

Lena Hates Men

by MARGOT NEVILLE



Clarice Dodd, wealthy middle-aged widow who lives in a mansion, Rockwater, overlooking the harbor of Sydney, Australia, keeps her house filled with gay, indolent young people, her nephew and niece, Felix and Joyce Burke, live with her. Ellice Foster and Denise Deschamps are house guests. Frequent visitors include Bill and Brenda Wheatley, brother and sister, their friend Michael Hawson, and Clarice's physician, Dr. Cyril Nugent. One night, Clarice dies from an overdose of sleeping tablets. It is apparently suicide, but her eccentric maid, Lena, insists that she had only one tablet in her possession that night. When Inspector Grogan of the police investigates, various circumstances cast suspicion particularly on Felix, Denise and Dr. Nugent. Lena claims that she heard Clarice quarrelling with the doctor over the phone that night, and that she later saw him in his motorboat at the Rockwater dock. Nugent denies both these statements, saying that he was mentally unbalanced and, moreover, bears a grudge against him.

CHAPTER XXII
At two-thirty that afternoon, Inspector Grogan and Sergeant Manning called on Dr. Nugent at his office.

The office was showy and fitted the doctor's personality like a glove. On the polished oak desk stood an expensive photograph in an expensive frame of a very expensive-looking lady; Dr. Nugent's wife—a year or two older than the doctor, at a guess.

Nugent rose to meet the detectives. "Well, Inspector, in what way can I be of help to you?" He motioned to two chairs and down again at his desk.

"Well, doctor," Grogan began, "it's about your movements on the night in question."

"Yes?" Nugent looked politely interested.

"Now the harbor police inform me that your motorboat was out on the harbor on the night of Monday the 10th."

Nugent's fingers gripped harder on the edge of his desk and Grogan saw the tightening of the muscles of his face.

The inspector continued. "Your boat was seen and identified, doctor. Do you still maintain that you were at home in bed?"

Nugent took a deep breath. "No. I don't. I was out in my boat that night. I concealed the fact for a very good reason." He leaned back in his chair. You could see him thinking nineteen to the dozen.

"I was taking a lady out for a spin on the harbor."

"I see. May I have the lady's name, please?"

"No. That I refuse to say." The doctor's face was bursting with anger. "There's a point at which the police have no right to probe into a citizen's private affairs."

"We're a long way off that point, doctor. I assume it was one of the young ladies at Rockwater."

"You may assume what you like. I can't prevent you suggesting that, but I can close my mouth."

Grogan said quietly, "I'll have to remind you that this is an investigation for murder. Your connection with Mrs. Dodd's household is important at the moment and that's why we have to know which one of them you took out on the water the night she died."

"Well, you're wrong," Nugent said shortly. "It wasn't anyone in that household."

There was a long pause. Grogan waited patiently. The doctor swallowed hard.

"It was Miss Wheatley," he

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MacArthur Chats With Private



General Douglas MacArthur stops to chat with a buck private, somewhere in the South Pacific. MacArthur never forgets.

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5:00 p. m.—Terry and Pirates, BN.
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5:30 p. m.—Jack Armstrong, BN.
5:45 p. m.—Louis F. Lochner, NBC; Capt. Midnight, BN.
6:00 p. m.—Bill Henry, CBS.
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6:30 p. m.—Grace Fields, MBS.
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10:45 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, NBC; Eddy Howard Orch., MBS.
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7:00 p. m.—Abbott and Costello, NBC; Raymond Gram Swing, BN; The First Line, CBS; Raymond Clapper, MBS.
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8:15 p. m.—Night Editor, NBC; Lum and Abner, BN; Harry James Orch., CBS; Harmony Hall, MBS.
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9:00 p. m.—The Aldrich Family, NBC; News, MBS.
9:30 p. m.—Elery Queen Mystery, NBC; Mayor of the Town, CBS.
9:45 p. m.—Art Baker, BN; Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS.
10:00 p. m.—News Flash, NBC; Town Meeting, BN.
10:30 p. m.—Chats About Dogs, CBS.
10:45 p. m.—Voice of a Nation, NBC; Russ Smith Orch., MBS.
11:00 p. m.—This Moving World, BN; Henri Busse Orch., CBS.

Crossword Puzzle



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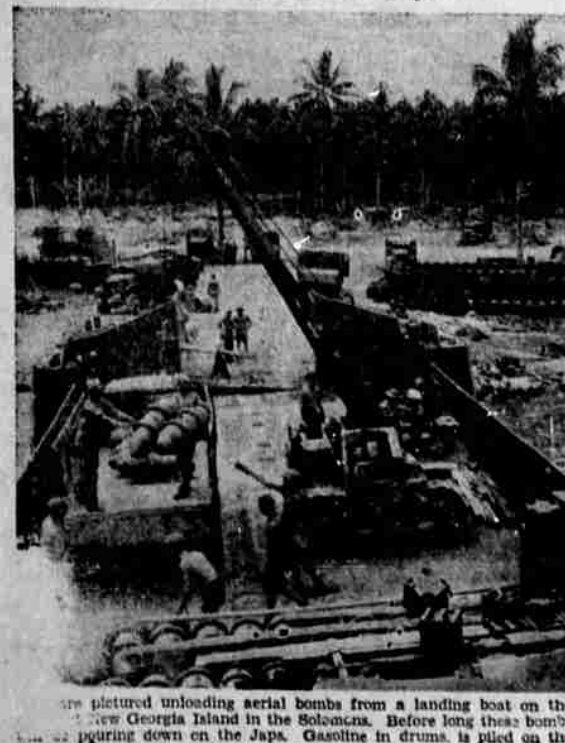


Ginger Rogers Has Date With Justice

Hollywood, Dec. 8—(U.P.)—Ginger Rogers put a new date in her engagement book today—Dec. 14, the day she is scheduled to appear in court on charges of driving through two red traffic signals.

The actress was given a citation after she was stopped at

Bombs to Batter Tojo



are pictured unloading aerial bombs from a landing boat on the New Georgia Island in the Solomons. Before long these bombs will be piling down on the Japs. Gasoline in drums is piled on the beach. (Official Navy photo from Acme.)

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