

The Filigree Ball

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CHAPTER I.

FOR a detective whose talents had not been recognized at headquarters I possessed an ambition which, fortunately for my standing with the lieutenant of the precinct, had not yet been expressed in words. Though I had small reason for expecting great things of myself, I had always cherished the hope that if a big case came my way I should be found able to do something with it—something more, that is, than I had seen accomplished by the police of the District of Columbia since I had had the honor of being one of their number. Therefore, when I found myself

plunged, almost without my own volition, into the Jeffrey-Moore affair, I believed that the opportunity had come whereby I might distinguish myself.

It had complications, this Jeffrey-Moore affair; greater ones than the public ever knew, keen as the interest in it ran both in and out of Washington.

This is why I propose to tell the story of this great tragedy from my own standpoint, even if in so doing I risk the charge of attempting to exploit my own connection with this celebrated case. In its course I encountered as many disappointments as triumphs and brought out of the affair a heart as sore as it was satisfied, for I am a lover of women—and

But I am keeping you from the story itself.

I was at the station house the night Uncle David came in. He was always

called Uncle David, even by the nephews who followed him in the street, so I am showing him no disrespect, gentlemen though he is, by giving him a title which as completely characterized him in those days as did his moody ways, his quaint attire and the persistence with which he kept at his side his great mastiff Rudge.

I had long since heard of the old gentleman as one of the most interesting residents of the precinct. I had even seen him more than once on the avenue, but I had never before been brought face to face with him, and consequently had much to superficial knowledge of his countenance to determine offhand whether the uneasy light in his small gray eyes was natural to them or simply the result of present excitement. But when he began to talk I detected an unmistakable tremor in his tones and decided that he was in a state of suppressed agitation, though he appeared to have nothing more alarming to impart than the fact that he had seen a light burning in some house presumably here.

It was at so trivial that I gave him but scant attention till he let a name fall which caused me to prick up my ears and even to put in a word. "The Moore house?" he had said.

"The Moore house?" I repeated in amazement. "Are you speaking of the Moore house?"

A thousand recollections came with the name.

"What other?" he grumbled, directing toward me a look as keen as it was impatient. "Do you think that I would bother myself long about a house I had no interest in, or drag Rudge from his warm rug to save some ungrateful neighbor from a possible burglary? No, it is my house which some rascal has chosen to enter. That is," he snarled corrected, as he saw surprise in every eye, "the house which the law will give me, if anything ever happens to that child of a girl whom my brother left behind him."

Growing some words at the dog, who showed a decided inclination to lie down where he was, the old man made for the door and in another moment would have been in the street, if I had not stepped after him.

"You are a Moore and live in or near that old house?" I asked.

"The surprise with which he met this question dazed me a little.

"How long have you been in Washington, I should like to ask?" was his cold return.

"Oh, some five months."

tion every foil of the old fashioned clock he wore, he started again for the door.

But my curiosity was by this time roused to fever heat. I knew more about this house than he gave me credit for. No one who had read the papers of late, much less a man connected with the police, could help being well informed in all the details of its remarkable history. What I had failed to know was his close relationship to the family whose name for the last two weeks had been in every mouth.

"Wait!" I called out. "You say that you live opposite the Moore house. You can tell me—"

"But he had no mind to stop for any gossip.

"It was all in the papers," he called back. "Read them. But first be sure to find out who has struck a light in the house that we all know has not even a caretaker in it."

It was good advice. My duty and my curiosity both led me to follow it.

Perhaps you have heard of the distinguishing feature of this house. If so, you do not need my explanations. But if, for any reason, you are ignorant of the facts which within a very short time have set a flint seal of horror upon this old historic dwelling, then you will be glad to read what has made and will continue to make the Moore house in Washington one to be pointed at in daylight and shunned after dark, not only by superstitious colored folk, but by all who are susceptible to the most ordinary emotions of fear and dread.

It was standing when Washington was a village. It antedates the capitol and the White House. Built by a man of wealth, it bears to this day the impress of the large ideas and quiet elegance of colonial times; but the shadow which speedily fell across it made it a marked place even in those early days. While it has always escaped the hackneyed epithet of "haunted," families that have moved in have as quickly moved out, giving as their excuse that no happiness was to be found there and that sleep was impossible under its roof. That there was some reason for this lack of rest within walls which were not without their tragic reminiscences all must acknowledge. Death had often occurred there, and while this fact can be stated in regard to most old houses, it is not often that one can say, as in this case, that it was invariably sudden and invariably of one character.

A lifeless man, lying outstretched on a certain hearthstone, might be found once in a house and awaken to special comment, but when this same discovery has been made twice, or not twice, during the history of a single dwelling, one might surely be pardoned a distrust of its seemingly homelike appointments and discern in its slowly darkening walls the presence of an evil which if left to itself might perish in the natural decay of the place, but which, if met and challenged, might strike again and make another blot on its tragic crimsoned hearthstone.

But these are old fables which I should hardly presume to mention, had it not been for the recent occurrence which has recalled them to all men's minds and given to this long empty and slowly crumbling building an importance which has spread its fame from one end of the country to the other. I refer to the tragedy attending the wedding lately celebrated there.

