

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

1. Is the raccoon a good swimmer?
2. How should a woman who occupies the chair at a meeting be addressed?
3. Which of the three States, Arizona, New Mexico, was first settled?
4. Kaolin is an animal, a white clay, or a vegetable?
5. The Washington, D. C. professional football team is called the ...?
6. Which is the leading dairy State of the United States?
7. Where was the Circus Maximus?
8. Who preceded William Green as President of the American Federation of Labor?
9. Complete the proverb "Where there's a will ..."
10. When the arrow on a weather vane points to the north, from which direction is the wind blowing?

**Public Sale**  
Modern 6 Room Home  
I will sell at public auction on the premises, 310 Jefferson street, Decatur, Ind.

**SATURDAY, January 11, 1941**  
at 1:30 P. M.

Completely modern 6 room house, 3 rooms on first floor, 3 rooms and bath on second floor, full size basement. Good furnace. Motor plumbing. House has new fireproof roof and is in good repair. Splendid location. Inspection is invited anytime before sale day.

TERMS—1-3 cash, 1-3 in 30 days, 1-3 in 60 days. Will be sold free of debt.

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**Public Auction**  
40 Acres—TWO FARMS—67 Acres  
**WEDNESDAY, January 15—1:00 P. M.**

Farm No. 1 will sell at 1:00 P. M. on the premises located on State Highway No. 1, 4 1/2 miles south of Ossian or 5 1/2 miles north of Bluffton, just south of State Road 224.

Forty acre farm has five acres of timber, balance under cultivation. This is unusually good land, well drained and well fenced, has five room house, lights, natural gas, basement, good water, good barn and chicken house.

The farm can be sold as a forty or twenty acres to suit the purchaser.

Farm No. 2 located 1 1/2 miles east of intersection of Highway No. 1 and 224, or 5 1/2 miles south and 1 1/2 miles east of Ossian. This 67 acre farm is all under cultivation, in high state of fertility, well drained and fenced, has six room house, lights, natural gas, basement, all in fine shape, good barn, tool shed, and granary.

These are outstanding farms as to type of soil, condition of improvement and especially as to location.

TERMS—15% day of sale on or before March 1st. Liberal loan can be arranged.

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We will be glad to talk trade with you.

**OPEN SATURDAY EVENINGS.**

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3rd Street—Decatur, Ind.  
Phone 180 C. F. Zimmerman, Mgr.

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**"TRIAL WITHOUT JURY"**  
By JAMES RONALD

**CHAPTER THIRTY-FOUR**  
Dr. Denham went into his office and took a case from the corner. He hesitated, stroking his lower lip thoughtfully. Suddenly he lifted the telephone receiver.

"County police headquarters?" he said, when the call was answered. "This is Dr. Denham of Lakeland. Inspector Burrows? I—I—The Osborne's maid is here—says Mrs. Osborne may be dying. . . . No, she didn't say anything to suggest foul play, but her manner. . . . Yes, that's what I thought. . . . I wasn't sure, but I thought you might. . . . You're coming at once? Very well. . . ."

The impression of something much worse than serious illness, which Dr. Denham had received from Hannah, was confirmed almost as soon as he entered Edith Osborne's room. His lips tightened, his eyes grew stern.

He looked up and met Hannah's horrified gaze. "Is she—Is she—"

"Go downstairs," he said quietly, "and fetch me a tablespoonful of mustard in a tumbler of lukewarm water. Hurry, woman, hurry!"

Hannah was gone before the last words were uttered. In an incredibly short time she was back, with the tumbler in her hand. Dr. Denham was bending over her employer. A hypodermic syringe gleamed in his steady fingers.

"Bring hot water bottles," he said, taking the glass without looking at Hannah, "and all the blankets you can find."

For some minutes the doctor and Hannah were too busy to think. When at last the doctor stood back from the bed, Hannah clutched his arm desperately.

"Will she live? Oh, Doctor, will she live?"

"I'm afraid not. She has only about one chance in a hundred."

Hannah broke down and wept, her hoarse sobs shaking her great frame.

"For heaven's sake, don't do that!" the doctor said irritably. "Who else is in the house?"

"Only Mr. Osborne. Oh, but he went out."

"Only Mr. Osborne, eh? H'm. . . ."

Dr. Denham took a few paces back and forwards. "You'd better go to the kitchen, Hannah. I'll call you when the police arrive."

"The police!" she repeated.

"I said the police," snapped Dr. Denham huskily. "They've got to be called in in—er—cases like these. They'll be here soon."

The door opened and Stephen stood on the threshold. Dr. Denham went over to him, preventing him from coming further into the room.

"Doctor! My wife. . . will she live?"

"I'm afraid not."

A sob rose in Stephen's throat.

"There is nothing you can do here, Mr. Osborne," said the doctor quietly. "But you'd better remain within call. I've summoned the police."

Stephen gave him a long look and stumbled down the stairs.

