

**POT OF GOLD COINS  
BELONGS TO FINDER;  
FORTUNE IS \$1,325**

NEWCASTLE, Ind., Feb. 6—Leo Todd, whose pick struck the earthenware jar buried under a house on the Horace L. Hardin farm in Greensboro township, resulting in uncovering \$1,325 in gold coins, is given possession of the money by the appellate court, which has affirmed Judge Gause. Thus finders become keepers and the famous pot of gold case is ended.

The coins were unearthed two years ago while workmen were excavating for a cellar. Todd's pick struck the earthenware jar revealing the gold coins. Mr. Hardin claimed the money on the ground that it was a part of his land. The controversy waxed warm and after the money was placed in a bank at Knightstown, the argument finally reached the circuit court.

Clara Freeman Vickery instituted the proceedings. Mrs. Vickery had herself appointed administratrix of her mother's estate. Hardin had purchased the land from Mrs. Vickery's mother and she alleged the gold coins were part of the estate. As soon as the letters of administration were secured, she then filed suit against Hardin to get possession of the coins.

**BELIEVE**

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will not discuss it, but reports are that it disappeared with the letters.

Last night the word went forth that the unnamed motion picture actor had been taken to the county jail for questioning as a "suspect" and that his connection with the case was considered so important that he had been hustled from the motion picture "lot" where he was at work with such speed that he had not time to remove the makeup from his face.

At the same time, two other motion picture employees, one a camera man, also were taken to jail as possible material witnesses.

These actions resulted from a report that the actor's automobile, a distinctively constructed and painted machine, had been seen near the Taylor apartments the night of the murder.

**Memory Fails**  
The actor was questioned for two hours, and then, still unable, it was stated, to tell definitely where he was at the time the Taylor was killed, was hurried to the Taylor's apartments for a re-enactment of the crime as the officers had reconstructed it.

But residents of the same bungalow court, who previously had given statements that they had seen a man skulking about the Taylor home the night he was killed, were unable to identify the actor as that man. He was released, but with instructions to keep in touch with the officers. The men taken as possible material witnesses also were given their freedom again.

Yet, the officers said, the actor had admitted ownership of the automobile in question.

While these matters were developing, tales came to the police of the alleged possession by Taylor of women's silken lingerie, one piece of which a pink night robe was reported missing from his apartment since his body was found. One witness was said to have stated, but not to the police, that this particular robe bore the embossed initials of a motion picture actress.

**Search For Peddler.**

Closely upon the heels of these disclosures came the report that the police were searching for a drug peddler, who it was hinted, had sought through Taylor to make delivery of drugs to an actress who found it difficult to make her purchases direct. The initials of the actress connected with this phase of the case were said to be the same as those on the nightgown reported missing from the Taylor apartments.

Mrs. Douglas MacLean, wife of the film actor, gave the first detailed statement of what she saw and the im-

pressions she received the night William Desmond Taylor, film director, was slain, in a statement made public last night. Mrs. MacLean also told how the screams of Henry Pearcy, Taylor's negro servant, awakened other residents of the bungalow court to a knowledge of the murder the next morning.

**Offered No Description**

Mrs. MacLean said she "simply could not describe" the man she had seen lurking about Taylor's apartment last Wednesday night.

"I should say he was 5 feet nine inches tall, perhaps," she said. "It seems to me he had a prominent nose, but I may have received that impression from shadows cast by the arc light."

"I hardly think it was the missing butler, Edward F. Sands. It seems to me he was not so heavy as Sands. I can only be sure of the gray plaid cap, and that his neck was muffed with something—perhaps it was his coat collar. I cannot even tell whether he wore an overcoat. We had just finished dinner. It was between 8 and 8:15 o'clock. Christina, the maid, was busy in the dining room. I had walked into the living room and was sitting on the davenport, knitting. Mr. MacLean had gone upstairs to get a little electric stove he sometimes uses."

**Muffled Report**

"Then came the shattering report. It was muffled, but still it seemed to penetrate every corner of the room."

"Christina paused in her work. 'Oh,' she cried, 'wasn't that a shot?'

"I didn't know. There are many automobiles passing the court all the time. It might have been backfire from one of them."

"I walked to the door and opened it. I pressed against the screen, looking out into the night. Then I saw the man. He was standing with his back almost entirely towards us, on a corner of Mr. Taylor's porch. The door of the Taylor home was open and a light was shining from inside."

"Almost at the instant I saw the man, he turned and faced me. He seemed neither surprised nor straitened; certainly not alarmed. It all seemed to be done casually. He smiled at me. I could see the corners of his mouth curl in the shadow of his cap. I could not see his face distinctly enough to distinguish his features."

**Thought Taylor Called**

"I thought Mr. Taylor must have called to him from inside the house. The man turned away, walked to the door and almost disappeared inside. It seemed as if he were bidding his host adieu. He did not slam it nor yet did he close it with unusual softness. Then he walked across the porch and turned toward me."

"I drew back within the house. And as I was closing the door, I saw the man turn into a walk between the houses and disappear. It was very dark there. That walk leads to another street, where persons on that side of the court usually park their cars."

"And so I thought nothing of the whole thing. I did not even mention it to Mr. MacLean until the next morning when the terrible screams of Mr. Taylor's servant awakened us."

**Then I remembered the man."**

**RATTI CHOSEN**

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night a report that Cardinal O'Connell, before leaving America, had cabled his desire (some went even so far as to say an ultimatum) that America be represented in the conclave. It was

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