

The Scarlet Bat. A Thrilling Mystery.

Author of "The Mystery of a Hansom Cab."

CHAPTER XV. (Continued.) A Strange Disappearance. "Ah, I thank you. I will not keep you any longer. I suppose," added Eustace, with some hesitation—"I suppose it is impossible for me to see Miss Starch?"

CHAPTER XV. (Continued.) A Strange Disappearance

"Ah, I thank you. I will not keep you any longer. I suppose," added Eustace, with some hesitation—"I suppose it is impossible for me to see Miss Starch?"

"The next morning Eustace, having had a bad night, slept well into the middle of the day. Then he had a cold bath, and having cooked his own breakfast sat down to it, somewhere about 10 o'clock. He was still worried, but ate well, and had a half a mind to go before him. But just as he was pouring out his second cup of coffee he became aware that some one was looking at him through the window. To his surprise, he saw the arch and piquant face of Fairy Fan. With a sudden start he rose and went to the door. There she was in the most dainty of costumes, looking amused at his astonishment.

"You asked me to come, so I have come," she said, stepping into the house without being asked. "I hope you don't mind my taking you by surprise in this way."

"Oh, not at all," said Eustace, mechanically, and led the way to his sitting-room, wondering what ill wind had blown her thither. "But I wish you had given me notice of your coming."

"Miss Berry—as she chose to be called—plunged into a seat, and cast an eye over the untidy table. "You didn't want to be found at breakfast so late," she said, smiling. "I thought you were an early riser."

"I had a bad night," said Eustace, shortly. "I selected a cigarette from a box near at hand, and lighted it. "I don't wonder at that," she said through a cloud of blue smoke. "If you will analyze criminals with a cold, you expect?"

GIRL KIDNAPPED BY HER MOTHER?

Little Child Adopted by Mrs. Wilhelmina Reiss Seized by a Woman Supposed to Be Her Parent.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Reiss, of No. 33 Greenwich street, reported to Magistrate Finn in the Tombs Court to-day that Minnie, her six-year-old adopted child, had been kidnaped yesterday afternoon by its own mother.

Mrs. Reiss had been subpoenaed to court in another matter and asked to be excused in order to hunt for the missing child. She had adopted the little girl five years ago and has not seen its mother since then. While the child was going home from St. Peter's School on Barclay street yesterday afternoon a woman seized her and hurried away.

Several children who saw the child carried off described the woman to Mrs. Reiss, and from this description she believes that it was the mother. Magistrate Finn advised the foster mother to report the disappearance to Police Headquarters.

HOTEL GUESTS FIND BODY OF WOMAN ON BEACH.

No Clue to Identity Save Wedding Ring—in Water About Two Months.

The body of an unidentified woman was washed ashore at South Beach, S. I., to-day. It was badly decomposed.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

HECHT BROS.

259-261 Sixth Ave. FRIDAY--THE DAY OF EXCEPTIONAL VALUES.

Just such items as these change Friday from the dull to one of the busiest days of the week. We know how we have encouraged great expectations, but we're equal to all demands. There are exceptional values in everything man, woman or child wears, with some of the chief attractions here enumerated.

Ladies' Tailored Suits, \$5.00.

A lot of Ladies' Tailor-Made Suits of All-Wool Cheviots; tight-fitting coats; Black or Blue; sizes 32, 34 and 36; reduced from \$12.50 to \$5.00.

\$3 Brilliantine Walk-Ladies' Dresses and Wrappers.

Tailor-made Brilliantine Walking Skirts of high lustrous fabric; 9-gored, plain or striped; Black, Blue and Brown; reduced from \$3 to \$1.90.

Great Waist Bargains.

Japanese Silk Waists; superior quality; lace inserting; White or Black; reduced from \$3 to \$1.85.

\$8.50 Coats, \$4.45.

Stylish Covert Coats; fly front or box effects; some lined throughout with satin; sizes 32 to 40; reduced from \$8.50 to \$4.45.

The Men's \$10 and \$12.50 Suits, \$6.

Fifty Men's Single-Breasted Suits, of Cheviots and Cassimeres; all sizes; reduced from \$10 and \$12.50 to \$6.

AMUSEMENTS.

