

# I did not kill Osborne

By VICTOR BRIDGES

**SYNOPSIS:** Nicholas Trench just has been acquitted of the murder of his old schoolfellow Osborne. Somewhat shaken, he retires to a tea room near the prison to read a letter from his cousin, Sir Raymond. He does not feel that the letter compensates for his cousin's absence throughout the trial. A man and woman enter the room, and begin discussing the Trench trial, which the man has attended.

**Chapter Four**  
**NICHOLAS' PROTEST**  
For the moment the conversation was interrupted by the return of the waitress. I sat in grim silence while plates clinked and sound of retreating footsteps came my male neighbor's Cockney accents.

"Looked a simple enough business to start with. There wasn't a doubt that the night of the murder Trench had been round at the house. Osborne must have let him in himself, because the servant was out."

"What happened no one rightly knows, but the next morning Osborne was found lying on the carpet with his head hammered to a pulp. The safe in which he kept his papers was open and empty. He'd drawn five hundred pounds in notes from the bank the day before, and that was gone along with the rest."

"What's he like?" inquired the girl. "Trench—I mean. An artist."

## SUNDOWN STORIES

By Mary Graham Bonner

But just as Top Notch had cried for help he moved in such a way that he was no longer caught in the doll's house. He hurried out and walked with great dignity through Santa's work shop.

In a moment or so Willy Nilly came running in. "Did you call for help, Top Notch?" asked Willy Nilly. Top Notch paid no attention to the question.

"Very handsome toys here, eh, Willy Nilly?" he asked. "I've been admiring them. Such a great, great many, too. Well, I suppose there must be a great many toys as there are a great many children, cock-a-doodle-do."

From the way in which Willy Nilly looked at him Top Notch felt that Willy Nilly knew that something had happened. So Top Notch went on talking in his cackling voice:

"For the rooster life of me I must say I admire Santa's work! I hear Santa now!" exclaimed Willy Nilly. They rushed outside to greet him, and now all the Puddle Muddlers came around to help Santa as he tied up presents, as he made bundles of small toys and piled oranges high.

As Santa worked he kept talking: Elaine said she wanted a doll with blue eyes and golden hair, and a little ring for herself.

"Betty said she wanted a doll's bed and a toy bear. "Billy said he wanted a pair of skates and a hockey stick. "Peter wrote me that he wanted a pair of skis. Well, they're all here. It seems as though I'd never get through in time, but I know I will. Santa must never be late!"

Tomorrow—"Packing The Sleigh."

## Died Of Thirst

This photograph of Alfred Rudolph Lorenz of Paris and Charles island in the Galapagos group was found among papers on his thirst withered body which fishermen discovered on uninhabited Marchena island, 100 miles from Charles. (Associated Press Photo)

"He's a sculptor—did that funny lookin' statue outside Victoria Station. Great big hefty chap—make two of me. Gosh, he's a lucky devil if ever there was one."

"Ask me another! I'd have taken my oath he hadn't an earthly. Why, when they arrested him there he was with the notes in his pocket. Bunked off down to some little place in Essex and trying to get hold of a yacht so as he could slip across to the Continent."

"How did he explain that?" "Said he was acting as Osborne's agent. Pretty thin sort of a yarn, wasn't it?"

"Well, the jury must have believed him, anyhow."

"The jury! I tell you they were hypnotized by that fellow Barrett. He didn't half make a fine speech—fairly knocked 'em off their perch. If it wasn't for him, Mr. blooming Trench would be swinging in a rope, and between ourselves, that's just where the blighter ought to be."

A sudden unreasoning anger swept through me. Who was this dirty little skunk, and what right had he got to call me a murderer? I jumped to my feet, upsetting my tea-cup in the process, and almost before I realized what I was doing I had thrust aside the screen.

Two people spun round and two startled faces stared up into mine. One belonged to a weedy looking youth in a blue suit, the other to an anemic damsel with bare arms and heavily rouged lips.

I took a step nearer. "You know a lot about my private affairs, don't you?" I said. The young man shrunk back. His jaw had fallen and he gaped at me in a kind of petrified terror.

"It's him!" he whispered. "With a squeal like a frightened rabbit, the girl flung up her arm. "Keep him off, Percy," she gasped. "Don't let him come near me."

I laughed—a short, vicious laugh that broke from me almost unconsciously—then turning round and collecting my belongings, I retraced my way to the desk.

It was obvious that the honey-haired cashier must have overheard everything, for she took my bill with a shaking hand, and pushed across the change as though I were suffering from the plague. By this time, however, I had more or less recovered my sanity. I picked up the odd coppers without even a second glance at her, and walking quietly to the door began to descend the staircase.



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## ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

By Frederic J. Haskin

**Q. What is the origin of hockey?**  
K.M.C.  
A. Known as hurly in Ireland, hockey was played on the beaches in Galway as early as the 15th century. The rules were then simple and the game rough. In 1883 a definite set of rules was drawn up by the Wimbledon Club, London, and since then the game has been played in many countries.

