

MURDER UPSTAIRS

By ADAM BLISS

READ THEIR PINS!

Investigation of the murder of Andrew Darion, a young man who was stabbed to death with a carving knife in the kitchen of the boarding house at Alice Darion's home, is being conducted by Kirk Larrabee, detective of the Henderson Police Department. Larrabee has questioned the seven other boarders as well as Della Randall, the maid who reported the missing knife the evening before the murder. He learns that Darion was generally disliked and that he possessed a small fortune. Alice tells Larrabee her cook, to keep a close eye on the remaining knives in the kitchen. The detective questioned Alice again. Alice is amazed when Larrabee tells her she will inherit \$20,000 through Darion's will. Conrad Withers tells Alice he discovered Darion's death before it became generally known. The first dinner at the boarding house after the murder, with Larrabee present, proves to be an ordeal.

(NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY)

CHAPTER 18

I LOCKED the back porch door, and the kitchen door, and put the two towel bundles on the table after Grace and Della had gone upstairs. It wasn't going to get out of my mind. Then, getting some scratch paper from one of my old work books I sat down at the kitchen table to do some thinking. I always think better on paper. The kitchen was about the only room I had to myself that night. Kirk Larrabee was sitting in the room, and Mrs. Hemingway was in the living room. Stewart Dose was in the dining room, and Stewart Burke in the hall. The others were upstairs.



I went about it systematically.

It was my house, and Mr. Darion had been murdered in it. And my neck was one of the necks that was in danger. Do you blame me for wanting to see if I could find out who killed Mr. Darion?

I was going to go about this systematically, so first I put Mrs. Starbunt's name at the top of the paper. I wasn't going to leave out anyone, not even Grace and Della. Every little incident that had happened that night possibly being suspicious was written on that paper.

Mrs. Starbunt had been plenty suspicious, even before Andrew Darion had been murdered. I couldn't get away from that, although I didn't for a minute think she had killed him.

The list when I finished it looked like this:

1. Didn't seem to fit in a boarding house.
 2. Seems to have something on her mind. What?
 3. Doesn't want to mix. Why?
 4. Lied about Mrs. Chapman. Why?
 5. Gets no mail, no phone calls, apparently has no friends here.
 6. Her obvious hysteria when she came to my room this afternoon. Fear more than anything.
 7. Where does she go on her lonely walks?
 8. Claims she hardly knew Mr. Darion which is probably right, because I would have guessed if they had known each other before.
- Conrad Withers:
1. Where does Mr. Withers go every night?
 2. Why did he need to borrow money from Mr. Darion? He makes a decent salary, and the first nine months he was in the house he was very saving. Didn't even go away on a vacation last summer. Stayed here with me, working on an English text book, told me he wanted to save.
 3. He left the house last night after the knife was taken from the dining room buffer.
 4. Was he speaking the truth about the voice he heard in D's room? I think he was.
 5. Why didn't he tell Larrabee about finding D. dead? Was it cowardice as he says?

6. Was the finding of D. dead enough to unnerve him this morning? I think it was, knowing Mr. Withers.

7. Was he telling me the whole truth this afternoon? About finding Mr. Darion? I think he was.

8. Why was he upset last night when I let him in?

Lucy Upham: (I hated to put down Lucy's name, but I did. I was playing no favorites.)

1. She seems to be blooming under the excitement. Different than I expected. I thought she would be depressed.

2. She says she looked out of her door at midnight and saw the light go out under Mr. Darion's door. Why?

3. She and Marcelle Cambridge went into the dining room together to get some nuts before 8:30. Lucy claims she didn't notice the knife on the dining room buffer. Probably didn't. At times Lucy isn't observant. Shall ask Miss Cambridge.

4. Why did Lucy have to be so honest about our talk last night to Larrabee? There was no need of it.

5. Lucy has been consulting Doctor Rudemar lately. Not that that means anything. It doesn't give her something to do.

Marcella Cambridge:

1. She was downstairs and around the house last night. Perfectly obvious reason, for her insomnia is known to us all.

2. Although she never has said, I've sensed that she didn't like Andrew Darion. She had little to do with him. Last year I asked her if she wanted to change her seat at the table, and she said no. Might have a slight martyr complex.

3. Lucy has urged her to go to her doctor about her insomnia, but Miss Cambridge has refused. Means nothing, except that Miss C. usually doctors herself religiously when she is sick, which is seldom.

