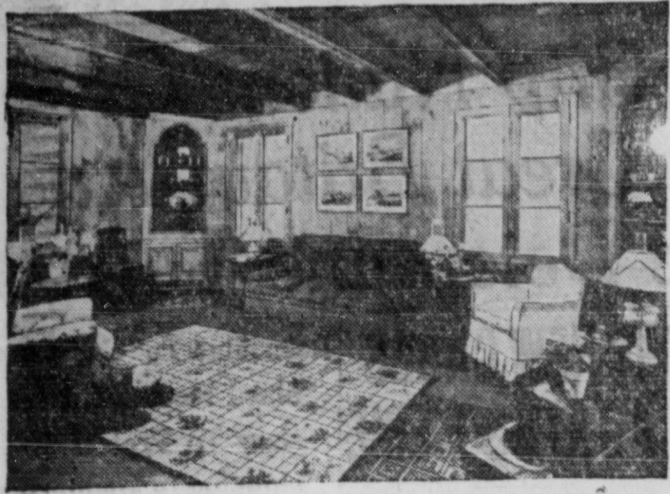


Charm and Hospitality



This room was planned by a family that enjoys comfort and gracious living. The large windows are left uncurtained so that full advantage may be taken of the view. Corner cupboards with brightly painted shelves offer storage space for pewter, china, and pottery and also afford relief to the paneled walls. Homes financed under the Insured Mortgage System of the Federal Housing Administration may be designed to include a room of this type.

Test Your Knowledge

Can you answer seven of these ten questions? Turn to page Four for the answers.

1. Name the statesman and general who founded the empire of British India.
2. What is the common name for the medical term acute coryza?
3. What is the name for a structure formed to enable foundations to be laid in a site which is under water?

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens Telephone Company of Decatur, Indiana will be held at the office of the secretary of said company, in the city of Decatur, Indiana, on

Thursday, September 9, 1937 at seven o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing five directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may be properly brought before said meeting.

Herman F. Ehinger, Sec'y

PUBLIC AUCTION

FRIDAY, SEPT. 10 - - - 10 A. M.

HORSES, CATTLE, SHEEP AND HOGS
MISCELLANEOUS ARTICLES.

DECATUR RIVERSIDE SALES

E. J. AHR and FRED C. AHR—Managers
Doehrmann and Gorrell, auctioneers.

Public Sale

I will sell all my household furniture at Public Auction, at 310 Oak street, on

SATURDAY, SEPT. 11, 1937

Commencing at 1:30 P. M.

Brand new 3 piece Walnut Bed Room Suite with inner spring mattress; New Studio Couch used 3 months; 2 new End Tables with Magazine Rack; Coffee Table new; 2 piece Living Room Suite; Victrola; Metal Bed with Coil springs and mattress; Commode and Dresser; New Axminster Rug 9x12; Linoleum Rug 6x9 new; Linoleum Rug 9x12 new; 2 Burner Coal Oil Circulator Heater; Bed and Springs; Folding Dinette Table and 4 Chairs; Small Range Cook Stove; Kitchen Cabinet; Breakfast Table and 4 Chairs; 3 burner Oil Stove good; 9x12 Congoleum Rug; Cupboard; Renown Heating Stove, medium size. Good; Many articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—Cash.

Roy Johnson, Auctioneer.

WILFORD PLASTERER

FERTILIZER

Arrived car load of Prices' Tobacco Base Fertilizer for wheat sewing. Nothing Better made.

Place your order now.

Cash Coal & Supply

THIMBLE THEATER

I SURE HATES TO DOUBT ME POPPA'S VERACITY, BUT IT CERTAINLY LOOKS LIKE HE'S GUILTY.



HE'S GOT THE JEEP DOWN TO A ICE CREAM PARLOR—I FIGGERS HE'S MAKIN' A PAL OF EUGENE SO'S HE WON'T SQUEAL ON HIM



NOW SHOWING—"I'LL HAVE THE SAME"

THERE HE IS NOW POPPA, BRING THE JEEP HERE



I WANTS TO AST HIM AGAIN IF YA TOOK ME TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS OR NOT



BLAST YA, POPPA, YA GOT HIM SO FULL OF ICE CREAM SODIES HE COULDN'T BEND DOWN TO SIGNAL YES IF HE WANTED TO!



By SEGAR

With the flip of a small lever it becomes a full size bed—attractive and indeed handy.