**Q. Who was the first president of the D.A.R.?** K.G.  
A. The first president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution was Mrs. Benjamin Harrison.

**Q. How long has the American Hebrew been published?** C.E.  
A. It is now celebrating the 55th anniversary of its founding.

**Q. How did the term, whipping boy, originate?** P.M.H.  
A. A whipping boy was formerly a boy companion to a prince, who was educated with him and punished in his stead.

**Q. Where is W. S. Hart, who was in motion pictures, living?** B.S.B.  
A. He is living on his ranch at Newhall, California.

**Q. Was there ever an hotel in New Orleans called The Strangers' Hotel?** G.M.  
A. According to the "Historical Sketch Book and Guide to New Orleans" by Coleman, there was in 1839 a Strangers' Hotel in New Orleans which was presided over by a famous caterer known as Marty. This was one of two hotels of any consequence in that city at that time.

**Q. How early did Yehudi Menuhin play the violin in public?** M.R.  
A. At the age of five he made his debut at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco.

**Q. How long has it been since Pennsylvania had a democratic governor?** V.R.  
A. Governor-elect George H. Earle is the first democrat to be elected governor of the Commonwealth in 44 years.

**Q. What is the name of the poem read by the Prince of Wales during the Armistice Day broadcast?** G.C.  
A. The poem is "To the Fallen" by Laurence Binyon.

**Q. How many tourists visit the Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D. C.?** H.M.  
A. The daily average of visitors is 3000.

**Q. What is the origin of the word, clue?** C.R.F.  
A. It is from the Old English, cluwa, a ball of thread, the thread of life, which according to the fable, the Pates spin for every man. The figurative meaning, a piece of evidence leading to discovery, is derived from the story of Theseus, who was guided through the labyrinth by the ball of thread held by Ariadne.

**Q. What are the symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning?** C.B.  
A. The symptoms vary depending upon the concentration of the carbon monoxide breathed, but the usual result is a red coloration, particularly of the ears, lips, and nails, and a cessation of breathing.

**Q. How is the alcohol content of beer determined?** E.E.D.  
A. A sample is placed in a flask and distilled. All the distillate is collected and specific gravity measured with a hydrometer.

**Q. Was bread ever kneaded with the feet?** J.G.  
A. Herodotus said of the ancient Egyptians, "Though they tread with their feet, but clay with their hands." The practice of using the feet for dough kneading also persisted for many years in Scotland.

**Q. How many widowers and widows are there in the United States?** R.E.N.  
A. The 1930 census enumerated 2,025,036 widowers and 4,734,207 widows.

**Q. Is the architect of the Lincoln Memorial at Washington, D. C., living?** W.M.  
A. Henry Bacon, who was the architect, died February 16, 1924.

**Q. May questions be sent in on postcards?** F.O.  
A. Postcards should not be used unless of a type which provides for reply. Coin or stamp should be sent in the letter to pay return postage. The information is free, but the inquirer is asked to pay the return postage. Address Frederic J. Haskin, Director, Washington, D. C.

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## ATE CURBSTONE LUNCHES

Springfield, Mo. (AP)—Curbstone lunches are frowned upon by senior high school authorities. The practice was introduced after a ruling that students could not leave the school grounds at noon.

Pupils then stood on the curb bordering the school grounds and were served by employees of a lunch wagon across the street.

with the verdict would be practically unanimous, but it was quite possible that in expressing this opinion he had merely been attempting to cheer me up. After all that pasty-faced youth had sat through the case, and there was no reason for supposing that he was any more stupid or malicious than others of his kind.

If he had come away in the conviction that I was guilty, and that I had only escaped being hanged through the eloquence of my counsel, what grounds had I for expecting a more charitable attitude from the majority of my fellow men?

With this disquieting question in my mind I emerged into the crowded traffic of Ludgate Hill. A Neighboring clock showed me that it was twenty minutes past five, and, after hesitating for a second, I decided that as I could hardly avoid an interview with Seymour, I might as well go down to his fat now and get it over.

He had told me in his letter that he would be at home until seven-thirty, and since there was therefore no particular hurry, it struck me that the outside of a bus would be the most agreeable method of traveling.

To catch one for St. James's street, however, it was necessary to cross the road, and I had just done so and arrived safely on the opposite side when a raucous-voiced newspaper boy came bawling along the gutter. "Evenin' Standard—Murder Trial Re-suit—all the winners." I caught sight of my own name in large letters, and hastily producing a coin, I stepped forward to intercept him.

