

THE WOMAN IN BLACK

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CHAPTER XXIII.

"Hitherto Unpublished."

(Being the report which was not sent to the Record.)

Marlstone, June 16.

My Dear Molly: This is in case I don't find you at your office. I have found out who killed Manderson, as this dispatch will show.

That was my problem; yours is to decide what use to make of it. It definitely changes an unsuspected person with a hand in the crime, and practically accuses him of being the murderer, so I don't suppose you will publish it before his arrest, and I believe it is illegal to do so afterwards until he has been tried and found guilty. You may decide to publish it then; and you may find it possible to make some use of it before then of the facts I have given. That is your affair.

Meanwhile, will you communicate with Scotland Yard, and let them see what I have written. I have done with the Manderson mystery, and I wish to God I had never touched it. Here follows my dispatch.

I begin this, my third and probably my final dispatch to the Record upon the Manderson murder, with conflicting feelings. I have a strong sense of relief, because in my two previous dispatches I was obliged, in the interests of justice, to withhold facts ascertained by me which would, if published then, have put a certain person upon his guard and possibly have led to his escape; for he is a man of no common boldness and resource. Those facts I shall now set forth. But I have, I confess, no liking for the story of treachery and perverted cleverness which I have to tell. It leaves an evil taste in the mouth, a savor of something revolting in the deeper purple of modern crime, the puzzle of the crime itself, which I believe I have solved.

It will be remembered that in my first dispatch I described the situation as I found it on reaching this place early on Tuesday morning. I told how the body was found, and in what state; dwelt upon the complete mystery surrounding the crime, and mentioned one of two local theories about it; gave some account of the dead man's domestic surroundings; and furnished a somewhat detailed description of his movements on the evening before his death. I gave, too, a little fact which may or may not have seemed irrelevant: that a quantity of whisky, much larger than Manderson habitually drank at night had disappeared from his private decanter since the last time he was seen alive. On the following day, the day of the inquest, I wired little more than an abstract of the proceedings in the coroner's court, of which a verbatim report was made at my request by other representatives of the Record; and it will be remembered that the police evidence showed that two revolvers, with either of which the crime might have been committed, had been found—one in Manderson's bureau and the other in the room of the secretary, Marlowe; but that no importance could be attached to this, as the weapons were of an extremely popular make. I write these lines in the last hours of the same day; and I have now completed an investigation which has led me directly to the man who must be called upon to clear himself of the guilt of the death of Manderson.

Apart from the central mystery of Manderson's having arisen long before his usual hour to go out and meet his death, there were two minor points of oddity about this affair, which, I suppose, must have occurred to thousands of those who have read the accounts in the newspapers; points apparent from the very beginning. The first of these was that, whereas the body was found at a spot not 30 yards from the house, all the people of the house declared that they heard no cry or other noise in the night. Manderson had not been gagged; the marks on his wrists pointed to a struggle with his assailant; and there had been at least one pistol shot. (I say at least one, because it is the fact that in murders with firearms, especially if there has been a struggle, the criminal commonly misses his victim at least once.) This odd fact seemed all the more odd to me when I learned that Martin, the butler, was a bad sleeper, very keen of hearing, and that his bedroom, with the window open, faced almost directly toward the shed by which the body was found.

The second odd little fact that was apparent from the outset was Manderson's leaving his dental plate by the bedside. It appeared that he had risen and dressed himself fully, down to his necktie and watch and chain, and had gone out of doors without remembering to put in his plate, which he had carried in his mouth every day for years, and which contained all the visible teeth of the upper jaw. It had evidently not been a case of frantic hurry; and even if it had been, he would have been more likely to forget almost anything than this denture. Any

one who wears such a removable plate will agree that the putting in on rising is a matter of second nature. Speaking as well as eating, to say nothing of appearances, depend upon it.

Neither of these queer details, however, seemed to lead to anything at the moment. They only awakened in me a suspicion of something lurking in the shadows, something that lent more mystery to the already mysterious question how and why and through whom Manderson met his end.

With this much of preamble I come at once to the discovery which, in the first few hours of my investigation, set me upon the path, which so much ingenuity had been directed to concealing.

I have already described Manderson's bedroom, the rigorous simplicity of its furnishings, contrasted so strangely with the multitude of clothes and shoes, and the manner of its communication with Mrs. Manderson's room. On the upper of the two long shelves on which the shoes were ranged I found, where I had been told I should find them, the pair of patent leather shoes which Manderson had worn on the evening before his death. I had glanced over the row, not with any idea of their giving me a clue, but merely because it happens that I am a judge of shoes, and all these shoes were of the very best workmanship.

