

"It means," I replied, mastering my emotion, "it means that we stand face to face with the victim of a crime—a murdered woman! Choked to death!"

"Choked!" gasped Dennin. "How do you know that?"

"It is very evident," I made answer, approaching the cot again. "See for yourself," and I showed Dennin, at the throat, several dark marks, like the imprints of fingers.

"Cover it up again, Joe. The sight is too horrible!" moaned Dennin. "We must not disturb it—it must be left just as we found it," and seizing the blanket with a shudder he pulled it over the staring face.

"And now what's to be done?" he continued. "Our first step is undoubtedly to go and lodge a complaint against this Ike and Pete Burroughs, the landlord. We must do so at once."

"Not so fast, my boy. Do you imagine we would be allowed to leave this house by stealth at this hour? No, indeed, we are supposed to be—"

"What?" asked Dennin, impatiently, as I paused.

"Cutting the body up, of course, so that they can conveniently dispose of it—buried the pieces separately, no doubt? Isn't the matter clear to you now? Some one, for a round sum of money, has agreed to furnish them a villainous doctor and an assistant who would do the job for them. Don't you remember that Ike said to me, when he cautioned me in the other room, 'We looked for you two days ago, doctor?' And what he meant by 'You've got what you need in them things,' pointing to our valises, where were the surgical instruments necessary for the operation."

I, opening the valise, took out two loaded revolvers, and going up to Dennin, said, in a whisper:

"Take this revolver and keep your wits about you. Certain it is that either Ike or the landlord will be here before daylight to see whether we have done the job. Whoever comes, we must be prepared for him. It's a matter of life or death with us."

It was drawing near to 3 in the morning when I heard soft footsteps in the passage, approaching the door, and presently there came a light knock. I motioned to Dennin, and when I opened the door, I walked Ike and Pete, the landlord, but to find themselves confronted suddenly with two revolvers aimed straight at their breasts. At the same time I cried out:

"Hands up!"
 "Don't shoot!" the two worthies stammered, simultaneously throwing up the ir hands. "No harm was meant!"
 "What! No harm, you villains! It was a cold blooded murder!" I said, vehemently.

Ike burst out laughing, winking 'ng furiously, while from every part of the house seemed to come an explosion of shouts, and into the room rushed a score of miners.

"The fact is, pard," said Ike, suppressing his mirth, "we've been pretty hard on you and your friend. But that's the initiation we generally give to all new tenderfeet—a pretty good skeer, that's all. And really, in the first place, it was intended for two tenderfoot friends of our'n we expected two days ago. But when they didn't come, and we seen youse com'n up the street, so innocent-like, we couldn't resist the temptation to play the joke off on you," and with several rapid winks, Ike walked to the door of the adjoining room, one of the miners following him with the lamp, and unlocking it with another key, hrew it open, walked to the cot, and, amid a roar of laughter, jerked out 'rom under the blanket, by the hair, wax head of a woman.

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SHERIFF SALE.

(First publication September 18)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that by virtue of an order of sale issued by the clerk of the district court of the Third Judicial district of Nebraska, within and for Lancaster county, in an action wherein Seaburg L. Sears is plaintiff, and Nils Blomstrom et al. defendant, I will, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 19th day of October, A. D. 1897, at the east door of the court house, in the city of Lincoln, Lancaster county, Nebraska, offer for sale at public auction the following described lands and tenements, to-wit:

The northeast quarter of section nine (9), in township twelve (12), north range seven (7), east of the sixth principal meridian, in Lancaster county, Nebraska. Given under my hand this 16th day of September, A. D. 1897.

JOHN J. TROMPEN,
 Sheriff.

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NOTICE TO NON RESIDENT DEFENDANTS.

In the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska.

Leonora M. Perry,
 Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Thomas Matby, et al.,
 Defendants.

21-176.

To Charles A. Hanna, trustee; Charles A. Hanna, E. P. Woodward, (first name unknown), The M. E. Page Confectionery Company, (a corporation).

You and each of you will take notice that on the 14th day of August, 1897, the above named plaintiff filed her petition in the court aforesaid against the said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose certain articles of agreement executed by the defendant, Thomas Matby to the defendant Charles A. Hanna, trustee, and Charles A. Hanna, to secure the payment of four (4) certain promissory notes, dated June 28, 1892, for the sum of \$200 each and due and payable respectively on the 28th day of June, in the years of 1894, 1895, 1896 and 1897. That there is now due upon said notes the sum of \$800 with interest at the rate of 10 per cent per annum from the maturity thereof. Said articles of agreement were executed to secure said notes upon the northeast quarter (n. e. q.) of section eleven (11), township ten (10), north of range five (5) east of the sixth P. M., situated in the county of Lancaster, state of Nebraska. Plaintiff prays for a decree that defendant be required to pay the sum due thereon or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 18th day of October, 1897.

LEONORA M. PERRY, By FIELD & BROWN,
 Plaintiff. Her Attorneys.

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