

MURDER ON THE BLUFF

SCENARIOS. Jude Blinshop, a...
 ...that I was making a great mis...
 ...Where and how, I could not see...
 ...but I was sure that I was making one...
 ...I had a strong conviction that if Hig...
 ...gins were guilty, he would never...
 ...have taken the accusation as he had...
 ...If Higgins had done all the things we...
 ...had imagined he doing, Higgins was...
 ...insane, for he was without a conceiv...
 ...able motive. And an insane man, con...
 ...fronted with captivity, is not usually...
 ...as placid as he was. At least, I didn't...
 ...think so. It was a straw, but I gasped...
 ...at it frantically.

"Higgins," I said, "haven't you any...
 ...thing to say to defend yourself?"
 "Not a thing, sir."
 William and I took him upstairs. It...
 ...was consistent with my general suspi...
 ...ciousness that, although I had many...
 ...qualms about his guilt, I no sooner...
 ...slipped the key of his locked door into...
 ...my pocket than I regarded the entire...
 ...episode as closed. It was all over...
 ...And now - what?
 William stirred uneasily at my el...
 ...bow. "I feel like a rat, sir. He's an...
 ...awful old man."
 I wanted to get away from William...
 ...Without replying I made off down...
 ...the corridor to the main hall. Lights...
 ...still glared there, and I could hear...
 ...the intermittent murmur of the voice...
 ...of M. Farrington. I knew that I should...
 ...go in there and tell them what had...
 ...happened. I knew that they were in...
 ...all probability working themselves...
 ...into a fine frenzy waiting for me. But...
 ...I was in no mood to face M. Farring...
 ...ton—or even Michael.

The Case Against Higgins
 I WENT downstairs into the cold...
 ...deserted library, where I made a...
 ...fire, helped myself to a stiff drink and...
 ...sat down to think. For the most part...
 ...I was concerned with the where-ab...
 ...abouts of the Skipper. That Higgins...
 ...in his right mind would in any way...
 ...injure the Skipper seemed to me out...
 ...of the question. And I could not con...
 ...vince myself that Higgins was not in...
 ...his right mind.
 I went over and over the question...
 ...I took another drink and then another...
 ...I threw myself down at the desk and...
 ...tried to write. The feel of a pen in my...
 ...hand was comforting. More to quiet my...
 ...nerves than in hopes of proving any...
 ...thing, I set to work.

HIGGINS
 Knew of the presence of Norman...
 ...Farrington. Whereabouts at the time...
 ...of the death of Jude suspicious. Easy...
 ...to imagine him in the confidence of...
 ...every single person molested to date...
 ..."Yes."
 He was guilty. I was sure of it. But...
 ...sitting there looking at him I couldn't...
 ...see myself telling him so. I cleared...
 ...my throat.
 "Higgins," I said, "you've lied to me...
 ...on every single question I've asked...
 ...you—haven't you?"
 For one fraction of a second the...
 ...eyes turned toward me were the sick...
 ...tired eyes of a very old man. In the...
 ...next instant they were veiled and...
 ...calculating.
 "What gives you that impression...
 ...sir?"
 I stood up. "You were seen out of...
 ...your room on the night when Miss...
 ...Blinshop was killed. You were seen...
 ...going into your room fully dressed...
 ...just before Mr. Michael called you...
 ...and renounced you as if you had been...
 ...asleep a moment later. You own the...
 ...only gun in the house. You were seen...
 ...coming down the stairs immediately...
 ...before we discovered the injured cat...
 ...when you swore that you had been in...
 ...the next room. You were on hand...
 ...when Miss Farrington was wounded...
 ...You even tried to get my fingerprints...
 ...on the revolver. William and I are...
 ...going to look you in your room. You...
 ...will be kept there until the police...
 ...arrive."

WILLIAM
 Convicted of felony. Served full...
 ...term in spite of interest of Mr. Blin...
 ...shop. Seems to indicate that no undi...
 ...cated evidence has yet been found...
 ...Knew the Blinshops. Only person...
 ...with considerable money—revenge...
 ...Only person to give evidence against...
 ...Higgins. Substantiation of all his evi...
 ...dence comes from his wife and Cook...
 ...who are clever enough to have fooled...
 ...the household over a long period of...
 ...time.
 Knew of Higgins' gun and admits to...
 ...being a good shot. Alibi covering kill...
 ...ing of cat and training of wife and...
 ...Cook questionable. Proof of where...
 ...abouts during death of Jude again...
 ...rests on those two. Found Jude's body...
 ...Might have dealt with me in his room...
 ...Might have planted and removed let...
 ...ters to cast suspicion elsewhere. Sug...
 ...gests the locking of upstairs rooms...
 ...Ma. have had Higgins' keys at the...
 ...time. May have seen Norman Farring...
 ...ton when Michael saw him. Servants...
 ...gossip from the Blinshops' might have...
 ...told him or Norman too. Might have...
 ...had Higgins' suspicion. Higgins' re...
 ...venge.
 Strong enough to have overpowered...
 ...both the Skipper and her brother...
 ...Seems well versed in drugs. Admits...
 ...going to drug store. Note: Was in...
 ...jured when I was. (Might have thrown...
 ...himself down the stairs.) Did re...
 ...vive M. Farrington. Admits locking us...
 ...in cellar.
 I placed the two lists side by side...
 ...and considered them with unabashed...
 ...delight. It seemed to me that the...
 ...case against William overshadowed the...
 ...case against Higgins.
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Making a Mistake?
 "M. JIMMIE, I said, "you've known me for...
 ...a long time. Do you believe what you...
 ...are saying?"
 "I'm sorry, Higgins. Yes."
 A ghost of a smile crossed his face...
 ..."I see," he said. "Do you object to...
 ...my having my coffee before you lock...
 ...me up?"
 "Don't take no chances with him,"...
 ...cautioned William.
 And so we wait there waiting for...
 ...that coffee, waiting to be served by...
 ...a man whom we intended to deliver...
 ...into the hands of the law to lose his...
 ...life. I was too busy with my own feel...
 ...ings to notice particularly what went...
 ...on in that room. Once or twice the...
 ...clumsy shuffling of Cook's feet pen...
 ...etrated my consciousness, but that was...
 ...all. I doubt if any coffee on the face...
 ...of the earth ever took as long to boil...
 ...as that did.
 At last Higgins moved to the closet...
 ...and set out five cups and saucers...
 ...Cook stood grimly over him while he...
 ...poured, her mind running. I imagine...
 ...to all the varieties of poison that...
 ...could be dropped into those cups. My...
 ...own mind was too full of all the other...
 ...cups Higgins had handed me—of all...
 ...the decent little favors he had done...
 ...me. I choked trying to drink the stuff...
 ...Higgins drank his calmly and set the...
 ...cup down.
 "I'm quite ready, Mr. Wells," he...
 ...said.
 But I wasn't. Suddenly, strangely,