"THE SILVER ROOD MYSTERY"

by Lewis Allen Browne

SYNOPSIS

The immense estate of millionaire Gerard Monteth at South Cove adjoins the lesser estate of Major Forrest, whose son-in-law, Harley Stevenson, a writer of crime mystery novels, tells this story. Mary, niece of Monteth, does not want to marry David Forrest. Monteth tells her he will disinherit her if she does not marry David. At an afternoon party on the Forrest grounds word comes that Monteth has been murdered. County Prosecutor Foxcroft, a guest at the Forrest party, rushes up with Dave Forrest, his father, the major, and Harlan Stevenson, the writer son-in-law. No weapon is found at first. Then a spot of drying blood on the wall under a silver rood reveals that this supposed ornament possesses a hidden blade, which is blood-stained.

CHAPTER IV

I picked up the silver rood with my handkerchief and placed it on a sheet of white paper, covering it gently with another sheet of paper. "Sergeant Harper can have his fingerprint expert get busy on it," I said.

Foxcroft lifted the paper and stared at it. "How about the blood-stained blade, Doc?" he asked. Doctor Sutton examined it, and also the slight stain on the wall, and said that the blood was scarcely dried. "Could Monteth have stabbed himself with this, closed the blade, hung it back in place and got out that glider hammock?" Foxcroft asked.

"Nonsense, he couldn't have walked two steps or turned around, much less close the blade and hang it back on the wall." "Murder—not suicide," Major Forrest observed, as though talking to himself. "There isn't one chance in a million that the fatal wound was made by any instrument other than this," I pointed out, "and whoever did it was familiar with everything here."

I called for Davison, lifted the paper and showed him the weapon. He stared at it thoughtfully. How the devil do these butlers go about with no more expression than a robot?

He glanced at the wall where it had hung. "I had no idea it was a weapon, sir," he said.

"What do you know about it, Davison?" I asked.

"Mr. Monteth has had me clean it a number of times when it tarnished and didn't look good. He told me to handle it gently. He called it a rood—it is a sort of crucifix—the figure being engraved rather than embossed."

"Did he tell you any more about it?" Major Forrest spoke, this time.

"Not much, sir. He did mention once that it was made in Switzerland. Might I ask where you found it, sir?"

"Hanging on the wall," I informed him. "With the blade out—sir?"

I shook my head. "I dropped it and the blade sprung out. A bit of blood on the wall that dripped from it led us to the discovery. You are quite sure you didn't know that this silver rood was a disguised weapon?"

"Quite, sir, and I have cleaned it several times—always," he added, "at Mr. Monteth's request."

"Say nothing about it," Foxcroft ordered, dismissing him. Davison bowed and departed. Foxcroft lowered his voice.

"Suspicious. All these years here, cleaning it, he admits, many times."

"Several times," I corrected. "—and he never knew the thing had a blade. Mr. Stevenson drops it and we discover the blade," Foxcroft finished, unheeding my interruption.

"After the fingerprint test we

garden, screened by blue firs. I knew there were benches there and went over to it.

The same neat paths were there. Then I found something that I didn't expect. I had thought it possible that Mary might have been there this afternoon. She stared straight at the place when I told her that her uncle had been murdered. Mary smoked straw-tipped cigarettes, at least she had been smoking them this afternoon. I was in this little garden close, looking for the butts of straw-tipped cigarettes. There were none, but I did find a cigar butt!

It wasn't tossed into the path. It had been placed on the edge of one of the cement benches. The cigar had been no more than half smoked. Certainly, Mary did not smoke cigars.

I put it in an envelope and started back. A car swerved into the driveway and I saw someone dart out of the driveway behind a group of tall Japanese yews, and stand still.

The car, I noted, belonged to the State police.

The person who darted back to hide was Mary!

She was intent watching the driveway and did not see me until I was quite near to her, coming across the grass.

"Oh!" she exclaimed, and then she smiled.

"You startled me, Mr. Stevenson," she said.

"You will only distress yourself, Mary, coming out like this. You should stay in your room."

"I-I couldn't. It is all so terrible, I felt stifled in there."

"Reporters may come. You don't want to be here for them to pester you."

"No."

We started walking up the drive.

will experiment with it. Who will Sergeant Harper bring with him?" I asked.

"Three or four, and a fingerprint man."

"I am going down to the gate," I said, "and have him put one man on guard."

I didn't go directly down the drive, but cut across to the stile. The neatly kept narrow gravel path gave no signs of footprints. Even those of Mary and myself could not be identified. I looked around. A little to the east of the stile in a hollow, was a small, old fashioned

"What have you learned?" she asked. "Absolutely nothing," I lied. "What about Davison?"

"Davison? Why, Mr. Stevenson, he has been Uncle Gerry's butler here ever since I was a little girl. You can't—Oh, it's absurd."

"He was here, you see," I spoke gravely, "all of us are, to a degree, under suspicion."