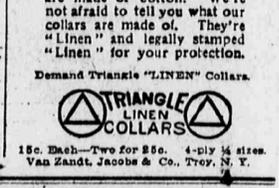
NATIONAL THEATRE REALIZED. HIPPODROME. Management Thompson & Dundas. A MARVELLOUS SHOW IN THE WORLD'S GREATEST PLAYHOUSE.

CASTORIA

For Infants and Children. The Kind You Have Always Bought Bears the Signature of J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.



Manufacturers of cotton collars fear to tell you that their collars are made of cotton. We're not afraid to tell you what our collars are made of. They're "Linen" and legally stamped "Linen" for your protection.



Manufacturers of cotton collars fear to tell you that their collars are made of cotton. We're not afraid to tell you what our collars are made of. They're "Linen" and legally stamped "Linen" for your protection.

JAMES McCREERY & CO.

Sale of Men's Cravats. On May the 12th. 100 dozen,—imported silk Cravats, Large, English Squares. Self figured, handsome weaves,—in light, medium and deep shades.

Colors include,—tans, mode, lavender, reseda, browns and greys. 65c. each. Value, 1.50 to 2.50.

LUDWIG BAUMANN & CO.

West 125th St., near 7th Ave. HARLEM WEST 125th St. Some Remarkable Values. Compare Them with Those That Others Offer to Gauge More Clearly the Great Savings Possible Here.



And keep in mind, too, the fact that this big store HAS the largest and prettiest assortments of thoroughly reliable Home Outfittings to be seen anywhere. Most every home furnishing concern makes similar claims, it is true, but warrantably, you'll agree with us after an inspection of our colossal displays.

Liberal Credit if Desired. Open Sat. Evenings.

\$1.98 for \$5.00 Reed Rockers, of pretty roll design.

\$2.89 for \$4.75 Reed Rockers, one full roll.

\$3.95 for \$6.00 Reed Rockers, rich design, full roll, fancy skirt.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

Stern Brothers To-morrow Sale of Satin Taffeta Ribbon

5 1/4 inches wide, in White, Black and the Latest Spring Colorings. Regular value 32c yard 25c

Attention is directed to their greatly increased facilities for the Storage of Furs, Fur Garments, Oriental Rugs, Draperies and Hangings

Alterations and Repairs made during the Spring and Summer AT MUCH LESS THAN REGULAR RATES. Articles Called for on Request.

Women's Shoes for Summer Wear

WALKING PUMPS, TOGA and OXFORD TIES IN WHITE CANVAS, WHITE BUCKSKIN, TAN and BLACK RUSSIA CALF, CHAMPAGNE and BROWN KID and PATENT LEATHER.

ALSO WHITE CANVAS HAND-EMBROIDERED GIBSON TIES TO MATCH LINGERIE COSTUMES.

West Twenty-third Street

JAMES McCREERY & CO.

Sale of Men's Cravats. On May the 12th. 100 dozen,—imported silk Cravats, Large, English Squares. Self figured, handsome weaves,—in light, medium and deep shades.

Colors include,—tans, mode, lavender, reseda, browns and greys. 65c. each. Value, 1.50 to 2.50.

Twenty-third Street.

LUDWIG BAUMANN & CO.

West 125th St., near 7th Ave. HARLEM WEST 125th St. Some Remarkable Values. Compare Them with Those That Others Offer to Gauge More Clearly the Great Savings Possible Here.



And keep in mind, too, the fact that this big store HAS the largest and prettiest assortments of thoroughly reliable Home Outfittings to be seen anywhere. Most every home furnishing concern makes similar claims, it is true, but warrantably, you'll agree with us after an inspection of our colossal displays.

Liberal Credit if Desired. Open Sat. Evenings.

\$1.98 for \$5.00 Reed Rockers, of pretty roll design.

\$2.89 for \$4.75 Reed Rockers, one full roll.

\$3.95 for \$6.00 Reed Rockers, rich design, full roll, fancy skirt.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

\$16.93 for these \$25 All-Brass Beds, with 2-inch posts, 2 3/4-inch yokes, bow foot finely lacquered, etc. Choice any size.

H.O'Neill & Co

3,000 Pairs Women's Highest Grade Imported Lisle Thread Hose, Regular \$1.00 and \$1.50 Values, at 50c Per Pair.

Novelties of the highest order, just in time for the warm weather. Serviceable, cool, thin as tissue, made in all the desirable shades and weaves. Assortments are complete, and this is an opportunity to procure high-grade Hosiery at much below the actual cost, which particular women will appreciate.

