What the Gray House Hid

The Mystery of a Haunted Mansion

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I—Miss Hanby, prosperous New York merchant, has purchased an old mansion in Somerville Hollow, Pennsylvania. Miss Fisher, an unknown woman, appears and demands the mansion. Fisher is a friend of Hanby's, who has left his office and warns him that the place is haunted. Fisher leaves the mansion, Hanby's secretary, Jo a man who claims to be a Scotland Yard detective, former occupant of the place.

CHAPTER II—The Hanbys laugh at the warnings. They have received letters from Miss Fisher and from Blackburn's lawyer, Mr. Appleton, who tells them that they are shocked when they hear that the caretaker whom they have placed in charge of the place has been murdered. Declining to be intimidated, however, they go out to their new home, with their two sons, Jim, 18, and little Arthur Hanby, 10, Celia.

CHAPTER III—Appleton, a clerk of Blackburn's, tells the Hanbys that the place is haunted, that a dangerous gang made their headquarters in it, that several children have been drowned, that three men have been murdered, and that he is afraid to go near it. From Jo, the Scotland Yard detective, Hanby and Junior learn that Blackburn, the man who had been police at Clearwater station, references given by Blackburn, and Jo is the caretaker's job. Hanby considers Jo's story a hoax, and Jo, Hanby's secretary, is a hoax, and Jo, Hanby's secretary, is a hoax, and Jo, Hanby's secretary, is