

MURDER ON THE BLUFF

SYNOPSIS: A mysterious shot kills Judge Fitzhugh, his old flame, at the start of our stormy week-end at Farrington bluff, home of the Skippers' aunt. Strange attacks follow; then we find the body of Michael's mad father below the bluff. St. Vincent's doctor says that the shot in the shoulder and nearly finished with sleeping powder. The Skipper, Mike's tall, tweedy younger aunt, disappears; we find her six hours later, Higgin's, the old butler, is shot to death, the murderer's suicide. Then it is noted the gun is in his right hand. And Higgin's was left-handed.

Chapter 49
I checked them off on my finger, Gay, Michael, M. Farrington, William Annie and you, and Cook. It was all right. Cook could have crossed that wall, fired, pushed the old man over on the floor, placed the gun in his hand and beat a hasty retreat. Any one of them could and all my efforts at cross-examination only led to lies and defiance. They were abdicating either themselves or someone else—every one of them.

I wanted a trap—a trap that no alibi could spring. And I wanted it before they all collected for breakfast and the murderer had the chance to suspect that his plan had not worked. There was only one question on which any trap could hinge—the reason for the presence of the revolver in Higgin's room. If all three could have been put there because the murderer was ignorant of the fact that it should have been in the left hand, because the murderer desired to throw suspicion on someone else. The choice depended entirely upon the identity of the culprit.

Of all the people in the house, I was certain that only one could have done it out of ignorance. She was the only person in the house against whom there had been no one ahead of evidence at any time. She was impulsive and hot-headed. The murderer might or might not be cold, logical and capable of swift action. In a crisis Gay was all of those things. It was possible that her love with Michael had been a safety valve for more nerve strain than we had realized. Yet, she was capable of more nerve strain than I could not even remotely guess at a reason behind them.

Michael, on the other hand, certainly knew all of Higgin's characteristics. If Michael had placed the gun in the butler's right hand, he had done it because he knew the butler's hand. And Michael in such a situation would be quick apt to lose his head.

His aunt, on the contrary, would be very cool. And M. Farrington did not like Gay. I could not help feeling that if M. Farrington were ever aroused to the point of committing a murder, she would not hesitate to use any means at her disposal to get up to lose his head.

It seemed as though both Cook and Annie would have lost their heads in such a situation. But William would be cool as ice. But without exception, every one of them knew that Higgin was left-handed.

I sought a trap that would hinge around those characteristics as I saw them and around the peculiar circumstances in which the body was found. The slight of the body was not much help. I covered it.

Then I started methodically and worked my way from the bed around the room, under the bed, under the bed, through the pillows, for possessions in the dress-er and wardrobe. Not many spots to show for 20-odd years of hard work. For my purpose, nothing to show at all.

It was a quarter of seven. At any time now the roundup for breakfast was apt to start and something told me that the question of the suspects individually or give up the whole attempt. I suddenly I started at that room trying to bring its secret from it.

A hand! I must spring a trap—now. And my mind was blank. I started down at the figure on the bed and the floor. Three articles took me into the hall. Conclusive proof or otherwise, I knew what I was going to do.

Paris Strzes Gay
In all the way to Gay's door I was thinking of only one possibility. If she wasn't there? But she must be!

"Come in!" called a cheerful voice. "Oh—hello, Jim. I was just going to start down. Why what's the matter? You're looking like a nut. I'll get a doctor for you. Come quickly. She says you're awful sick and the brush in her hand fell clatter- ing to the floor. 'Himmm, what is it?' Oh—"

"It's all right," I said, leading her into the hall. "That shot at least walk to Higgin's room was ghastly. I was obliged to concentrate on all the worst features of the crimes before I could force myself to push open his door. Gay walked in without a sign of alarm, and I followed her, closing the door and putting my back against it. Swiftly her eyes swept the room from the bed to the far wall and back to my face.

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