STRANGE AS IT SEEMS—By JOHN HIX

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 CHARLES GREEN—
 early English balloonist,
 RODE A PONY IN THE AIR!
 -1828-

WITHOUT ANY PREVIOUS TRACK EXPERIENCE,
 FELIX CARVAJAL, a Cuban postman, "BUMMED"
 HIS WAY TO ST. LOUIS FOR THE 1904 OLYMPICS,
 RAN IN THE MARATHON WITH HEAVY WORK SHOES,
 STOPPED EN ROUTE TO EAT AND CHAT-- AND
 FINISHED FOURTH IN A FIELD OF 40...
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Sen. Norris Ill.
 WASHINGTON, June 23.—(AP)—
 Senator Norris, (Ind.-Neb.), 75-year-
 old leader among liberals, was
 stricken with an attack of indig...
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 capitol physician, said the illness
 was not serious.

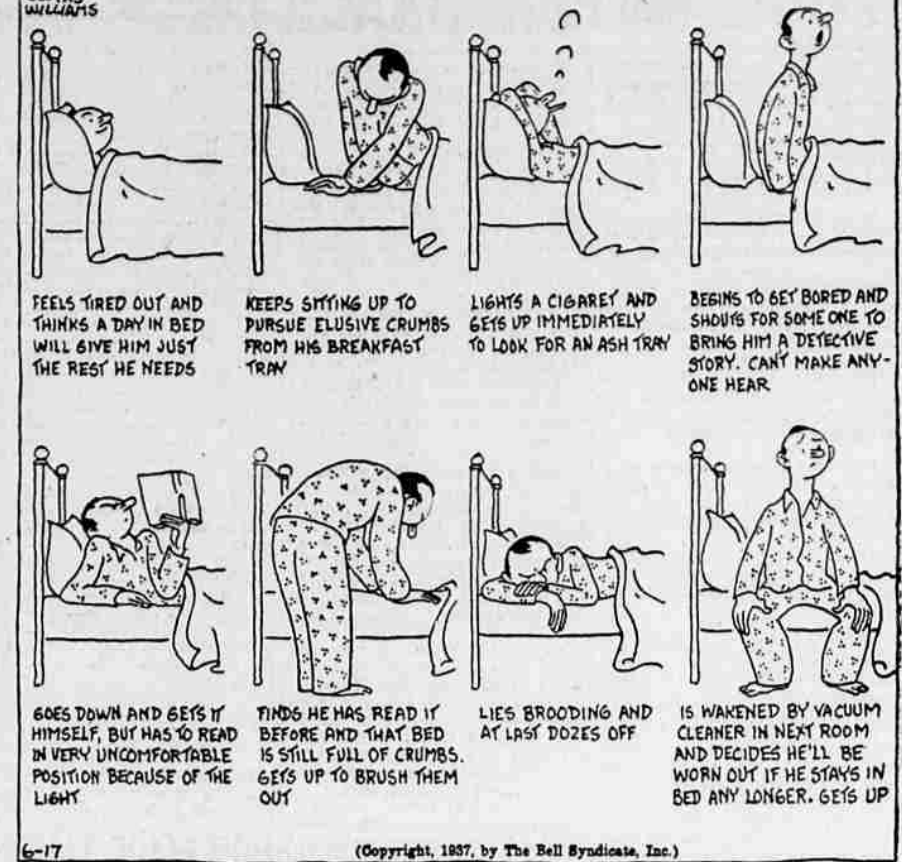
Barrick Salem Director
 SALEM, June 23.—(AP)—The larg...
 est number of persons ever to vote
 in a Salem school election chose Dr.
 Leon E. Barrick for the lone school
 board vacancy yesterday. Dr. Barrick,
 who also is county coroner, received
 1,421 of the 2,122 votes cast. The

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 After scrapping up enough money
 to take him to St. Louis, Mo., for
 the 1904 Olympic, Felix Carvajal
 took leave of his postman job in
 Havana and headed for the states,
 A dice game in New Orleans emptied

total vote was 196 more than the
 previous record, made in 1928.

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 100,000 gallons. The estimated cost
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