Yesterday's Mystery Solution having pretended to pay him, and killing him secretly, he could tuck the TN THE case of "Lie Erring Wife." \$7000 away somewhere, and when the In THE case of "Lie Erring Wife,"

Harvey Hunt became suspicious of the wedding ring at once. Why had the inscription of initials and date been scratched from the inside of the gold scratched from the inside of the gold sand? Had the murdered woman done it herself to protect the murderer? It herself to protect the murderer? Hardly. If the murderer had done it, why had he not followed the simpler with the salesman to call and get his method of just taking it away with method of just taking it away with with the salesman to call and get his money.

the wound a second time.
the wound a second time.
the suspected, the murdered girl
and to be the daughter of rich and proved to be the daughter of rich and socially prominent parents, who had been lured to robbery and death by a hauffeur, for whom she had formed a landestine and romantic attachment.

LX Can you tell-

Where Reason Failed CRIME is a most unprofitable pro-

CRIME is a most unprofitable profession, even for the exfert who
has been born and reared in its atmosphere." said Harvey Hunt. "but
meen the reputable man turns criminal
the olds are hopelessly against him. He
is beset by a thousand dangers of selfis besteryal against which he has no guard
but his reason. The professional crimnal has instinct, subconnaciously and
aver-endingly on guard."
"But." argued DeKyne. "isn't reamental process than instinct? Why
wer" it a better protection thun in-

n't it a better protection than in "Because." said the criminal inves igntor, 'reason is an effort. Instinct s not. Reason is incapable of being ushed to the point of eternal vigilance. t gets fired, and sooner or later over-tes sympthing. There was, for in-tance, the case of Prof. Dittebaum. mance, the case of Prot. Dittebaum.
"Dittebaum was one of the leading assists of the country, and something an experimental psychologist on the de. His knowledge of the latter should

Mis knowledge of the moderate warned him against embarking on the cof crime. But it didn't. That all No. 1, though aside from the Dittebaum had an expensive itory. Dittebaum bad an expensive cife, and was pretty hard out to it to supply her wants. He got in debt. He corrowed large sums, and continued to borrow to pay his loans, all the time retting sleeper into the mire.

"He owed \$7000 to a traveling salesman named O Brien, who was a neighbor of his. O'Brien pressed him for agment. Dittebaum got desperate. He new where he could borrow \$7000, but he knew that ultimately there would be pressure on him from the new source.

ressure on him from the new source, to courred to him that he might berow that \$7000 to pay O'Brien, then

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Hardly. If the murderer had done it, why had he not followed the simpler why had he not followed the simpler why had he not followed the simpler why had he bothered to replace him? Or her hand?

Obviously the only reason was that he did not wish to leave any doubt as to he did not wish to leave any doubt as to he did not wish to leave any doubt as to he did not wish the assumption but that the hunt no other assumption but that t

O'Brien's disappearance created a stir, of course. The professor, of course, was questioned. He declared O'Brien had called to collect the money, which he had given him, his recent deposit of a check for \$7000 and withdrawal of that amount of cash hearing out the statement. He said O'Brien told him he was going in town to 'make a night of it.' Others testified they had a night of it.' Others testified they had seen the salesman on his way from the professor's house to the station. Of course, I made a search of the cithotels, and, of course, I found the one where 'O'Brien' had registered. The description tallied. The man had pai for the night in advance. Nothing was thought of the fact that he had left without notifying the office. It was a big place and nobody remembered when he had left. had left, "But I spotted the trick immediately,

and the professor was the

astounded man in the world when I immediately placed him under arrest.

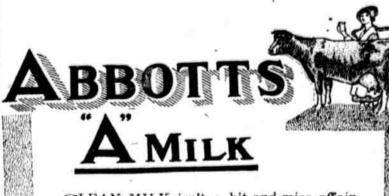
"Nor was his reason sufficient guard against that psychological inquisition known as the 'third degree.' He went down under it and confessed, which was pretty lucky, for there was nobody, of course, on which to prove murder had been committed.

"But what loophole was it that his reason failed to guard?" asked DeKyne.
"I can't see that you have mentioned.

"The answer will appear tomorrow.

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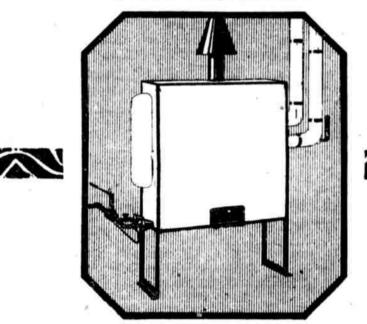
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