

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY

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Saturday's Mystery Solution

HARVEY HUNT deduced from "The Twisted Stockings" the girl wore that she had dressed herself with extreme haste, and probably in a pre-occupied state of mind.

Her startled exclamation on hearing of the man's death might have meant nothing by itself, but taken with the fact that she had quite obviously dressed in a rush before coming to the hotel, struck Hunt as significant.

The criminologist aided the house detective in questioning her later, and succeeded in catching her in two or three damaging admissions, following which she broke down and explained the whole affair, influenced by a spirit of revenge to which she had feared at first to give reign.

Beckwiler, or Franklin, to use his real name, had with him the proceeds of a cleverly operated robbery in Cleveland. Blakely Morris, the "master mind" of the band, suspected him of nothing by itself, but taken with the fact that she had tried to warn Franklin of this when he phoned her, but he was angry with her and scolding her so hard that she didn't get a chance.

While she was on her way to the hotel, Morris, who also was registered as a guest at the hotel, had time to commit the murder she feared, and in a manner which probably would not have been detected but for the girl's confession.

"Kidnaping," answered the criminologist without hesitation. "If other kinds of crime are unwise, kidnaping is utter folly. In all other crimes the perpetrator achieves his purpose, whether it be the taking of property or life, before the hue and cry is raised after him, and is then free to devote all his energies to losing himself. But the kidnapper's crime is profitless until he

collected the ransom, and he can only do this by establishing a definite channel of communication between himself and the person paying that ransom at the very moment the hue and cry is greatest. "He has one alternative, but it is open to almost a great degree of danger. That is to demand the ransom in advance of, and upon the threat of, the kidnaping. It does, however, give him a chance to abandon his plan with a little safety at the last moment if he fears it won't work. But there's a mighty little safety connected even with that method. There was, for instance, the case of the Vandergrift-Skellis.

"The Vandergrift-Skellis, you know, were numbered among our many 'unknown' millionaires. That is to say, they lived in comparative modesty at the magnificent Hudland Apartments, overlooking Riverside drive, taking part in no activities, business or social, that would bring them into the public eye. They had a little boy about five years old.

"One day they received a note from Jerry Vanner, Jerry was a notorious confidence man, renowned for his ability to keep under cover. He was wanted in a dozen different cities, but the police never seemed to recognize him when he was right under their eyes. Jerry was

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noted for another thing. He always played a lone hand. He made a fatal blunder when he conceived the scheme of threatening money out of the Vandergrift-Skellis, instead of 'luring' it out of them or some other victims. Jerry was always scrupulous about the details of his plans, and the knowledge of that helped me some. "Jerry demanded no less than \$50,000 in cash from the Vandergrift-Skellis as the price for not kidnaping their child. He warned them not to try to communicate with the police or any private detective, for every person leaving their apartment (which, by the way, had only a private entrance right from the street) would be trailed. He conveyed the impression that a large number of men were engaged in keeping them under surveillance.

"The boy's father, who had something of the fighting spirit that had won the family its fortune, refused to be intimidated, however. Quite cleverly, as he thought, he made use of the tele-

phones to consult me. I listened only long enough to get a notion of the situation, and cutting him off in the middle of his explanation, dashed over to the Hudland as fast as my car would travel. I had three infractions of the traffic rules to answer for later, but I got there just in time. "The telephone operator gave me the name of the latest tenant who had taken a suite there. I burst into his rooms to find him packing his suitcase, and arrested him. He was Jerry Vanner. "But how did you know you would find him there," asked DeKane in amazement. "Well, I couldn't have sworn to it that I would," admitted Hunt. "But I was pretty sure that I would. I'll tell you why."

But can you tell why Harvey Hunt was sure? Can you follow his reasoning? The answer will appear tomorrow. (Copyright, 1920, by Public Ledger Co.)

HUMANISMS: Inner Lights on Lives and Whims of Personages in the Public Eye

By WILLIAM ATHERTON DU PUY

William Howard Taft, former President, lately delivered a series of lectures at Cornell University, where he and Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, head of that great school, saw much of each other. "The music drowned what he was saying and the doctor asked that it be repeated. Mr. Taft made an even more complimentary speech on the beauty of the bells and the flood of melody they poured forth. "Still Dr. Schurman begged pardon. He had not heard Mr. Taft said a third time that the music of the chimes was very beautiful. "Curse those bells," said the doctor. "I can't hear a word you say."

Representative Ambrose Kennedy, of Rhode Island, is one of the few members of Congress who is thorough master of French. This came about because of the fact that, despite his birth in the United States, he lived for a number of the years of his youth in Canada. When Mr. Kennedy got into politics he went very fast, being elected to the Rhode Island Legislature, and to the Congress of the United States. "There are a good many French-speaking people in Rhode Island. In fact, Armin J. Pothier, for six years governor of Rhode Island, was of French extraction. Mr. Kennedy used to be a colonel on the staff of Governor Pothier and was often called upon to wear a uniform with a gold braid on it and attend formal functions, many of them among the governor's French friends. One such was a recital given by a French artist. Neither the hostess nor the artist knew that Colonel Kennedy, resplendent in military full dress, understood French. Circumstances shaped themselves that he, as the father of the artist, was called to the stage

where he sat, very ill at ease, while she declaimed tragically in French a part in which he was the lover who had grown cold. The climax of her reading came when she bade him, impassionately, to leave her if he did not love her. "Thereupon, to her surprise, the colonel arose and bolted.

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