But my attention was at once caught by a little peculiarity in this particular pair. They were the lightest kind of lace-up dress shoes, very thin in the sole, without toe-caps, and beautifully made, like all the rest. These shoes were old and well worn; but being carefully polished and fitted, as all the shoes were, upon their trees, they looked neat enough. What caught my eye was a slight splitting of the leather in that part of the upper known as the vamp, a splitting at the point where the two faced parts of the shoe rise from the upper. It is at this point that the strain comes when a tight shoe of this sort is forced upon the foot, and it is usually guarded with a strong stitching across the bottom of the opening. In both the shoes I was examining this stitching had parted, and the leather below had given way. The splitting was a tiny affair in each case, not an eighth of an inch long, and the torn edges having come together again on the removal of the strain, there was nothing that a person who was not something of a

connoisseur of shoe leather would have noticed. Even less noticeable, and indeed not to be seen at all unless one were looking for it, was a slight straining of the stitches uniting the upper to the sole. At the toe and on the outer side of each shoe this stitching had been dragged until it was visible on a close inspection of the joining.

These indications, of course, could mean only one thing. The shoes had been worn by someone for whom they were too small.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

Zimman to Put In Second Transmission Line to Outwit the Lightning

I. B. Zimman, assistant manager of the Nebraska Power company, discredits the old belief that lightning never strikes more than once in the same place.

During the recent series of electrical disturbances, lightning has interfered six times with the power transmission line which supplies the municipal ice plant at Twentieth street and Poppleton avenue.

In connection with his public relations work, Mr. Zimman called on General Manager R. B. Howell of the Metropolitan water district, to assure that official that the Nebraska Power company will exert every effort to eliminate as much as possible interruptions in the operation of the plant. Mr. Zimman's suggestion was that a secondary transmission line be installed to the plant, this line to be connected with another circuit, so that an emergency feed line will be available in case of trouble with the regular transmission line.

"We intend to do everything we can to give the best service possible to this ice plant which is a public institution, and the operation of which in hot weather is of vital importance," said Mr. Zimman. "We cannot control the pranks of lightning, but we can improve the service by installing a double transmission line."

Veterinarians to Meet Again in Omaha in 1920

The 26th annual convention of the Missouri Valley Veterinary association closed yesterday, the meeting having one of the most successful ever held. The attendance was unusually large, the total registration having been close to 400.

The sessions yesterday were given over to the reading of papers on technical topics, followed by discussions of the same.

By provisions of the constitution the next annual convention will be held in Omaha, and the mid-winter meeting at a place to be named by the executive committee.

Brief City News

Have Root Print It—Beacon Press. Elio. Fans \$3.50—Burgess-Granden Bank of the American State Bank of the.

Pierce-Arrow Ambulance Service—Stack & Falconer. Harney 64.

Four Per Cent Interest on time deposits. American State Bank—Adv.

David H. Law of Dixon Ill., wants word at once from his brother, James E. Law, last heard from at Moline, Ill.—Adv.

Grain Corporation Order—The United States Grain corporation announces that on account of only a limited quantity of the wheat of this year's crop having started to market, no premium over guaranteed price will apply prior to August 16.

Rail Official Returns—W. F. Zabel, for many years connected with the general offices of the claim agent of the Union Pacific, but who four years ago was sent to the west end of the system, has been returned to Omaha and will work out from the offices of the corporation and under the direction of General Claim Agent Peterson.

"No Accident Week" Figures—Union Pacific figures on "No Accident Week" have been compiled in the office of General Manager J. J. Jeffers. They show that during the week on the system there were two persons injured, as against 25 during the corresponding week of one year ago, or a decrease of 92 per cent.

McMillan Makes Change—F. D. McMillan, formerly of O'Neill, has taken a position in the city selling and rental department of the Iowa Nebraska Investment company, with offices in the Bee building. This company has sold four residence properties the last week, and will shortly begin the construction of a

number of moderate priced residences north of the Skinner Packing company's plant.

Sues Former Tenants—Robert A. Templeton and Sadie Templeton were unprofitable tenants, according to the allegations made in a suit filed against them in district court by Jennie Parrott, asking \$53.90 for the damage she says they did to the house at 2955 Harrison street while they occupied it the first five months of this year.

Welfare Board Busy—Twelve domestic relations cases were reported to the board of public welfare Tuesday for investigation, three being cases of wives deserted by soldier-husbands, according to Superintendent T. H. Weirich. One of the cases was disposed of by sending a mother and four small children to Alliance, Neb., where relatives will care for them.

