## A GAME of DIAMONDS

(Copyright, 1903, by C. B. Lewis.) Mr. John F. Saunders, just from England and a very ingratiating sort of man, had patronized a Maiden lane jewelry house to the extent of \$1,000 in cash and had met and dined the leading traveler of the house, whose name

Their acquaintanceship was only about two weeks old when Mr. Taylor started out over his western route, carrying \$75,000 worth of diamonds with him. He reached Chicago to find the Englishman there a day ahead of him, Mr. Saunders was looking for a long lost consin, and while he looked for the cousin with one hand he dispensed hospitality very liberally with the other. He wined and dined the traveler so often that they became chummy. He took Mr. Taylor into his confidence and unbosomed himself and asked him to be

a brother to him. When the pair had been in Chleago a week and the traveler was about ready to move to Milwaukee, Mr. Saunders had turned drummer for a day to help his friend out. A man who ran a certain factory wanted to get his wife something unique in the way of a birthday present. Mr. Saunders had hapfriend, and if Mr. Taylor would accomonly too giad to do so, of course. He couldn't expect a rich man and a busy man to come to his hotel to took at

It was about S o'clock of an autumn evening when the pair set forth from was falling, and this was an excuse the looking at her she started. for putting up the windows. Taylor was fairly well acquainted with Chicago, but in that drive, which lasted an hour, he was all turned around.

When the vehicle finally stopped he alone, had a respectable exterior, and was admitted. They were greeted by the wealthy manufacturer himself, too closely. who was introduced as a Mr. Harmon, and they at once proceeded to the library to talk business. No servant or ganizing schemes, getting in other peothey lighted cigars, and then Mr. Har- is not prejudiced against Wilson. mon said:

the plan from the day Saunders en. the world. I am half in love with her. tered the store in New York, and it is needless to say we have spent considerable time and money up to date."

other in a puzzled way.

"But you will find this no joke," said its owner. Will you quietly hand it over or shall doing anything peculiar. we take possession of it after your death?"

bery?" You see, we are two to one and have to prove her so. will look at it in a sensible way."

rescals, and as they were on the point | 11. Last night revealed the thief. Sinof assaulting him he announced that gularly enough, it was Miss Ives who he would surrender the gems.

Saunders protested and threatened, the back parlor and was locked in. Pen minutes later he was alone in the house. They left him a pitcher of water, a good luncheon and a dozen ci-

had departed he began work on one of the panels of the door with his pocket. Pars. I looked at her astonished. kuife. It was a solid hardwood af-fair, and it was hours before he sufficlently weakened the panel so that he pould kick it out and squeeze through. It was just growing daylight when he left the house by a window, and he found himself a good four miles from his hotel. Before leaving the place he looked about and found that only the hall and parlor of the house had been furnished and very poorly at that.

erets of the business, but I must ten back staircase, where we come waten I heard nothing in the other toom -you that Mr. Taylor was no soft snap. the safe. Some one was working at it While he had no suspicious of Mr. —a man. He had a light, which was Saunders or his friend until too late, he shut off by a screen. We could see him had played the game that all diamond distinctly. salesmen are up to-that is, he was provided with a full stock of false gems. These were in a belt around him as he left the hotel, while the real the lock, he was turning the knob back gems were in a chamois bag in his and forth. He worked half an hour. coat tail pocket. A search would have Finally there was a click, and he openbrought them to light, of course, but ed the safe door. Taking out the boxes no search was made. M. QUAD.

#### Leaves From a Detective's Notebook

[Original]

We were a jolly house party at the country residence of my friend Colonel Peterson till a damper was cast upon the festivities by the announcement that one of the guests had lost a valuable diamond ring. There was not a servant in the house but had been in the family for years and thus far had been perfectly bonest. There was no evidence of the house having been entered from without. Everything pointannounced in a laughing way that he ed to a suspicion that some one of the guests was the thief.

As I had a fancy for amateur detective work. I asked the host to put the case in my hands. He did so, and I commenced my observations at once. pened to meet him and to suggest his All I asked of Colonel Peterson was to prevent any guest from leaving if he pany him to the house that evening he could possibly do so without making a would be sure of a sale amounting to scene. This he promised, but none of at least \$1,000. The traveler would be the guests would leave until the thief

was discovered. It is well known that detectives usually get their clews from observing minutiæ. I began a systematic entry in a notebook, a copy of which I give:

1. Saw Miss Ives come out of Miss the hotel in a carriage. A light rain Benton's room. When she discovered

2. Wilkins is feeing the servants more lavishly than is proper in the house of a host. Saw him hand the butler a silver dollar today.