Hannah sat in her kitchen, all the pulsing life gone out of her, slumped heavily in a chair like a sack dumped in a corner. The physician paced the bedroom, biting his lips, until he went downstairs to open the door when a car drew up at the gate with a squealing of brakes.

Sheriff Black came hurrying up the path, followed by Inspector Burrows and Sergeant Feathers. The Sheriff looked inquiringly at Doctor Denham.

"She isn't dead," said the doctor hoarsely. "But I'm afraid there's no hope for her. She has taken—or been given—poison. Strychnine."

"There's something else," responded Black keenly. "I can see it in your face."

"Yes. I'm afraid there is something else," agreed the doctor shak-

ily. "Osborne's wife was poisoned at a time, following the murder of Edith Osborne, swathed in blankets, and his expression grew grim. Inspector Burrows frowned about the bed.

"No glass, Sheriff," he said meaningly.

"That isn't conclusive. She might not have used a glass. Was there a bottle on the bed or the floor, Doctor?"

"That was the first thing I looked for. There was no bottle."

The Inspector crawled under the bed and came out empty-handed.

"Nothing doing, sir."

Sergeant Feathers was kneeling by the hearth, rummaging in the fireplace. "What are you doing, man?" demanded the Sheriff.

The young Sergeant silently exhibited a heap of burned paper which he had removed from the grate and placed carefully on a handkerchief.

"Might be a clue here, Sheriff," he said after a significant pause.

Black nodded. Then frowned.

"Can you tell me how long ago the poison was administered?"

"Not more than a few minutes before I was called in; and that was a quarter of an hour ago," said Doctor Denham. "Er—the maid tells me that only she and Mr. Osborne have been at home this afternoon."

"Oh? And where is Osborne now?"

"He was here a few minutes ago. I think he went out to the garden."

From a window Sheriff Black noticed a woman in animated conversation with the policeman he had left at the gate.

"That Whipple woman is downstairs," he said irritably. "She seems to want to come in. Run down, Feathers, and find out what's on her mind."

In a few minutes Sergeant Feathers returned.

"She's been using her telescope again, sir. Says a while ago she saw Stephen Osborne diggin' a hole in the far corner of the garden and hidin' something in it."

Inspector Burrows uttered a triumphant exclamation. "I always said Osborne's our—"

"Sergeant Feathers!" interjected Black.

"Go and dig up whatever it was he hid and bring it to me."

The ensuing ten minutes were a nightmare to Dr. Denham. A peace-loving man who abhorred violence and was kindly disposed to all his neighbors, he dreaded to think where all this was leading. He looked out of the window at the well-ordered garden Stephen Osborne had tended so lovingly; and a lump rose in his throat. Feelings of pity for the poisoned woman and her unfortunate husband were mingled in his perplexed mind.

Sergeant Feathers came back and displayed a small bottle and a glass, both of which he was handling most carefully with a spotless handkerchief.

"Strychnine, Doctor?" asked Black quietly.

The doctor sniffed the glass.

"Strychnine," he agreed.

"There are fingerprints on both, Sheriff," said Sergeant Feathers. "If you'll give me a minute—"

"Go ahead."

The Sergeant dusted black powder on glass and bottle; then examined them through a magnifying glass.

"Osborne's," he said at last. "We'd better find him quickly. You'd better come along, Doctor, in case. . . ."

They had not far to look. They came upon Stephen Osborne in the field behind the house, standing beside the chattering stream that wandered merrily through it. There was a razor in his hand, but they did not give him time to use it. After overpowering him, Inspector Burrows warned him that anything he said might be used in evidence at his trial.

Stephen looked at him with the eyes of a dead man.

"I did it," he said simply.

Night was falling and street lights were springing up like yellow eyes in the gathering dusk. In the Sheriff's comfortable office, Dr. Denham paced the floor alone. The shrill voices of children at play floated to him from the street below and he groaned in acute mental anguish. He lit a cigarette and threw it in the grate after a single puff. The door opened and he turned with a gasp of relief.

"Thank heaven, you've come back, Sheriff! I was going mad with my thoughts."

Sheriff Black, too, looked troubled. With a sigh he dropped two typewritten sheets of paper on his desk and reached for a cigarette.

"He's made a statement!"

Black nodded. "I have it here. Sit down and I'll read it to you." He picked up the papers he had dropped on the desk and read aloud:

I, Stephen Osborne, have been duly cautioned, and of my own free will, have elected to make this statement, which is true in every particular to the best of my knowledge and belief. After the scene at lunch on the day of the murder of my sister, I went out to the garden and walked up and down, trying to think. I was desperate. I knew my sister would not relent from her determination to cut me out of her will and I could see in store for me nothing but a lifetime of poverty and humiliation. At fifty, with no aptitude for business, I had little hope of finding a position to replace the one I had lost. I could see myself living on my children for the rest of my life. The only alternative was to kill Octavia while her will was in my favor still stood.

