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THIS VOLUME IS HERE AND NOW

DEDICATED

TO THE

GARDEN CITY COUNCIL OF CHICAGO

IN PARTICULAR, AND TO OUR EVER

Great, Glorious and Growing Order

THE

ROYAL ARCANUM

Throughout the world in general, and to the

Wives and Children of all its Members

Who, sooner or later, will participate in its material benefits as well  
as its present.

SOCIAL JOYS

With the sincere wish that if ever their lives are shadowed  
they may be sure to find the

"SUNSHINE."

R. S. M.  
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## INTRODUCTION.

H. H. C. MILLER.

The story developed in the following pages is so related in incident and spirit with the Royal Arcanum, that I have gladly accepted the invitation of my friend, the author, to write a brief introduction. The reader who is a member of the Order will at once understand that Mr. Martin must himself have stood at the same altar where he was initiated into the mysteries of the Royal Arcanum, and received instruction in its fundamental principles of Virtue, Mercy and Charity, for the story gives indubitable evidence not only of his membership in that Fraternity, but of a thorough acquaintance with its purpose and work. To the reader who is not a member of the Order, or acquainted with its objects, an outline of its history and aims may be interesting.

The Royal Arcanum is a secret fraternal order, and was incorporated under the laws of the State of Massachusetts, in June, 1877, by nine gentlemen well known in the city of Boston. Its object was to unite in a brotherhood for fraternal and benevolent purposes, men who were mutually acceptable to each other. Provision was made for a fund, called the Widow's and Orphan's Benefit Fund, out of which there should be paid, upon the death of a member, the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (\$3,000) to his widow, orphans, relatives, or those dependent upon him, as he might have designated. So rapid was the growth of the Order, that when the first death came, it was able to pay promptly to the widow of the deceased member, the full benefit named, and, since that time, it has paid out to the beneficiaries of its members, about seventeen millions of dollars (\$17,000,000), the present rate of payment being nearly three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) per month. Its membership has increased to about one hundred and thirty thousand (130,000) and is growing annually at the rate of about twenty thousand (20,000).

But while the monetary benefits conferred are valuable and important, it is not limited in its efforts to these. Appreciating the fact that *every man has his sorrows*, that *many have burdens which they ought not to bear alone*; that everywhere there is a spirit of selfishness which must be repressed, if the world is to become better, and that every man ought to feel that he is in some sense his brother's keeper, the Royal Arcanum seeks to comfort the sorrowing; to lift the burdens from the heavy-laden; to develop the spirit of generosity and unselfishness; to do for others; and to teach its members, that the highest aim in life is to *be good and to do good*. Such a fraternity, founded upon Divine principles, could not have had other than a glorious history, and it must continue to bless mankind. It has cheered the unhappy, encouraged the despondent, restrained the wayward, cemented friendships, united men of all sections and all religions in a common brotherhood; has made a home possible to thousands of widows and children, who would otherwise have been dependent, and to-day stands forth as another evidence of the fact that, though the millennium may not be at hand, *the world is growing better*, because men are becoming less selfish, and are being more and more influenced in their thought and conduct by the spirit of the Man of Nazareth, who went about doing good.

January, 1892.

## I.

### THE SUDDEN DEATH AND BLACK CALLER.

"Life is full of lessons to those who pass through it with open eyes, and a Royal Secret will be revealed to those who are worthy to receive it, and who, when once they have received it, will faithfully and forever conceal it."—MORG. BAYNE, "V. M. C., 1105."

Mysterious words! On a small scrap of delicately tinted and perfumed note paper were traced with pencil and in scrawling letters the above sentence. The more one read them the more they seemed enshrouded with mystery, and the greater the mystery the more anxious did the reader become to investigate, penetrate, and if possible, discover their secret meaning.

Do you think they were written by a dying man? You think aright! Morg. Bayne, whose signature was attached to the peculiar missive and even more peculiar monogram, had written it as a man would write his last will and testament. It is true it was written in scrawling letters and with nervous hand, and to a shallow mind gave no evidence of culture; but to the thoughtful man