have been cut with a knife or scissors from a small diary for this year—from the October pages," Marlowe observed, looking them over on both sides. "I see no writing of any kind on them. Nobody here has any such diary so far as I know. What about them?"

"There may be nothing in it," Trent said dubiously. "Any one in the house, of course, might have such a diary without your having seen it. But I didn't much expect you would be able to identify the leaves—in fact, I should have been surprised if you had."

He stopped speaking as Mrs. Manderson came towards them. "My uncle thinks we should be going now," she said.

"I think I will walk on with Mr. Bunner," Mr. Cupples said as he joined them. "There are certain business matters that must be disposed of as soon as possible. Will you come on with these two gentle-

men, Mabel? We will wait for you before we reach the place."

Trent turned to her. "Mrs. Manderson will excuse me, I hope," he said. "I really came up this morning in order to look about me here for some indications I thought I might possibly find. I had not thought of attending the court just yet."

She looked at him with eyes of perfect candor. "Of course, Mr. Trent. Please do exactly as you wish. We are all relying upon you. If you will wait a few moments, Mr. Marlowe, I shall be ready."

She entered the house. Her uncle and the American had already strolled towards the gate.

Trent looked into the eyes of his companion. "That is a wonderful woman," he said in a lowered voice. "You say so without knowing her," replied Marlowe in a similar tone. "She is more than that."

Trent said nothing to this. He stared out over the fields towards the sea. In the silence a noise of hoarse hasty rose on the still air. A little distance down the road a boy appeared, running towards them from the direction of the hotel. In his hand was the orange envelope, unmistakable affair of a telegram. Trent watched him with a carefully indifferent eye as he met and passed the two others. Then he turned to Marlowe. "Apropos of nothing in particular," he said, "were you at Oxford?"

"I just wondered if I was right in my guess. It's one of the things you can very often tell about a man, isn't it?"

"I suppose so," Marlowe admitted. "Well, each of us is marked in one way or another, perhaps. I should have said you were an artist, if I hadn't known it."

"Why? Does my hair want cutting?"

"Oh, no! It's only that you look at things and people as I've seen artists do, with an eye that moves steadily from detail to detail—rather looking them over than looking at them."

The boy came up panting. "Telegram for you, sir," he said to Trent. "Just come, sir."

Trent tore open the envelope with an apology, and his eyes lighted up so visibly as he read the slip that Marlowe's tired face softened in a smile.

"It must be good news," he murmured half to himself.

Trent turned on him a glance in which nothing could be read. "Not exactly news," he said. "It only tells me that another little guess of mine was a good one."

(Continued Tomorrow.)

Stills In Homes Must Be Registered With Revenue Department

"A man may have a whisky still in his home as long as he doesn't use it, but the law requires that he register it with the internal revenue department," declared United States Commissioner McLaughlin, as he bound Andrew Ernst, 4211 North Twenty-fourth street, over to the federal grand jury yesterday.

Internal revenue officers discovered a still in the Ernst home Tuesday. They also found a small quantity of alcohol, which they introduced against Ernst, as evidence of his alleged use of the still.

Ernst said he bought the still in Denver two years ago for \$25. He admitted that he had tried to use it, but said it had never been a success. The officers found it in the basement of his home, they said, but it was not "set up" for action at the time.

Ernst declared that the alcohol the officers found was not made in the still, as they charged, but had been purchased to celebrate the Fourth of July.

Ernst's bond was fixed at \$500.

Burgess-Nash Plane to Drop \$2.50 Certificates From Sky

It is announced by the Burgess-Nash Co. that it will give away \$2.50 merchandise certificates from its delivery airplane Sunday. The plane will fly over the city Sunday afternoon and drop literature and a number of merchandise certificates which will entitle the finder to \$2.50 worth of merchandise at the Burgess-Nash store.

Corn Products Plant, Tied Up by Strike, Damaged by Fire

Edgewater, N. J., July 11.—One fireman was injured, a barge and a pier 280 feet long were destroyed and the main plant of the Corn Products company was endangered by fire of undetermined origin here Friday. The plant is one of several of the corporation at which employees are on strike.

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Ladies' Muslin Gowns, Envelope Chemise and Skirts—Lace and embroidery trimmed. Cash price.....98¢

Girls' Knit Union Suits—Worth 50¢; at.....35¢

Girls' Satin Bloomers—98¢ value. Sat.....75¢

Ladies Embroidered Silk Vests—Price.....\$2.75

Ladies' Cotton Bathing Suits, at—
\$1.50 and \$1.98
Part Wool Bathing Suits—At.....\$2.95-\$3.50



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50c Milk Magnesia—Phillips's.....39¢
25c Hire's Root Beer Extract.....17¢
30c Cuticura Soap—Cash Price.....23¢
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10c Williams Shaving Soap.....7½¢
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Saturday Will Be a Big Special Bargain Day in Our Children's Department—If you need garments for the little ones, don't fail to look these Saturday specials over.

1,000 Children's Wash Gingham Dresses—Sizes, 6 to 14; worth to \$6.00. Special Cash Price, Saturday.....\$2.98

10 Dozen Children's All Gingham Voiles—Sizes, 6 to 14; values to \$9.00. Cash Price, Saturday.....\$5.00

5 Dozen Children's Middy Skirts—Sizes, 6 to 14. Saturday, while they last, Cash Price.....\$1.00

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Children's sizes, 5 to 11.....\$1.25
Infants' sizes, 5 to 8.....\$1.00
Women's Black Calf Oxfords, One Strap Slip-pers and Juliettes—Sizes, 7 to 8; at.....\$1.75
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75 Dozen Boys' Wash Trousers—That sold all season at \$1.00 and \$1.25. While the lot lasts, Saturday, Our Cash Price.....39¢
Every Boys' Straw Hat and Wash Hat that sold all season at 75¢ to \$1.25 will be placed on a table at one Cash Price.....39¢



Neckwear and Veiling Specials Saturday

Net Flies—In cream and white, trimmed with val and oriental lace; worth up to \$2.50. Special Cash Price, Saturday.....\$1.75
Pique Vests—Trimmed with pearl buttons; regular price \$1.75. Special Cash Price, Saturday.....\$1.25
Organdy Sets—Roll and square collars, trimmed with ruffles of val lace; regular value, \$1.50. Special Cash Price, Saturday.....\$1.00

Washable 5 Satin Collars—In roll and square effect; regular value, \$2.50. Special Cash Price, Saturday.....\$1.50
Fancy Mesh Veiling—In all colors, with chenille dots and scroll designs; regular value, 85¢. Special Cash Price, Saturday.....50¢
Chiffon Veils—In white, gray, tan and burgundy, with elegant border; regular value, \$1.75. Special Cash Price, Saturday.....\$1.25



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