

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Yesterday's Mystery Solution

IN THE case of "The Green Envelope," Samuel Skiddore, the murderer, had prepared in advance an alibi. He had to leave town early that evening to allow himself time to commit the crime by 9:15 in Center ville. Hence he sought for some form of alibi that would make it appear that he could not have left for Centerville until later, after 9:30, the time of the last mail collection.

Hence he had inserted the green envelope in the mail chute, and with a little gum pressed it to the inside of the chute, knowing that when the janitor turned on the steam at 6 o'clock the following morning the gum would melt and the letter drop into the mail box below in time for the first collection, thus making it appear that it had been mailed some time after 8:30 the evening before.

also, by nails. In the lower sash a nail had been driven right through the window frame at right angles, into the groove in which it was raised and lowered. A nail had been driven similarly through the woodwork of the upper window, with the exception that it was driven downward at an angle of about forty-five degrees. Neither window could be budged until the nails were extracted.

"The window panes themselves had not been removed. The putty that held them in place was old. There was no catch on the window.

"But as soon as I noted that the nail in the upper window came out quite readily—in fact it could be pulled out with the fingers, but only by some one inside the room, for there was no room to slip a 'jimmy' up from the outside where the frames of the windows came together—I knew how the murderer had managed things."

Can you tell how the murderer left the window nailed on the inside? The answer will appear tomorrow.

CHILDREN BEAR TRIBUTE TO BIER OF FIREMAN HERO

Persons for Whom Sherman Gave Blood Attend Funeral

A floral tribute from the children, big and little, of the vicinity of Fourth street and Snyder avenue, was a touching feature of the funeral of Ambrose Sherman, acting fire captain of Fire Company No. 53, who died in the Methodist Hospital Sunday night as an indirect result of his heroism in giving his blood in transfusion operations on twelve occasions.

Acting Captain Sherman, who suffered a coughing attack which in his weakened condition proved fatal, was buried shortly before noon in Holy Cross Cemetery. Funeral services were held at his home, 2218 South Carlisle street, and in St. Monica's Roman Catholic Church, Seventeenth and Rinker streets, where solemn requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. William Welch.

Among those attending the funeral

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"Yes," agreed DeKane, looking up from his book at the promise of some reminiscences from the criminal investigator. "I remember your story of the bolted room, in which the murderer shot the bolt behind him by means of a loop of string passed between the door and the wall."

"Here's a similar case," said Hunt. He thumbed the pages of the diary on the table before him, and continued:

"I won't bother you with names and dates. It wasn't really a sensational case, and the attendant circumstances were sordid. But these were the facts: "A man was found snoring through the head. He was found in a room apparently bolted and locked securely on the inside. The assumption upon casual inspection, but only upon casual inspection, was that he had committed suicide. But the bullet had entered his forehead and there were no powder marks on the skin. Another suspicious circumstance, the revolver was quite free from fingerprints. As the dead man wore no gloves, how could he have avoided leaving the mark of his hand on it? Unless he had worn gloves and had an arm many feet long he could not have shot himself without leaving fingerprints and powder marks."

"So we assumed murder, and found a man against whom there was overwhelming circumstantial evidence. The only gap in the chain was how he got out of the room leaving it barred on the inside. He wasn't clever enough to see the obvious conclusions we'd draw from the absence of powder marks and fingerprints, but I'll have to admit he showed brains in closing that room behind him. There was one door and one window. The door was locked, with the key on the inside. It was the sort of lock that might have been manipulated from the outside with a pair of thin forceps, but there were no scratches, even under microscopic examination, to show that this had been done. Besides there was much heavy furniture piled against it on the inside. You see, it was a door that opened inward."

"The window was securely fastened

were 150 or more firemen and a company of fire cadets. The American Legion sent a delegation and the Navy Yard a detachment of sailors to form a firing squad. Frankford Arsenal also had representation.

Among those who viewed the body at the home were several persons for whom Sherman had given blood, including one woman whose life was saved some years ago, but who had never seen her benefactor in life. Floral tributes were received from many organizations in the city.

Mr. Sherman served in the Royal Flying Corps during the war, entering service before this country declared war. On the other side he gave blood to save life five or six times, making about twelve transfusions in all.

He is survived by his widow, three sons and a daughter.

