

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY
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Saturday's Mystery Solution
IN THE case of the "Fifth Shot," Harvey Hunt analyzed the four shots known to have been fired as follows:
One that Gilmore fired, target unknown.
One that hit Reddy Jake, but not from Gilmore's gun.
One that hit Gilmore, presumably from Jake's gun.
Another that hit Gilmore.
But Reddy Jake didn't fire two shots at Gilmore. Having admitted murder by one shot, he would have no object in pretending he didn't fire two. Furthermore there was not one chance in a million that the second shot in Gilmore's heart could have found its way on top of the other, through the same wound, unless the two had been fired in rapid succession by the same person, probably with an automatic. So if Reddy Jake didn't fire two shots, somebody else did. There was a third man. The voices and the two simultaneous shots that sounded like one to Miss Constance must have occurred when this third man encountered Reddy Jake. The murder of Gilmore must have occurred before the girl came in at 9:30, the blackmailer firing two shots into Gilmore's heart, and Gilmore was robbed in him. That was why Gilmore's 25 bullet was not found in the walls or in Reddy Jake. Later this man must have returned to the apartment, if he

did not stay in the other room all the time, and encountered Reddy Jake, who thought him the rightful occupant. These two then exchanged shots, each hitting the other, each using a .32 caliber revolver.

**Can You Suggest Hunt's plan of action in—
The Decoy Theft**

James Lofton was the head of one of the largest engineering construction companies in the world.
"I suppose you have read in the papers, Mr. Hunt, of the manner in which Merton Jackson was robbed in Union Station of a suitcase supposed to contain valuable documents," he said.
The criminal investigator nodded.

"I want you to find out for me whether those documents actually were stolen from him," Lofton continued. "It's going to be worth several hundred thousand dollars to me to know. Now here's the lay of the land:
"Jackson's just back from France. The papers of which he's supposed to have been robbed contain secret information regarding the reconstruction plans of the Internationale Railway. I happen to know that's what he went over for, and that he got it. But Tom Wrecks, of the Rittman outfit, you know, got wise to it too; and Tom Wrecks hasn't got the sort of conscience that would attack at plain unvarnished theft. Maybe he stole those papers. Maybe the theft was cooked up by Merton Jackson to make Wrecks think it was useless to try to steal 'em. Either explanation would go, because I also happen to know that Wrecks did make a previous attempt to have those papers stolen. It was on the boat coming over.
"Personally I'm not interested in the papers. It's nothing in my life whether Jackson has them or Wrecks has them

—except that I've got to know which. Now, can you find out for me? How much?" Lofton reached for his check book, but Harvey Hunt waved a refusal. "Yes," he said. "I can find out. The costs, I think, will be too small to bother with, and the fee I'll leave to your judgment—when I have delivered the goods."
"Can you give the simple and almost infallible method of getting the information, under these circumstances, that flashed into Harvey Hunt's mind? The answer will appear tomorrow."
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