

At Sea

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WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

Garrett Folsom is stabbed to death while swimming at Ocean Town, N. J. It is believed that the death weapon was a pichag, an Oriental knife, and that it was purchased on the boardwalk.

Folsom's bathing companions had been Roger Neville, a business partner; Mrs. Helen Barnaby and Carmelita Valdon.

Anastasia Folsom, eccentric and masterful sister of the dead man, takes command, and it is established that only Croydon Sears is a fan of curious weapons. Sears admits buying two knives but not the pichag.

Anastasia engages Tito Rigas, an architect, to work on the case. Dan Pelton, Folsom's nephew, arrives and is puzzled by the curious French dolls in his uncle's room. Croydon Sears sends for Fleming Stone, famous detective. He tells him Folsom had been blackmailing him and he had lied at the inquest but was innocent. Stone meets others of the circle, including Ned Barton and his wife, Madeline, who puzzles him.

Robin Sears, son of Croydon, is surprised when Stone mentions the dolls Folsom had owned.

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Stone amused them all with his description of the dolls that had belonged to Garrett Folsom.

"It's not so surprising," said Sears, with a twinkle in his eye. "A born collector will choose the strangest things. I collect antique weapons, another collects dolls. I'm not sure the dolls aren't more admirable. At least, they're less dangerous."

"I'd like to see those dolls," Robin said. "Angel adores them."

"Well," Folsom said, "they are among the finest. They must be imported. I never saw any more beautiful ones—if one is fond of dolls."

Breakfast over, and it being too early to expect to see Carmelita Valdon, Stone went to the auction room.

A confab with the principals there brought about a more exhaustive inquiry into the sales made the night before the murder of Garrett Folsom.

And it was pretty well established that as the auction drew to a close that night, that the attendants somewhat hastily gathered odds and ends of their wares into bundles and sold them rapidly, taking, in most instances, the first bid made.

This, though done without the sanction of the proprietors, was not unprecedented, for thus the counters were cleared and the way made ready for next day's enterprises.

Few of the salespeople could remember definitely the customers who had bought these bundles, but at least one clerk came forward with a story of a man who had purchased the very last one.

"I remember," he said, "because the chap only bid five dollars, but I let him take it, partly to get rid of the last lot and partly because the buyers had thinned out so I didn't think there'd be another bid."

"What did he look like?" Stone asked.

"He was a young fellow, about twenty, with a white mustache, wearing a green bathing suit."

"Who is he?" asked Stone.

"His name is Preston; he's a stuffy old fellow, and he doesn't remember dad at all! Cheerful outlook!"

"Never mind," Stone told him, "we've got a nice white mustache to work on."

Fleming Stone walked along the boardwalk toward the Hotel Majusca, thinking deeply. Yet his absorption in thought did not prevent his enjoyment of his surroundings. Though he cared little for surf-bathing, the sights and sounds of the crowds of merry-makers pleased his senses as a whole rather than in any detail.

The rolling chairs with their human freight and their varied types of pushers interested and amused him, and though he looked at nothing closely, he saw it all as a huge moving picture.

Yet all the time his reason was working on the case in hand.

He had not the slightest doubt that the man with the white mustache was an agent for some one else, and that the mustache was a disguise.

But why was the man not a principal? he asked himself. Why not the murderer himself?

If so, it must have been one of the men already mixed up with the affair.

Of course, it might have been an entire stranger, but Stone's experience led him to think that this was unlikely. For usually a murderer is sooner or later shown to be acquainted with his victim, if only by the casual testimony or evidence of bystanders or onlookers.

If—and there was always the possibility—if Garrett Folsom had been murdered by some one that his surviving friends and relatives knew nothing of, that fact must also be proved. But the immediate business in hand for Stone was to prove that Croydon Sears had nothing to do with the crime, and this necessitated the investigation of all toward whom the finger of suspicion pointed.

Robin's report that the man in the green bathing suit had been found must be looked into later. At present Stone's thoughts centered on one figure, that of Carmelita Valdon.

