

WHO DONE IT?

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Hans Sten, president of the firm of Sten, Willems, and Milsap, is found dead at his desk by his housekeeper, Mrs. Lehr. Police established that he died of slow poisoning from something in his after-dinner coffee. Being a puzzle fanatic, and a devoted reader of Word Ways, Hans could not resist leaving a puzzle to reveal the identity of his murderer.

Detectives learned that Hans had no living parents. He had a son, a younger sister, and an estranged wife, Rosy, whose parents still disapproved of the marriage. Correspondence provided by his secretary, Mrs. Tylor, was mainly between Sten, his attorney Theo Flint, and his stockbroker, Mr. Ewing. The chauffeur, Seth, told detectives that there was a female companion, Rosy Fallon, who visited occasionally.

"Look here!" cried Detective Riely on seeing the puzzle on the desk. "The victim left us a hidden message. I can make out THE MURDERER IS just by starting with this T and using adjacent letters on the sides or on the diagonal."

The other detective peered at the letters. "I see what you mean. Here, I make out Rosy. Maybe that's the clue."

"Not unless you find a second name," pointed out Riley. "His wife and girl friend are both named Rosy."

"The two detectives sat down to work out the puzzle. They found many incomplete clues but finally the right one, which led to the arrest.

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