

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Yesterday's Mystery Solution

AS HARVEY HUNT stated, his first suspicion in the case of the "Cat Prints" was that the marks on Turayne's table really had been left by Red Schotter's pet, and that Schotter was the man who had cracked Turayne's safe.

Then, as stated, the prints did not seem to be the right distance apart, and in fact of one of them was a straight line which shaded off toward the front of the print.

That was why Harvey Hunt called on Red Schotter. As Mangold was the only person who had visited Schotter, the obvious deduction was that in some manner he had obtained the keys to the safe.

His plan went away because the police detectives after all were not quite enough to attack any important to the animal's tracks, and simply picked up Mangold on the strength of certain individualities in his safe-cracking in the southern end of the city, seven miles away from his beat.

Another was that Pat Ryan, who patrolled the beat north of "Probs," picked up the main road and found Krebs' house.

Krebs had died of a revolver wound in the lung. This wound was bandaged, but his head, which was undamaged, also

was completely covered with bandages, beneath which he was gagged. The bandaging had been skillfully done. His feet were bound with a length of double, stranded and insulated wire. There were some smears of soap on it. At one end of the coarser of the two wires had melted a trifle and the insulation was scorched.

On the front of his uniform were particular gray wool. About half of the bandage about his head obviously consisted of a woman's undershirt torn into strips.

Detective Charles Krebs, brother of the murdered man, went to pieces for the first time in his ten years' connection with the department.

In pitiable inability to make head or tail out of the tragedy he sought the aid of his friendly rival, Harvey Hunt.

"This thing is certain," said the independent investigator with sympathy. "Your brother met with trouble at some point further out than on his own beat. It must have been on that of Ryan, or our still further north, you remember Ryan found his horse coming south."

"On the whole, I am inclined to think that if you will investigate the hospital you will find a patient in one of them who lives somewhere on Ryan's beat or to the north of it; that this patient's house is now unoccupied, and that it contains a safe that has been blown open and robbed, though undoubtedly the patient does not know this yet.

"How do you do it out, Mr. Hunt?" Krebs asked. "Honestly, I'm not equal to following your deductions; this thing has busted me up so. But I'll guarantee to land the murderers once I know how to identify 'em."

Whereupon Harvey Hunt proceeded to make a list of the significant clues and to read their meaning, reconstructing the events of the night on which Krebs' brother met his death.

Krebs did arrest a nurse and a chauffeur in one of the city's big hospitals, and by telling each that the other confessed, obtained confessions from both of them.

It seems that the mounted patrolman, suspicions of their grand, had followed them beyond his beat and arrested them. But can you interpret the clues given in the foregoing and reconstruct from them, as Harvey Hunt did, the events of that night?

The answer will appear tomorrow.

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Deborah Swan

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DEAR to the heart of woman is her vanity case, and when I saw at the store of Van Dusen & Stokes, 1123 Chestnut street, she finds it not only useful, but a most effective addition to her costume.

ONE seldom errs in choosing some small article of mahogany for Christmas giving, for most of us can find a use for articles of this most decorative of woods.

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