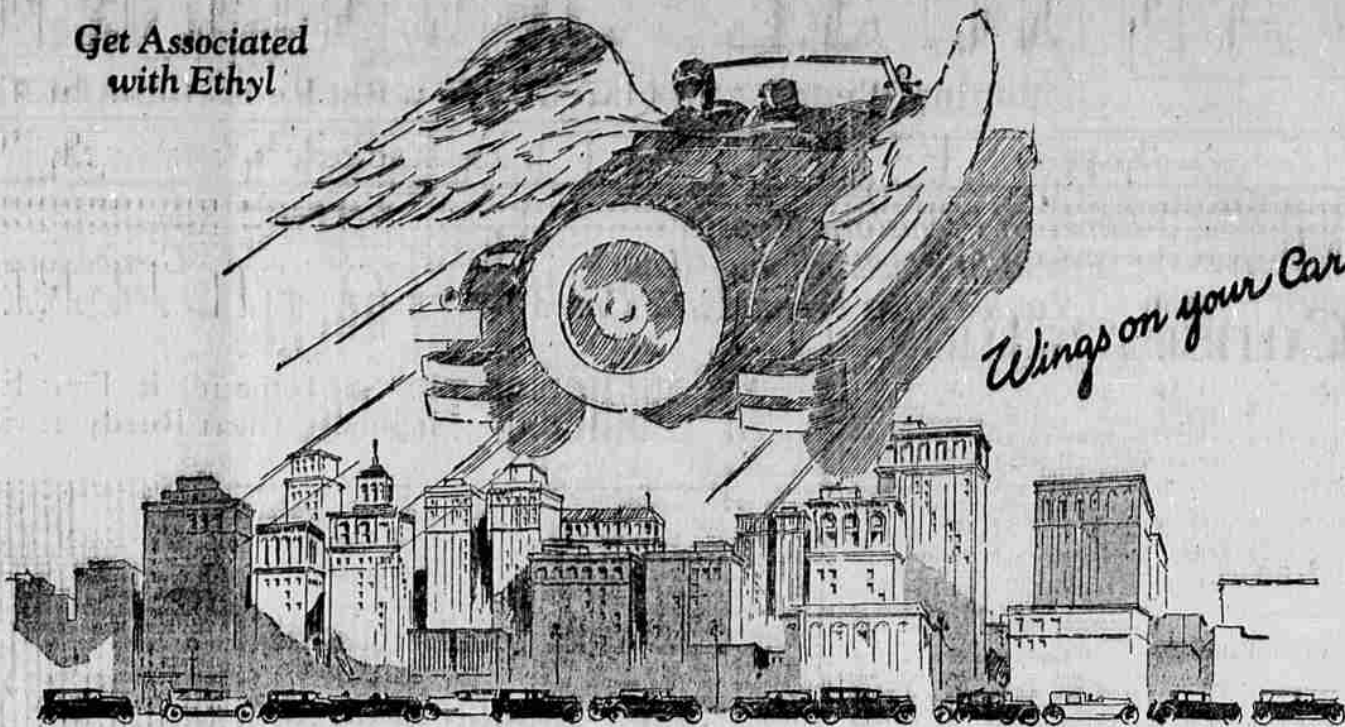
"Just the one for the part," the detective pondered. "The right type for a murderer, and proved already to have had motive and opportunity, and—if the white mustached chap was her emissary—she had a way to get the weapon."

How she could carry the knife into the ocean unobserved, Stone did not stop to think. For he knew whoever killed Folsom had carried the knife into the water, and, clearly, it would be easier for a woman to conceal such a thing in her bathing costume than for a man.

In fact, Stone thought, that point scored heavily in favor of a woman criminal. For, with the more or less elaborate suits they wore nowadays, ample opportunity was offered for the concealment of a knife, while a man, with his simple one- or two-piece suit, had small chance to hide anything of the sort.

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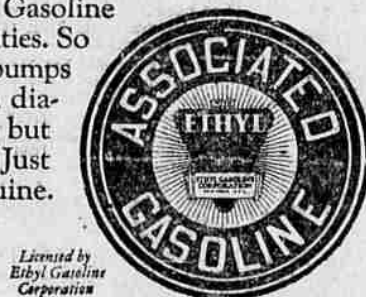
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Sewing machines for rent or sale at Powell's.