White Girl and Four Negroes Arrested In Morals Squad Raid

One white girl, one negro and four negroes were arrested early yesterday and a quantity of morphine and cocaine seized in a raid by the morals squad on the home of Charles Diggs, 1522 Webster street.

Mildred Johnson, the white girl, 613 North Seventeenth street, was charged with vagrancy. Diggs and Lon Townsend, 811 Pacific street, were charged with violating the Harrison drug act. Mattie Brown, negro, Joe L. Evans, 1503 Cumming street, and H. Greenway, 618 North Fourteenth street, were charged with vagrancy.

Bee Want Ads Produce Results.



A Most Opportune Sale of SILK GLOVES

FASHION has decreed that women shall wear gloves—and just at this time when they are in need of new ones to go with the dainty summer frocks comes this sale of silk gloves, at

2 Pair \$1.00

They are extraordinary values. There are black, white, gray, tan, brown, purple, etc. in the assortment. Every pair has double finger tips and are of splendid quality of silk.

Thursday, choice of two pair, \$1.00.

Main Floor.

BURGESS-NASH COMPANY "EVERYBODY'S STORE"

6 RARE Bargains In Used Pianos

You must see these Pianos to appreciate their real value.

Kimball upright Beautiful Walnut Case.....	\$ 85	Behr Bros. upright A splendid Toned Piano.....	\$150
Hinze upright Exceptionally nice condition....	\$190	Sergerstrom upr. Almost as good as new.....	\$225
H.P. Nelson upright A wonderful value.....	\$245	Schaeffer upright Good as new.....	\$235

In addition to the above, we are also offering some new upright Pianos this month at remarkably low prices.

Terms Arranged to Suit Your Convenience

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 1919

STORE NEWS FOR THURSDAY. DOUGLAS 2100.

A Daily July Feature Sale of Drugs and Toilet Articles

CHECK off what you need for present and future needs from this list and then bring it with you Thursday, the day of the great sale.

Creams

Pond's vanishing cream, tube, 19c.

Gem theatrical cream, ¼ lb., 19c.

Daggett & Ramsdell's cream, 19c.

Daggett & Ramsdell's cream, medium, 29c.

Pompeian night cream, 39c.

Sempere Giovine, 44c.

Palmolive cream, 29c.

Mercolized wax, 74c.

Mulsified coconut oil, 44c.

Espey's fragrant cream, 19c.

Cocoanut oil, shampoo, 32c.

Holmes' Frostilla, 19c.

Pond's vanishing cream, small, 19c.

Pond's vanishing cream, large, 39c.

Pond's cold cream, small, 18c.

Miscellaneous

Liquid dress shields, 35c and 65c.

Odorono, small, 29c.

Danderine, small, 29c.

Hand scrub brushes, 15c to 50c.

We are pleased to announce that we have in stock a complete line and will feature exclusively the well-known Turner toilet goods.

Turner's cleansing massage cream (two creams in one), 50c.

Turner's complexion cream (a greaseless cream), 50c.

Turner's complexion powder, 50c.

Turner's antiseptic dental cream, large tube, 50c.

Turner's natural tint, 50c.

Turner's lip stick, 50c.

We have a complete line of Melba toilet goods in stock at all times.

Lysol, small, 19c.

Lysol, large, 79c.

Lavoris, large, 84c.

Aspirin, Bayer's, 1 dozen in box, 18c.

Freezone, 19c.

Calocide, 19c.

Sal Hepatica, 22c.

Bromo Seltzer, 44c.

Lysol, small, 19c.

Lysol, large, 79c.

Lavoris, large, 84c.

Bacabelli pure castile soap, bar, 12c.

Physicians and surgeons soap, 10c.

4-lb. bar pure olive oil castile, \$2.00.

Large bar imported bacabelli soap, \$1.60.

Colgate's cashmere bouquet soap, 10c.

Colgate's cashmere bouquet soap, large, 25c.

Cuticura soap, 20c.

Resinol soap, 23c.

One lot of toilet soap assorted, 20 cakes for \$1.00.

One lot of toilet soaps, large square bar in violet, rose, sandalwood odors, also some transparent soap in this lot; special, 10c.

Drugs

4-oz. peroxide, 9c.

8-oz. peroxide, 19c.

16-oz. peroxide, 29c.

4-oz. glycerine, bay rum and rose water, 19c.

1-oz. spirit camphor, 25c.

2-oz. spirit camphor, 40c.

4-oz. spirit camphor, 65c.