3. Another gem missing. only saw that the house, which stood! 4. Hovey keeps the tip end of the forefinger of his right hand covered he followed Saunders up the steps and with kid. Keeps his nails well pared and says be cut the nail of this finger

5. Wilson is the man. I have just heard that his money was made in orany member of the family was to be ple's funds and selling out. So says seen. There was some general talk as Barker, but I am not sure that Barker

6. Miss Ives is very conscious every "Mr. Taylor, I am sorry to have time I look at her. Caught her whistroubled you to make this long ride, pering with Miss Martin, and when but I could not very well go to you they saw me they stopped and walked and carry out my plans. The idea away from each other. Wouldn't have to rob you of your gems. That was Miss Ives turn out to be the thief for at any other time. I reviewed all my

7. Another gem missing today. The colonel insists on all the jewels of his guests being placed in his safe. He "You seem inclined to joke," replied alone knows the combination. The jew-Taylor as he looked from one to the els were put in the safe this morning. each in a box marked by the name of

the man as he pulled a pistol from his 8. Have been approached by several pocket and rested it on his knee. "You persons today saying they suspect Miss have a belt containing a lot of valu- Ives. They declare she has been acting able gems strapped around your waist, queerly, but they have not caught her

9. Miss Ives came to me this evening, with tears in her eyes, to say that the "Look here, man!" exclaimed the guests all act as if they suspected her. salesman as he started up. "What sort She explains it all in this wise: She of a game is this? Is it a joke to test says that she left a hat pin in Miss my nerve or do you really mean rob- Burton's room and went for it. When she came out and saw me looking at "It's just this, my dear brother," her, remembering that any one of us is answered Saunders as he also produced limble to suspicion, she felt embarrassa revolver. "I brought you here to ed. She consulted Miss Martin to know be robbed. You are a good fellow, and what she ought to do, and Miss Martin I don't want to see you hurt, but we has been talking to the others, who must have those gems. You are not have caught a false impression. Poor armed and have no chance against us. Miss Ives is heartbroken over the mat-This house was hired on purpose to ter. I am thoroughly convinced that receive you and carry through this job. she is innocent. I would give my head

all the advantage, and I do hope you 10. Am watching Wilson like a hawk. He has a passion for jewelry and wears Taylor had lots of nerve and pluck, a great deal of it. The thefts having and for a few moments he defied the usually been committed at night, I am cellows. He was, however, soon made going to watch Wilson's bedroom door. to realize that they were desperate Fortunately it is directly opposite mine.

led the way to the discovery.

"That is good common sense," said About 12 midnight Wilson's door Saunders as he received them. "The opened cautiously, and I heard him loss does not fall upon you, but upon leave his room in his slippers. Slipping the house, which is well able to stand it. on a dressing gown, I followed him. Now, please be as sensible about the He went to the dining room and pext move. We have got your gems, straight for a drawer in the buffet but we need at least twenty-four hours' where the silverware is kept. He openstart. We shall lock you up in a closet ed the drawer and took out a spoon. and provide you with food, water and He then opened a door below and took digars, and by this time tomorrow out a bottle. He poured some liquor evening a man will come and set you tate a glass, put in some sugar with the spoon he had taken, poured in water, stirred the mixture and drank it. but in the end he entered the closet off He then went back to his room. I remained below till I heard his door shut.

I was greatly disappointed. Starting back to my chamber, I felt a touch on my shoulder. The gas, turned down, is kept burning in the As soon as he was satisfied that they dining room, and by its dim light I saw Miss Ives in loose gown and slip-

"One of the guests is at work at the safe," she said.

"You don't mean it!"

of the house on the floor above. At the end of a hall opposite where a stairtase goes to the floor above the safe is kept. I led the way up a front stair- a door which he left open, putting a case, and, going along the upper hall, finger on his lips to insure silence. we took position at the head of the

He was Hovey. Holding the tip of his forefinger (the finger he had kept covered) against of jewelry, he shut the safe and returned to his room. I sent Miss Ives to bed and awakened the colonel. Together we went to Hovey's room and found him getting ready to leave the house. He confessed. He had cut the tip of his finger to the blood vessels and could feel the tumblers fall.

Miss Ives is going to marry me. She says her love began with gratitude for the sympathy I gave her in her trouble. The colonel says it should have been with pity for my stupidity as a detec-MARY W. BLAKE.

I had just tumbled into bed after a about the room. She has only to take hard day's work among my patients up the receiver to get "Central" and inwhen there was a sharp ring at the telephone. I keep the instrument within reach of my pillow and seized the

"Doctor, my nurse is killing me. If ton don't"-

There was a click, and after that silence. I had been shut off. I rang and called "Helio!" and "Central!" at last getting a reply from "Central," of whom I asked with whom I had been office couldn't tell me.

