

Murder at MOCKING HOUSE

BY WALTER C. BROWN

SYNOPSIS: Sergeant Harper has proved to his own satisfaction that the policeman and the stranger found dead in Pierre Dufresne's house were murdered, and did not kill each other. He believes one of the guns used is in the house, but when he fails to find it, Dufresne ridicules him. Now he and Detective Lafferty are searching the room in which the Dufresne household was locked up while the remainder of the big house was searched.

Chapter 28
WEST STIRLING
"No luck, Steve," Lafferty reported, finished with his part of the search.
"What've you got there?"
"Just a length of twine," Lafferty answered, "I picked it off the door, near the window-seat."
"The window-seat? That's where Dufresne and Macklin were sitting. Let's have a look at it."
Lafferty handed it over, with a chuckle. "Big clue?" he chaffed.
But Harper was paying little attention to his assistant's joking. He roughly estimated the length of the twine at about twelve feet. "Dufresne has been wearing that long-fingering robe all morning," he mused. "It could have fallen from his pocket." He ran the tough cord through his fingers. "It feels wet here in the center, Jack."
Lafferty was still smiling. "You don't even know that any one dropped it. It might have been there before we came to this room all."

"Then it would have been noticed."

Sundown Stories

THE INVITATION
By Mary Graham Bonner
Outside the door stood Mrs. Quacker from Quackerville.
"What brings you here?" asked Willy Nilly.
"Well, quack, quack," said Mrs. Quacker. "I came right over as soon as I saw what a beautiful rainy day it was turning out to be, and I thought I would invite Mr. and Mrs. Quacker and the others to come over to Quackerville and talk over a plan I have. It's a wonderful duck's plan and if any one else is interested, by all means come along."

"I'm going to be busy here attending to some chores," said Willy Nilly. "I don't have to worry about any fires now that it seems as though we are in for some real rain. Top Notch is going to put his general store to rights and Christopher his nest."
"I've promised the cubs that I'd take them to look for things to eat, and we'll swim and have some fun," said Honey Bear, "as we've been having lots of worry. Mrs. Quacko will tell you about it."
"I'm going along with Honey Bear and the cubs," said Jelly Bear, "but we may look in on you on the way back from our trip."
"I must have some exercise," said Rip, the dog, wagging his tail happily.
"That's just as well," said Mrs. Quacker. "The ducks will be the ones really interested in this plan."
"We'd love to come," said Mrs. Quacko. "My dear, it is really very good of you to invite us. And you do want all of us?"
"Every one of you," said Mrs. Quacker with a flourish of her right wing. And off they waddled.

Tomorrow—"The Plan"

ACROSS
1. Tallen leaping amphibian
2. Perceived through the ear
3. Greeny
4. Assistant
5. Steel plating on battle-ships
6. Interpret archaic
7. Having little velocity
8. Lasso
9. Measure of distance
10. Back of an animal
11. More trouble
12. Like
13. On a ship
14. Agricultural implement
15. Goddess of discord
16. Black bird
17. Preceded
18. So may it be
19. Rough lava
20. Hawaiian
21. Artificial
22. Language
23. Purpose
24. Treatise
25. Title of a knight
26. Devoiced
27. And French
28. Genus of the Virginia willow
29. Tree
30. Inflamed places

Solution of Yesterday's Puzzle

L	A	T	H	S	P	A	S	E	L	M
A	E	A	A	A	U	N	T	L	E	E
P	A	L	L	C	R	O	A	T	I	A
M	I	L	L	S	I	N	T	O		
U	S	E	R	S	E	R	E	N	T	E
S	E	R	O	T	E	R	O	E	R	N
C	R	I	S	E	S	M	A	R	O	O
A	G	U	E	E	M	I	L	U	S	A
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C	O	N	S	U	L	T	S	T	E	A
A	W	E	N	O	E	L	T	A	L	E
P	E	T	D	E	N					

DOWN
1. You and me
2. Makes in printing
3. Region
4. Book cover
5. Bone
6. Supplications
7. Slow
8. More peculiar
9. Send out
10. Induced, as a
11. Ancient Roman
12. Sacred books of the Zoroastrian religion
13. Playing cards
14. American Indians
15. Get away
16. About and touching
17. Diseases
18. Comes out
19. Provided that
20. Thwart
21. Bank
22. English river
23. Thwart
24. Medicinal plant
25. Decay
26. Small island
27. Tall coarse grass stems
28. Conjunction
29. Stripping
30. Got Danish money
31. Danish money
32. Unit of account

INDEPENDENCE HAS SCHOOL ELECTION

Independence—A large number of patrons of school district No. 20 manifest their interest in school affairs by being present at the school meeting Monday evening to elect a director for three years and a clerk for one year. The clerk's report showed the district in much better financial condition than a year ago and the budget will be substantially reduced this year.

J. E. Kelley was reelected to succeed himself on the board of directors for three years and several sought to make the choice unanimous although another name was written in on the slate giving Mr. Kelley a substantial lead over any other candidate. Charles G. Irvine was reelected as clerk for another year, a few scattering votes going to other names written in on the ballot.

