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THE STOLEN LACES

An Episode in the History of Chicago Crime.

FROM THE DIARY OF DETECTIVE DENIS SIMMONS, OF THE BANK DETAIL OF THE CENTRAL STATION.

(CONTINUED.)

The lady seemed stupefied by their arrest. Young Landgraf, who was addressed as "captain" by the others, was at the head of the party...

"Who was it gave us away?" "The touch of anxiety in this queer, dark Simmons's peculiar. He did not reply immediately, and Landgraf continued to stare at him.

"Tell me it was a woman." "Simmons' mind reverted to the lady who furnished the clew about the face. Thinking the lady had some strong motive for giving this information, he answered that it was a woman.

"I thought so," said the boy gloomily, and then brightening up suddenly. "Let Orlie and the others come in; we may have something for them."

"Curly, Matt and Herman were brought into the cell. The captain looked at them and said: "Boys, she gave us away."

"Yes," answered the lady, "she'd never do that."

"It's true," Mr. Simmons says, "said Landgraf, "traces gathering in his eyes, which he resolutely brushed away with his coat."

"Landgraf is right," said Denis, bowing down at the turn of affairs, but surmising that an interesting disclosure was imminent. "She furnished the clew."

"That's all," said the lady, "and I have nothing more to say."

"What do you propose, captain?" asked Orlie. "I propose," exclaimed Landgraf, "to let the waitress take equal chances with the others."

"Yes, that's right," said the others in chorus. "Let's make a clean breast of it, and let the waitress take equal chances with the others."

"This is getting decidedly interesting," said Denis to himself. "I wonder who she is, and what she has to do with these things."

"Mr. Simmons," Landgraf said, with an air of dignity, "was rather amiable, if you will kindly furnish me with pen, ink and paper. I will draw up a statement about those robberies and furnish you with a copy."

"Denis readily complied with this request, after removing the others to their respective cells."

"In an hour the statement was prepared, and an astonishing document it proved. It was a full confession of the long series of robberies which had given the police so much trouble."

"But the most remarkable feature of the statement was the connection of Lawyer Claypoole and Mrs. Claypoole with the gang."

"Landgraf told how himself and colleagues had been worked upon by the woman, and how she had been a valuable couple. "She told us fairy tales," he wrote, "and got us all in love with her."

"She promised to elope with me this summer, and I believe she was in earnest, for she said she had a very comfortable home with the old man. Claypoole owned the burglaries, and we acted under his instructions."

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