THE RED CIRCLE

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Novelized from the Pathe Photo Play of the Same Name by Will M. Ritchey.

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(Synopsis of Previous Installments.)

A red circle comes and goes on the hand of June Travis, who learns from her nurse, Mary, that she is a member of the supposedly extinct Borden family of crooks. The secret is kept from June's "mother," Detective Lamar, baffled by June's benevolent crimes, trails Alma LaSalle, who, under orders from "Smiling Sam," a jewel fence, robs guests at the beach hotel ball, using a painted red circle as a blind. June herself is a victim, losing a necklace.

The Third Degree.

FAR out on the horizon a sloop veered to the wind and bent its graceful sails as if to scoop the crest of a frothy little wave. The ocean reflected the vivid sapphire blue so often written of and so seldom seen. In dazzling contrast the sand shone silver white under the noon sun.

Mary and June were sitting on the observation porch of the Travis home, looking out over the beach.

"It's almost deserted," June said with some amusement. "At this hour, any other morning, the beach would be crowded. The dance must have played havoc. I feel sorry for the poor peanut and popcorn man. He's wandering about like a lost soul with nobody to sell anything to."

"I think you should have slept longer, too." Mary smoothed back the girl's hair. "A young person like you needs all the sleep she can get."

"Why, I'm as fresh as a daisy," rebelled June. "If I stay in bed too long I get all stupid and loggy. And, just think how terrible it would be if I had been lazy this morning! That Woman in Black would have gotten away safely. As long as I'm a real sleuth now, I can't afford to sleep, overhours, you know."

Mary looked up at the mischievous, smiling face. A shadow of fear crept into her eyes.

"I wish you wouldn't have anything more to do with this," she begged gently. "You are so young, so impulsive. Don't you know if you play with fire you must be burned? If not the first time, surely the second or third."

"But I'm not playing with fire," objected June. "And, besides, don't you see that I've taken out the safest sort of an insurance policy by joining forces with Mr. Lamar in tracking the Red Circle?"

"I don't like it—I don't like anything **about** it." Mary clasped and unclasped **her** hands nervously. "You have be**come** so headstrong, dear. Ever since this mark came on your hand, you're so different—so changed from the sweet, gentle little girl that I've known and loved all these years."

"Oh, look!" June exclaimed, glad of an excuse to change the subject. "Look at the monkey, Mary. Isn't he perfectly adorable? Oh, you're not looking in the right place. He's doing all sorts of tricks. Isn't he wonderful?"

"I don't see anything wonderful in a monkey," observed Mary matter-of-factly. "I never did. I think they're ugly and dirty and entirely too much like a human being. They give me the creeps."

"This one is the cutest thing I ever saw," June maintained stoutly. "Oh, just look the way he bows and takes off his hat! Why, he could give lessons in the art of bowing. Come on, let's go down and see him. All the children are following him."

"I'd like to see myself run after a monkey!" said Mary indignantly; "they're full of germs."

"So am I. So are you. So is everyone," teased June. "Oh, look at that! That horrid man is pulling him about and slapping him because he doesn't want to do the tricks. Isn't that awful?"

"Oh, I guess he knows how to treat it, Mary approved complacently. "Those animals are treacherous things, I guess."

"Treacherous! A little monkey like that? Don't be silly. Why, they're only mischievous."

"That isn't a little monkey," Mary took a good look and made the severe correction. "That's the queerest looking monkey I ever saw. He's so tall and his tail's so long and his face is so little. I think he's an awful looking thing. I'm going into the house. I don't want to look at him any more."

"All right; you go in. I'll stay out here."

June leaned out over the porch rail, keeping her eyes fastened on the organ grinder. Mary watched the girl bite her lips and frown. The signs were alarming. The old woman looked down at the hand on the rail with fear and trembling. Her worst suspicions were realized. A faint red ring appeared. Mary put out her hand as if to stop its growing more vivid. Slowly the color came into it. It blazed forth in all its strength just as June exclaimed angrily:

"Oh, why does he mistreat that poor, captive animal? A defenseless mite like that! It's outrageous the way he pulls that rope—just look, he's even kicking him! I'm going down there to stop him."

"You're going to do no such thing! The idea of getting so worked up over a monkey!"

"It isn't because it's a monkey. It's because it's heartless cruelty to a dumb animal."

"Anyhow, you're coming right in the house with me."

"No, I'm not."

"Look at your hand," said Mary, tersely.

Startled, June obeyed. The Red Circle glared back at her with molevolent intensity. Just for a second her face clouded. Then the same, queer mischievous smile returned.

"Well, what of it?" she challenged.

"You know," Mary answered, simply. "Come into the house with me before you get into any trouble, dear."

"I don't want to."

"Please. I'm so worried, pet."

"Oh, all right. Only don't look so distressed. You know how to get around me, don't you. You know that I'll do anything you ask me to as soon as you say you're worried."

"It's for your own good," insisted the old woman. "Come now, before you see any more."

June looked back as the nurse coaxed her toward the house. The Italian yanked the monkey up from the ground at the end of the rope and threw him down atop of the organ with such violence that the little creature grabbed at the ragged red cover to keep from falling off again. Slinging the organ on his back, the man walked away, muttering fiercely to himself. The crowd of children followed, timidly, keeping at a safe distance.

