

WHO STOLE THE JEWELS?

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I was taking dinner with my friend Horace Jones and his wife the other day. Jones has accumulated a snug sum hunting up rascals. In other words, he is a detective. When we were drinking our coffee and smoking I asked him to give me the most important case in which he had ever been employed.

"You mean the most important to my employer or to me?"

"Well, let it be the most important case to you."

"All right. I'll give you the Williams case."

I saw his wife look up at him, evidently with an intent to stop him, but he told the story all the same.

"Mrs. Williams came to the office one day—she was a widow—and stated that something was occurring in her house she wished investigated. She possessed a number of valuable family jewels, which she kept in a safe imbedded in the wall on the second story of her dwelling. She alone knew the combination, and yet the jewels were gradually disappearing. She had a governess for her children, a Miss Elizabeth Ward, whom she suspected. I having been detailed on the case, she was giving these facts to me. At this point I interrupted her."

"I thought you said, Mrs. Williams, that you alone knew the combination. How can Miss Ward open the safe without it?"

"Possibly in this way: She has a brother who is a skilled mechanic in the service of a safe and lock company. He visits her frequently, and I suspect that either he has instructed her in lock picking or she conceals him in the house and he watches his opportunity to pick it himself unobserved."

"It struck me that to discover the truth all she had to do was to watch and she would catch either Miss Ward or her brother stealing the jewels. But if she preferred to pay a detective for doing it I was quite willing. I was introduced into the house as a nephew of Mrs. Williams, from a distant land, and, of course, to Miss Ward."

"I found the governess a very attractive young lady. Had I not felt very sure she was an adventuress I should have fallen in love with her. Indeed, I'm not sure but—Don't like to hear it, eh, dear? That's quite natural. I'll switch off from that part of the story, though I'm sure you have no reason to be jealous. Well, I took up my residence for a few days or a few weeks, as the case might require, and was assigned a bedroom directly opposite the safe in which the jewels were kept."

"It didn't take me long to find out that Miss Ward was as smart as a steel trap, and I made up my mind that to catch her—or her brother, which was the same thing—I would have to be awake every night in the week. But she seemed worried. With the true detective instinct, I saw through that. I inferred that her brother was dominating her, compelling her to keep on with the thefts, while she feared this scheme would at last be detected and one or both would spend a term in the state prison. At any rate, she was worried."

"I remained awake all night for several nights in succession, and as I had no excuse to remain in bed all day I gave up the plan of catching the thief in the act and determined to try and worm myself into the confidence of Miss Ward and see if I couldn't get the secret from her. I found her quite willing to be courted and—"

"Horace," interposed Mrs. Jones. "Pardon, my dear. Then to me: 'My wife can't bear to hear me speak of my premarital affairs.'"

"Of course she can't," I chimed in with Mrs. Jones. "How would you like your wife to talk about her own premarital affairs?"

"Um! That's different. But to go on with my story. I didn't get much from the governess, and while I was making up to her Mrs. Williams reported that she had lost another jewel. "Meeting Miss Ward about this theft, I found her in a very bad humor. Why I could not understand, for neither she nor any one else had been caught stealing. She astonished me by coming out bluntly:

"Mr. Detective, if you wish to find out who is stealing the jewels change your room."

"You could have knocked me down with a feather. I knew I had met my match and answered never a word. I went to Mrs. Williams and told her I would take a room farther from the safe. She gave me one at the end of the hall where I could see without being seen, the light, which was kept burning low all night, being directly over the safe."

"Time passed, during which I was getting impatient at doing nothing, though I was not dissatisfied at being kept in the house with Miss Ward. One night I heard a light tap at my door. Putting on a dressing gown, I opened it. Miss Ward was standing in a dark corner and pointed toward the safe. There stood Mrs. Williams fumbling with the lock."

"She's asleep," whispered Miss Ward.

"Mrs. Williams opened the safe, took out something, closed the door and went away. The mystery was solved. As a sleepwalker she was transferring her jewels from the safe to a tin box in her bedroom closet."

"What became of Miss Ward?" I asked.

Jones looked at his wife, and both smiled.

THE GRANGE

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IN CONNECTICUT.

Grange Work in the State in a Most Flourishing Condition.

This is owing somewhat to the fact that State Master Healey "Wastes So Much Time Visiting the Granges" Under His Jurisdiction.

A neighbor of State Master L. H. Healey of Connecticut is reported to have said that "Mr. Healey is one of our best farmers, and I don't see how he can waste so much time visiting granges." From the enthusiastic manner in which Mr. Healey sets about his grange work and the persistence which he manifests in following it up we rightly infer that he is simply carrying into the grange field the same systematic methods as prevail in his farm work. He is an intensive farmer, owning but eighty acres of land, but he makes those acres return as great a profit as some men realize from twice that number.