They will be placed on sale to-morrow (Friday) morning at Hosiery department—first floor, \$1.00 and \$1.50 hose at 50c. the pair.

Tapering Waist. R & G Corsets.

They vary the old "straight front" model to the Tapering shapeliness and the defined waist line according to the latest Fashion law. Made in several styles, in high and low busts.

PRICES \$1.00 to \$3.00 Every pair guaranteed in fit, comfort and long wear.



The Celebrated "Edwin C. Burt" SHOE.

The New Spring Styles in Shoes and Oxfords FOR WOMEN..... \$3.50 FOR MISSES sizes 11 to 2..... \$2.50 FOR CHILDREN sizes 8 1/2 to 10 1/2..... \$2.00

Automobile Apparel for Men and Women. Prices Less Than Elsewhere. Rubber Coats..... \$3.95 upward Leather Coats..... \$5.00 upward Goggles..... 50c. upward Caps..... \$1.50 upward Dusters..... \$2.00 upward Rain Coats..... \$10.00 upward (Third Floor.)

Redfern and La Vida

models, in large sizes, 24 to 30, for stout and medium figures; special, at \$2.50.

Tape Girdles, H. & W. Mercised Tape Girdles, 18 to 23, regularly \$1.00; special, at 50c.

Sale of Men's Summer Underwear

5,000 pieces of Men's Balbriggan, Lisle Thread and Natural Wool Shirts and Drawers, 1-3 Less Than Regular Prices.

433 Men's Extra fine Brown Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, each..... 28c 480 Men's Sea Island Shirts and Drawers, each..... 55c

864 Men's Brown Balbriggan Shirts and Drawers, drawers double at seat, each..... 42c 780 Men's fine white and brown Lisle Thread Shirts and Drawers, each..... 78c

864 Men's White Lisle Thread Shirts and Drawers, long and short sleeve shirts, each..... 42c 456 Men's Natural Lightweight Wool Shirts and Drawers, each..... 82c

Friday and Saturday, Men's Negligee SHIRTS

At 95c. Each Value \$1.50 to \$2.00.

A clean-up purchase of High-Grade Shirts from a prominent manufacturer—an opportunity that comes to us every season—enables us to make this splendid offering. Men who have attended these sales in the past know the high-class character of the goods.

This particular lot of Shirts come in Madras and fine Percale Cloths, stripes and neat figures on light and dark grounds also in plain white. Cuffs attached and detached, plain and pleated bosoms. Sizes 14 to 17 1/2. On sale to-morrow morning at 95c. each.

Important Sale of Quadruple Plated Silverware.

Every piece quadruple plated on white metal, either highly polished or in the new French gray finish—designs are novel and most attractive.

Quadruple-plated Bread Trays, Fern Dishes, Cake Baskets, Sugar Bowls, Cream Pitchers, Bonbon Dishes, Sauce Boats, Candlesticks and Pickle Castors. Regular prices, \$3.25 and \$1.79. Special at 98c and \$1.49

Claret Pitchers, Berry Bowls and Cracker Jars; fine imitations of cut glass, with quadruple-plated Tea Pot, Sugar Bowl, Cream Pitcher and Spoon Holder; 4 different styles; French gray or bright finish. Regular \$8.98. Special at \$6.75

Refrigerators. We offer to-morrow special prices for our "O'Neill" Cleanable Refrigerators. These are a high-class Refrigerator, made of selected oak, lined with nickel-plated, solid metal ice racks, removable ice chamber, self-closing doors, removable waist pipe, dry air insulation, are the most salient features of the "O'Neill" Cleanable Refrigerators.

Regular \$21.75 Special \$12.00 \$15.00

Lawn Mowers.

The "Dewey" 4-Blade Lawn Mower, made by the Philadelphia Lawn Mower Co. Every one warranted to give satisfaction, choice of 3.00 Regular \$12.14, 18 inch. Regular \$9.98. To-morrow, special, 3.00

Another Way To Use Them! Little Charlie Choate Took a 50-dollar note, And made first payment on some real estate.

A Morning World Want Ad. Sold the equity he had. The profit made was very great. 1,819 Morning World Realty Bargains

Imported and Domestic Cork Linoleums, heavy quality, in carpet and inlaid effects; value 60c; per 37c

Sixth Ave., 20th to 21st St.