I went into the house in search of some weapon with which to kill her and in the hall found my eldest daughter's scarf, which suggested to me the idea of strangling her. I crept into the living room and was horrified to find my daughter Ann there also. She was engrossed in a book and was unaware of my presence. I could see that she was completely oblivious to her surroundings. Had my brain been functioning properly I might have abandoned my project, but I was so filled with hatred of my sister that I could think of nothing but the thing I had come to do. After it was over, I left the room without disturbing my daughter.

Since I did this I have been desperately unhappy. Somehow or other my wife guessed the truth and of late it has been torture for me to meet her eyes, knowing that she knew. My family life has been wrecked through my action and, although my wife never reproached me in words, there was in her eyes an everlasting reproach. Today I could bear it no longer. There could be no further happiness in life for her or for me, and I decided to end my life for us both. I poisoned my wife with strychnine and was about to end my own existence when I was apprehended by the police.

(Signed) Stephen Osborne.

"Poor devil!" murmured the doctor sadly. "They were a charming couple, devoted to each other. The 'faithful unto death' sort. Ah, well! I—I suppose he'll hang?"

"No doubt of it!"

"Did you suspect him all along of the first murder?"

"No," the Sheriff admitted, "I didn't. Confidentially, I suspected his cousin, Simon Osborne. We all had our pet theories and no two were alike. Only Burrows suspected Stephen Osborne; he did from the start."

(To be continued)

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**WANTED**—Loans on farms. Eastern money. Low rates. Very liberal terms. See me for abstracts of title. French Quinn. 33-m-w-1  
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**DAILY REPORT OF LOCAL AND FOREIGN MARKETS**  
Brady's Market for Decatur, Ind., Craigville, Hoagland and Warsaw. Closed at 12 Noon  
Corrected January 8

No commission and no yardage. Veals received every day.

100 to 120 lbs.	120 to 140 lbs.	140 to 160 lbs.	160 to 240 lbs.	240 to 260 lbs.	260 to 300 lbs.	300 to 350 lbs.	350 lbs. and up
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Roughs  
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Old Roosters, lb.  
Ducks, white, 6 lbs. or over  
Turkeys, young mixed

**CLEVELAND PRODUCE**  
Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 8—Produce:  
Butter, unsettled; extras, standards, 33c.  
Eggs, steady; extra grade, 20 1/2c to 21c; current receipts, 19 1/2c.  
Live poultry, slow; hens, 12 1/2c; ducks, fancy young, 4 1/2c and up, 16-17c.  
Potatoes, Ohio and Pennsylvania, 90c-\$1.15 per 100lb.; Michigan cobbler, \$1.40; Idaho whites, \$1.30; reds, \$2.

**EAST BUFFALO LIVESTOCK**  
East Buffalo, N. Y., Jan. 8—Livestock:  
Hogs, 40c; unevenly 41c-42c; good and choice 150-200 lb., 88c; trucked in 160-240 lbs., 77-78c.  
Cattle, 125; active, fully stock beef cows, \$6.50 and above; weanling calves, \$7.25-\$7.50; 2 Tuesday Canadian steers, 100-120 lbs., \$10.75-\$11.25.  
Calves, 122; vealers, strong 50c higher; good and choice \$11-\$14.  
Sheep, 300; lambs, generally 2 higher; good and choice 75 lb. lbs., \$10.50-\$10.75.

**INDIANAPOLIS LIVESTOCK**  
Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8—Livestock:  
Hogs, 9,000; steady; 160-180 lb., \$7.25-\$7.40; 190-250 lbs., \$7.30-\$7.40; 250-300 lbs., \$7.05-\$7.25; 300-400 lb., \$6.90-\$7.05; 100-160 lbs., \$5.75-\$7.25.  
Cattle, 1,700; calves, 500; steady; yearlings rather slow; cows & heifers, steady; few good steers \$10.65-\$10.75; vealers, good to 2 lower; top \$13.  
Sheep, 800; lambs, steady strong, \$9.75-\$10.25.

**FORT WAYNE LIVESTOCK**  
Fort Wayne, Ind., Jan. 8—Livestock:  
Hogs, steady to 10c higher; 240 lbs., \$7.55; 200-220 lbs., \$7.40-180-200 lbs., \$7.40; 160-180 lb., \$7.30; 240-260 lbs., \$7.35; 260-300 lbs., \$7.25; 300-400 lb., \$7.20; 325 lbs., \$7.15; 325-350 lb., \$7.15; 350-400 lbs., \$7.05; 150-160 lb., \$6.60; 140-150 lbs., \$6.35; 130-140 lbs., \$6.10; 120-130 lbs., \$5.85; 120 lbs., \$5.60.  
Roughs, \$5.75; stags, \$4.50. Calves, \$12; lambs, \$10.

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May July  
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Corn .62 3/4 .62 1/2  
Oats .37 1/4 .33 1/2

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