(To be continued)

## LITTLE ORPHAN ANNIE

GEE, THAT POLICE LIEUTENANT SURE WAS SWELL TO US—EM "DADDY" NOW WE DON'T HAVE TO BE SCARED O' GETTIN' CHASED ANY MORE—

SURE, ANNIE—YOU'LL FIND THE POLICE ARE ALWAYS PRETTY DECENT TO PEOPLE—

WELL, MAYBE THE RICH GET RICH BY BEING STINGY AND THE POOR GET POOR BY GIVING TOO FREELY—

BUT THAT'S NOT ALWAYS SO—I'VE BEEN NOTICIN' LATELY—PLENTY O' FOLKS WHO AREN'T VERY RICH ARE SURE TIGHTER THAN THEY HAVE TO BE, AND LOTS O' FOLKS WITH PLENTY ARE AWFUL GENEROUS—

SO YOU THINK THOSE STORIES ABOUT RICH MISERS AND POOR PHILANTHROPISTS AREN'T TRUE?

NO—I JUST FIGGER FOLKS ARE TH' SAME INSIDE, RICH OR POOR—AND IF THEY'RE MEAN, THEY'RE MEAN—AND IF THEY'RE GENEROUS, THEY'RE GENEROUS—AND BEIN' RICH OR POOR HAS NOTHIN' TO DO WITH IT—

HA! HA! WHAT DO YOU THINK OF OUR LITTLE PHILOSOPHER HERE? ARF—

## REGULAR FELLERS

PINHEAD IS TOO SMART FOR THIS GUESSING GAME! I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO STICK HIM ONCE!

ASK HIM THIS ONE, AGGIE! WHAT IS IT THAT HAS FEATHERS BUT CANT FLY? HE'LL NEVER THINK OF SAYIN' "A NOSTRICH!"

NOW, PINHEAD, TELL US QUICKLY—WHAT IS IT THAT HAS FEATHERS BUT CANT FLY?

THAT'S TOO EASY, AGGIE! A SOFA PILLER!

JINGLE BELLS—JINGLE BELLS—FOR EVERY BELL THERE'LL BE A BILL TO PAY—

AND EVERY TIME THE BELL RINGS ANOTHER LAUGH—MIN GETTING ANDY A POCKETBOOK FOR CHRISTMAS—WHAT WOULD HE EVER USE IT FOR?

THE ONLY THING HE EVER HAD TO PUT IN A BILL-FOLD WAS HIS MEMBERSHIP CARD IN THE ARMY OF THE UNEMPLOYED—

## KITCHEN JINGLES

SAY, TOM, THIS FONKEY IS SHOOTIN' SOME SIGNS OF LIFE—

THAT'S GOOD—WE'LL NEED HIM TO CLEAR UP THIS MYSTERY!

HURRY—BEFORE THE OTHER MAN COMES BACK!

YOU MEAN IT'S TOO BAD WE DIDN'T GET TH ONE ABOVE HIM?

I MEAN THAT TH GUY AND SLUSSED ME IN TH BRAINS OF THIS KIDNAP GANG—TH 'S BE SHOT—BUT HE GOT AWAY!

WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SWEETS?

TOO BAD WE COULDN'T HAVE GOT THE OTHER ONE.

## STILL WAITING

THE TOYS ARE NOW FINISHED, ALL PAINTED AND TIED

With little red labels that tell what's inside.

Then Santa and Puffy start filling the sleigh.

"Why—this isn't work," Puffy cries. "This is PLAY!"

MUTT AND JEFF

NOW NOW, WILLIE, BEHAVE YOURSELF! YOU MUST BE A GOOD BOY AND STUDY YOUR LESSONS!

I DON'T WANNA STUDY! I WANNA GO OUT!

AT YOUR AGE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT WAS MADE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNTRY!

—AND THEN I WORKED IN A STORE FOR FOUR DOLLARS A WEEK AND AT THE END OF SIX YEARS I OWNED THE STORE!

YOU CANT DO THAT NOWADAYS, UNCLE! THEY HAVE CASH REGISTERS!

**ACROSS**

- Equality
- Agreement
- Arrest
- Worn
- Small
- Present
- Outset
- Extremes
- Mistreat
- Number
- Interpret
- Archaeology
- Siberian river
- Likely
- Invention
- Thin cake
- Humiliated
- People of education and good breeding
- Famous
- Penis of shrubs
- Wonder and fear
- Medicinal plant
- Formerly
- Heavily body
- Masculine name
- Scouring
- Kind
- Whitewash
- Persian fairy
- Light brown

**Solution of Yesterday's Puzzles**

SLIT	SCRIM	WRAP
WIDE	THINE	HONE
AYER	RANK	SAUTE
YEARBOOK	PATTER	
LOOPS	CAVE	
SR	KAP	RENOVATE
WAR	TEPID	REDAN
ADAR	DELAY	RITE
TINES	CERES	TAM
HOGSHEAD	AIDRY	
TORN	ARNEE	
POLLEN	SPLENDOR	
AKIES	PERI	TUBE
CAMS	SETON	ACID
ALPS	ORANG	LETS

**DOWN**

- Perpetuating the earth's axis
- Light brown
- Bun-dried brick
- Discolor or discolor
- Prepare for
- American author
- Musical instrument
- String of cars
- Oriental rest house
- Inclination
- Men's party
- Prepare for publication
- Public vehicle
- Unity
- And not before

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