

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Friday's Mystery Solution

IT WAS the shoes themselves that first attracted Harvey Hunt in the mystery of "Pinching Shoes." Why did they pinch?

If the butler had started to get undressed for bed, as he claimed, why had he not removed the pinching shoes first? That's what any ordinary person would do.

Then there were other things about the man that struck Harvey Hunt as strange.

His agitation seemed to be more a spirit of satisfied revenge than relief and horror at the brutal manner in which he said he had been forced to kill the burglar.

And the burglar's face had been mutilated beyond recognition. Was this done by chance or purpose?

Then the man had not known where to look for the telephone. Strange, since he worked in the house. Nor had he known where to look for the constable's number, though he himself had been supposed to have written it on the card.

Finally, despite his statement that the burglar had had no chance to touch anything in the safe, the Liberty Bonds would have been removed, and re-entrusted to the wrong shelf.

Harvey Hunt searched for a theory that would fit these facts. He found it in this:

The real butler lay dead, mutilated beyond recognition. The burglar, undoubtedly his twin brother, had had him in rage when discovered and had changed clothes with him, intending to chase in his place so there would be no chase. That was why the shoes pinched.

Police department fingerprints identified the man.

Can you solve this mystery of— One Cigar Stump

THERE was plenty of circumstantial evidence against Whittier Mellory, more than enough to convict him.

Only trouble was that it was all knocked into a cocked hat by his alibi.

The crime was known to have been committed at midnight. In fact, the circumstances were such that that was the only time it possibly could have been committed. But the night janitor at the Calonia Apartments, where Mellory lived, swore to the detectives that Mellory came home at midnight.

It was Mellory's name that was the physical impossibility for him to be at two places, five miles apart, at the same time.

But the president of the concern for which Mellory worked, and which had been the principal sufferer in the crime, was not satisfied with this alibi as the police detectives had phoned it to him.

He found the fellow quite willing to talk. It wasn't often that he had company, and, he told the criminal investigator, he spent most of his time sleeping in the little room off the main entrance.

FURBUSH GIVES HEALTH RESOLUTIONS FOR YEAR

Suggestions to Public Offered in Effort to Cut Death Rate

Health resolutions for the new year are prescribed by Director Furbush, who asks for their unselfish observance during the year 1921, that by public co-operation the public health may be sustained and improved.

Whereas, One-third of all the deaths occurring during the year were due to heart disease, pneumonia and tuberculosis;

Whereas, Sickness and pestilence can largely be abated by cleanliness, fresh air, good food and attention to the common-sense laws of personal hygiene; and

Whereas, Disease germs have little or no opportunity to grow or produce their poisons in a healthy body; and

Whereas, The promotion and preservation of the public health are important functions of the government; and

Whereas, Good health is the very foundation of progress, efficiency, prosperity and happiness; and

Whereas, The public health is a purchasable commodity and personal health is property which can be held in safe keeping.

It is resolved, That the public is urged to adopt the following:

To avoid excesses which tend to depress the vitality and encourage the invasion of disease.

To adopt moderation in all things, more especially as applied to foods and drinks.

To keep regular habits.

To sleep eight hours each day.

To exercise at regular intervals.

To observe the general laws of personal cleanliness.

To go outdoors as much as possible.

To ventilate the home, office and workshop in order to insure comfort, ease and healthful surroundings.

To avoid places of assembly which are poorly ventilated and other overcrowded gatherings.

To protect others from communicable diseases, by avoiding expectation on the sidewalks and in public places and by using the handkerchief when coughing or sneezing.

To keep each and every foregoing resolution.

Condition of Roads in and Around City

Lincoln highway (Trenton to Chambersburg)—Light snow occurred over all sections last night followed by rain, which left the road slushy and very slippery. Snow nearly gone except on elevated sections.

William Penn highway (Easton to Chambersburg)—Mostly covered with slush except over the most elevated sections where the storm was all in the form of snow. All sections slippery.

Baltimore pike (Philadelphia, Media, Kennett Square and Oxford)—Slushy and slippery, but snow is nearly gone.

Philadelphia and Reading pike—Generally slushy and slippery.

Lancaster and Harrisburg pike—Generally slushy and slippery.

