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Our Ladies' Page.

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OUR NEW STORY. THE SHOT IN THE DARK.

By ARTHUR W. MARCHMONT, Author of "By Right of Sword," "For Love of Crown," "The Case of Lady Broadstone," "In the Name of the People," &c., &c.

NEW READERS BEGIN HERE: Oliver Rentmain, a rising novelist, who tells the story, meets a girl on a Mediterranean trip and falls in love with her although she refuses to divulge her surname. Marna is her baptismal name. On his return to London his friend Winford tells him that Hoffgang, a moneylender, is getting nasty about the Peterson affair.

CHAPTER VII. THE STORY OF THE CRIME.

Dr. Bescombe and the lawyer were waiting for us in the hall, and as we left the house Mr. Harvey asked me to walk with him to the coroner's court. "There are some matters I should like to discuss with you," he said.

I agreed, not very willingly, and as we dropped behind the others, I did not fail to observe that the secretary kept very close to Marna's side. "You are, I believe, a great friend of that young lady," began Mr. Harvey, gesturing toward Marna.

"I am very pleased to consider myself one of her friends," I replied. "And you know that she is not Mr. Hoffgang's daughter?" "Yes, I heard it last night from her. She had only just learnt the fact."

"I heard it only this morning, and it came as a great surprise. We have always been kind to regard her as his child. Did you know him at all intimately?" "No; quite the reverse."

"Anything about his circumstances, his financial affairs?" "I can scarcely say that I did." "Well, of course we are speaking in confidence, Mr. Rentmain. Miss Clifford told me I could do so; in fact, she particularly requested me to be frank with you."

"Certainly in strict confidence; but I do not wish to hear more than you think should be said." "I am speaking by her desire, as I said. As a matter of fact, Mr. Hoffgang was a desperate gambler financially, and unfortunately he had made use of Miss Clifford's money, nearly the whole of which he has lost. He was in the position of trustee, and to obtain the money it was necessary for him to sell to do certain things which were not only inexecutable, but illegal in point of fact, criminal. Miss Clifford was represented to us as being dead, and a will was produced in his favour."

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Ladies' Chain. Those concerned with nursery rooms are children's apparel generally will, no doubt, be interested in the accompanying illustration of a child's nightgown and diagram of the same for the pattern serves equally well for a girl or for a little boy's night-shirt (about five years).

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genuity of the theory," continued Aranak, with his imperious calm. "I should, of course, regard anything Mr. Harvey suggested on such a subject as of the utmost value, but there appears to be absolutely no ground to support this. What is your opinion, Mr. Rentmain? Were you also impressed? Do you take the view that it was suicide?"

"Was there anything behind this? A commonplace question, asked in the staidest and most commonplace tone, and yet I believed that he intended me to read so much into it. 'I am only an outsider, Mr. Aranak, and, of course, have no means of forming an opinion, or even a theory.'"