Upstairs, June entered her room and ran to the window. The organ grinder had moved out of sight. A strange, sickening sensation came over her as she thought of him and his treatment of the monkey.

On a little table near the window a small pair of scissors caught the sun and reflected the light, so that it dazzled the eyes. June caught sight of them. She picked them up quickly and slipped them, almost involuntarily, into the pocket of her dress. Then she reached for a small sport hat that was lying on a chair and ran out of the room, closing the door behind her.

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DEATHS

AVERILL—Suddenly, on Sunday, January 23, 1916, at 2:30 p. m., at his residence, 214 Eleventh street southwest, JOHN W. AVERILL.

Funeral services at Epiphany Chapel, corner Twelfth and C streets southwest, Tuesday, January 25, at 12:15 p. m. Interment at Herndon, Va. 1

BARNARD—At 3:45 a. m., Sunday, January 23, 1916, at the residence of her daughters, apartment 24, the Victoria, MARGARET R., beloved wife of the late Hanson F. Barnard.

Funeral from her late residence, Tuesday, January 25, 1916, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited. Interment private. *

CUNNINGHAM—On Monday, January 24, 1916, at 4:15 a. m., ANNIE E. CUNNINGHAM, beloved daughter of the late Michael and Mary E. Cunningham.

Funeral on Wednesday, January 26, 1916, at 8:30 a. m., from her late residence, 1011 K street northwest, thence to St. Patrick's Church, where mass will be said at 9 a. m. for the repose of her soul.

HURT—On Monday, January 24, 1916, at 5 a. m., at his residence, 1625 P street, HENRY HURT, beloved husband of Annie Young Hurt, in the seventy-second year of his age.

Notice of funeral hereafter. *

HARPER—On Sunday, January 23, 1916, ANNIE E. HARPER, aged sixty years, beloved wife of Edward P. Harper and mother of Mrs. W. T. B. Williams, Edwin A. Harper, Mrs. C. L. Webb, and Mrs. E. B. Keener.

Funeral from her late residence, 319 T street northwest, on Tuesday, January 25, 1916, at 3:30 p. m. Interment at Harmony Cemetery. Friends cordially invited. (Detroit and Chicago papers please copy.)

McCARTHY—"At rest" on Monday, January 24, 1916, at his late residence, 1211 N street northwest, DAVID K. McCARTHY.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

McGRATH—On Saturday night, January 22, 1916, at 8:15 o'clock, at her residence, United States Soldiers' Home, HONORA McGRATH, beloved wife of the late Thomas McGrath.

Funeral from her late residence, Tuesday, January 25, 1916, at 9 a. m., thence to the Soldiers' Home chapel, where solemn high requiem mass will be sung at 9:30 a. m., for the repose of her soul. Interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery. Relatives and friends invited to attend. 1*

REED—On Sunday, January 23, 1916, MARIA L. REED, beloved mother of Harry L. Reed.

Funeral from her son's residence, 1008 Monroe street, on Wednesday, January 26, 1916, at 2 p. m. Relatives and friends invited to attend. Interment in Glenwood Cemetery.

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Births.

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Martin J. and Nellie Hennessy, girl.
Joseph W. and Rosa M. Carter, boy.
Norman E. and Sadie B. Stanton, girl.
Robert E. and Emma E. Brooks, girl.
Aeraland and Rose W. Brooks, girl.
Frank and Hilda Bates, boy.
William and Beatrice Nesbit, girl.
Herbert S. and Mary N. Howard, boy.
Stanley J. and Kate Dunaski, boy.
Mike and Bertha Ehrsam, boy.
Edgar and Hattie Browning, boy.
Fletcher and Sarah Jackson, girl.
William O. and Elizabeth Holly, girl.
Harrison and Maud Clark, boy.
Le Roy and Marion J. Willett, boy.
Joseph A. and Nellie C. Torbit, boy.
Wilmoth and Johanna Schmidt, girl.
Lawrence R. and Catherine G. Muzzy, girl.
James R. and Ella B. Langford, boy.
Harry L. and Blanche Leannahan, boy.
E. Harvey and May I. Kirk, girl.
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Thomas A. and Ellen T. Dawson, girl.
Edgar L. and Mary A. Demorsland, boy.
William M. and Agnes T. Brace, girl.
Thomas and Minnie Chase, girl.

Marriage Licenses.

Frederick Marsh and Katharine Freeman.
Vernon C. Pettys and Bertha V. Hilkerts.
Simon P. Gaines and Ethel Weeks.
Francis N. Fowler and Cecelia Craig.
Vernon W. Crippen and Constance A. Herbell.

Deaths.

Alice M. Fitzpatrick, 38 years, 156 Rhode Island avenue northwest.
Benjamin Cooper, 67 years, Sibley Hospital.
John W. Kelley, 60 years, 2014 Kalorama road northwest.
Mary Robinson, 68 years, George Washington University Hospital.
Hilda F. Rowe, 17 years, Kenmore, Pierce Mill road.
Francis Z. Rowe, 2 days, Kenmore, Pierce Mill road.
Burl Goodloe, 72 years, Government Hospital for the Insane.
Walter Nelson, 75 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.
Maria Douglass, 77 years, 408 Ninth