

TODAY'S MYSTERY STORY
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Yesterday's Mystery Solution

IN THE case of "After Midnight," Harvey Hunt knew Boller was the murderer by the slip that the latter made in denying his guilt.

Harvey Hunt had suggested that Boller was under suspicion merely on chance to observe him. Not being interested with his standing in the community, as was Adsell, he saw no reason why he should not be regarded as possibly the criminal.

Boller had said, "But if you say I shot Amos Kidder you are a confessed liar, sir. In the first place, I have never owned nor purchased a revolver."

But Hunt had not suggested that Boller had "shot" Kidder. Neither Adsell nor Hunt had told Boller how Kidder had met his death. Nobody else knew of the murder to inform him, hence if he knew Kidder had been shot, and not stabbed or beaten down, it could only have been because he had committed the crime himself.

By telling each that the other had confessed Adsell got confessions out of both Boller and Bracefield. It was Bracefield who had gotten the revolver, and who had disposed of it after the crime. The motive was robbery. Boller and Bracefield had tried to swindle Kidder, who, however, had neatly turned the tables on them in a deal on some public utility securities.

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**Can you read the clue in—
A Bad Check**

"HEY, Mr. Hunt, did you ever have much experience with bad-check artists?" The house detective of the Randolph House had stepped up to Harvey Hunt as he was about to enter the dining room.

"A trifle," smiled the criminologist. "Why? Has anybody been trying to get anything over on you?"

"Yes," said the house detective. "Last he made a clean getaway, too. Followed up here about five days ago with a lot of baggage. Took one of the best rooms in the house and sure didn't spread himself on the sofa. Signed the bills. Well, after his charge had mounted up to about \$800 the credit manager began to get a bit leery of him, and when he asked for the check, the check cashier referred him to the big boss. The boss said he'd cash the check if he could identify himself. Followed explained he was a nephew of Mrs. Cranston-Wiloughby, and a great great-grandson of one of the younger Fraseses. Said the boss could call them up and they'd tell him he was all right."

"The boss did call 'em up, but couldn't get any answer to either call. He took a chance, though, and cashed the check for \$125. Figured the fellow wouldn't have given those names, knowing he would get it up, unless he was straight. Then the next thing we knew the guy had melted right out of sight. It turns out Mrs. Cranston-Wiloughby is out of town and the Fraseses never heard of him. I checked up with the telephone operator and find there were calls for the two numbers before the boss called 'em up. This look had just made out a list of some of the most important people in the city and called up their homes in turn until he found a couple who weren't there to answer the phone, and adopted them as his relatives and friends."

"What name did he use?" asked that.

"Called himself Percy Van Bynden Boller," replied the house detective. "But his real name is—"

"Adsell Schmitt, Slickly Dugan or something like that."

"And the check?"

"Oh, here it is, but it don't prove anything. One of the new forms. It's written in the name of the Ammerhill National Bank of Randolphville. Might as well have written in the National Bank of New York or any other bank that came into his mind. I checked up with the cashier to see if there was a bank as a matter of form before he cashed the check."

"Well, just as possibly he's a hopeless case, as you suggest," said Hunt. "But I'll wager you the amount of the check that it isn't; that if you'll send his town address up to that distant little town you'll find out who he is. That'll make your task of locating him easier any day."

"What made Harvey Hunt so certain that the clue was a live one?"

"The answer will appear tomorrow."
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A Scent in Her Hair

An acquaintance with hair of enviable quality adds to the loveliness of it by being around it at night a lace and phenol and, the hair of which disappears the hiding place of which disappears. The gloves are her weakness, and in the hair you will find the reason for a dainty odor her gloves hand insures.

The Question Corner
Today's Inquiries

- From what apparently hopeless condition did Mrs. Ray Wilmer Sandelson rise to be the New York manager of one of the largest life insurance companies in the country?
- When candle grease is stuck to the base of a brass candlestick, how can it be removed without scraping with a knife?
- Describe a striking new electric lamp which suggests a candle-lamp.
- In what way can buttons be fastened to a waist so that they can easily be removed when it is sent to the laundry?
- What material is used for dainty and unusual bracelets for the woman with a slender hand?
- Describe a good-looking new pair of spats for wear with a brown suit.

