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Ransom's Plans Mislaid
By MORRIS SCHULTZ

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RANSOM had quite determined to kill himself, and he was not acting under the pressure of impulse. He was simply tired of living. Quite calmly and deliberately he made his arrangements.

The only thing he had had to hold him to life for years past had been his infatuation for Claire Richmond, the beautiful actress. Claire was as cold as she was prudent. She posed as one whose mission it was to elevate the tone of the stage. No breath of scandal had ever tarnished her name.

She certainly had treated Ransom badly. For two years he had wooed her, and she had lunged, deliberately. Ransom had plenty of money; but in the end she decided that he would not do. When Claire married she meant to get a man who could give her professional and social advancement.

The cold, deliberate way in which she finally discarded him filled him with a bitter hatred against the beautiful actress. True, she still represented the unattainable in his eyes. Without her he still felt life to be valueless. But his great longing was mingled with a great hate, and a resolve to drag her down with him, to be avenged in death.

He knew that he could strike her only through her reputation, that she had so carefully built up as a business asset—her reputation for moral integrity. Once that was gone, Claire Richmond was finished. And that was what he meant to destroy.

He planned to commit suicide in her apartment.

He had not been there, had not seen her for months, but he had once had a key made—secretly, with the feeling that it gave him a more intimate relationship with her. Of course Claire had not known when he purchased her key for a few hours. It had been a foolish act, but he still had the key. He could turn it to good account. Easy to slip in one evening when Claire was at the theater. He would telephone night after night—that would arouse no suspicion, for people were always ringing up Claire night after night—until the maid failed to answer. Then he would know that the apartment was empty. Claire would come back and find him dead. Ransom chuckled over the scandal that would follow.

He telephoned only twice before the night arrived on which he obtained no answer. He went up to the apartment house, unlocked the door, entered the hallway, and walked up the stairs. Claire's apartment was on the seventh floor. He opened the door.

How strange it was to find himself alone in her apartment! For a few moments the old, desperate longing for her overcame him again. There was the old sense of personal intimacy in the sight of her belongings, her books, the little articles of adornment, the photographs of celebrities. He sat down in the large, rooney chair in the living-room. He remained absorbed in thought for a long time, but he never repented of his decision. He chuckled as he thought of Claire's approaching downfall.

But the sound of a key in the lock at an early hour startled him. It was the maid returning. Hastily he concealed himself in a large closet. Through the crack of this he saw the girl enter the room, look about her, touch a few things, and go out again.

She had gone to bed. Good! Ransom drew the little phial from his pocket. That meant death in three minutes. But he must swallow it as Claire came along the passage—there must just be time to let her know what he had done. He must have the gratification of seeing his revenge before he died.

And mentally he pictured Claire's astonishment, her terror; then he saw himself lying dead on the floor, the police called in. And he pictured all the scandal of the next day, the large newspaper headlines, the public, sulging over the downfall of their idol.

She was coming. Hastily he uncorked the phial, raised it to his lips, and swallowed the contents. The slightly bitter taste was not unpleasant. He rose to his feet.

The poison was very strong, for already a mist was swimming before his eyes. Now she was in the room. He saw her unsteadily; and in a few bitter words he blurted out the tale of his revenge.

The mists cleared for a moment. This was not Claire. Who was she? Dimly there filtered into his mind the knowledge that he had been cheated somehow. What was she saying? He heard and understood as he collapsed in death.

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Edwin H. Miller, and Edward C. Miller, and Ada W. F. Miller, his Wife—
Plaintiffs
vs.
Lewis O. Welch, Ida Crow, and A. Kunkle; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein—
Defendants.
To Lewis O. Welch, Ida Crow, and A. Kunkle; also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants:
IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON, you and each of you are hereby required to appear and answer plaintiffs' complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons upon you, and if you fail to so appear or answer, for want thereof, the plaintiffs will apply to the above entitled court for the relief prayed for in their complaint, to-wit: For a decree that the title to the South half of Section four (4) in Township one (1) South, Range twenty-six (26) East of Willamette Meridian, be quieted; that the plaintiffs be adjudged to be the owners in fee simple thereof; that you and each of you be forever barred from claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest therein, and for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable.
This summons is published upon you in the Heppner Herald once a week for six successive weeks pursuant to an order of Hon. Wm. T. Campbell, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, which order is dated May 10th, 1923, and the date of the first publication of the summons is May 15th, 1923.
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NOT MUCH CHANGE IN WORLD
Recent Finds in England Show That Ancients Had Knowledge of Things We Call Modern.
When the Romans were in Britain they drove one of their firm, well-paved, lasting roads diagonally right across England from the Kentish coast to the Dee, taking in London on its way.
That sea-to-sea thoroughfare was a busy scene 1,800 years ago. Civilization gathered along it. Now the road is being excavated and widened or remade as one of the great motor roads, and the digging that is going on, as nearly 2,000 men labor to give the old route a new life, reveals some curious proofs of how little change has taken place in some of the habits of the people.
In that far-off time, for instance, near Southfleet in Kent, a little Roman or British girl became the proud possessor of a cup on which her name was scratched, AMADA. How it came to be buried whole nobody can say, but buried it was, for it has been unearthed by the workers who are widening old Watling street.
Many other relics are being brought to light. Fragments of pottery, whole vessels like Amada's cup, some with the potter's name impressed on them, querns, or hand mills, for grinding corn, terra-cotta lamps, bronze pins, and coins.
At Dartford a bronze brooch has been found in such a perfect state of preservation that after 1,800 years it could be used today for its original purpose. The point of the pin falls into a socket, as with a modern safety-pin, and shows that our ways and those of our forefathers are very near.
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