



HOUSEHOLD TALKS

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Continued From "Time Is Money"

An old wardrobe makes a very good closet to hold the cleaning utensils you need upstairs at least once a week and sometimes oftener. It is an easy matter to put a shelf across the upper part to hold a bottle of glue or mucilage, a bottle of kerosene,—for cleaning the bath tub—cleaning soap, brushes and brooms. This brings us back to where we stopped yesterday, when we said every housekeeper should have several brooms if she is to work efficiently. It is mighty poor business management to keep house with only one broom. When you want to dust the walls and ceilings you must stop and tie a bag over the broom straws and then remove this when you are ready to sweep again.

Have several brooms, use the worn one for the paths and the porches and the newest one for the heaviest work in the house. The light broom, with a carpet sweeper, will be just right for bed rooms and for rugs. A small long handled broom, known as a child's broom, will reach into corners and under heavy pieces of furniture and save you much stooping and lifting. There are some places only a dust or whisk broom will reach into. Some of these small brooms are made with sharp points for just such dusty corners and their cost is very little.

For corners and dusting down walls have a long handled, soft, hair brush; this holds the dust it removes and can be washed, if it is well made. Do not have a feather duster for these are the most troublesome; they only stir up

THE AFTER HOUSE

A Story of Love, Mystery and a Private Yacht

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Continued

"What did you do with them on reaching New York?"
"I left them in my trunk."
"Why did you not return them to Mr. Turner?"
"I was ill and forgot. I'd like to know what right you have going through a person's things—and taking what you want!"

The stewardess was excused, the defense having scored perceptibly. It was clear what line the young Jew intended to follow.

Oleson, the Swede, was called next and after the usual formalities:
"Where were you between midnight and 4 a. m. on the morning of Aug. 12?"
"In the crew's nest of the Ella."
"State what you saw between midnight and 1 o'clock."
"I saw Mate Singleton walking on the forecastle head. Every now and then he went to the rail. He seemed to be vomiting. It was too dark to see much. Then he went aft along the port side of the house and came forward again on the starboard side. He went to where the ax was kept."
"Where was that?"
"Near the starboard corner of the forward house. All the Turner boats have an emergency box, with an ax and other tools, in easy reach. The officer on watch carried the key."

"Could you see what he was doing?"
"No; but he was fumbling at the box. I heard him."
"Where did he go after that?"
"He went aft."
"You could not see him?"
"I didn't look. I thought I saw something white moving below me, and I was watching it."
"This white thing—what did it look like?"
"Like a dog, I should say. It moved about and then disappeared."
"How?"
"I don't understand."
"Over the rail?"
"Oh—no, sir. It faded away."
"Had you ever heard talk among the men of the Ella being a mutinous ship?"
"Yes, but not until after I'd signed on her."
"Was there some talk of this 'white thing'?"
"Yes."
"Before the murders?"
"No, sir; not till after. I guess I saw it first."
"What did the men say about it?"
"They thought it scared Mr. Schwartz overboard. The Ella's been unlucky as to crews. They call her a 'devil ship.'"



"Did you see Mr. Singleton on deck between 2 and 3 o'clock?"
"No, sir."
"The cross examination was very short:
"What sort of night was it?"
"Very dark."
"Would the first mate as officer on watch be supposed to see that the emergency case you speak of was in order?"
"Yes, sir."
"Did the officer on watch remain on the forecastle head?"
"Mr. Schwartz did not; Mr. Singleton did mostly, except when he went back to strike the bells."
"Could Mr. Singleton have been on deck without you seeing him?"
"Yes, if he did not move around or smoke. I could see his pipe lighted."
"Did you see his pipe that night?"
"No, sir."
"If you were sick, would you be likely to smoke?"
"This question, I believe, was ruled out."
"In case the wheel of the vessel were lashed for a short time, what would happen?"
"Depends on the weather. She'd be likely to come to or fall off considerably."
"Would the lookout know it?"
"Yes, sir."
"How?"
"The sails would show it, sir."