Yesterday's Answers

- The recent awards for proficiency in studies at the medical school of the University College, London, five out of six of which were given to women, seem to show the superiority of women over men in this work.
- A piece of lace picked out in metal threads which have become tarnished can be disguised by a companion thread of pink or blue to be made attractive enough for use as a panel in a negligee.
- When a panel in a negligee comes to the end of shoe polish because too dried and hard to use, place it upon the radiator until it softens, then mix it with vasoline until it is soft and pliable again.
- Removable footstools have replaced the usual footrest in some of the newest cars for this year.
- It is correct to wear long suede gloves instead of kid ones with an evening dress if they are black, white should always be worn in white.
- The advanced styles in surplice dresses for spring have a pointed neck, with a lapel on one side and a plain finish on the other.

Organ plays at 9, 11 and 4:50
Chimes at Noon

WANAMAKER'S DOWN STAIRS STORE WANAMAKER'S

WEATHER Fair

New Frocks, Reflecting the Prettiest Spring Fashions, Are Amazingly Low Priced—Wanamaker's Down Stairs Store

25 Different Styles at \$8.25 and \$10
30 Different Styles at \$25
Scores of Pretty Things in Between



\$25 \$18 \$23.50 \$18

Taffeta and Crepe de Chine Dresses, \$18
The bodices and skirts of the taffeta dresses show elaborate eyelet embroidery. They are in black, taupe and navy, trimmed with pearl gray, Belgian blue or rust-color taffeta.

Wonderful Choosing at \$23.50 and \$25
Taffeta dresses are made in charming ways. Some of the skirts, showing much eyelet embroidery, are over underskirts of Georgette crepe of contrasting color. A navy blue frock is made over gray; a black one over Copenhagen.

Canton Crepe Dresses, \$25 to \$75
The most fashionable silk material of the Spring and one that is remarkably handsome and adaptable. These lovely dresses are in silver gray, navy blue, dark brown and raspberry, sometimes embroidered, sometimes trimmed only with wide, soft sashes. \$25, \$29, \$32.50, \$35, \$39 to \$75. (Market)

Taffeta With Crystal Beads, \$32.50
These dresses are in navy, brown and black, very beautifully embroidered with milky crystal beads. They have narrow collars and cuffs of embroidered beige Georgette.

Among these are many handsome sample dresses ordinarily a third more.

A Sample Lot of Women's Fiber Sweaters Special at \$4.25
Sweaters of this sort usually sell for almost twice this price. Fashionable coat sweaters, including a popular Tuxedo model, are in navy, peacock, green-and-brown and black-and-white. New blouse sweaters that reach just to the waistline are in brown, salmon, white, lavender, navy and green-and-black. Not all sizes in every style and color, but excellent selection! (Central)

New \$5 Hats Springlike as Crocuses
and like the crocuses they seem to pop up, more and more each day. Gray and navy blues, tans and browns—oh, yes, and red! Soft straw and the firmer straw—there seems to be no limit to the variety. Flowers are beginning to be seen among the adornments and, though most of the hats are still fairly small, some of the brims are beginning to widen out a bit. (Market)

Becoming Sample Hats, \$9.50
A few—sometimes one—of a kind. All the better straws and satins in combinations, mostly in the darker street shades and plenty in black. Ostrich trims most of the hats. (Market)

Honey-Dew Neckwear Is New
The first showing in Philadelphia—as far as we know. The color must mean a very ripe honey-dew melon, for it is almost apricot. The material is sheerest, finest organdie and the collars, sets and vests—in 11 styles—are finished with decorative navy stitching. \$1.50. (Central)

Other Charming New Neckwear
Gray, of course, is prominent and sets of tucked gray organdie begin at \$1 and go up to \$4.75 for hand-embroidered collars and sets.