It is greatly to his credit that he was able to report at the state grange meeting in January a membership of 15,000—not so small for the area of the Nutmeg State. He attributes much of the success of the grange in that state to the work of the press, and the only reason it does not do more, he says, is because we do not give it the opportunity.

The Connecticut state grange is in a most flourishing condition. It has a good balance of funds in the treasury, and it is working in harmony with all agricultural activities of the state.

The committee on resolutions at the recent meeting reported favorably on the proposition to request the national grange to publish in its proceedings the amount of money received from each state grange; also that an itemized account of the money received from each subordinate grange should be included in the annual report of the state grange. Past Master Hale presented a resolution, which was adopted, providing that \$200 be given to the Postal Progress league for the advancement of the parcels post agitation and that \$5,000 be placed at the disposal of the executive committee to use for the inauguration of the parcels post.

It was further voted that the state master be made a trustee of the Connecticut Agricultural college. The grange approved of the restoration of the two years' course in the Agricultural college. The committee on public health favored a proposition that all cattle imported into the state should be accompanied by a certificate showing them to have been tested by the tuberculin test within sixty days and found free from tuberculosis. The question provoked considerable discussion, but the resolution prevailed. The proposition to allow Pomona and subordinate granges to nominate officers was defeated. Favorable action was taken for agricultural education in the high schools.

In connection with the state grange work there is a flourishing Patrons' Fire Insurance company as well as a Patrons' Exchange, which is proving a money saver for its membership.

NEW JERSEY GRANGE.

In Annual Session at Atlantic City For Two Days.

The total membership of the Order in the state is said to have grown in ten years from 2,000 to 18,000, the number of granges from 50 to 132 and payments to the national grange from \$80 to \$300.

The state master has called attention to the very unsatisfactory condition of the highway matter in New Jersey, due largely to "the fact that, while in all states besides New Jersey automobile touring by residents is the rule and by nonresidents the exception, the reverse is true in New Jersey. In New Jersey there are more nonresident cars run than resident cars. Besides this, there are perhaps mile for mile of road in New Jersey from fifteen to twenty times as many automobiles running as there are in any other states. This is due to the fact that in New Jersey, where there are less than 8,000 square miles of territory, there is practically a population of 9,000,000 people whose automobiles are using its roads, while its resident population is less than 2,500,000." A plea for postal reform was added, including the eminently sensible suggestion that congress should "withdraw free postage from all departments of the government and provide in lieu thereof that postal services of each department be met by specific appropriations."

The sixth degree was conferred on about sixty candidates at the state grange meeting. Senator G. W. F. Gaunt was elected master, J. M. Woolman overseer, D. H. Aghans lecturer, F. O. Ware steward, John T. Cox of Whitehouse Station secretary and Charles Collins treasurer.

Co-operation in Maine.

There is a state store and various Pomona and subordinate grange stores in successful operation in Maine, and the three grange fire insurances are carrying risks of more than \$15,000,000 and saving for patrons in assessments more than \$100,000 annually.

PRIDE ON BOTH SIDES.

A Story of the Duke of Somerset and the Artist Seymour.

We have all heard of the "proud" Duke of Somerset, but we do not all know of the occasion on which his pride had a fall. The story is told in "The Glenbervie Journals."

It seems that the duchess had sent for Seymour, a celebrated painter of horses, to make the portrait of a race-horse at Petworth. Seymour during his stay used to dine in the steward's room, but one day the duke was so pleased with the picture as it advanced that he desired that he would dine at his table.

At dinner Seymour, who probably had not been expected to mix in the conversation, took occasion to say that he believed he had the honor to be related to his grace. This gave such offense that he was either sent away or put so much out of humor as to go away from Petworth without finishing the picture.

Afterward the duke's pride gave way to the desire he had of possessing a good portrait of his favorite horse, and he ordered his steward to write to Seymour and engage him to return to finish his work at Petworth.

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Reason For Her Opinion.

"Do you think genius and insanity always go together?"

"Oh, no. I am convinced that my husband is half crazy most of the time, but I've never seen him give the faintest gleam of genius."—Chicago Record-Herald.

Hit Hard.

"I flatter myself I've made a hit with this song. Er—by the way, who was the gentleman that was moved to tears and went out?"

"That was the composer."—London Tatler.

Changed Color.

Howell—You were the dark horse in the convention, weren't you? Powell—No, I was a blond jackass.—New York Press.

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