

WAS IT THE GORILLA?

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middle age who had donned a coat over his nightclothes.

"Sure, I can throw knives with anyone! Sen the Knife King is my name, but if anyone's goin' to suggest I knifed Cyrano, it's a lie! I was in bed, an' I can prove it!"

By this time the usual police cars were on the scene, the circus doctor had pronounced Cyrano quite dead, and the routine of investigation commenced for the third time within 24 hours in the same city. Somewhere a cage was rattling, as though the occupant was trying to break out.

They wondered if it was Chako, and peered into the corner where the gorilla was housed.

It was not Chako. The gorilla was squatting on the shelf, playing with something in its huge, hairy hands. As it moved

they caught the glint of steel. It was a knife!

"Gee!" hissed Staunton, leaning towards his companion. "Where did he get that? He must've taken it from someone's belt when they went too near, and probably hid it in his straw. He——"

The words died on his lips. The gorilla had looked up, and was staring at the tent wall some 30 feet in front of the cage.

When the two men glanced in that direction they saw a black circle painted on a white background.

It was one of the markings to show the circus hands which way the tent was erected after transport to a new site.

The gorilla seemed to be measuring the distance and direction of that spot. They saw the animal's thick lips moving as though it was silently

whispering to itself, then saw it draw back its right arm.

Whizz! Almost quicker than sight the gorilla hurled the knife, which turned over in the air and cut through the exact centre of the painted spot.

The canvas did not check its speed, and it went fully another 50 yards before sticking point-down in the ground.

"Jove!" exploded Terhune, as they made for the fallen knife. "We didn't know the gorilla could throw as well as a human. The brute looked almost human as it threw, and its aim was deadly accurate!"

The ape had been out of its cage before, in some mysterious manner, unknown to them. It might have done so again, and have been back before the keeper came with the wire.

It was only a theory, but the more they thought it over, the more plausible it became.

Staunton kicked a loose peg some dozen yards. Half the

night was past, and they had not a single clue.

"I like nothing better than to have you around, Terhune," he said. "It's an honour to work with you. I'll see to all the routine and regulation work that has to be done, and you take your own line. Any harm in asking what move you're going to make next?"

"Not at all! I'm going back to re-read the book of his life-story which Judge Hahn was writing when he was killed.

"I don't count Cyrano as properly belonging to this murder case. He was merely killed to silence him.

"But I feel Judge Hahn and Osbert Layton were in some way connected, either now or in the past. I'm going to hunt around that possibility, and I think there may be a clue in the record of the Judge's past cases."

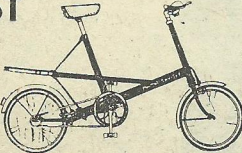
NEXT WEEK—The link between the murder victims is discovered—and a fourth victim is claimed!



SPOT THE TOWN!



FREE COMPETITION 2ND WEEK

1ST PRIZE  **A MOULTON BICYCLE**

2ND PRIZE  **A COMPLETE FOOTBALL OUTFIT IN THE TEAM COLOURS OF YOUR CHOICE**



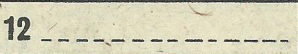
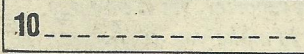
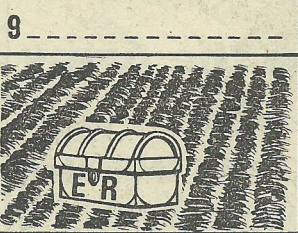
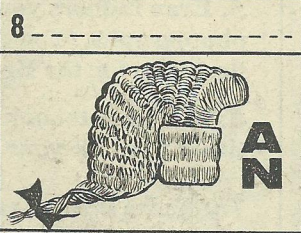
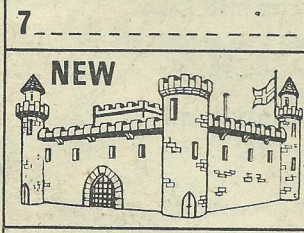
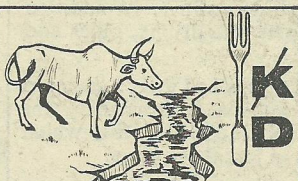
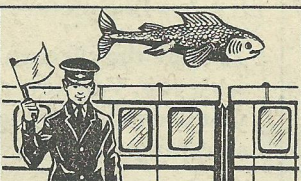
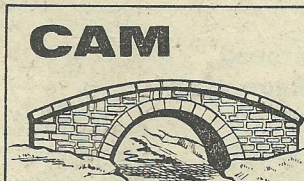
FIFTY CONSOLATION PRIZES OF MATCH-SIZE PLASTIC WORLD-CUP SOUVENIR FOOTBALLS

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