"Us? Me?" I nodded.

"But I was over at Dave's home, and so were you."

"Yes, but—"

"On one of the cement benches I found a cigar butt!"

"In fact, I left home before you. You went around to see Uncle Gerry and I cut across the grounds."

"Of course. That leaves you out, doesn't it."

"I couldn't have been under suspicion—how could I? Uncle Gerry was all I had. I loved him."

Yes, I was glad that I had disarmed her. "As for me, Davison states that Mr. Monteth didn't take to the glider hammock for a nap until I had been gone a half hour."

"As if you could be under suspicion!"

"How about the servants?"

"We have had all of them a long time—that is, except the upstairs girl. She has been here only a few weeks. Her name is Nola—Nola something, I don't recall."

"And you are sure you know of no one who hated your uncle?"

"No one."

"Or someone who might benefit by his passing?"

Mary stopped and stared at me, then. We had reached the veranda steps.

"As far as I know, I shall inherit Uncle Gerry's estate. I suppose you could say that I would benefit by his death. If you think—"

"I wasn't thinking of you, Mary."

"Who?"

"That is something we have to find out. Stick to your rooms upstairs for a while. The—er—there will have to be an autopsy and they have to take him away as soon as Doctor Sutton and the coroner give permission."

Mary shuddered and went in, through the great hall and up the stairs, without a word.

(To be continued)

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Atlantic coasts followed Chicago in postponing school openings.

"Our week-end figures prove conclusively that we have not yet reached our peak, in spite of the cooler weather," Dr. Bundesen said.

Health records show that the disease increases during the hot months of late summer and does not begin to decline until temperatures drop, usually late in September.

Appointment of Executor
No. 3423
Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Hannah E. Tinkham, late of Adams County, deceased. The Estate is probably solvent.

Oliver Painter, Executor
Leahart, Heller and Schurmer, Attys.
Aug. 12, 1937 Aug. 24-31 Sept. 7

Classified, Business Cards, Notices

One Time—Minimum charge of 25c for 20 words or less. Over 20 words, 1/4c per word.
Two Times—Minimum charge of 40c for 20 words or less. Over 20 words 2c per word for the two times.
Three Times—Minimum charge of 50c for 20 words or less. Over 20 words 2 1/2c per word for the three times.
Cards of Thanks 35c
Obituaries and verses \$1.00

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—New 6 room semi-modern house; new cistern, new garage; immediate possession. See G. H. Sprague, Decatur, Ind. Phone 199 or 539. 209-3t

SPECIALS for Used Furniture—Oil stoves, \$3; 3-piece living room suite, like new; used beds. Stucky and Company, Monroe. 208-7t

SPECIAL—Carload of Furniture. 25 bedroom suite, \$35 up; 25 living room suites, \$35 up; 15 breakfast sets, \$12 up; 10 oil stove ranges, \$29 up. Many other bargains. Stucky and Company, Monroe. 208-7t

FOR SALE—Three burner coal oil range with bake oven. First house south of St. Johns Lutheran church. Fred Buckel. 209-3t

FOR SALE—Sweet corn for canning. Phone 5591. Ben Eiting. 211-3t

FOR SALE—Four spotted Poland brood sows, with pigs; one young spotted Poland male hog; span of young mules, extra good ones. Roy Rickard, 2 miles east and 1 1/2 mile north of Berne. 211-2t

FOR SALE—Gym suit, size 16 and gym shoes, size 6. Only worn few times and just like new. 904 Monroe st. or phone 835. 211-2t

FOR SALE—500 Choice Hereford Steers, 300 lbs. up. T.B. Tested. Truck or Carloads, your sort. Also heifers. Buy direct from owner. Write, wire or phone. Gale Dooley, Birmingham, Iowa. 1t

FOR SALE—80 acres within 4 mile of Decatur on stone road, good land, good 7 room house with lights, good power line, barn 40x60, other buildings. The price has just been reduced \$2500 and it won't last long. You can buy it with a small down payment, and about \$35 per month will meet principal payment, interest, and taxes. Why rent? Write or call K. F. Coyle, Citizen's Bank Bldg., Huntington, Ind. 210-3t

FOR SALE—2 good Holstein cows. Victor Byerly, 1/2 mile east of Kirkland high school. 210-3t

Decatur Ministers To Meet Wednesday

The Decatur ministerial association will meet in monthly session Wednesday morning at 9:30 o'clock at the Presbyterian manse. All members are urged to attend.

DENTIST
DR. RAY STINGELY
Rooms 1 and 2, K. of C. Bldg.
Phone 240
Office closed all day Wednesday.
Office Hours: 8 to 12 - 1 to 5

My Cider Mill will be open for custom work August 24, Tuesday and Wednesday of each week until the season ends.

