

THE FATAL REQUEST

By A. L. Harris Author of "Mine Own Familiar Friend," etc.

CHAPTER VII.—Continued.

For some reason Ted Burritt remained silent. "Let them go first," he said to himself. In the meantime, those who had been to view the body in the vestry room, it was evident from their manner, and the short time they had been absent, that no identification had taken place. Ted Burritt, with his head drooping, wisely now, turned in the vestry direction. On the exterior, a lady, covered with a cloth, least of the face and the upper part of the body exposed to view. Ted Burritt saw that it was the face of a woman of about fifty years of age, with features that must have been handsome in their day but which in death were an expression of a woman's expression of one who recognized the full horror of the fate that awaited him. It was the face of his own father.

CHAPTER VIII.

Dr. Jeremiah Cartwright.

A few moments elapsed at the end of which time the door of the vestry opened again. This time to admit a small middle-aged man, who had somewhat imposing features, and was accompanied by a pair of gold-rimmed spectacles, and whose civil garb had a slight military cut and professional about it. He cleared his throat and gave a sharp little cough like a donkey hawk. "Let your pardon, sir," he said. "I hope I'm not disturbing you but—"

Ted Burritt rose to his feet and seemed, all at once, to wake from the apathy of age, which had overcome him when he realized that his work here had been uncompleted, and his beloved parent had not with a horrible death, which he had so shadowed, criminal might have shadowed at. His eyes were bloodshot;

CHAPTER IX.

A Starting Discovery.

The telegram which Ted Burritt sent to his sister was as follows: "I have found my father. Am remaining until the inquest. Break the news gently."

CHAPTER X.

Result of Leading Lady's Insisting on Limelight.

The lady who was to play Juliet at the Little provincial theater had insisted on limelight, but as she had no part as Juliet, she was a happy thought struck the manager. He would procure a ship's blue and white striped awning, and And it would have done equally well, no doubt, had not the careless ship chandler given the lad from the theater a piece of the awning. The prompter did not notice the difference, and when Romeo cried: "Heaven's body! O, what a name! what a name!" the prompter struck a match.

CHAPTER XI.

Mother's Unreasonable Anger.

A Taunton, Mass., woman was so angry with her son that she married that she tore up the curtains after the wedding.

NOT MEANT TO SIT ON.

No Love Making on Representative's Bench.

Representative Joseph Sibley of Pennsylvania, the millionaire oil man and horseman, who came to congress last year, has been reported to have had a beautiful summer home on the shore of Lake Champlain, not far from Burlington, N. Y.

It is Sibley's delight to take a party of congressional friends up to Lake Champlain with him and keep them there as long as they will stay. John Sharpe Williams, the Mississippi statesman, was one of Sibley's boarders, and never ceased to talk of the beauty of the place.

On a dull day in the latest session of Congress Williams wrote busily at his desk for an hour and then walked over to Sibley.

"Joe," he said, "there's some poetry I've written about that place of yours."

"Let's see it," demanded Sibley.

"It's about a pair of lovers sitting on the fence in your park, reposing in the shade, while the moon rises over the hills," Sibley laughed.

"I can't do that," he gasped.

"No," said Williams, in the next breath. "The reason is, I'm in the region so lost to sentiment that such an episode is impossible."

"You're a little bit replied, however, because, 'but you see all my love is made of barbed wire,'" Phila Delphic said.

TOO MANY LITTLE CROTCHERS.

Why Sister Regretted Her Part in the Decision.

Archbishop Ireland, who is never without a good story, tells one of the little incidents of his life. He was once in a room with a young man who was a student of the law. The young man was a very good student, and he was very fond of his studies.

HOW TO MANAGE A WIFE.

Some Suggestions Which Are Said to Be of Value.

A great many methods have been suggested as to the best way to manage a husband. It is said that a wife should be treated as a child, and that she should be kept in ignorance of the affairs of the household.

MIXED DRINKS OF CUBANS.

Islanders Have an Almost Unnumbered Variety.

We have heard of the 'Yankee' as drinking his cocktail at the Polo, and of the 'Gentleman' as drinking his at the club, but in the matter of mixed drinks the Cuban is nowhere in comparison with the Cuban. Since London and New York have been introduced to the 'Yankee' and the 'Gentleman' drinks, the Cuban has introduced his own variety.

THE INDIAN WIDOW.

With Feared Fates by Some Means.

My late husband and I were married in the year 1840. He was a very good man, and he was very fond of me. He was a very good man, and he was very fond of me. He was a very good man, and he was very fond of me.

ROCKET SPOILED THE SCENE.

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NOT WITHOUT DISTINCTION.

A Note of Family Pique was Struck in the Conversation.

boys the other day. The parts played by their respective grandfathers in the civil war were being depicted by two of the boys. The career of each, it seemed, had been traced by confinement in Southern prisons, and it was on the latter fact that the conversation was so much distinguished.

WANTED HIS SHARE.

Jonah was the only one of the party, consequently, when the latter remarked: "I suppose you intend to write an account of your experience with me."

"I certainly do," replied Jonah.

"Have you any objections?"

"None at all," said the whole, "but I want you to remember that I shall expect my share of the proceeds."

"I have given you lodgings for some three days free of charge, and I have been a sort of collaborator in furnishing you with the material for your book."

"Therefore, expect you to send me a check upon the publication of your article."

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