I was too much discomposed to lie in tients being murdered by a nurse whom | The senator has half a dozen friends I had recommended (I recommend all who can always be depended upon to the nurses employed in my cases), so make up a table. I got up, lighted the gas and waited, hoping for another call. The voice was | Pa., is the oldest justice of the peace in more like that of a woman than a man, that state, having been first commisbut what woman I could not tell. I sioned by Lincoln. He is ninety years have a large practice and so many pa- of age and wears summer raiment all tients that it would be considerable of the year. an effort to go over the list with a view to studying probabilities. I gradually subsided to the opinion that there had been some mistake in the call and endeavored to dismiss the matter from my mind. After an hour's waiting I that city. turned in again and finally fell asleep.

I awoke before daylight and lay thinking over the matter of my strange telephone message. At that hour, when one is rested after a night's sleep and all is yet quiet, the brain is clearer than patients, but not one of them was likely to have cause to be dissatisfied with her nurse. Patients sometimes turn against their nurses for some reason, usually because the nurse chooses to become domineering. I was forced to the opinion that this was one of those cases and resolved in my round of visits that day to keep my eyes open with

I breakfasted and started earlier than usual, proposing to spend additional time in discovering who had called me. Nevertheless, though I was extremely watchful, I failed to detect the slightest discord between any of

my patients and the nurse in charge. During the night the telephone bell rang. I put the receiver to my ear, and a voice was saying, "Doctor, doctor, doctor," pitifully. "Well," I said, nurse is killing me!" There was a click and no more words, nor did I succeed in getting the voice again.

I made up my mind the next day to interview every woman patient of mine without her nurse being present. Wherever I called I sent the nurse out of the room and asked the patient if she was satisfied with her attendant. All of them answered in the affirmative except one or two, who, though they were not especially pleased with their attendants, were not disposed to change them. None of them intimated that her nurse was ill treating or killing her. I aged with my investigation. The next day, of twelve nurses I had asked to published in this country. leave the room while I interviewed the patient they attended, seven asked to be relieved of their duties. As every doctor needs good nurses, I was very much troubled. I asked them all to remain at their posts till I could explain my action, and I then went to a detective office, related the circumstance and asked if they had a man who would ferret out the case. One of their number was assigned the duty, and I dismissed the matter from my mind.

I was not called up again by the mysterious patient, but I learned aft erward that the detective left instructions with the central office whenever I was called to call him first. If the and that the plant is healthier when call was not unusual I was then called. Two days after my visit to the detective office I received a note that if the next night I should go to a housoccupied by a gentleman whose fam-Hy physician I had once been I would receive an explanation of my singular "I heard a footstep and followed it. calls, Before going to bed I went to the house in question, where I met the We both stole softly to a rear part detective. He took me upstairs to a bedroom and there left me, and I hears him carry something into a room ad joining. This done, he came in through

We sat for a time without speaking.

cept a grating as of something against metal. Suddenly there was a click. It was the raising of a telephone receiver, and a cracked voice said, "I want Dr. Scarborough." Since I am the doctor referred to I was somewhat astonished, The call for Dr. Scarborough was repented (it occurred to me that "Central" was asking for the number) till at last I heard a ring and then: "Doctor, doctor, my nurse is killing me! If you don't take her away I shall die!" This in part was repeated several times. Then there was a click. The detective went into the adjoining room and called on me to follow.

After that the parrot was kept away from the telephone. F. A. MITCHEL SIRES AND SONS.

William Travers Jerome spends his dle moments making electrical clocks, Commander Peary says of north pole chasing that "it is full of the pleasure in communication; but the girl at the of anticipation unmarred by the disappointment of realization."

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Squire B. H. Guildin of Pottsville,

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Congressman Benjamin P. Birdsall, who succeeds Speaker Henderson from the Third Iowa district, will be a notable addition to Washington literary circles, for he is a student of literary subjects and a book lover.

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Senator McCreary of Kentucky and Senator Stone of Missouri were born in the same great old Blue Grass county. Regular Price, Daily \$3.00 per Year. Madison, which is still McCreary's home. Both have been governors of their states, and they took their oaths

as senators on the same day last March. William Collins of Albion, N. Y., who assisted in the capture of John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoin, has become insane and is confined in a lunatic asylum. He is the last survivor but one of the party of twenty-five that started out from Washingwhereupon the voice continued, "My ton in pursuit of Booth after the trag-

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