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The Unlatched Door

"He was murdered. That's how." "Murdered!" Milvers tried to sit up but fell back helplessly in the bed. "Is—is that why you're here—why there's been a rozzler sitting by me all the time?" "That's why." "But I don't know anything about it. He was alive when I went out and I never saw him afterwards!" His agitation threatened to deprive him of speech. "All right, all right! I'm not accusing you of anything!" said the inspector quickly. "Try to answer my questions, and if you're telling the truth you'll be safe. What time was it when you went out—by the street clock?" "Nearly 10 to 11." "Where did you go?" "Streatham." "Streatham! What for?" "The gov'nor sent me. I had to deliver some letters?" "Had he been writing letters?" "I don't know if there was one from him among them, but they looked like old ones. He was putting them in a big envelope when I went in to answer to the bell. He told me to take the packet and shove it through the letter-box where it was addressed and come back." "What was the address?" Milvers knit his brow in the effort to remember. "Name of Winterton, some number I don't remember, Chaters Road," he said slowly. A nurse came in, gave one look at the patient and hurried to the bed. "You must go," she said. "He has talked too much already!" Inspector Kenway did not agree with her but, all the same, he went. He was anxious to get to Streatham. Borden had sent a packet of old letters to this Mr. Winterton with whom he had quarrelled—and, according to witnesses at the Boldovina, the quarrel had begun with Winterton's wife! Had he been on the wrong track all the time? Was it Mrs. Winterton he should have been concerning himself with?

Instead of the other girl? Was she the woman whose shoes left that fragmentary print on the fallen plaster—and, if so, where had her husband been? Here were fresh possibilities, indeed! It was with a seething mind that he set out for Streatham.

CHAPTER SEVENTEEN

Inspector Kenway was to have his wish gratified in at least one respect when he called on Martin Winterton. Not only was he to see the master of the house, but his wife and the "lady visitor" in whom the detective had been feeling so much interest, that had been decided over lunch when Martin announced, with an air of studied calm, that the Inspector was coming to interview him at five that evening. Barbara had seen Nancy start at the news and an expression of apprehension came into her face, and had noted the tremble in her voice as she asked: "What is he coming for? Why does he want to see you, Martin?" and the obvious effort at reassurance in the reply. "Simply to get confirmation of what Roy Hemersley told him about his relations with Borden and the difficulties which arose with the bank through my knowledge of Borden's past. Inspector Kenway told me that much." "But why come to you?" "It's quite natural that he should—and harmless. The police seem to have been making inquiries as to what happened at the Boldovina that evening; the writers told them of the disturbance Borden made and Hemersley had already told me that he had given my name in connexion with it. I suppose they want to make sure he was telling the truth." "Does that mean they suspect Roy?" asked Barbara. "I don't see why they should, but the inspector didn't say anything about that. He wouldn't over the phone, anyhow. No doubt I shall know more of what he is thinking when I've seen him." "Are you going to see him alone?" Nancy asked. "I suppose so. I'll take him into the den." "Couldn't I—couldn't he come in here, Martin? It will be tea time. We could offer him a cup. I should like to be with you—to hear what he has to say—what ever it is." "So should I!" said Barbara eagerly. "Do have him in here, Martin! It will be so—exciting—to watch a flesh and blood detective at work, after reading so much about imaginary ones. And you can always take him into the den if he wants to get you by yourself and—give you the third degree!" She saw Martin wince and thought he must have been offended by her flippancy; or was it something else? He was looking worried and harassed, as if this visit from the Inspector was troubling him. She wondered if she was imagining that—seeing in Martin a kind of reflection of what she was feeling herself. She made a conscious effort to control her features so that her face should show nothing but ingenious in-

terest in the exciting prospect of meeting a detective in real life. Martin hesitated, looking from Barbara to his wife; then with what struck Barbara as a gesture of genuine relief, he said: "All right. We will have him to tea if he's willing, but I don't suppose he will have anything exciting or mysterious to discuss. I don't see how he can have."

He was looking directly at Nancy as he spoke. It was almost as if he were trying to reassure her, Barbara thought—but what need could there be for that? She told herself again that she was imagining things, attributing to her friends some reflection of the fears which so persistently haunted her.

As the subject dropped and the conversation changed, she lapsed into silence, giving herself up to the endless, hopeless consideration of her own horrifying position, which seemed by now to have been going on and on for untold time. **To be continued**

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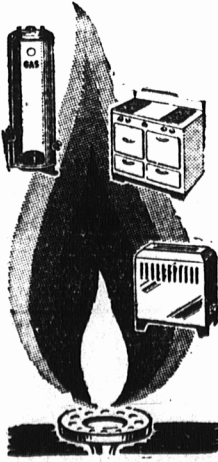
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