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Gifts for Men in the Jewelry Store

Cigarette cases, silver-plated, are in dull or bright finish. \$1 to \$6. Cuff links, pearl-like, are 50c and 75c a pair; gold-filled, 50c to \$2, and sterling, \$1 and \$1.25 a pair. Gold-filled watch chains are \$1 to \$4. Gold-filled penknives, some green-gold, all with places for monograms, are \$1.50 to \$3. Black grosgrain watch ribbons with gold-filled slides and guards are \$1.50. (Chestnut)

Warm Cardigan Jackets for Out-door Men—\$7.50

About the snuggest things men can wear. In gray or black; sizes 36 to 46. (Men's Outpost, Market)

Men's Silk Half Hose, Special at 75c a Pair

Of good quality silk with little tops and soles, in black, cordovan, navy, taupe and white. They are seamless and first grade. (Gallery, Market)

Belts in Christmas Boxes

Good leather belts with strong buckles, 65c to \$1.50. (Men's Outpost, Market)

A Bathrobe for Brother

Even though he isn't much given to expressing himself, he will bless you in his heart every time he slips into one of these warm and cozy blanket robes. They're in all the good bathrobe colorings, as well as in checks. A full range of sizes for men at \$6.50 to \$13.50. (Men's Outpost, Market)

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs, 35c

Squares of generous size, with hemstitched hems, are of good quality and low in price. Finer qualities, 50c and 75c; extra sizes, 85c. (Central)

Tape Borders

Quite a variety at \$1. Other linen handkerchiefs have narrow woven stripes of white, \$1.25. (Central)

Women's Soft and Cozy Bathrobes, \$5.50 and \$9.75

\$5.50 robes are of soft cotton blanketing in floral or Indian patterns in warm, wintry colorings. The collar and cuffs are edged with cording. \$9.75 robes are of blanketing or eiderdown. Some are in figured designs, others are of plain double-faced materials. Many are trimmed with wide satin bindings. Plenty of pretty colorings. (Central)

Morning Sacques

of the same materials are snug and warm. \$3.85. (Central)

Real Lace Collars \$1.50

Filet in pretty patterns and Irish crochet in its own charming daintiness! The filet collars and sets are all pure white, and in the Irish you may choose white or cream. Collars Are \$1.50 Sets Are \$2.50 (Central)

Candlesticks Complete, 85c

Candlesticks of brass-finished metal, candles, shade holders and shades (pink, yellow, black-and-white or red) are all complete at 85c each. (Central)

A Colorful Bouquet of Christmas Blouses

Buttercups, roses, lilacs, bluebells, they're all here! At least their colors are to be seen in these delightful blouses that have just been unpacked. Plenty of white, too, and some pretty striped affairs of corded cotton voile that looks like crepe de chine. At \$2 to \$5.25

A number of styles—long tuxedo collars, roll collars, Peter Pan collars or no collars, and all sorts of dainty touches to characterize them. Women who appreciate novel blouses will be charmed with these. (Market)

The Gift Shop Is Bustling With Christmas

Anybody with a long gift list should bring it to this fascinating little place, where names can be checked off in a jiffy. Between 50c and \$5 there are literally dozens of pretty gifts.

White celluloid powder cases, with decorated tops, are thin enough to slip into even a tiny pocket. 50c. Pincushions of scrim with hand-embroidered tops, \$1.

Doll pincushions, with bouffant skirts, \$1.

Trays for pins or hairpins are of rose or blue damask with gold galloon under glass. \$1.

Boudoir desk sets, of rose or blue damask, trimmed with gold galloon, \$5.75. New waste baskets to match, \$5.50.

Round plump pillows, covered with rose or blue silk, have centers of printed silk or French fruit, \$3.50.

Work baskets for the mater, are \$3.50 to \$6.85. (Market)

Don't Forget Christmas Ribbons

Red satin ribbons are 22c for a 10-yard piece of the narrowest width to 12c a yard for 1-inch width. Red-and-green ribbon with a thread of tinsel, 50c for 10 yards.

Narrow holly ribbon, 35c for a 10-yard piece. (Central)

Pretty Handbags Far From Expensive

Velvets at \$5 to \$6.50 Duvetynes at \$3.50 and \$5 Velvets are in navy, black, brown and taupe, and the duvetynes are in the lovely soft tans and browns. Some of the bags have covered frames, others attractive metal frames and a few have celluloid frames. Linings, too, are quite pretty. (Market)

Dainty Pink Bandoaux, \$1

Of pretty silk-and-cotton material, with satin ribbon shoulder straps. What a nice gift for some intimate friend! Special Brassieres, \$1.50 are much less than regular prices. There are all sorts of pretty ones trimmed with lace, fastening in front or back. Not every size in all styles, but choice is not limited. (Central)

Snowy Luncheon Cloths, \$1.50

Round cloths or hemstitched square ones are of mercerized white cotton damask. Both measure 54 inches across. (Central)

Heavy Rag Rugs in Woven Patterns

24 x 48 inches, \$3.50 27 x 54 inches, \$4 30 x 60 inches, \$5 36 x 72 inches, \$7.50 In tones of blue or rose and all reversible. (Chestnut)

Long Gloves for Her Christmas

Beautifully finished gloves of lovely skins are especially gifty and highly fashionable.