"What did you do with the wheel when you left it?"
"Lashed it. There are two rope ends with loops to lash it with. When I was on the Sarah Winters."
"Stick to the question. Did you see the mate, Mr. Singleton, during your watch?"
"Every half hour from 12.30 to 1.30. He struck the bells. After that he said he was sick. He thought he'd been poisoned. He said he was going forward to lie down and for me to strike them."
"Who struck the bell at 3 o'clock?"
"I did, sir."
"When did you hear a woman scream?"
"Just before that."
"What did you do?"
"Nothing. It was the Hansen woman. I didn't like her. She was a bad woman. When I told her what she was she laughed."
"Were you ever below in the aft house?"
"No, sir; not since the boat was fired up."
"What could you see through the window beside the wheel?"
"It looked into the chart room. If the light was on I could see all but the floor."
"Between the hours of 1 a. m. and 3 a. m. did any one leave or enter the after house by the after companion?"
"Yes, sir. Mr. Singleton went down into the chart room and came back again in five or ten minutes."
"At what time?"
"At four and 2 o'clock."
"No one else?"
"No, sir; but I saw Mr. Turner."
"Confine yourself to the question. What was Mr. Singleton's manner at the time you mention?"
"He was scolded. He brought up a bottle of whisky from the chart room and drank what was left in it. Then he muttered something and threw the empty bottle over the rail. He said 'I was still sick.'"
"The cross examination confined itself to one of Charlie Jones's testimony."
"Did you, between midnight and 3 a. m., see any one in the chart room besides the mate?"
"Yes, Mr. Turner."
"You say you cannot see into the chart room from the wheel at night. How do you see him?"
"He turned on the light. He seemed to be looking for something."
"How do you describe what he wore?"
"He wore a white shirt and a white vest. I saw the shirt and vest similar to the one I saw on the night of the murders."
"Lost of them things look alike to you, yes, sir."
"His defense had scored again. But it suffered at the hands of Burns, the next witness. I believe the prosecution had intended to call Turner at this time; but, after a whispered conference with Turner's attorneys, they made a change. Turner, indeed, was in no condition to go on the stand. He was pallid and twitching, and his face was covered with sweat."
"Burns corroborated the testimony against Singleton—his surly temper, his outbursts of rage, his threats against the captain. And he brought out a new point—that Jones, the helmsman, had been afraid of Singleton that night, and had asked not to be left alone at the wheel."
"During this examination the prosecution for the first time made clear their position: that Val Interfered, and, pursued by Singleton, took refuge in his bunk, where he was slaughtered; that the murderer, heading to inspect his horrid work, had unwittingly

knocked the bell that roused Karet Hansen, and, crouching in the chart room with the ax, had struck her as she opened the door.
The prosecution questioned Burns about the ax and its disappearance.
"Who suggested that the ax be kept in the captain's cabin?"
"Leslie, acting as captain."
"Who had the key?"
"I carried it on a strong line around my neck."
"Whose arrangement was that?"
"Leslie's. He had the key to Mr. Singleton's cabin, and I carried this one. We divided the responsibility."
"Did you ever give the key to any one?"
"No, sir."
"Did it ever leave you?"
"Not until it was taken away."
"When was that?"
"On Saturday morning, Aug. 22, shortly before dawn."
"Tell what happened."
"I was knocked down from behind while I was standing at the port forward corner of the after house. The key was taken from me while I was unconscious."
"Did you ever see the white object that has been spoken of by the crew?"
"No, sir. I searched the deck one night when Adams, the lookout, raised an alarm. We found nothing except—"
"Go on."
"He threw down a marlinespike at something moving in the bow. The spike disappeared. We couldn't find it although we could see where it had struck the deck. Afterward we found a marlinespike hanging over the ship's side by a lanyard. It might have been the one we looked for."
"Explain 'lanyard.'"
"A cord—a sort of rope."
"It could not have fallen over the side and hung there?"
"It was fastened with a Blackwell hitch."
"Show us what you mean."
"On cross examination by Singleton's attorney Burns was forced to relate the incident of the night before his injury—that Mrs. Johns had asked to see the ax and he had shown it to her. He maintained stoutly that she had not been near the bunk and that the ax was there when he locked the door."
Adams, called, testified to seeing a curious, misty white object on the forecastle head. It had seemed to come over the bow. The marlinespike he threw had had no lanyard.
Mrs. Turner and Miss Lee escaped with a light examination. Their evidence amounted to little and was practically the same. One of the judges showed the wide and unbiased attitude of the court by a little speech after an especially venomous contest.
"Gentlemen," he said, "we are attempting to get to a solution of this thing. We are trying one man, it is true, but in a certain sense we are trying every member of the crew, every person who was on board the ship the night of the crime. We have a curious situation. The murderer is before us, either in the prisoner's dock or among the witnesses. Let us get at the truth without bickering."

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Rare Owl Goes to Philadelphia Zoo
Lewisstown, Pa., Oct. 29.—The edict of the State Game Commission has been obeyed and Squire Van Natta's monkey-faced owl has been shipped to the zoo at Philadelphia. The owl, a rare specimen, was caught in the mountains near here and nursed back to health by the Justice, who became involved in a wrangle with Secretary Joseph Kalfus, who ordered him to fine himself \$10.

At the Orpheum
No formal invitations have been sent out for the Orpheum's Halloween party, as yet. They're not going to send any out either, Manager Hopkins says. The fact that a great bill of Keiths is here this week, an offering that comprises four big city headliners, together with the festive hue the whole playhouse has taken on, is sufficient evidence that there is going to be some celebration 'round on Locust street on Saturday evening. It is doubtful if the popular playhouse ever looked prettier than it does decked out in its Halloween dress. Orange and black are artistically arranged throughout the theatre and there are many of the weird black cats and shocks of corn and Jack-o'-lanterns.

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According to the story told by the wife following the trouble, she traced her husband to New York and lying in wait for him, she attacked him with a whip as he left the hotel elevator, beating him to the floor.

Kills Father, Thinking Him Burglar
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