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## LADY LARKSPUR

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tant's interest in Alice's fan, and the remark surprised me.

"Oh, I saw it all from the library," laughed Mrs. Farnsworth. "My back was to the door, but I was facing a mirror. The moment you and Alice went into the hall he pounced upon the fan—pounced is the only word that describes it. He concealed his interest in it very neatly when you caught him examining it."

"Fans are harmless things," said Alice, "and if there's any story attached to this one I'm not aware of it. My father bought it in Paris about three years ago, and it has never been out of my possession except to have it repaired. There's a Japanese jeweler who does wonderful things in the way of repairing trinkets of every kind. I left it with him for a few days. I can't tell now which panel was broken, he did his work so deftly."

I took it from her and balanced it in my fingers. It was a beautiful piece of workmanship with the simplest carvings on the ivory panels.

"He couldn't have seen it anywhere before tonight," observed Alice musingly. "In fact, I hadn't used it at all for a year. It was really by mistake that my maid put it into my trunk when I went to Japan. I didn't want to risk breaking it again, so I've been carrying it in a handbag. The last day we were in Tokio I think I had it in our sitting room in the hotel, to make sure it wasn't jammed into the trunk again. We had a good many callers—a number of people came in to bid us good-by, but I'm sure Count Montani was not among them, and it would have been impossible for him to see it at any other time."

"Oh, there is nothing disturbing in the count's interest in the thing," said Mrs. Farnsworth with an air of dismissing the matter. "If it were a jade trinket inscribed with Chinese mysteries, you might imagine that it would be sought by some one—I have heard of such things—but Alice's fan has no such history."

"We weren't very hospitable," said Alice. "I might have asked Count Montani to dine with us tomorrow; and we might even have put him up for the night in this vast house."

Not with Antoine on the premises!" I exclaimed. "Antoine is convinced that the man is what we call in America a crook. And Antoine takes his responsibilities very seriously."

While I was breakfasting at the garage the next morning Antoine appeared and, waiting until Lynn was out of hearing, handed me a slip of paper.

"That's a New York automobile number," he said. "It was on the tag of that machine the party came in last night. I heard him saying, sir, as how he had motored up from the Elkton inn at Stamford. Visitors from Stamford would hardly send in to the city for a machine."

I bade him wait while I called the Elkton by telephone. No such person as Giuseppe Montani had spent the night there or had been a guest of the house within the memory of the clerk. Antoine's chest swelled at this confirmation of his suspicions.

"If the man returns, treat him as you did last night—as though he were entitled to the highest consideration."

"He won't come back—not the same way," said Antoine. "He mentioned the Elkton just to throw you off. The next you hear of him will be quite different."

"You mean he'll come as a burglar?"

"That's what's in my mind, Mr. Singleton. Everything seems very queer, sir."

"Such as what, Antoine?"

"The widow has been telegraphing and telephoning considerable, sir."

"There must be no spying upon these ladies!" I admonished severely. "All the people on the place must remember that Mrs. Bashford is mistress here, and entitled to fullest respect."

He had hardly gone before Torrence had me on the wire to hear my report and to say that Rynor had left Washington for a week-end in Virginia.

I assured him that nothing had occurred to encourage a suspicion that Mrs. Bashford was not all that she pretended to be. The day was marked

by unusual activities on the part of the waiters and bell-hops. Instead of the company drills to which I had become accustomed they moved about in pairs along the shore and the lines of the fences. I learned that Antoine had ordered this, and the "troops" were obeying him with the utmost seriousness. The "service" on the estate was certainly abundant. It was only necessary to whistle and one of the Tynningham veterans would come running.

In spite of the complete satisfaction I had expressed to Torrence as to the perfect integrity and honest intentions

of the two women, the curiosity of the American state department and the visit of Montani required elucidation beyond my powers. At dinner they were in the merriest humor. The performances of the little army throughout the day had amused them greatly.

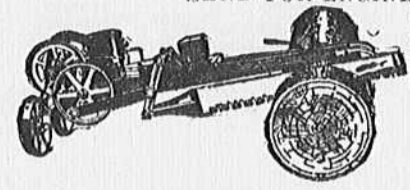
"How delightfully feudal!" exclaimed Alice. "Really we should have a moat and drawbridge to make the thing perfect. Constance and I are the best protected women in the world!"

We extracted all the fun possible from the idea that the estate was un-

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- 50cts. Curtain Scrim, only 35c
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- 36-inch dark and light Percale, only 25c
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- \$3.00 size White Quilts, sale price 1.98
- 54-inch Wool Ladies' Cloth, green, black, navy and grey, worth \$1.75, sale price \$1.00
- 36-inch Wool Danish Poplar Cloth, navy, green, garnet and black, worth \$1.00, sale price 69c
- 36-inch Wool and Cotton Plaid Dress Goods, worth \$1.00; sale price 69c
- 1 lot 36-inch all Wool Serge, all new shades for Dresses and Suits, worth \$1.50, sale price \$1.00
- 1 lot Men's Underwear, worth \$2.00, our price now \$1.00
- 1 lot Men's Hose, sale price 10c
- No. 1562 Mahogany kid English, only \$9.95
- No. 1561 Mahogany kid, Plain Toe, only \$9.95
- No. 1467 Mahogany kid English, only \$8.95
- No. 1665 Mahogany Calf, English, only \$7.95
- No. 1645 Black kid, English \$7.95

### Ladies' New Hats

We have bought five dozen ladies' trimmed hats, worth \$10 and \$12.50 each on sale Saturday, your choice for only \$5

12 All Ladies' Skirts, Navy and Black good style, sizes 26 to 30, Waists worth \$6 will close this lot out at, each \$2.95

- 1 lot Men's Silk Pleated Hose, 89c quality, sale price .50c
- 36-inch Cotton Dress Plaids, for school dresses, sale price 35c
- All 27-inch Dress Gingham, 50c quality, sale price .25c
- 50c Quality Standard Outing, sale price .35c
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