Astonishing and Tragic Fates of the "Death Beauty's" Ardent Lovers

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characters, with the setting of the fired! Yet, such was the train of trag- stage in Hoisington, where life was After the funeral, Hoisington folk ordinary of events.

Being out of town the most of so he quietly and unobtrusively made his time, Luther was forced to a sudden departure from there, neighbors afterwards declared that, the path to oblivion. leave gay, pleasure loving Helene never to return. He settled in analone, to find what amusement she other town many miles away and do, and from among the plentiful lives were touched by the same inmoths which fluttered about her explicable influence, which seared flame, she selected Morton James as the lives of both. the most eligible and the most ap- Helene soon recovered from the

responded quickly to Helene's blandishments and soon the two began to be seen together over the town, at in her deceitful heart. church socials, at husking bees, at She invited a man to visit her at quilting parties, and all the rest of her home one evening, to have sup-

the social affairs which constituted Hoisington's social life.

Gossipy tongues shortly began to wag, but mutually absorbed in each other, the couple paid no heed, continuing to enjoy their mad infatuation. That their friendship was platonic or pure is for the reader to device for himself, the attempt is bereits. cide for himself—no attempt is here made so to present the matter.

Both were normal, healthy, young folk, and they lived in a world free of binding restrictions and conven-tions. This much was discovered: they were together at all hours of the day and night.

With Luther away for days at a time, it was natural that Morton should gradually grow into the habit of spending an occasional night at Luther's home, perhaps to keep the Helene company-

All such affairs can last for only so long, which is perhaps why Luther finally became aware of this liaison. As a result, he said nothing to Helene, but one night when he was to take his regular train out of Hoisington, he obtained leave from the porters' headquarters and remained in Hoisington after the train pulled out of the little station.

Late that night, having stayed in hiding after the train had left, he wended his way through the dark streets of the town to his home, there softly letting himself in with his key. And there he found Helene and Morton together in his bedroom, both sound asleep, with arms about each other.

Luther then proved the depths of his love for Helene, for, without awakening the illicit lovers, he quiet-ly felt his way into the hallway to the trunk standing there, extract-ing from its depths his special revolver. Instead of returning to the bedroom and there killing both of the sleeping lovers, Luther stood there taking his last fare for a moment, well gaze at the features he loved

so quiet that one could hardly ever were so outraged over this affair that imagine anything except the most Morton could not stand their contemptuous, cool bearing toward him, Being out of town the most of so he quietly and unobtrusively made This she promptly decided to never again saw Helene. Yet, their

pealing to her peculiar desires as shock of the startling death of her to masculine perfection.

Nothing loath to be thus accepted as the favored of them all. Morton as the favored of the favored of the favored of the favored as the favored of the fav as the favored of them all, Morton Alone now, with Luther dead and Morton gone, she tried to find another male to fill the vacant place

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Upon preparing to take his leave, he stopped on the porch to kiss Helene good-night and, as she turned back into the house, there was a loud crackling and the porch roof fell, carrying to the ground with it the lifeless body of the recent visitor!

Gossip and speculation again arose nd for weeks ugly rumor was rife until Helene thought she could not stand it. Several times she prepared to leave the town and start her life elsewhere, but she remained in Hoisington. Finally, her gay nature was un able longer to stand the enforced idleness, she began an affair with the barber of the town. Was it co-incidence that, soon after he had incidence that, soon after he had left her house one night, he should step into the street to be struck by a passing car, which im-mediately disappeared and was never found?

The good folk of Hoisington could never swallow this latest tragedy as one of those occurrences which are again bound to happen; and talked and talked, and Helene again went into seclusion for a few weeks. After it seemed that she was this

time determined to stay in her house and not partake again of any clan-destine love affairs, mysterious things began to happen about the house. Pirst it was the milk curdling each night in the leebox, although the neighbors had no similar trouble, though all the milk came from the same dairy. People wondered about this, and Helene, too, could not under-stand it. And then her dog died from no apparent cause. He was

just found stiff one morning, froth at his mouth. A day later, the cat was dead, lying in the backyard.

Helene was virtually an outcast now, with the good folk of the town afraid even to speak to her. There was something inexplicable going on and they, unable to explain it, were afraid to name it!

One night, the next door neighbor was aroused in the middle of the night by a frantic Helene, in her night clothes with hair streaming in the night breeze, who came pound-ing on the door. Upon inquiry she ing on the door. related a weird tale of how she had heard a heavy body moving around in the house and of the curtains being raised and lowered, although

she could see no one.

Arising, she said, and lighting a match, she saw the lid of the trunk in the hall was opened, as if some one had been looking in it for some-thing. Going closer to look, as she stood there, the lid slowly closed, thing. Going closer to look, as are stood there, the lid slowly closed, without making a bit of noise, as if

lowered by an unseen hand.

Opening her terrified mouth to scream, she said, she was seized by a clutch at her throat which left her checking and gasping. Upon being released by this ghostly hand, she fled to the neighbors and, sure enough, upon her shapely throat, were finger marks marring her beau-

Bravely, she returned to live in the house a few days later, and there, exactly two months after Luther's death, neighbors heard a shot in the night, and, breaking in the front

neighbors stood huddled together roaded to prison.

After his rel trunk opened and, after a pause, lowered again.

ecrie laugh of an unearthly tone, came back and reported to home and they solemnly declared that it folk that he had seen James, who was the ghost of Luther Martin was a physical and mental wreck, laughing at the body of the girl who He said that James did not even

ington, he had entered into business him away in th in his new home, and there, four rest of his day months after Luther's death, he stood one night and saw flames cat up every cent he had invested in the business. The fire chief's report stated that the fire was from some "un-

James—first a broken arm from a the influence of some unseen "ghost-fail on the street, then a blow on ly" visitor who terrifed her days and the head from a flower box which fell from an apartment window as fear; that caused James to end his he was passing beneath. After his days in an insane asylum, release from the hospital, he found that thieves had stolen all of his tell you that the ghost of Luther clothing and the little remaining Martin came back to haunt the lovers cash that he had locked up in his to their untimely deaths and inbureau drawer. Then, as if these sanity.

triangle set up by three unwitting zie of the gun to his temple and body of Helene, lying in the hall rested on a burglary charge of which by the trunk, a bullet hole in her he was innocent and, unable to forehead. And, as the frightened prove his innocence, he was rail-

After his release from prison, James was a marked man and from

as they passed fumultuously through A man from Hoisington, visiting the front door, they could hear an the town where James was living, lay there lifeless upon the floor.

Morton James, in his new home far up to him and asked in a quaveraway from Holsington, thought himing tone for a dime to buy a sand-

And so James went down, from him away in the asylum to spend the

What caused all this tragedy in the lives of these people no one has been able to tell. Something must have been behind it all: to cause Luther to kill himself over his grief at losnown cause."

A series of misfortunes followed Helene to shoot herself because of

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