

# "The VANITY CASE"

A Tale of Mystery and Love

By CAROLYN WELLS

BEGIN HERE TODAY  
Mysterious lights flash from the Heath residence one night, and the next day Harry Hart, a detective, is led away over the murder of MYRA HEATH and the disappearance of her husband, PERRY.

Home-queens of the Healths are LAW, RICE, LEE, and to Myra's fortune, and beautiful BUNNY MOORE, to whom suspicion points because of her queen actions.

Myra Heath never used cosmetics, yet when her body was found, she was heavily rouged. A rare old bottle from her collection of glass had been used to tilt her. Candles were burning in her head and feet.

The Country Club, the murder is discussed by SAM ANDERSON, Heath's right-hand man, for the club presidency; AL CUNNINGHAM, the lawyer, for the defense; and others.

Sam is amazed to get a phone call from Perry, saying Innman is the murderer. Cunningham goes to Anderson's office, and the two men are led away over the murder of Myra Heath.

After satisfying himself of Bunny's innocence, arranges a meeting with Sam Anderson, the third wheel. But he is led away at the Heath home, explaining that Heath will come that night.

On the way to the station, Heath asks permission to read some letters from his locker.

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The three went inside, and as it was late almost no one was about. A few sleepy servants were in attendance, and a few more sleep members were here and there.

"I'll just go in the locker room," said Heath, "you chaps won't be allowed in, of course, but you can sit right here and wait for me. I give you my word of honor, I will come straight back here to you, within five minutes."

Something in his voice rang true, and Steve said, "All right, old man, go ahead. We'll wait here."

A moment later, Sam Anderson came from the locker room.

"Who do you suppose is in there?" he whispered, looking greatly excited. "Perry Heath!"

"Yes, we know it," said Ted. "Hush, don't tell everybody! Thought you had a party on."

"I did, but it broke up a while ago, and we came over here to wind it up. The other chaps have just gone home, and I went in the locker room a minute, and I saw Heath. What's he doing here?"

"You go along home, Mr. Anderson," said Truitt, "and please don't say anything about Heath till morning. We're looking after him all right."

"Very well. I've no desire to mix in, but I think you have put one over our detective, Al Cunningham."

He went off and the others waited for Heath.

But after waiting fifteen minutes and not seeing him, Ted asked a servant to go into the locker room and hurry him up.

The servant returned with the word, "There isn't anybody in there, Mr. Buck."

"Must be," and Ted strode in there himself.

But there was no one there. A window was open, but it gave one a rather long drop to the ground, and Ted wondered if Perry had taken that chance of a broken leg.

He went back and reported to Truitt, and that worthy stared at him.

"Sure, Toddy?"

"Sure, Steve."

"Then, I don't believe he took out the window, I believe he gave us the

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### WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE

CHERRY LANE, 18, one of a family of four children of MR. and MRS. LANE, typical American working people, has a long list of admirers, which includes ALICE, the Lane's maid.

CHESTER HART, a former "steady" of Cherry's, is a traveling salesman, and SETH HATHAWAY, a traveling salesman, to whom Mr. Lane has forbidden the house, and whom Cherry is also attracted, but who has eyes only for the petite, copper-haired Alice.

Faith's life is largely made up of household drudgery and work, and Chester and his brother JUNIOR, 21, out of trouble.

CHERRY LANE, 18, on Cherry's, has invited GEORGE PRUITT, son of one of the richest families in town, to call on her. Alice is rather taken with him, and he is a married man.

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