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right up to his room with a 'good-night.' But tonight he makes some remark about how dull his job must be, and do I sleep much. I tell him I sleep most of the time. Then he looks at the clock and says I must have had a good night's sleep already—that's why I'm so sure about the time, sir, through him looking at the clock and me looking at it, too—and then he chuckles and goes on to say sleep's a fine thing, and I can't do too much of it, and he goes on upstairs.

"Well, sir, usually I don't eat my lunch until I o'clock, but tonight I'm awful hungry, though. I don't know why I should be having a good dinner of ham and cabbage before I come to work, and so I eat my lunch. Then I go down to look at the fire and have to work hard with them, because they're nearly out. Then I come back here to my chair and light up Mr. Mellory's cigar, and dad blame it, the first thing I know I'm asleep again before I have it half smoked, and it don't seem I'm asleep ten minutes before those detectives fellows show up and ask me about Mr. Mellory. But I don't see how all this has anything to do with that robbery, sir."

"And where's the cigar you didn't finish?" asked Harvey Hunt.

"Here, sir," said the janitor, fishing it out of a pocket. Harvey Hunt turned it over curiously in his hand, then proffered the janitor another from his own pocket, carefully wrapping up the half-smoked specimen.

"And now," he said to the gaping janitor, "if you'll just show me Mr. Mellory's room, I shall take him to jail."

"How did Harvey Hunt expect to break down Mellory's alibi, and what did the cigar have to do with it? Can you tell? The answer will appear tomorrow.

WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE WANAMAKER'S

Hundreds of Beautiful Dresses in This Wonderful Sale at a Third to a Half Less

Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store

Fresh and delightful dresses for all Winter occasions; —tailored dresses of serge, tricotine or jersey for morning wear —dresses of satin, Georgette, crepe and mignonette for afternoon —airy little dancing frocks for evening.

Every dress is new and fashionable and in good taste. Small points of finish have been carefully considered and even the least expensive dresses are lined with silk.

A wide range of coloring lends interest to your choosing and you may be assured of finding plenty of navy blues and becoming browns.

Illustration of women in various styles of dresses with price tags: \$20, \$12, \$16, \$16.50, \$25. Text: \$10 dresses are of wool velour, satin, serge, jersey and tricotine. \$12 dresses are of serge, satin, jersey and fiber silk mignonette. \$15 dresses are of serge, velour, satin, crepe meteor, tricotine and fiber silk mignonette. \$16.50 dresses are of tricotine, charmeuse and Yalama cloth. \$18.75 dresses are of crepe-back satin, velveteen and tricotine. \$25 dresses are of Georgette crepe, embroidered with beads, and of charmeuse and fiber silk mignonette. \$32.50 dresses are of Georgette crepe, elaborately beaded, and of satin. Plenty of dresses for young women and for their mothers— sizes range from 14 to 44.

