

# WOMEN WON'T TALK

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THE STORY: Derek Grady has been found murdered on the grounds of Kraitkower. The police recognize him as a man wanted for kidnaping. Marlene Kraitk admits he was the grandson of her housekeeper, Margaret Grady, but says nothing about the alleged slaying years ago of Derek and her granddaughter, Kathy. He decides to ask Clint Mattison, mystery story writer, to help solve the crime. On her way to his cottage, alone at night, something suddenly looms up in her path.

## FICTION DETECTIVE

### CHAPTER IX

I MUST have given Clint Mattison the shock of his life running in that way with my hair flying and my eyes wild.

I finally managed to say that somebody had bumped into me on the path through the woods and frightened me.

Mattison stood up quickly.

"You don't know who it was?"

"No. I thought everybody else was in the house when I left."

He went over to his desk that was piled untidily with papers and books and yanked open a drawer and brought out a flashlight and a gun.

"What are you going to do?" I gasped.

"Have a look around before they get away."

I was out of the chair with one jump and had hold of his arm.

"You're not going to leave me here alone."

"You'll be safe enough. Lock the door."

"No—no."

He shook my hand off his arm and turned briskly to the phone.

I heard him ask central for the county police headquarters. As soon as he got a connection he began to tell someone about me running into somebody in the woods. Then he listened for awhile and a funny expression came over his face.

He looked rather foolish when he turned back to me.

"Let's call your house, Mrs. Kraitk, and see if one of the family or the servants isn't out. Maybe it was someone just taking a walk in the woods."

I was beginning to get my senses back. "No—please don't. I don't want them to know I'm here."

Mattison looked at me in a peculiar way. I know now what must have passed for the first time through his mind then. But, of course, he said nothing to me about it.

"It must have been somebody from the house," I agreed, wishing he'd quit looking at me that way. "I'm jittery because of what happened yesterday. That's why I lost my head. Let's forget it. Do you know what I came to see you about?"

He shut his mouth slowly and sat down in a chair across the hearth from me and waited for me to go on.

"I came to talk to you about the man who was killed yesterday. You see, he's an ex-convict and he's been mixed up in all kinds of crime. And the police will wonder how he happened to be at our place when he was killed."

Clint Mattison nodded his head.

"They do. That chief deputy was ever here this morning asking all sorts of questions about you folks."

I swallowed hard.

"Well, you see how it is. I spread my hands in a helpless gesture and looked appealingly into his eyes. "We don't want to be mixed up in a lot of newspaper scandal. I—I thought if you—you write detective stories—if you would investigate—for us, that is."

"You mean you want me to try and find out who killed Derek Grady?"

I nodded my head.

"When?" He let out the word with a long breath and his friendly grin tugged at his mouth.

"That's a big order, Mrs. Kraitk. At that, I wouldn't mind trying it."

He stared at the wall behind me for a moment. "Maybe you'd better start off by telling me all you know about this Derek Grady."

I had no intention of doing that, but it wouldn't hurt to tell him as much as I had the police. So I told him about Derek being my housekeeper's grandson.

"You believe then that he came to his grandmother for help?"

I stared at Mattison goggle-eyed. It was funny I hadn't thought of that. It was so obviously the explanation of Derek's being at Kraitkower. If I hadn't been so concerned about that old

affair between him and Kathy...

MATTISON went on talking. "The police had it all doped out yesterday. You see, they knew that this Grady was in with a Chicago gang on a kidnaping. But he got cold feet and welched on his pals. The police thought one of the gang had trailed him here and killed him in revenge."

I nodded excitedly.

"But they had it doped wrong," Mattison went on. "That deputy just told me over the phone that they've had word from the Chicago police. They've rounded up every member of the gang that pulled the kidnaping and not one of them could have been within two hundred miles of this place when Grady was killed."

So we were back at the beginning again.

I got stiffly to my feet. "Would you mind coming back to the house with me?"

Clint Mattison walked silently beside me. His hand was firm beneath my arm and his voice gentle when he told me to take care not to slip on the stepping stones as we crossed the creek. I lifted the skirt of my long black dinner dress and the dew wet grass and proceeded him up the slope of lawn toward the terrace. I saw that the living room and the library were ablaze with lights.

Then I stepped through the French door from the terrace and stopped dead still in surprise.

(To Be Continued)

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by Alice Brooks

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## Out Our Way

By J. R. Williams

THERE'S GOING TO BE A SHORTAGE, SO PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE GLAD TO BUY SOAP!



THE BAD EXAMPLE

By J. R. Williams

## Red Ryder

By Fred Harmon

YOU HURT! WHAT'UM MATTER?

RED RYDER! YOU...

JUST KNOCKED OUT WHEN I FELL TO SAVE MYSELF FROM BEING SHOT BY OUTLAWS!

THEN ME LOOK'UM FOR HOOF PRINTS! WE TRAIL'UM BAD MANS!

NO! WE'LL WAIT HERE! THEY'LL BE BACK!

HE DOESN'T FEEL A BIT WARM

By Fred Harmon

## DEAD HEAD

RICHMOND, Va. (AP)—A Richmond hotel manager thought he had seen all of the tricks of souvenir hunters until—

A woman, unable to secrete a wicker bread basket in her handbag perched it on her head and walked out of the hotel dining room.

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THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson

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