

The PENHOUSE MURDER

FINAL INSTALLMENT
 "Still, that was only a possibility. Unless I could connect Henderson with sufficient knowledge of drugs to warrant the assumption that he had administered something to Miss Lane which had caused unconsciousness, and something to Fitz, after the shooting, to keep the semblance of life in him for hours, with a bullet through his heart, I had nothing tangible to go on.

"After I left you gentlemen and had got Archie bedded down for the night I called up a private detective agency and had them station four men to watch this building and Henderson. I hoped that his suspicions would not be aroused before we were ready to act, and I did not want to plant a suspicion of him in your mind, Dan, until I had more information. That would have possibly been doing him a tremendous injustice, but I felt responsible if he should attempt flight.

"Then I telephoned to my friend Joe Everett, the lawyer in Pasadena of whom you heard me speak to Henderson last night, and I asked him to get a full report by wire at the earliest possible moment.

"Then I called two eminent medical men out of their comfortable beds, greatly to their disgust. One of them assured me that I was correct in my recollection of the efficacy of adrenalin in a case of gunshot wound in the heart; a strong hypodermic injection of it had been known to keep a man alive five hours. The other eminent medico told me that any one of several drugs, including hyoscin, could be administered hypodermically or by the mouth to produce a state bordering on hypnosis, in which the patient would be to all intents and purposes unconscious, but would suffer no permanent harm and have no recollection afterwards of what had occurred.

"I formed no conclusion then as to how or when a drug had been administered to Miss Lane, as we did not know then about the pin which, as she supposed, had punctured her leg. And it was only guesswork that Fritz had been given a hypodermic of adrenalin.

"Adele Marceau's story about the pin, the medical examiner's report of finding the mark of the needle in Fitz's leg, the telephone company's report of no calls from that phone until Archie called you, Dan, all tended to confirm my suspicions. Then came this telegram from Joe Everett. I won't bother to read it all—it's unnecessary now—but he reports in brief, that Elmer Henderson formerly practiced medicine there, specializing in diseases of women and particularly in the use of the so-called 'twilight sleep' in childbirth. He was convicted of criminal malpractice, served a year in prison, and his license to practice was revoked. Then he turned to electrical invention and produced a new method of recording sound on films.

"I knew, even before we heard Miss Lane's story in the hospital just now, that Henderson was the murderer. I felt that I had enough evidence on which to convict him. I am neither a policeman or a prosecutor, but there was no way to extricate my client Archie Doane, from the suspicion, not the direct accusation of murder, unless I could prove that some one else did this crime.

"I had hoped to confront Henderson here with the evidence I had accumulated and to see him arrested and punished for his deed but he had forestalled us. He was keen enough to note the presence of my private detectives, too, and to guess what they meant. So he chose the gambler's way out. He had lost and he paid.

"Am I right, Henderson?"
 The man across the table was sagging in his chair, his head drooping, as Michaelis finished. He roused himself and turned his face toward the lawyer. "Absolutely right in every detail," he said in a voice which had lost its resonance and tone.
 "May I ask one question, then?" Henderson nodded assent.
 "More curiosity, but did you lure Fitz to Miss Lane's by the same device that later called Doane there?"
 Again the nod of assent.
 "You placed a pin in her dress in the taxi, to account to her for the prick of the hypodermic needle? You knew she would be unconscious within a few minutes after you had left her at her rooms and called Fitzgerald to her apartment with her filmed voice, over your own telephone? You then hurried back to Miss Lane's apartment, met Fitzgerald there, perhaps pretended that you, too, had received the same summons? And you shot him while he was about to call for medical help for the unconscious girl? And then you shot Miss Lane through the arm, to give color to the theory of an attempted double murder? Then you threw the gun down the chimney?"

The sagging head nodded again. "You planned it from the beginning to lure Archie Doane to the apartment and let him be discovered there, with no other explanation of the crime than that he had done it. You wanted Lydia Lane yourself, and you thought to get your two rivals out

of the way by having one executed for the murder of the other. You made sure that he had reached his rooms by ringing up and asking for a fictitious person."

The drooping figure across the table raised his head again.
 "And a keener mind than mine frustrated a perfect crime," said Elmer Henderson, as his chin dropped on his chest and his body seemed to relax and slip downward.

"Say the omniscient mind of God rather," said Max Michaelis, as the others eased the lifeless body of the floor just as the ambulance surgeon's ring sounded at the doorway. "But for the evidence of the snow it would have been a perfect crime—the evidence supplied from above which proved that Archie Doane could not have done it."

"A perfect crime. Not a detail overlooked—except the snow. I was brought up, gentleman, to believe in a just and avenging Deity. The events we have just witnessed confirm my belief that the hand of God does sometimes intervene to save the innocent and punish the guilty."

"The end of a game little crook," said Dan Flaherty, not without an infection of pity in his voice, as the ambulance surgeon rose from his examination of what had been Elmer Henderson, and shook his head.

"If he had not suggested the chimney, we might never have looked there," said Martin Frazier.

"That would have made no difference to his plans," said Max Michaelis.

"Sooner or later the weapon would have been found. Meantime Archie would have been under suspicion, and the finding of the gun would have sent him to the chair—except for the snow."

He glanced at the two documents they had witnessed.
 "Brief but complete," he said as he passed one of the documents to Inspector Flaherty. "This confession belongs in your records, Dan."

He cast his eyes over the other paper.
 "Equally brief and equally complete," he said. "Henderson's will leaves everything to Lydia Lane. He was a game one."

"How did you know he was going to confess?" asked the Inspector, as he turned toward the telephone to summon the medical examiner.
 "I didn't, until he held us at the

door. I suspected then that he was administering poison to himself; I was sure of it when he mentioned the men I had posted around the building. It was the way a gambler lives. Henderson would take—the easiest way the game was up."

THE END.

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