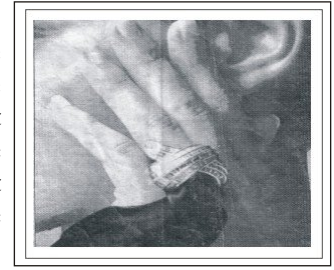


The Ring of Death

There in a bank locker in America in Los Angeles City in which is kept a silver ring. There are some Gem Stones set in it which looks simple in making it is in the custody of the police. In trying to dispose of the ring. The police department have given advertisement in paper several times. They are willing to sell this ring at a very low price. Lots of people have come to see the ring but nobody is willing to buy this ring because of its terrible past history of whoever has worn the ring has died. This is the reason this ring is called The ring of death.



The history of this ring dates back to the year 1920. At that time it was displayed in a show case of a jeweller. How when and why it came in the possession to the jeweller nobody has any knowledge. There was some misfortune connected with this ring that also nobody knew about at that time. This insignificant looking silver ring was there in the showcase and nobody gave it a second glance and used to move off without showing an interest.

One day a famous Hollywood actor Rudolf Valentino came to this shop and started looking at the Ring's displayed in the show case. Unknowingly he liked that simple silver ring and he bought the ring and went away wearing it. At that time Valentino was a very famous Hollywood actor with mass followings, all his films were hits at the box office, crowds used to throng to see his films. After wearing the ring the first film he acted was The Young Rose which flopped badly was judged the worst film of the decade. This affected his career and popularity with the masses and gave him a big shock and he was not taken by any Director for their films for the next two years.

On advice of some friends he took off this ring after which he was taken in many films which were hits at the Box Office. After sometime Valentino thought it a mere thought of the whimsical mind regarding the success and unsuccessful notions of the ring and wore it back. The third day after he wore the ring back again he had stomachache which was very severe, he was hospitalized and died after 24 hours. In the hospital lots of people came to see him, including an Actress named Paula Negri. In the last moments of his death he took off the Ring and tried to give to Paula Negri and wanted to say some thing, but collapsed in the bed and died. Paula thought that Valentine wanted to gift the ring so with great honour she took the ring from his hands and wore it in her fingers.

Paula was also a famous Hollywood actress. After wearing this ring she also fell sick and was hospitalized, In spite of all the treatment she started getting worse and did not link this illness with the Ring. In those days in Hollywood an musician named Race Colombo made an entry who resembled Valentino very much. On seeing Race, Paula used to remember Valentino very much.

Paula never recovered from her illness and died. After her death a letter was found under her pillow which said that after her death the ring which she was wearing in her fingers should be given to Race and he should think it as a gift from Valentino whom he resemblance. With great honour Race accepted this ring wore it. After three four days of wearing this ring Race died in a car accident. After that there was a lot of talk regarding the silver ring but some people still thought that all this was a coincidence and thought that these were all superstitions.

Amongst these was an Actor Joe Castins. After the death of Race Colombo the ring was kept in a glass box. After Six months during which nothing untoward happened Joe Castino kept the Ring as a challenge but a precaution kept in a trunk but didn't wear it.

After this for a long time nothing happened and slowly people started forgetting about the Ring. One night there was a robbery in Dale Castino's house and the ring was stolen along with other thing and the ring came into highlight again. There were many robbers in the gang who ran away after the theft. The robber who had the ring in his possession was seen by a police man who fired in the air to stop him but by mistake it hit the robbers head and he died. The ring along with the possessions came in custody of the police. Dale took all the belonging from the police except the ring since he didn't show interest to take it remained custody of the police.

In Hollywood a film was being made after sometime on the life of Rudolf. An actor Harry was given the role of Rudolf. The film producer hired the ring from the police department. Harry was made to wear the ring and shooting started for the scene of the ring on Harry's hand. Harry did not remove the ring after the shooting of the scene was over and kept wearing the ring. Suddenly he fell ill and was rushed to the hospital. The illness kept on increasing and after some time Harry died. The film producer dropped the idea of making the film shocked by the events and returned the ring to the police department. After which the ring is lying in a bank locker in police custody.