

THE MIDDLE TEMPLE MURDER

A Detective Story by J. S. Fletcher

Copyright, 1920, Alfred A. Knopf. Copyright, 1920, by the Public Ledger Co. THIS STARTS THE STORY Frank Spargo, London newspaperman, returning home from work sees two men peering into a corner of an alleyway and finds them murdered...

"His name? It was—Marbury." "Marbury—the same name. Where did you know him?" "What was his occupation?" "Do you mean—what was his occupation?" "What was his occupation?" "I believe he was concerned in financial matters."

AND HERE IT CONTINUES THE folk who expected something immediately sensational in Mr. Aylmore's evidence were sworn, and asked a question or two by the coroner, requested permission to tell, in his own way, what he knew of the dead man and of this sad affair...

"I did. I left England in 1891 or 1892—I am not sure which." "We're wanting to be very sure about this matter, Mr. Aylmore. We want to solve the question—question—who is, who was John Marbury, and how did he come by his death?"

"The fun is going to begin," muttered Spargo. The treasury representative looked from Aylmore to the coroner and made a jerky bow; from the coroner to Aylmore and straightened himself.

"I have every wish to respect your authority, sir," he exclaimed. "And I have told you all that I know of Marbury and of what happened when I met him the other evening. But I resent being questioned on my private affairs of twenty years ago."

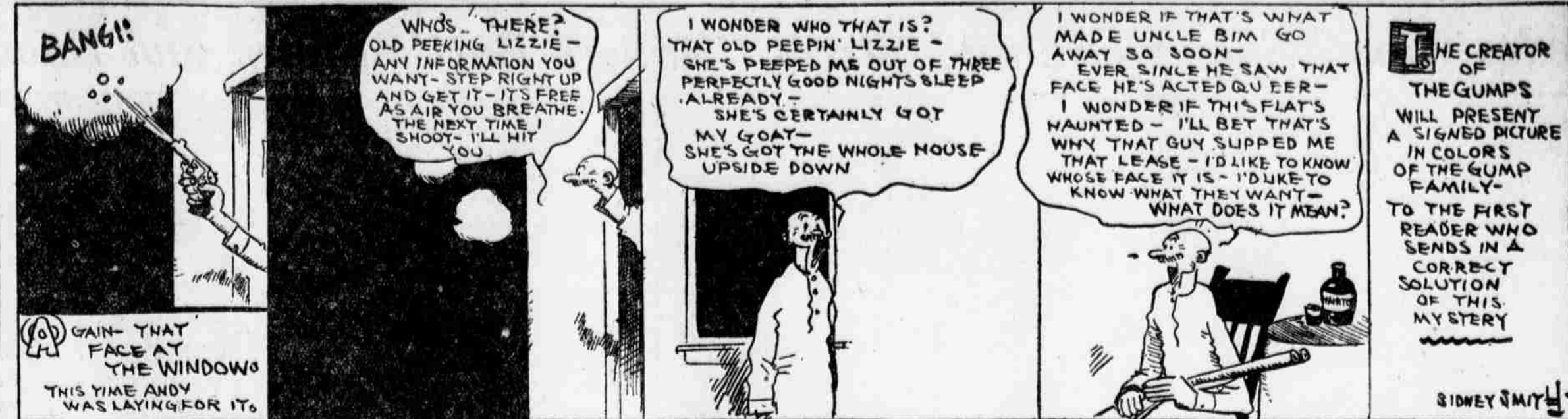
"How long—roughly speaking?" "I should say from twenty to twenty-two or three years." "Never saw him during that time until you met accidentally in the way you have described to us?"

"I refuse to answer that question also." The treasury counsel sat down and looked at the coroner. CHAPTER XVII The New Witness THE voice of the coroner, bland, suave, deprecating, broke the silence.

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