2-oz. castor oil, 15c.

1 pint ammonia, 20c.

1 quart ammonia, 35c.

½ lb. epsom salts, 10c.

½ lb. epsom salts, 15c.

¼-oz. bayrum and rose water, 19c.

4-oz. Chappadine, 19c.

1 pint witch hazel, 50c.

1 quart witch hazel, \$1.00.

2-oz. tincture arnica, 20c.

1 pint Hydril, 50c.

1 quart Hydril, 90c.

Hinkle's Pills, 1 dozen in box, 18c.

Aspirin, Bayer's, 1 dozen in box, 18c.

Freezone, 19c.

Calocide, 19c.

Sal Hepatica, 22c.

Bromo Seltzer, 44c.

Lysol, small, 19c.

Lysol, large, 79c.

Lavoris, large, 84c.

Djer Kiss face powder, small, 62c.

Djer Kiss face powder, large, \$1.05.

Djer Kiss talcum powder, 38c.

Djer Kiss toilet water, \$2.00.

Djer Kiss perfume, oz., \$1.75.

The standard, well-known line of Hudnut, we have all items in the line at all times.

Three-flower powder, 50c.

Rouge, 50c.

Gardonia face powder, \$1.00.

Violet See toilet water, \$1.00.

Violet See talcum powder, 25c.

Gardonia talcum powder, 25c.

Rose Omar talcum, 50c.

Violet See vanishing cream, 50c.

Dentalux tooth paste, 25c.

Gardonia toilet water, \$1.00.



A Great Sale of Bathing Caps

Big selection of styles and colors from which to choose.

15c

One lot of diving or skull caps, 15c.

25c

One lot of diving or skull caps, 25c.

49c

One big assortment, your choice, 49c.

Other caps, 59c to \$1.25.



Lov-Me face powder, 75c.

Lov-Me talcum powder, 25c.

Pineywood talcum powder, 25c.

Melba rose talcum, 25c.

Melba skin cleaner, jar, 50c.

Melba vanishing cream, jar, 50c.

Melba dry rouge, (dark), 50c.

Melba bouquet face powder, 50c.

Melba powder, 50c.

Melbaline, 25c.

Lov-Me toilet water, 75c.

Perfumers and toilet water sprays, 59c to \$1.75.

Holmes' Frostilla, small, 19c.

Espey's fragrant cream, 19c.

A big lot of Lux, at 10c.

Talcum Powders

Colgate's talcum, 18c.

Violet, Monad Violet, Cashmere Bouquet, Doctylis, La France, Rose Eclair, 18c.

Colgate's splendor, floriant radiant rose, 25c.

Squibb's carnation, 25c.

Hudnut's, about 10 odors, 25c to 50c.

Massatta talcum, 15c.

Williams' violet carnation and rose, 18c.

Babcock's cut rose talcum, at 25c.

Mennen's borated talcum, 25c.

Armour's baby talcum, 25c.

Lazella field violet, 20c.

Quelques fleurs talcum, \$1.00.

Pivers' talcum, 45c.

Armour's bouquet, 50c.

Listerine, pocket, 11c.

Listerine, small, 19c.

Listerine, medium, 39c.

Listerine, large, 69c.

Woodbury's soap, 19c.

Williams' ye Old English, 12c.

No phone or mail orders accepted. We reserve the right to limit quantities.



Shaving Specials

Durham Duplex demonstration razors, 15c.

Ender's safety razors, 89c.

Gem safety razors, 89c.

Durham Duplex razors, 89c.

Gillette safety razors, \$4.45.

Auto Strop razor, \$4.45.

Dixogen, medium, 42c.

Sloan's liniment, 21c.

Carbona, 19c.

Analax, laxative, 24c.

Brushes

A large selection of Hughes' Ideal water-proof brushes, including ivory and mahogany backs, with pure white, black and black and white, single, double and quadruple bristles, \$1.00 to \$5.00.

One lot of pure bristle, 9 10

Hughes' Ideal

Tooth Preparations

Euthymol tooth paste, 19c.

Senreco tooth paste, 29c.

Colgate's tooth paste, 10c.

Colgate's tooth paste, large, 23c.

Euthymol tooth paste, 19c.

Dr. Lyon's tooth powder, 21c.

Sanitol tooth paste, 29c.

Arnica tooth soap, 19c.

Calders' tooth powder, 15c.

Sozodont liquid, 29c.

Pyros for pyorrhea, \$1.00.

Pebeco tooth paste, 39c.

Prophylactic tooth brushes in hard, medium and soft bristles—child's size,