Farewell Offered Naval Enlistments

Rickreall William Rowell, son of Postmaster and Mrs. W. W. Rowell, who recently enlisted in the navy, was honored at a farewell party for which Arthur Dempsey was host at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dempsey Monday evening from 8 to 10 o'clock.

Episcopal Church Contract Awarded

Monmouth—Contract for the proposed church of the Episcopal denomination in Monmouth has been let to C. W. Price, local contractor. The structure which is to be one story, 65 by 20, and completed by October 1 will be erected on the lot adjoining the Coffee Shoppe on West Main street which has been the property of the local Episcopal denomination for several years.

REG'AR FELLERS

Harper turned to the plump Italian. "Can you identify these as having come from your stock?"
"Yes, sir. We make everything in our own workrooms and I'd know our goods anywhere. The finest workmanship, sir." Gagliotti spoke with very little accent, his bearing confident, his black eyes gleam with intelligent curiosity.

"When was the purchase made?"
"Your man asked me that. I replied, early in October."
"October?" exclaimed Harper, half rising in his chair.
"October," Gagliotti repeated. "I recalled that it had been some time before our Halloween rush. We keep a record of all cash sales, as this one was, so I looked up the original slip. Here it is."
The Italian promptly produced a cash sales voucher. The date was October tenth, just three months to the day before the masquerader met his death while wearing this purchase. Here was a vital fact that was at variance with all other known features of the case.



"There's something ahead—foot the whistle!" cries Mac.
The whistle screams out, but Puff moves not a muscle.
The train's almost on him—poor Puff better hustle!

MUTT AND JEFF

HEH, HEH—I THINK THESE COMIC STRIPS I'DREW ARE PRETTY FUNNY. I'LL SHOW 'EM TO JEFF AND GIVE HIM A LAUGH!

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By Frederic J. Haskin

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Q. How many tourist camps are there in the United States? C.M.C.L. A. It is estimated that there are 30,000 tourist camps in the United States, containing more than 300,000 cottages and 450,000 beds.

Q. What is the steepest railroad grade in the country (in degrees) that either passenger or freight trains travel over, where is this located, and how long is the grade? F.W. A. The bureau of railway economics says that the steepest railroad grade in the United States is a twelve mile stretch of 2 1/2 per cent grade on the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad. The highest point reached is Tennessee Pass, 10,240 feet. The grade occurs between Leadville and Tennessee Pass.

Q. How much money is spent for insurance against burglary in this country? H.H. A. Premiums from burglary insurance are about \$27,000,000 a year covering over \$5,000,000,000 of protection.

Q. Is it possible to get aviation training now by joining the Navy? M.P. A. The selection of recruits of the

regular Navy for aviation pilot training has been suspended for an indefinite period due to the large number of men fully qualified in all respects for flight training, whose names are already on the waiting list.

Q. For whom were Chevrolet automobiles named? W.C. A. They take the name from Louis Chevrolet, who built the first Chevrolet automobile in a small work shop on Grand River Avenue, Detroit, Mich., during the fall of 1911.

Q. What is the theme of Butler's Hudibras? D.R. A. It is a satire on certain of the blue laws passed during the Commonwealth in England. Hudibras is a justice who sets out to enforce the strict laws for the suppression of the amusements and sports of the people.

Q. Why is the face of the king of diamonds only a profile? P.J. A. The profile representation of the king of diamonds has always been a peculiarity in the English pack of cards and as a rule also in the French packs. The object is to distinguish him more effectively from the other red king, the king of hearts.

Q. When was gold discovered in Australia? A.P. A. The first authentic record of the discovery of gold in Australia is contained in a surveyor's field book preserved in the Plan Room of the Department of Lands in Syd-

ney. The surveyor was James McEwen. The entry is dated February 15th, 1823. The locality was the Fish River near Bathurst, New South Wales. In the same year a convict in a road gang near Bathurst found a small rough nugget while at work.

Q. How much was Blasfield paid for his paintings in the Library of Congress? A.W.O. A. Edwin H. Blasfield painted the dome and lantern of the Main Reading Room of the Library of Congress in 1893 and received for this \$8,000.

Q. How much coffee has Brazil destroyed? H.S. A. In an effort to control her coffee situation, Brazil has destroyed 24,350,000 bags of coffee containing 150 pounds each.

Q. Can red oak be used for beer barrels? N.A.H. A. The Forest Products Laboratory says that by developing simple means of stopping leakage of liquid and gas through the pores of red oak, it has been made potentially available for brewery uses which require 25 million feet of cooperage stock each year.

Q. Where is the island which is controlled entirely by women? L.G.E. A. The island that is largely controlled by women is Minicoy in the Indian Ocean. It is situated about 250 miles west of the southern point of India.

Q. Who was Yehudi Menuhin's violin teacher? C.B.W. A. Louis Persinger taught Yehudi Menuhin. Ruggiero Ricci is another child pupil of Persinger's, who has a brilliant future before him.

Q. Do people in Central America often use shingles for roofing? B.R. A. Shingles are not extensively used, the zinc and corrugated iron roofing being found more satisfactory for use in the earthquake area.

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