

own face into Hardy's, working with an intricate arrangement of mirrors which we found in the clinic. By his own secret process, he whitened the whole of his skin, then he changed the shape of his nose, let his hair grow and straightened it to resemble Hardy's, and then adopted a pair of horn-rimmed glasses. In the two months that it took for his scars to heal and for the transformation to be complete, he practiced Hardy's voice and mannerisms, and I see, by

scraps of paper I found, that he practiced Hardy's handwriting also. And right there was where he slipped up. "In all those two months he never left his private back section except for the meals which Miss Brandon prepared for him. Last night, when Louis was supposed to return, was the time for the climax of his scheme. The idea of waiting for Louis to come back was simply in order to cast more suspicion upon him. "Last night he must have dressed

in Hardy's clothes and gotten his revolver ready before he brought Hardy back to consciousness. And no sooner than Hardy had come back to his senses, Brown fired two shots into his chest and then fled out into the street. Miss Brandon, coming downstairs hurriedly, saw him running through the door, brushing against it and getting that tell-tale smear on his coat. She rushed back to the private clinic and found Hardy crawling forth not quite dead but quite far gone. Of course she recognized the man as Brown at once. Hardy made one last supreme effort to tell her who he really was before he died. He pointed to himself and cried "Hardy" but of course, Miss Brandon could not have been expected to understand what he was trying to explain, and an instant later, was dead. The housekeeper, seeing that he was a colored man, and that he looked exactly like Brown, accepted him unquestionably, as we all did.

"Then Dr. Louis arrived, not really knowing anything about the murder but fearful that the police were here to take him away on charges of blackmail. Then when Hardy—who was really Dr. Brown—came in, none of us thought of questioning his identity until he made his one fatal slip. He had evidently gotten Hardy's car from where he had stored it two months ago, and had driven up just as though he were returning from his vacation.

"He told us quite candidly the whole story of Dr. Brown's work,

knowing that he had practically nothing to fear. His story that Dr. Brown had been grateful to him for bringing him to his senses was told simply to justify the doctor's queer bequest in his will. That seemed to me about the weakest part of the whole business. And then Brown, still acting as Hardy, told us that Louis had been responsible for the blackmailing, attempting to imply that Louis was the murderer. It must have been fun for Brown—standing there behind Hardy's face and arguing about who had killed himself!"

What was the clue which led to Brown's detection by Frazier? In next week's concluding installment, Frazier finishes his explanation. Don't miss it.

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