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THE CASE OF JENNIE BRICE

By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

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"Don't touch anything in that room until I come back!" he called to me, and, jerking the pole from one of the boys, propelled the raft with amazing speed down the street.

At 1:30 Mr. Holcombe wrote a note and sent it off with Terry and, borrowing my boots, which had been Mr. Pitman's, investigated the dining room and kitchen from a floating plank; the doors were too narrow to admit the boat. But he found nothing more im-

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portant than a rolling pin. He was not at all depressed by his failure. He came back, drenched to the skin, about 3 and naked permission to search the Ladleys' bedroom.

"I have a friend coming pretty soon, Mrs. Pitman," he said, "a young newspaper man named Howell. He's a nice boy, and if there is anything to this I'd like him to have it for his paper. He said I have been having some arguments about circumstantial evidence, too, and I know he'd like to work on this."

"I gave him a pair of Mr. Pitman's socks, for his own were saturated and while he was changing them the telephone rang. It was the theater again, asking for Jennie Brice.

"You are certain she is out of the city?" some one asked, the same voice as in the morning.

"Her husband says so."

"Ask him to come to the phone."

"He is not here."

"When do you expect him back?"

"I'm not sure he is coming back."

"Look here," said the voice angrily, "can't you give me any satisfaction? Or don't you care to?"

"I've told you all I know."

"You don't know where she is?"

"No, sir."

"She didn't say she was coming back to rehearse for next week's piece?"

"Her husband said she went away for a few days' rest. He went away about noon and hasn't come back. That's all I know, except that they owe me three weeks' rent that I'd like to get hold of."

The owner of the voice hung up the receiver with a snap and left me pondering. It seemed to me that Mr. Ladley had been very reckless. Did he expect any one to believe that Jennie Brice had gone for a vacation without notifying the theater? Especially when she was to rehearse that week? I thought it curious, to say the least. I went back and told Mr. Holcombe, who put it down in his notebook, and together we went to the Ladleys' room.

The room was in better order than usual, as I have said. The bed was made—which was out of the ordinary, for Jennie Brice never made a bed—but made the way a man makes one, with the blankets wrinkled and crooked beneath and the white counterpane pulled smoothly over the top, showing every hump beneath. I showed Mr. Holcombe the splasher dotted with ink as usual.

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the wall. Behind it, where it had fallen, lay a towel covered with stains as if some one had wiped bloody hands on it. He held it up, his face working with excitement. I could only cover my eyes.

"This looks better," he said, and began making a quick search of the room, running from one piece of furniture to another, pulling out bureau drawers, drawing the bed out from the wall and crawling along the baseboard with a lighted match in his hand. He gave a shout of triumph finally and reappeared from behind the bed with the broken end of my knife in his hand.

"Very clumsy," he said; "very clumsy. Peter, the dog, could have done better."

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