\$4.50—eight-button-length mousquetaire cape-skin gloves are in tan, beaver and brown, pique sewn and with embroidered backs.

\$5.50—eight-button-length glace lambskin gloves, lighter weight, are in tan, brown and beaver, overseam sewn.

\$6.50—twelve-button-length glace lambskin gloves are in tan and brown.

White Gloves

\$5.75—twelve-button-length French gloves of white glace lambskin, have Paris-point stitching on the backs and three pearl-like buttons at each wrist. They are overseam sewn.

\$6.50—sixteen-button-length white glace lambskin gloves are lovely.

Strap-Wrist Gloves

\$3—soft suede gloves, in gray and beaver, are full pique sewn and have embroidered backs.

\$5—mocha gloves, overseam sewn, are in gray and beaver.

New French Strap-Wrist Gloves, \$4.50

Fine glace gloves are in black, tan and white, and a few in beaver and brown; full pique sewn. French glace gloves, overseam sewn, are in 2-clasp style—white, black, tan and brown—\$3 a pair. (Central)

Women's Soft Fur Collars Savings of 25 Per Cent

Collars of beautiful soft mole are \$20.25, \$27, \$30 and \$63.75. Raccoon collars are \$45. Australian opossum collars are \$33.50 and \$50.50. Ringtail opossum collars are \$20.25 and \$30. Collars of silvery squirrel are \$30, \$47.50 and \$63.75. (Market)

White Celluloid Frames, 35c to \$1.25

Various sizes of photograph frames for dresser or dressing table. All have stands, and most of them have velvet backs. (Chestnut)

White Toilet Pieces

Mirrors, hair brushes, combs, buffers, clothes brushes, trays, powder boxes and manicure pieces are in large assortment, and prices are from 25c for a buttonhook to \$12 for a fine hair brush or mirror. (Chestnut)

Down Quilts \$12.50

Soft and featherweight, yet the cold can't come through them. These are covered with figured satin of good quality and are seroll stitched. (Central)

Potpourri and Ribbon Novelties 35c to \$2.50

(Chestnut)

Cretonne-Covered Utility Cases 25c to \$1.50

Quite convenient gifts for the week-ender, or any one who travels—little or extensively. The 25c wash-cloth case is quite a good size, and the \$1.50 case will accommodate almost everything that one would need. In between, there are cases of various sizes; all are rubber lined and covered with pretty cretonne. (Chestnut)

Bracelets to Glitter On the Christmas Tree

Whether she is a school girl or quite grown up she probably has the feminine liking for bracelets, and bangle bracelets or a flexible rhinestone bracelet will be sure to please her. Bracelets begin at 50c for the bangles with a gold finish and go gradually up to sterling silver flexible bracelets set with rhinestones or sapphires and rhinestones. \$6.50. (Chestnut)

5000 Mahogany-Finish Candlesticks, 25c Each

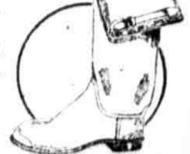
They are 7 inches high and remarkably pretty. Special, indeed. Polychrome Candlesticks, \$1 These interesting, colorful candlesticks are much less than usual. Bayberry Candles, 50c a Pair Delightful Christmassy candles that every one likes. The pair is nicely boxed and there is a little verse in each box. Tall Red Candles, 75c Pair Exactly the thing to put in candlesticks that you are giving for Christmas. (Chestnut)

Boys' Warm Sweaters, \$9.50

Thick and very warm ones, that slip over the head and have V necks. Boys like them for school, for skating, and all sorts of outdoor fun. In khaki color, dark red, brown and navy blue; in sizes for boys of 9 to 15 years. (Men's Outpost, Market)

Rubber Boots for the Boys

For the boy, the boots are the "regular fellow" kind that buckle up above the knee. In sizes 8 to 10 1/2, \$3 11 to 2, \$3.75 2 1/2 to 6, \$5 Men's boots, either the hip or 3/4 kind, of good, heavy rubber, are \$6 and \$7.50. And plenty of Christmas slippers for Dad Everett slippers of felt, with padded soles, are in oxford gray, blue or maroon. \$2.50. Brown or dark gray felt slippers with padded soles are \$3 a pair. Other slippers for men are \$2.50 to \$4.00 a pair. (Chestnut)



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