

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Yesterday's Mystery Solution

IN THE case of "In Lion's Clothing" Harvey Hunt's keen eyes found blonde hair, about a half inch long, on the carpet near where the murdered man had lain. He also found a bit of fluffy, dried soap lather on the carpet. The conclusion was obvious that the murdered man had been shaved as he lay on the floor. Walker was described as a blonde without a beard. There would have been no reason for Jones' shaving him as he lay dead on the floor. But if it was Walker who had killed Jones, and who desired to impersonate his victim on leaving the house and thus throw the police off the track, the motive for shaving the murdered man would have been there. For Walker to have impersonated Jones, however, would have required his waiting long enough to grow a short beard. He could have done this in the three days he remained in the house if his beard grew fast. Clearly Walker had trailed Jones to the house a few days before entering it, and had observed the curiosity of the neighbors and the fact that Jones had a supply of food in the house before he laid his plans.

Can you solve this mystery of—

The Dance of Death

FOR the love of Pete! how can you stand it, man? Why don't you move? The speaker was Harvey Hunt, who with his friend, Charles Evan, had stopped in at the latter's apartment for a bit of "old-time refreshment" after the opera. Loud and toneful, but completely without melody or harmony, came a heavy, methodical banging of a piano in the adjoining apartment. "Oh, he doesn't do it all the time, Harv," said Evan, "or I'd have to move. Really, the fellow's a good bit of a musician. Often plays beautifully. It's only occasionally he gets on this strain. Eccentricity of genius, I guess. Sounds crazy, doesn't it? You'd think he was actually trying to annoy somebody in the basement, the way he pounds." For a while the two men listened with irritation. The notes came totally without any musical relation to one

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another. They came in groups, mostly of four or five, with pauses in between. Finally Evan grunted as if to dismiss the puzzle from his attention, but a glance at his friend caused him to pause, his remark unheeded. "I'm taking down the melody of this masterpiece," Hunt said quickly, as he began writing in his notebook. "Fortunately he's playing it over again." "There, what do you make of it?" he asked, when the noise ceased. "The letters denote the notes, of course, and the figures the octaves in which they belong. The name of the piece, I rather imagine, is 'The Dance of Death'." Trying to recognize the serious glint in Hunt's glance with the apparent non-sense he was uttering, Evan took the extended notebook, and this was what he read: "F3-e1-f3-d3-f1-f1 b4-b2-e2-e2 e3-e1-g2-d1 b1-a3-f2-b1 f3-a3 d4-a3-g3 b3-a1-d1-e1-e1-e2 b3-a3-e3-f3 f2-b2-e2-e2-d3 b1-d3-a3-e3 b1-a3-e4 e1-f2-b2-e1-a2 f2-g3-e3-f3 b3-e2-a1-f3 b2-f3 e3-g3-b1-f3-d3-e1-a1-e3-g3-d3-b4 d1-a3-a3-a3 a3-g2-e1 f3-e1-g2-e2-a3 e2-d1-a1-d4 f3-b2-f2-e1-d1 f3-e1-g2 f2-b2-g2-g3-f3-e1-e3."

"I can't make anything of it," admitted Evan. "It looks just as crazy as it sounded. What's your own idea?" But Harvey Hunt had leaped to the telephone and already was talking to

the detective sergeant in charge of the "bomb squad." "Can you read what Harvey Hunt read in the musical score of 'The Dance of Death'?" The answer will appear tomorrow. (Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co.)

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Held up on the White Horse pike, below Atco, N. J., Edward Moseley, 2112 South Lambert street, was robbed of \$300 in cash, a gold watch and chain and diamond ring, the value of the haul to the thieves exceeding \$500. Five men figured in the hold-up, which occurred last Sunday and was not made public until today. Investigation by the police, based on license tag numbers given by Moseley, have developed nothing, and it is believed Moseley had the wrong numbers, or the thieves had "faked" tags on their cars.

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