Tan organdie neckwear with Bulgarian embroidery begins at \$2.50 and goes up to \$5.25 for sets or vests. (Central)

Freshness and charm, youthfulness and gaiety are the points that you'll notice first about the delightful new dresses that Spring is sending ahead of her.

Then you'll see that taffeta boasts eyelet embroidery, crepe de chine is elaborately scrolled and embroidered and serge is lightened with colorful collars and cuffs.

Colorings are lovely, too, with silver gray and navy blue high favorites.

150 Dresses at \$8.25—Half Price
Of Poirat twill and wool jersey embroidered in contrasting colors.
Of navy blue serge embroidered in silk or wool.
Of crepe de chine in gray, brown or navy, with ruffled bodice and skirt.
Of satin in Copenhagen, navy, black and taupe in several Spring models.

Serge and Tricotine Frocks, \$10 and \$15
All are in navy blue and they are trimmed with much wool embroidery, beading or braiding. Some have tricolored sashes, collars and cuffs. Tricotine dresses have panel overskirts over a black satin foundation. Some Eton frocks will appeal to young women.



\$8.25 \$8.25 \$8.25 \$15

Dresses in Extra Sizes \$16.50 and \$18
Several becoming models in navy blue serge. A redingote dress has a long roll collar and is trimmed with braid. Sizes 42½ to 52. (Market)

Shoes That You Can Be Sure Of at Savings Equally Sure
Men, women, boys and children are provided for in this sale of dependable Wanamaker-quality shoes at savings of a half.

Women's Low Shoes, \$2.50
One-eye ties of dull black leather with welted soles and high, curved heels.

Women's High Shoes at \$3.50
(All Sizes)
Black kidskin, gray kidskin and brown kidskin shoes with welted soles and high, curved heels.

Women's Brown Oxfords at \$4.90
Of brown leather in brogue style. Medium heels and welted soles.
Also tan lace walking shoes with straight tips, welted soles and medium heels.

Women's Shoes and Oxfords at \$6.90
(All Sizes)
Smart tan leather shoes with round toes and low heels have welted soles and imitation wing tips.
The Oxfords are of brown leather with welted soles and medium heels—good looking and splendid quality.

Children's Shoes at \$1.75
Sizes 2 to 6—of brown or black kidskin, patent leather and tan calfskin with turned soles.

Children's Tan Shoes
Sizes 6 to 8, \$3 Sizes 8½ to 2, \$3.50
Long-wearing shoes of tan leather in lace style with sensibly wide toes. (Chestnut)

Worth Running For! Men's Suits Have Taken Another Drop to \$27.50

This retail price is less than the wholesale cost of three months ago.

Each suit is of properly tailored ALL-WOOL chevot, and every man knows that all-wool clothes keep their shape and quality appearance a great deal longer than cotton mixtures.

Coats are single breasted—vests well cut—trousers hang right. Conservative stripes, checks and indistinct patterns in brown and green effects.

Just enough of these splendid \$27.50 suits for 125 men.



Tenth Shipment of These \$25 Suits
"Intrinsic worth," the dictionary defines "value." There could be no better description of these young men's suits of all-wool chevot at \$25. The tenth separate shipment of them is ready for Saturday. You see, they sell on sight. Two and three button coats among them.

Special Lot of Men's Dress Ulsters, \$30
Not so long and cumbersome as regular ulsters—and made of good-looking gray all-wool materials. Capital for motoring even in spring weather.

Men's Gloves, \$2.65 a Pair
Tan capskin gloves, in one-clasp style, are outseam sewn and have spearpoint backs.
One-clasp gray suede gloves with black embroidered backs, are outseam sewn. (Central)

Leather Belts, Special at 50c
Narrow belts of black or tan leather with prong or roller buckles. Some have slight flaps, but if perfect they would be two or three times this price. (Galleries, Market)

\$1.55 for Fine Shirts That Thousands of Men Want
Nothing wears better than a percale shirt—and these shirts are of the better kind of 80x80 thread percale in fast colors. Wide and cluster stripes, French cuffs. Carefully cut on Wanamaker dimensions and with first quality buttons and fine workmanship.