4. Miss C. is acting exactly the way I would have expected her to act under the circumstances. She hasn't lost her appetite, and she works.

5. Knows the habits around the house better than anyone except Lucy, but I can't think of her by the farthest flight of imagination as the murderer of D.

Grace Howers:

1. Why did Grace look at Lucy so strangely this afternoon when Lucy was accusing Helen Starbunt to me? She has always told me she admires Lucy very much. Her glance this afternoon didn't have much admiration in it.

2. Grace was the person who called Della into the kitchen during the time Della was in the kitchen the carving knife was stolen.

Martin Hemingway: (I was anxious to get to him, so I had to put him off until last.)

1. The door in his closet which connects with D's room.

2. The opportunity without going through the hall.

3. His nervousness this morning after breakfast when we were waiting for Kirk Larrabee to talk to us. It was nervousness, wasn't it? He didn't seem to me his usual suave self. Of course we were all nervous.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

DEMONSTRATIONS IN CANNING OF MEATS

Being Conducted Over the State for Rural Women By Home Agents

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 5.—Demonstrations of the latest meat-canning methods are being conducted for rural women over the State under the supervision of the home demonstration division of the State College extension service.

The demonstrations are intended to encourage more women to conserve meat by showing how it may be canned efficiently and economically, said Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, extension economist in food conservation at State College, who is assisting with the demonstrations.

Miss Gladys Kimbrough, canning specialist of the Ball Brothers Company, and a former home demonstration agent, is conducting the demonstrations, which will continue through most of December and the early part of January.

Home demonstration club women in the different counties have been especially invited to attend the demonstrations. In counties where rural resettlement work is under way, the rural resettlement women will also be welcomed at the demonstrations, Mrs. Morris said.

The schedule for future demonstrations is as follows: Carthage, December 6; Raleigh, December 7; Harnett county, December 9; Durham, December 10; Winston-Salem, December 11; Mt. Airy, December 12; Danbury, December 13; Mocksville, December 14; Troy, December 17; Carthage, December 18; Rockingham, December 19; Lumberton, December 20; Gastonia, January 2; Shelby, January 3; Newton, January 4; Franklin, January 7; Rutherfordton, January 9; and Charlotte, January 10.

Soil Builder

College Station, Raleigh, Dec. 5.—For 20 years, Tom Broom, Union County farm agent, has been preaching and practicing the gospel of lespezea.

To Tom Broom, who has seen lespezea transform run down, unproductive land into fertile fields, lespezea-growing is the basis of good farming.

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Investigation disclosed that the soil building merits of the lespezea were responsible for the increased corn yield. He tried the new legume on his farm, then urged his neighbors to grow it.

Tom Broom loves farming. He likes to get out in the open and smell the upturned earth of a freshly plowed field, to see green things growing, to walk through fruitful fields at harvest time.

He has found a great satisfaction in working with farmers, and at the age of 69 he does not regret that when a young man he chose to be a farmer and a county agent rather than to become a partner in a mercantile firm that now operates a large chain of department stores.



T. J. W. BROOM

DUKE BOXERS OPEN WITH THE S. C. BIRDS

Durham, Dec. 5.—Coach Addison Exam Warren will present a Duke university boxing team this season composed half of sophomores and half of veterans.

Last year's team made the best record of any ring team in Duke history, going through its regular schedule undefeated, although twice tied, getting a shut of the North Carolina Big Five title with North Carolina and being tied for second in the conference tournament with Maryland.

This season three members of last winter's team will be fighting at heavier weights—Al Mann, conference 155-pound champ being slated to show his wares in the middleweight class this fall; Ray Matulewicz, last season's 185-pounder, will move up to the 170; and Don Schmitz who battled last winter as light heavy moving up to the heaviest class.

TO OBSERVE FEW'S ANNIVERSARY SOON

Durham, Dec. 5.—Twenty-five years of the achievements of Duke university and consideration of the task that lies ahead for the institution and its alumni will be outlined on December 9 at a dinner observing the twenty-fifth anniversary of the inauguration of Dr. William Preston Few as president of Trinity college, which since 1924 has been Duke university and includes Trinity.

The principal speaker at the dinner will be Dr. Bruce R. Payne, president of the George Peabody College for Teachers, at Nashville, Tenn., a member of the Trinity class of 1886. Col. John F. Bruton, chairman of the university board of trustees, will preside over the dinner.

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