AMERICAN STORES CO. Great Stock-Taking Sale! Our annual stock-taking will be on January 1st. As it is much easier to count cash than merchandise, we are offering some exceptional bargains, in order to reduce our stocks and thus make easier what is always a tedious task. This is a wonderful opportunity for our customers to effect big savings on their grocery bills. Deep Slash in the Price of Canned Peaches! Our Regular 35c Fancy Calif. PEACHES Cut to 30c can Our Regular 39c EXTRA FANCY Calif. PEACHES Cut to 33c can Big cans. Wonderful value. The fruit in the 30c cans is just a trifle smaller—the quality of "both" very choice. Corn Meal 3 lbs 10c Our Regular 22c Cooked Corned Beef cut to 15c can "Asco" Syrup can 12 1/2c "Asco" Pork & Beans can 10c "Asco" Buckwheat pkg 14c Choice Sugar Corn can 10c Government Bacon 24c lb Early June Peas can 12 1/2c Extra Large Calif. Prunes lb 25c 12-lb can, \$2.50 "Every Evap. Milk tall can 13c Large Calif. Prunes lb 25c Other sizes 17c and 23c lb. Packed under Gov't Inspection; quality guaranteed. Best Pure LARD lb 19c Choice Head RICE lb 10c Its Flaky Wholesomeness Victor BREAD 8c "Asco" Mince Meat cut to 21c lb Juicy Grape Fruit each 7c, 9c, 12c Fancy cranberries lb 17c Choice Apples 3 lbs 15c Orange and Lemon Peel cut to 25c lb Seeded Raisins pkg 28c R. & R. Plum Pudding cut to 30c can Fancy Cleaned Currants pkg 23c Atmore's Plum Pudding cut to 35c can Yellow Globe Onions lb 2 1/2c "Asco" Family Flour 12-lb bag 70c "Asco" Baking Powder can 5c, 9c We Guarantee Them Eggs Carton 85c Selected Eggs doz 72c The Very Sight "Louella" Butter lb 66c Richland Butter lb 58c Campbell's Mutton Soup can 9c Holiday Candies at Reduced Prices "Asco" Oats pkg 10c Campbell's Asparagus Soup, can 12c Cream Mints, pkg 10c "Asco" Farina, pkg 10c At the End of a Perfect Meal "Asco" Blend Coffee lb 29c "Asco" Blend Teas lb 45c These Prices in All Our 176 Sanitary Meat Markets Boneless Pot or Rolled Roast lb 20c Best Cut Standing Rib Roast lb 30c Whole Chuck Roast lb 17c Lean Soup Beef lb 10c Fresh Beef Liver lb 15c Thick End Rib Roast lb 22c Country Scrapple lb 12 1/2c Pure Pork Sausage lb 38c Fresh Liver Pudding lb 22c

Good School Clothes for Girls

Serge Frocks for Girls of 8 to 14 A number of models of all-wool navy blue serge touched with bright trimming at \$5, \$6.75, \$7.25, \$7.75 to \$12. Chinchilla Coats, Special at \$20 Good warm coats in brown with velour collars, full lined with red flannel. 8 to 12 year sizes. A Group of Odd Coats for Girls of 9 to 14, \$15 Wool velour, heavy serge and chevot coating, in good styles, all full lined. Navy, Pekin blue and tan in the group, but in some styles sizes are broken.

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All Our Women's Suits Lowered in Price A Fourth to a Half

Suits Now \$15 Of silvertone with nutria-dyed fur collars. Of silvertone, plainly tailored, without fur. Of wool jersey in heather mixtures. Suits Now \$20 Silvertone suits in navy and brown with braided jackets or with fur collars. Suits Now \$25 Silvertone suits with sealene fur collars and bandings trimming the jackets. Velour suits, mostly navy blue, with sealene collars.

All the Finer Suits Now \$30 to \$100

A variety of pretty fur-trimmed and tailored suits of serge, tricotine, velour, silvertone, llama cloth, duvet de laine and Bolivia. The fur trimmings are of beaver, nutria, squirrel, sealene and Australian opossum. Suits in Extra Sizes Now \$30 to \$60 Simple and beautifully tailored suits of Poret twill, tricotine and velour in navy blue and black. Sizes 46 to 52 1/2.

Men's All-Wool Suits Special at \$33 With Two Pair of Trousers

Splendid, well-tailored all-wool suits with semi-conservative two-button or three-button coats are good buys, every one! Among them are some of the snugly fitting suits that young men like.

The extra pair of trousers means almost double the length of service, and the mohair linings in the coats mean warmth throughout the winter.

Without the extra pair of trousers these suits are \$27.

Men's All-Wool Trousers \$4 to \$9.75 a Pair

A man is likely to find the pair of trousers that he wants among these good patterns. One thing he is sure of—that the trousers are all-wool.

Smart Small Furs One and Two Skin Animal Boas

Many women will put Christmas money to good use, getting something they've really wanted. Very often it's furs, and there is nothing more fashionable than these small boas.

The choosing is excellent in Australian opossum Baum marten Natural opossum Natural squirrel Kolinsky Sable-dyed squirrel Stone marten Fitch \$11.25 to \$45

Women's High Shoes Splendid Value at \$9

Black Kidskin Black Calfskin Brown Kidskin All of them lace high and have welted soles and Cuban heels.

Women's Tan Shoes Special at \$6.85

Of good tan leather, they have straight tips, welted soles and medium heels.