Men's Half Hose, 25c Pair
Men are realizing the good appearance of cotton-and-fiber half hose, especially when they are knitted as fine as these. In brown-and-green and blue-and-green, sizes 9½ to 11½. (Galleries, Market)

Boys' Suits All Wool, With Two Pair of Trousers Special at \$15
New Spring suits of chevots for boys of 7 to 17 years.
Belted Norfolk coats with plain or patch pockets—the coats nicely lined with mohair and the trousers fully lined.
Suits boys can be proud of! And, what is more, suits that will give long service. (Galleries, Market)

Coats Gay With Spring Delightful Choosing at \$16.50 to \$39
Lighter colors herald the Spring, and how fresh and delightful they are! Soft tans and grays, dull blues and greens are the shades most in evidence, as the coats sketched testify.

Suede Velour at \$25
This wrap is sketched on the left. It is in mouflon and ostrich—soft tan and gray—and is lined throughout with silk and trimmed with embroidery.

Tan Polo Coats, \$29
A sports coat that young women are enthusiastic about. It is in the natural tan shade and is half lined with peau de cygne.

Many other new Spring wraps and coats in navy blue, as well as these light shades, are here at \$35, \$39, \$45 to \$89. (Market)

Dainty Batiste Blouses About Half Price—\$1.90
Blouses with Peter Pan collars, with double frills, with rows of hemstitching, (forgetting or rick rack) braid, blouses with insets of Copenhagen or rose—a wonderful variety. About half of these are from our own stock and have been reduced, because sizes are incomplete. The rest are new pieces, newly arrived. (Market)

Spring Brings Pretty Clothes to Junior Girls
New dresses of taffeta and crepe de chine are fresh as hyacinths and in almost as pretty colors—Copenhagen, navy, green and rose. One taffeta frock has a pongee guimpe, 8 to 14 year sizes at \$10.50, \$16.50 to \$22.50.
For junior girls there are frocks of crepe meteor, crepe de chine, taffeta and Georgette over taffeta. \$16.50 to \$37.50.

Navy Serge With a Pongee Bodice, \$10
The little dress is sketched. The skirt is pleated onto an embroidered yoke. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Charming New Gingham Frocks, \$3 to \$8.50
They're in the jolliest kinds of plaids and plain colors, often combined, and there are sizes for girls of all ages. Several have \$10 bodices of white dimity or jean.

Top Coats
Coats and dolmans, cape coats of polo cloth, heather coatings, many of them in the lighter colorings.

New Suits for Juniors Special at \$12.75 and \$13.50
Heather jersey suits in blue, green or brown mixtures have Tuxedo or notch collars. (Market)

Center Aisle Opportunities

Hair Nets 60c Dozen
Another shipment of these excellent hair nets. Black, blonde, auburn, light, medium and dark brown; cap and fringe shape. Full size.

Women's Chamois Lisle Gloves, 55c
Half price for these good-looking gray gloves—2-clasp style with needle-stitched backs.

Washable Capeskin Gloves, \$1.65
Gloves that women will like for Springtime. Soft, pliable skins in one-clasp style with spearpoint backs. Light or dark gray, coffee, brown and tan.

Dainty Envelope Chemises, \$1
Very pretty ones of soft mairsook with plenty of neat laces; most of them trimmed both front and back.

Bungalow Aprons \$1
Women have been asking for them ever since they saw the last lot. Striped percale in the lighter stripes that women seem to prefer—with elastic at the waistline and snowy tick rack braid trimming neck, sleeves, front and pocket.

1000 Pink Corsets \$2
Half dozen interesting models for slender and medium large women. Pink cotton, plain or broche, with light or heavy boning as desired; some have elastic at the tops. Unusually well made and durable at this price.

Babies' Dresses \$1.65
Dainty little affairs of the soft, sheer white mairsook trimmed with hand-embroidered yokes and narrow lace at neck and sleeves. For infants and up to 2 years.