The LASH of CIRCUMSTANCE

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SYNOPSIS.

Abner Hastings, a miserly millionaire, is found guilty of having locked and bolted his room, his safe open and jubilee money gone. Judge Lynch is about to mete out justice to the culprit from Lynch Tree, but Abner and other relatives, including Bruce Hastings and pretty Claire Wilson, decide to save the old miser. Judge Bowers, trying to Police Sergeant Dugan, finds that Abner is innocent of theft from financial ruin. He has applied to his miserly uncle and to others for help. Bruce is in love with Claire, a ward of her guardian, Attorney Lathe. An old-time friend contracted with a detective agency to find the thief. Bruce has a quarrel with Claire's guardian, with a Mrs. Dare, a wealthy widow, whose business agent is Richard Blake. Bruce is in love with Mrs. Dare. Bruce Hastings' uncle has in vain tried to get an advertising contract from Mr