

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Yesterday's Mystery Solution

IN THE case of the "Decoy Theft," Harvey Hunt had only to determine which one of two possibilities had occurred; whether Wrecks or some agent of his actually had stolen the documents from Jackson, or Jackson had framed a fake thief and Wrecks think somebody else had stolen them and so make him think a further attempt on his part would be futile.

VIII Can you solve the code in the case of— EIGHT KINGS

Eric Dunleavy and his sister were spending the summer in a bungalow in the Catskills. Dunleavy was a chemist and he spent most of his time on mysterious experiments in the improvised laboratory he had set up.

One night when Fannie Dunleavy returned with her escort from a dance at the hotel, which was more than a mile away, Eric had disappeared, and there were signs of a struggle.

The young man who had brought her home at once suggested that she ask the aid of Harvey Hunt, who was stopping at the hotel. She telephoned and Hunt came at once in his roadster.

"It's the strangest thing, Mr. Hunt," she said. "I'm sure Eric wouldn't have gone off and left me here without any word unless something terrible had happened. He must have had a fight with somebody. See how these rugs in the hall are rumpled up and the pantry door there has been broken in."

"Now that is strange," he said, stepping into the pantry and lighting the lamp. But there was no sign of a struggle in the room.

"For Heaven's sake, what is that?" the girl exclaimed suddenly. Hunt followed her gaze to one of the walls, where a big daub of wet green paint barred the clean pine boards. Topping his eyes fell on a paint can and brush.

"Of all the things—" said Fannie. "Why, I can't imagine what Eric would be smearing up the walls for that way. He bought that paint for the porch railing. It's too silly. Oh, Mr. Hunt, tell me please, what does it all mean? I'm frightened."

But the criminal investigator had seized a rag and was rubbing vigorously at the paint. Finally he re-

PENN TO HAVE PARADE

Campus Affair Will Be Viewed by Many "Old Grads"

The University of Pennsylvania will have a campus parade Friday morning with floats and funny costumes and prizes, "n'everything," just like Philadelphia's own mummerys' New Year parade.

The University affair will be one of the many festivities held in connection with Junior week, but it will be staged mainly for the edification of the hundreds of alumni who will return for the Cornell game on Thursday.

These alumni will be asked to register on Wednesday afternoon. Their names and data concerning them will be kept in a book in Houston Club so that Bob Smith, of the class of '87, can find out whether any of his old classmates are back.

What's that? he was saying. "Dunleavy was developing a new poison gas for the army?—I see. You know where Arlein is taking him? No, I'm sure Arlein couldn't read the code, so he won't know Dunleavy has been identified in it, and won't be looking for you—Good."

"Now I'll tell you just what happened in this bungalow, Miss Dunleavy," said Harvey Hunt.

Can you read the code; reconstruct the events of Eric Dunleavy's disappearance, explain the smashed in pantry door, tell why his code message was covered up with paint, and how Hunt knew that Mr. Greenman does not suspect he had been identified?

The answer will appear tomorrow.

To Give Turkey Dinner The Door-Step Sunday School Circle, 1227 South Seventeenth street, will provide Thanksgiving dinner for a large number of poor children and elderly folks on Thanksgiving Day.

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ORGANIZE HUMANE SOCIETY

Ridgway Residents to Probe Cruelties to Young Woman

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ities to have been told by twenty-year-old Julia Hector.

Mrs. Rhines Geogel, defendant in the case, was charged with assault and battery with intent to maim, at a hearing yesterday, and bail was increased from \$1500 to \$3000.

Miss Hector, who is recovering from the effects of the alleged ill-treatment at the home of Deputy Sheriff Joseph May, told authorities yesterday, they said, of being tortured by Mrs. Geogel with hot irons and boiling water and in other ways.

John Lubatty, carpenter, of 1028 Hiltop street, was seriously injured yesterday when struck by a train on the new concrete bridge near the Belmont plateau. Lubatty is in St. Luke's Hospital, where physicians say his skull is fractured.

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