August Koeneman
Hoagland, Ind.

WANTED
Rags, Magazines, Newspapers, Scrap Iron, Old Auto Radiators, Batteries, Copper, Brass, Aluminum, and all grades of scrap metals.

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MISCELLANEOUS

YOUR PARLOR SUITE Recovered for \$29.50; refinishing, repairing and cabinet work. Used furniture. Decatur Upholstery Shop, 145 S. Second St. 209-30t

Fresh Potato Chips and assorted nuts daily at The Green Kettle. 1701t

NOTICE

My residence and office is now located at 430 North Fifth Street. Dr. C. V. Connell.

WANTED

WANTED—Loans on farms. Eastern money. Low rates. Very liberal terms. See me for abstracts of title. French Quinn. 152-m-wf

WANTED—To rent 80 acres or more for cash rent or on shares. Good references furnished. Harry Erhart, R. 4, Bluffton, Ind. 211-3t

WANTED, names, MEN under 26 who are willing to work for \$75.00 a month while training to become aviators or ground mechanics. One year's training given by U. S. Air Corps. Costs absolutely nothing. Flying Intelligence Service. Box 522, Milwaukee, Wis. 1t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Black Spitz puppy. Reward. Phone 604. 8t

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Sealed proposals for the installation of coal handling equipment will be received at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Decatur, Indiana, by the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Decatur, Indiana, until two (2) o'clock P. M. Central Standard Time, on September 21, 1937, and then will be publicly opened and read. Bids received later than the above time will be returned unopened.

The proposals shall be properly and completely executed on proposal form No. 36 with non-collusion affidavit required by the Statutes of Indiana and must be accompanied by cash or check for \$5,000.00 or more.

Proposals shall be filed in the following divisions:
1. For furnishing P. O. B. the plant all coal handling equipment.
2. For furnishing and installing all coal handling equipment.

Each proposal shall be accompanied by acceptable certified check, or cashier check, made payable to the City of Decatur, Indiana, for the total of the Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Decatur, or acceptable bidder's bonds for an amount of not less than 5% of the total bid price.

Contractor awarded work will be required to furnish acceptable Surety Bond in the amount of 100% of the total of the contract awarded.

No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after date set for opening of bids.

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Decatur reserves the right to reject any and all bids and was the infirmities, the plans and specifications for the work to be constructed shall be prepared and submitted at the time each contractor's bid is filed. Bids will be made to the bidders of the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Decatur, Indiana.

Sept. 7-14

Appointment of Executor
No. 3424
Notice is hereby given, That the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the Estate of Lovella Brewster, late of Adams County, deceased. The Estate is probably solvent.

Dora Edna Abnet, Executrix
August 30, 1937 Aug. 31 Sept. 7-11

NOTICE
My office will be closed from September 7-11, inclusive.

Dr. Harold V. DeVor

N. A. BIXLER
OPTOMETRIST
Eyes Examined - Glasses Fitted
Saturdays, 8:00 p. m.
Telephone 135.
HOURS
8:30 to 11:30 12:30 to 5:00

WANTED
Rags, Magazines, Newspapers, Scrap Iron, Old Auto Radiators, Batteries, Copper, Brass, Aluminum, and all grades of scrap metals.

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MARKET REPORTS

DAILY REPORT OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN MARKETS

Brady's Market for Decatur, Berne, Craigville, Hoagland and Williams. Closed at 12 Noon.

Corrected September 7.
No commission and no yardage. Veals received every day.

100 to 120 lbs. \$ 8.00
120 to 140 lbs. 8.80
140 to 160 lbs. 9.40
160 to 180 lbs. 10.00
180 to 200 lbs. 10.60
200 to 220 lbs. 11.20
220 to 240 lbs. 11.80
240 to 260 lbs. 12.40
260 to 280 lbs. 13.00
280 to 300 lbs. 13.60
300 to 320 lbs. 14.20
320 to 340 lbs. 14.80
340 to 360 lbs. 15.40
360 to 380 lbs. 16.00
380 to 400 lbs. 16.60
400 to 420 lbs. 17.20
420 to 440 lbs. 17.80
440 to 460 lbs. 18.40
460 to 480 lbs. 19.00
480 to 500 lbs. 19.60
500 to 520 lbs. 20.20
520 to 540 lbs. 20.80
540 to 560 lbs. 21.40
560 to 580 lbs. 22.00
580 to 600 lbs. 22.60
600 to 620 lbs. 23.20
620 to 640 lbs. 23.80
640 to 660 lbs. 24.40
660