

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Yesterday's Mystery Solution

HARVEY HUNT was interested in the spool of thread and the tape-measure found in Whitey Reagan's room after the robbery of DeWeese Schuyler because they were unusual things to find in a man's room.

Inasmuch as a thorough search of the room had failed to reveal the jewels stolen in this case of "Which One?" he knew Reagan had managed to get them out of the room somehow. The thread looked like the clue.

He measured it to find how much of it had been cut off the spool. This he could find by calculation from the amount left on it and the amount which had been on it when it was purchased, the length being marked on the end of the spool.

Reagan himself had measured off a definite quantity so he could lower the necklace and the brooch to a specific window on one of the floors below, for the robbery was committed at night and he could not see, for he did not want guests on any of the intervening floors past whose windows the thread might go to see them.

His accomplice simply had reached out the window at the appointed time and taken in the jewels, whereupon Reagan had cut the thread rather than drop the spool, and the accomplice had

given up his room and boldly walked out of the hotel. They didn't even find of course could prove nothing on Reagan.

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Can you solve this mystery of—

THROUGH DOUBLE DOORS
"YOUR question is easily answered," declared Harvey Hunt, looking up with a sigh of satisfaction from the plate which a few moments before had contained a generous portion of liver smothered in onions. "The stock in trade of the successful detective is observation and interpretation. It's ex-

actly the same in any other profession. DeKyne. The physician observes and interprets symptoms which mean nothing to you. The skilled machinist listens to sounds in your automobile that merely confuse you, and tells you what and where the trouble is. The mariner looks at the sky and sees in it weather changes which are concealed from you.

"Likewise, the detective looks largely for trifles which mean nothing to you, but which, read in connection with many other trifles as well as the main features of the case, enable him constantly to narrow his search down to the one possible criminal. There was, for instance, the case of Grant V. Swoyer, who was convicted of theft by his leather suspenders."

"Leather suspenders?" echoed DeKyne, looking up from his ice cream in surprise.
"Yes," said the criminal investigator. "It was one of my father's cases. There had been an annoying and

puzzling series of robberies at the old subtreasury. Every once in a while when they checked up on the gold in the vaults they would find it a bar short. There was a double puzzle in them. How was the gold gotten out of the vault? And having been taken from the vault, how was it gotten out of the building? Several times employes with heavy packages had been stopped by the door guard, but without result.

"The first secret service man assigned to the case couldn't figure it out either, and he let the trail get cold while he subjected the private lives of the employes to close scrutiny. But if it was an inside job, the thief was concealing his lot and not spending it. None of the employes was living beyond his means. No more gold disappeared for a while, and finally the search was dropped. Then, a couple of months later another bar was missing. Dad was sent up from Washington to try his hand at it.

"He made a thorough examination of the vault. There were no weak spots in it. It was entered by a double door. The outside was solid steel. Three or four officials knew the combination. It was closed only at night. The inside door was simply a heavy grating. Nobody but the superintendent himself had the combination to that. Also, the superintendent himself did not have the combination to the outer door. The inner grating was opened and the vault entered only in the presence of witnesses who stood back far to spot the combination while it was being twirled.

"But Dad figured it out that a man with a long wire hook might reach through the grating and pull a small bar to him under the door.
"But who was the thief? It might be any of a dozen men who might for

a few moments during the day stand unobserved before the grating. You see the vault entrance was in a small corridor which was not often used. It wouldn't do to keep a watch. That would scare the thief off, and the object was to catch him. Likewise the institution of a search of the employes as they left the building would be a signal to him to cease operations.

"Then, one hot day, while dad was mooning around pondering over the problem, he noticed Grant Swoyer's leather suspenders, and noting no others wore them, he read in them the answer.
"How?" asked DeKyne, as the criminal investigator denied his narrative thus abruptly.
"Why," asked Harvey Hunt in surprise, "can't you see?"
"Can you see?"
"The answer will appear tomorrow."

CHRISTMAS TOYS BURNED

First Loss by Yuletide Season Fire is Suffered

Marie Tonti, six years old, loses her Christmas tree trimmings and some toys in the first Christmas season fire of 1920. There will be another supply for Marie's tree, however, according to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tonti, 1233 North Lehigh street.

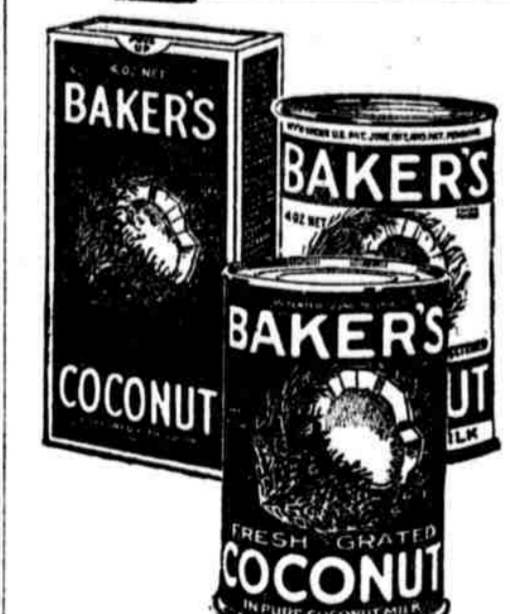
WOMAN SEEKS MAYORALTY

Municipal Elections Today in Sixteen Massachusetts Cities

Boston, Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Municipal elections in sixteen Massachusetts cities today had as their outstanding feature the mayoralty contest in Attleboro, where Mrs. Eliza G. Daggs, first woman in the state to aspire actively to that office, was one of five candidates.

Referenda on Sunday sports, boxing, license and the sale of beer and light wines containing less than 2.75 per cent of alcohol were on the ballots.

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2 Eggs
1/4 Cup sugar
Pinch of salt
1 Teaspoon of butter.
Mix one-half of the coconut (which has been pressed) with other ingredients. Four into four buttered custard cups. Put in pan of water in moderate oven and bake until firm. Sprinkle balance of coconut on top and brown under broiler or in oven.

The Question Corner

Today's Inquiries

1. With what automobile accessory can run-down rubber heels be renewed at home?
2. Describe a new make of meat-chopper that requires less work on the part of the cook.
3. What is a good soldering fluid that can be made at home to repair a leak in a brass or copper vessel?
4. When shampooing the hair at home, how can a faint, pleasant fragrance be distributed through it without injuring it?
5. How can a heavy ball be made for the Christmas tree, to be used on a limb that needs weighting down?
6. Where is the fastening of a fashionable new slipper, known as a sabot?

Yesterday's Answers

1. Experts report that eight out of every ten women have acquired ugly feet through the wearing of badly laced shoes.
2. A convenient device that prevents thermos and baby's milk bottles from falling over is a four-legged metal stand which is fastened around the bottle by a leather strap, and props it up straight on a table.
3. The metal caps on the tops of ginger ale, catsup, etc., bottles, can be kept until ice weather, then tacked to the heels of the shoes as cleats to prevent slipping.
4. While silk plush braid is used as trimming for a silk lampshade for the parlor to give it a rich appearance.
5. A decorative clothes tree for the nursery or for a child's room, is covered with white enameled reed and decorated with enameled garlands of flowers.
6. A striking skating set seen in a shop window consists of a hat of black panne velvet, stitched in white wool, with the upturned side of the brim faced with white brushed wool, and a plain white wool scarf.

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\$15 Silk TRICOLETTES

\$5