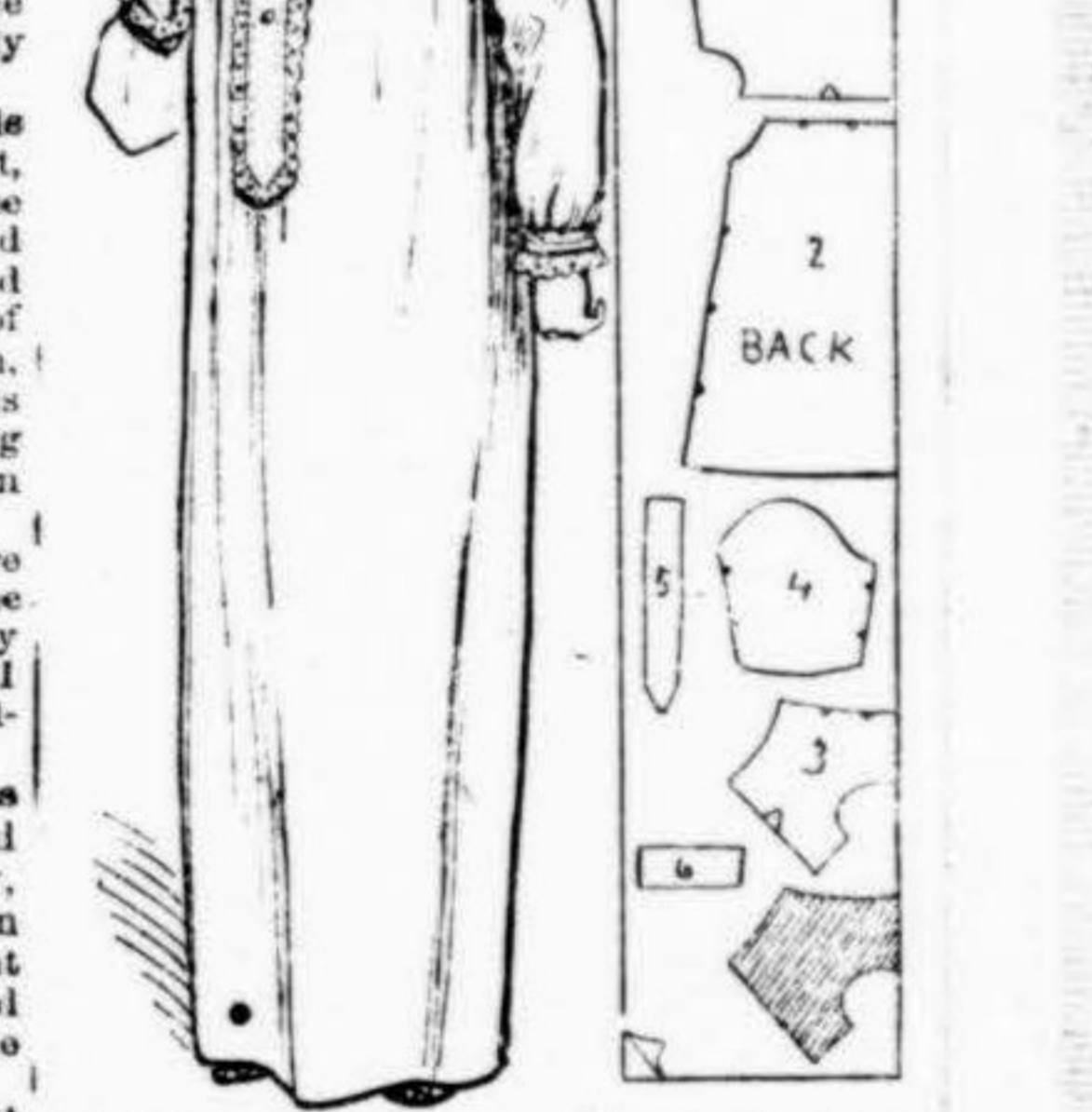
"True, quite true, of course. Still, you might have some grounds," he persisted in a languid tone. "As much, say, as even Mr. Harvey? You are a writer of stories, I believe, and are thus accustomed to study such problems as this tragedy of which you are on the very scene. And he waved his thin, taper hand toward the room."

"I tested to put this calmness of his to the test. 'My interest in this terrible affair is only indirect, Mr. Aranak, due entirely to my friendship for Miss Clifford.'"

"But the test failed. 'She is indeed fortunate in having such a friend at this time,' he said, without the slightest change of manner. 'Indeed, I am glad the subject has been mentioned that I may offer you a word of thanks. I am, as perhaps you know, entitled to appear here in such a matter.'"

"Yes, we are betrothed, Mr. Rentmain." "Even when flaunting what he knew to be a veritable gauge of battle in my face his self-control was so perfect that I marvelled at his coolness. I knew now that he had come for the express purpose of telling me this news, that he was warning me not to cross his path, or attempt to thwart his purpose, and that his reference to the article and his question about my interest in the theory was a deliberately chosen preface to his implied threat of the consequences should I dare to risk a struggle with him."

"And that I should have to make my choice was certain for a moment later a servant came for me with a message from Marna asking me to go to her at once. (To be continued next Saturday.)"



The diagram shows the paper pattern of the nightgown illustrated consisting altogether of six parts, namely, half the front of gown, No. 1; half the back, No. 2; half the yoke, No. 3; one sleeve, No. 4; the neck placket-strap, No. 5; and one cuff, No. 6. These pieces should be disposed, after the manner indicated, on 2 1/2 yards of 30-inch material, supposing the nightgown were intended for a child of five or six years; but before buying the material the pattern should be tested against the child for whom it is required, in order that sufficient length be allowed when cutting out.

Fold the material in half and lay the straight edges between the yoke and pattern to the fold, which must not be slit up, for the back and the front of the nightgown must each be cut out in a single piece. The yoke must also be cut out in one piece, wherefore the straight edge, representing centre-back must be laid to the fold. A space is marked out on the diagram for the placket-strap, also to be cut out in a single piece, the placket serving for this.

The sleeve and cuff patterns are cut out in duplicate, but no duplicate will be required, in order that sufficient length be allowed when cutting out. The front of the nightgown must be split open from neck to waist to form a placket, and the base of the opening must eventually be strengthened by a fold-over of the material; but first the left edge must be provided with a false hem and the right one finished neatly under the strap-strap.

Gather the night-gown at the top, after front and back have been French-seamed, and insert the gathered edges between the yoke, finishing off with stitching. Gather the sleeves at the wrists, double each cuff, and insert the gathered edges between the double thickness of the cuffs. Stitch the sleeves in the armholes, bind the latter, also the neck, hem the night-gown at the foot, and finish off with frilling at the neck, wrists, and around the front strap.

The seams of the night-gown must be quite neat on the reverse side, no raw edges being visible.



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