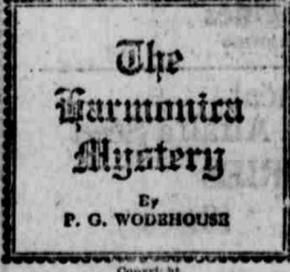


TYPES OF BEEF ANIMALS FOR HOME CONSUMPTION

The farmer buys more beef than he takes from the farm. Only about 10 per cent of meat furnished by the average farm is beef. In the North and West the average consumption of beef per family is nearly 300 pounds and in the South it is less than 100 pounds.



SYNOPSIS.

CHAPTER I.—Captain Gunner resident of Mrs. Pickett's Excelsior boarding house, is found dead in his bedroom, under circumstances that point conclusively to suicide or murder.

CHAPTER II.

Paul Snyder, veteran head of a highly successful detective agency, is appealed to by Mrs. Pickett to endeavor to solve the mystery. On his staff Snyder has a young man, Elliott Oakes, for whom he has a promising future if his abnormal self-confidence and egotism can be eliminated.

CHAPTER III.

Flat Up Against It. A day later Mr. Snyder sat in his office reading a typewritten manuscript. It appeared to be of a humorous nature, for as he read chuckles escaped him. Finishing the last sheet, he threw back his head and laughed heartily.

"The manuscript had not been intended by its author for a humorous effort. What Mr. Snyder had been reading was the first of Elliott Oakes' reports from the Excelsior. It was as follows: 'I am sorry to be unable to report any real progress. I have formed several theories, which I will put forward later, but up to the present I cannot say that I am hopeful.'

"Directly I arrived here I sought out Mrs. Pickett, explained who I was, and requested her to furnish me with any further information which might be of service to me.

"She is a strange, silent woman, who impressed me as having very little intelligence. Your suggestion that I should avail myself of her assistance in unraveling this mystery seems more curious than ever now that I have seen her.

night, when he would take some whisky. His head was not strong, and a little of the spirit was enough to make him semi-intoxicated, when he would be hilarious and often insulting.

"I gather that Muller found him a difficult roommate, but he is one of those placid Germans who can put up with anything. He and Gunner were in the habit of playing checkers together every night in their room, and Gunner had a harmonica which he played frequently.

"Apparently, he was playing it very soon before he died, which is significant, as seeming to dispose of the idea of suicide.

"But if Captain Gunner did not kill himself, I cannot at present imagine who did kill him, or why he was killed, or how.

"As I say, I have one or two theories, but they are in a very nebulous state. The most plausible is that on one of his visits to India—I have ascertained that he made several voyages there—Captain Gunner may in some way have fallen foul of the natives.

"Kipling's story 'The Mark of the Beast' is suggestive. Is it not possible that Captain Gunner, a rough, overbearing man, easily intoxicated, may in a drunken frolic have offered some insult to an Indian god?

"The fact that he certainly died of the poison of the krait, an Indian snake, supports this theory.

"I am making inquiries as to the movements of several Indian sailors who were here in their ships at the time of the tragedy.

"I have another theory. Does Mrs. Pickett know more about this affair than she appears to?

"I may be wrong in my estimate of her mental qualities. Her apparent stupidity may be cunning.

from Mr. Snyder with a curt superciliousness which now he was beginning to regret.

Such an attitude as he had assumed could only be justified by results, and the fear was creeping over him that he could not produce those results.

"Mrs. Pickett's pale eyes somehow made him feel very young.

Elliott Oakes' first act after his brief interview with the proprietress had been to examine the room where the tragedy had taken place.

Oakes belonged to the magnifying-glass school of detection. The first thing he did on entering the room was to make a careful examination of the floor, the walls, the furniture, and the window-sill.

He would have hotly denied the assertion that he did this because it looked well, but he would have been hard put to it to advance any other reason.

He discovered what probably, in his heart, he had expected to discover—nothing. There were particles of dust on the floor, but they conveyed nothing to him.

However, he went through his performance conscientiously. It was his way of taking formal possession of the case.

He rose, a little flushed, and, abandoning the magnifying-glass, made a comprehensive survey of the room from a position near the door.

There remained the window. It was small, and apprehensiveness possibly on the score of burglars had caused the proprietress to make it doubly secure with an iron bar.

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"For the past five years I have not been able to eat hardly anything that would stay on my stomach, and even milk and water at times would upset my stomach, and cause me to have to go to bed. I lived on a strict diet of rice and milk for over a year, and at the same time I tried all kinds of treatments but none gave me a particle of relief, not even temporary, and finally I was in such a bad condition I had to stay in bed most of the time. So my husband and I decided to give up our house and sell it, as I couldn't look after it. By this time I was down to ninety-eight pounds in weight and was almost a complete nervous and physical wreck."

"I hated to give up my home, and on the advice of a friend who had used Tanlac I decided to try it first. With the first bottle I began to improve, and I hadn't finished my second bottle before I was feeling like a different woman, and my troubles of ten years' standing have entirely gone. I never have a sick headache or spell with my stomach. My appetite has come back and I'm gaining in weight and strength every day. Nothing ever disturbs my nerves now for they were never better, and I can sleep 'till all night long. All my neighbors are rejoicing with me over my recovery, and I feel that it's my duty to give a public statement and tell of the wonderful good Tanlac has done me. No, we didn't sell our house because we found this medicine in time."

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"Mr. Toastmaster, ladies and gentlemen, you have asked me to respond to the toast 'Water,' the purest and best of all the things that God has created. I want to say to you that I have seen it glisten in tiny tear-drops on the sleeping lids of infancy; I have seen it trickle down the blushing cheeks of youth, and go in rushing torrents down the wrinkled cheek of age. I have seen it in tiny dew drops on the blades of grass and leaves of trees, flashing like polished diamonds when the morning sun burst in resplendent glory o'er the eastern hills. I have seen it trickle down the mountain sides in tiny rivulets with the music of liquid silver striking on beds of polished diamonds. I have seen it in the rushing rivers rippling over pebbly bottoms, pattering about jutting stones, roaring over precipitous falls in its mad rush to join the mighty Father of Waters, and in the mighty Father of Waters I have seen it go in slow and majestic sweep to join the ocean on whose broad bosom floats the battle-fleets of all nations and the commerce of the world. But, ladies and gentlemen, I want to say to you now that as a beverage it is a damn failure."—Exchange.

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