BROCCOLI Market News

PORTLAND, March 28—Carlot shipments reported Friday:

C. Cal. 16—total 16. Incomplete. Destinations of carlot shipments of Oregon broccoli:

March 23: Montreal 1—total 1. March 24: Chicago 3, Louisville 1, Omaha 3—total 7.

Shipping point information:

Roseburg, Ore.: Clear, mild. Haulings moderate, moderate wire inquiry, market steady. Carloads f. o. b. cash track, crates, U. S. No. 1 9-12, \$1.65-1.70, smaller \$1.50, No. 2 \$1.35.

New York market today: 28 degrees clear, 6 Calif., 1 Ore. arr'd. Supplies moderate, demand moderate for good stock, market steady for good stock, California crs. best \$2.50, few \$3.00, fair \$2.00-2.25; Oregon crs. \$2.50-3.00.

Chicago: 39 degrees cloudy; 5 Calif., 6 Ore. arr'd. 30 cars on track including broken. Supplies liberal, demand & trading moderate, market slightly weaker, prices slightly lower. California pony crs., large sizes, best \$2.50-2.60, small medium, best \$2.00-2.25.

Garden tools and hose at Powell Furniture Store.

MOVIE NOTES

ANTLERS THEATRE

Mile of Smiles in MacLean's Latest

To be exact, Douglas MacLean brings a little more than a mile of smiles to the Antlers Theatre with his latest Paramount laugh provoker, "Let It Rain." You see, there are usually one thousand feet of film in a reel and five or six reels combine to make a feature picture. Any bright child will tell you the number of feet in a mile and, as Doug claims a smile for every foot, well, figure it out yourself.

"Let It Rain" Riley, leader of the marines on a battleship, is sentenced by his commander to shake hands with Kelly, a gob, every time they meet. While this sounds like a mild punishment for some of the battles they've fought, it really has its disadvantages. For instance, both men fall in love with the same girl. One day they go ashore but Riley gets there first and takes her to an amusement park. He tells the lady of his love and they are about to go into a fond embrace when the nemesis comes along and insists on shaking hands for fifteen long minutes.

Pun? And how! But in addition to laughs of this sort, "Let It Rain" has an honest-to-goodness story. We see a new phase of marine duty, the guarding of the mails. In fact, some of the picture's funniest and most exciting episodes take place on a runaway mail train, the sole occupant of which are "Let It Rain," a wounded buddy, his girl and three bandits!

LIBERTY THEATRE

Neil Hamilton Lured by Adventure to Hobo in Flivver

Every year has been a high spot for Neil Hamilton, the handsome young juvenile lead in "The Muscle Master," recently produced by Allan Dwan at the Fox New York Studio, now showing at the Liberty.

Neil lives on adventure. His chief horror in life is the possibility of getting into a rut, either professionally or otherwise. He doesn't like to have things planned too far in advance.

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PORTLAND PAPER IN RECEIVERSHIP

PORTLAND, Ore., March 28—Receivers were in charge of the Portland Telegram today, having been appointed last night by Presiding Circuit Judge Evans after a hearing on a petition filed by the Lumberman's Trust company and the Bank of California as creditors.

W. F. Briggs, secretary of the Lumbermen's Trust company, and MacDonald Pitts, business manager of the Telegram were named receivers. They announced they would continue publication of the newspaper as usual.

The application for receivership followed filing of suit late yesterday by Rose, Edith, Sophie and Hirsch Barde, against the Telegram for \$2,000 alleged due for rent.

Galvanized screen wire at Powell's Furniture Store.

On Business to Coos—Lee Williams left this morning on a business trip to Myrtle Point.

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FORMER ROSEBURG WOMAN DIES AT HOME IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, March 28—Funeral services for Mrs. Ida Lane Ross, 62, who died March 25 at the home of her daughter, 107 Floral avenue, will be held tomorrow at 9:30 a. m. at the chapel of Holman & Lutz.

At 10 a. m. mass will be held at the all saints church, East Thirty-ninth and Gilliam streets. Interment will be in Memorial hall.

Mrs. Ross, the widow of the late Louis G. Ross, was born in Roseburg, Ore., in 1865 and had lived in Portland for the last 25 years.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beatrice Wasserman, Portland; and two brothers, T. A. Lane, Portland, and Lafayette Lane, Elk City, Ore.

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