Veronica Moore, rich, pretty and willful, had long cherished a strange liking for this frowning old home of her ancestors and, at the most critical time in her life, conceived the idea of proving to herself and to society at large that no real ban lay upon it save in the imagination of the superstitious. So, being about to marry the choice of her young heart, she caused this house to be opened for the wedding cere-

mony—with what result you know. Though the occasion was a joyous one and accompanied by all that could give cheer to such a function, it had not escaped the old time shadow. One of the guests straying into the room of ancient and unhalloved memory, the one room which had not been thrown open to the crowd, had been found within five minutes of the ceremony lying on its dolorous hearthstone dead, and, though the bride was spared a knowledge of the dreadful fact till

the holy words were said, a panic had seized the guests and emptied the house as suddenly and completely as though the plague had been discovered there.

This is why I hastened to follow Uncle David when he told me that all was not right in this house of tragic memories.

(To be continued.)

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Goodwin—a practical dyer and cleaner of 30 years experience, will open up a steam dyeing and cleaning establishment at 214 Eighth street, on Monday, April 11. Ladies and gentlemen's work done perfectly.

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Fahr makes a specialty of copyright books. Appropriate for a present to your friends. The very latest publications always in stock.

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For an up-to-date Oxford in tan or black, or ladies' pat. kid, victrol kid shoes, all prices, call on B. McMann Jr., 803 Commercial avenue.

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C. S. Jones, grocery and boarding house, is a good place to buy good things to eat. Orders will be carefully selected and promptly delivered.

Mrs. C. H. Brackett, milliner, is always busy attending to the wants of her many customers. Hats for all occasions artistically trimmed.

The American Steam Laundry laundries everything worn by man from his socks to collar and return it first class when you want it.

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Frederick Mannell, Maryland, bought a bottle of Newbro's Herpicide, April 6, '99, and began to use it for entire baldness. The hair follicles in his scalp were not dead and in 20 days he had hair all over his head. On July 2 he writes, "and today my hair is as thick and luxuriant as any one could wish." Newbro's Herpicide works on an old principle and with a new discovery—destroy the cause and you remove the effect. Herpicide destroys the germ that causes dandruff, falling hair, and finally baldness, so that with the cause gone the effect cannot remain. Stops falling hair at once and a new growth starts. Sold by leading druggists. Send 10c in stamps for sample to The Herpicide Co., Detroit, Mich. Paul G. Schuh & Sons, Special Agents.

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Ballard's Horehound Syrup. Immediately relieves horse, cough, cold, oppressed, rattling rasping and difficult breathing. Henry C. Stearns, druggist, Shullsburg, Wis., writes, May 20, 1901: "I have been selling Ballard's Horehound Syrup for two years, and have never had a preparation that has given better satisfaction. I notice that when I sell a bottle they come back for more. I can recommend it." 25c, 50c, \$1.00. Sold by Schuh Drug Co.

Uneducated Officers. The reorganization of the military establishment found more than one-third of the officers of the army destitute of any martial education except the empirical sort they had picked up in the field.

A Dandy For Burns. Dr. Bergin, Pana, Ill., writes: "I have used Ballard's Snow Liniment; always recommended it to my friends as I am confident there is no better made. It is a dandy for burns. Those who live on farms are especially liable to many accidental cuts, burns, bruises, which heal rapidly when Ballard's Snow Liniment is applied. It should always be kept in the house for cases of emergency." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 bottles. Sold by Schuh Drug Co.

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Bird's Nest Soup. The birds' nests used for soups are little gelatinous things made up principally from the saliva of tiny birds of China.

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Using Short Lamp Wicks. By cutting a piece of flannel or cloth the width of wick and sewing it on to the latter, it will conduct oil to burner as if it was a long length of wick.

An Opportunity to Visit the World's Fair City. On Thursday April 28, the Mobile & Ohio will run a \$3.00 excursion from Cairo to St. Louis, and return, tickets being sold for all trains of that date, and limited to return on all regular trains to and including May 2nd, 1904.

St. Louis and return only \$2.00 Via Mobile & Ohio, Thursday April 28, 1904.

Of Interest to Women. The Medical Press and Circular has learned that, so long as skirt bands are fastened round the waist, corsets or stiff material should be worn.

Election Notice.

Cairo, Ill., March 29, 1904. Office of the City Clerk:

Public notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, the 19th day of April, 1904, a general election will be held in the city of Cairo, Alexander county, Illinois, for the purpose of the election of one alderman from each of the seven wards of the city for the regular term of two years.

This said election will be held at the following places, viz: In the First ward, at the store room of F. A. Kahn, No. 210 Sixth street, north side of Sixth street, between Commercial and Washington avenues.

In the Second ward, at the store room No. 794 Washington avenue, east side of Washington avenue between Seventh and Eighth streets.

In the Third ward, at the barber shop of Charles Anderson, No. 1105 Commercial avenue, west side of Commercial avenue between Eleventh and Twelfth streets.

In the Fourth ward, at the store room of Fitzgerald Brothers, No. 1213 Commercial avenues between Thirtieth and Fourteenth streets.

In the Fifth ward at the court house of Alexander county.

In the Sixth ward, at the hose house on the south side of Twenty-second street between Walnut and Pine streets.

In the Seventh ward, at the engine house of the Anchor Fire Company.

Polls for said election will be opened at 7 o'clock in the morning and continue open until 5 o'clock in the afternoon of said day.

Nomination papers for the said election can be secured in this office and must be filed in this office on or before April 4th, 1904.

By order of the City Council of the City of Cairo. R. A. HATCHER, City Clerk.

Cairo to St. Louis and Return, April 28, Via Mobile & Ohio Railroad.

\$3.00. Cairo to St. Louis and return, tickets will be sold for all regular trains, Thursday April 28, and will be good returning on all regular trains to and including Monday, May 2nd, 1904.

John M. Beall, Asst. G. P. A., St. Louis

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