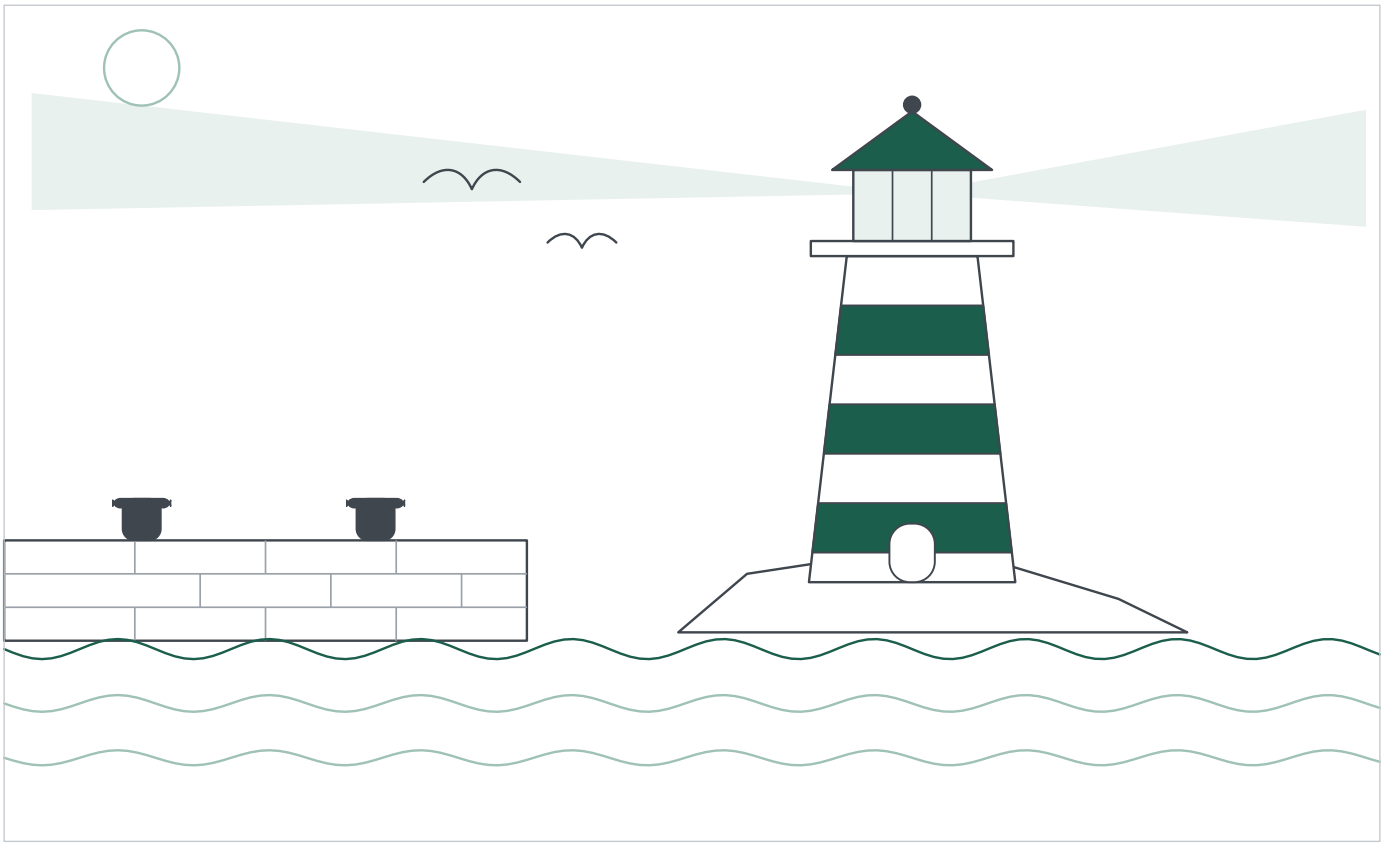
Gallows Quay Casebook

40 Murder-Mystery Logic Grid Puzzles, Easy to Fiendish



10 Easy · 15 Medium · 10 Hard · 5 Fiendish

US Letter edition

Every case has exactly one solution, checked twice by computer.

- Each case: a short story, a key fact, a set of clues and its own grid.
- Separate solutions booklet: the solved grid, the verdict and how each case fits together.
- Laid out to print cleanly on both A4 and US Letter paper.

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How to solve a case

1. Read the story. It sets the scene and introduces the suspects, but it never gives away a pairing: only the clues do that.
2. Read the key fact. It tells you which square of the grid names the culprit.
3. Every suspect has exactly one item from each category, and no two suspects share an item.
4. Mark a square with a cross when a clue rules a pairing out, and with a dot when you are certain of it. When you place a dot, cross out the rest of that row and column inside the same small box.
5. Carry what you know between boxes. If Agnes was in the boathouse, and the person in the boathouse had the rope, then Agnes had the rope.
6. When the grid is full, write your verdict on the grid page and check it in the solutions.

READING THE CLUES

Either A or B: exactly one of them; they are two different people.

Neither A nor B: rules out both of them.

Of A and B, one … and the other …: A and B are two different people, and the two descriptions belong to them in some order.

A, B and C were three different people: rules out every pairing between them.

Earlier, later, younger, older, more, less: always compares two different people.

Half an hour before, two years older: means exactly that difference, no more and no less.

DIFFICULTY

Easy: Three categories of four. Read each clue, cross off what it rules out, carry what you know across the grid, and it falls into place.

Medium: Four categories of four. You will need to carry what you know from one box of the grid to another, and at least once you will need a step that weighs the options still open in more than one place.

Hard: Four categories of five. Several steps need you to narrow down the options left for someone across more than one box, or to reason about a range of times, ages or amounts.

Fiendish: Five categories of five. On top of everything above, at least one step needs a ‘suppose this were true’ argument that runs into a contradiction.

> **CHECKED BY COMPUTER**
> Every case has exactly one solution. Each grid was checked twice by computer, by two independent methods: an exhaustive search of every possible arrangement, and a step-by-step solver that only uses deductions a person can make. The difficulty grade comes from the hardest kind of step that second solver needed.

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CASE 01

EASY · 3 × 4

The Keeper’s Last Watch

The storm had been blowing for two days when Ezra Mallory, keeper of the Gallows Light for thirty years, was found at the foot of the lighthouse stair. Constable Nell Darrow climbed the hill at first light and sent for Inspector Hollis Wren. Four people had called at the light the evening before. Each had been in a different part of the tower when the keeper fell, and each had been carrying something different. Agnes Pell, the keeper’s niece, had come up with his supper. Tobias Crane wanted a bill settled for paraffin. Maud Fennick, the relief keeper, had arrived early for her shift. Silas Varley, a fisherman, had climbed the hill to complain that the light had been lit late. All four swear the old man was alive when they last saw him. The Inspector lays their statements on the table and asks you to sort them out.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The doctor is certain the keeper was struck with the brass telescope. Whoever carried it is the killer.

THE CLUES (6)

1. Maud Fennick was in the oil store.
2. The person in the oil store had neither the brass telescope nor the logbook.
3. The person with the storm lantern was on the gallery.
4. Tobias Crane had either the brass telescope or the storm lantern.
5. Agnes Pell did not have the logbook.
6. Tobias Crane was either in the lamp room or in the oil store.

Workings

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		CARRYING				WHERE			
		Telescope	Lantern	Hand bell	Logbook	Lamp room	Gallery	Oil store	Watch room
SUSPECT	Agnes Pell								
	Tobias Crane								
	Maud Fennick								
	Silas Varley								
WHERE	Lamp room								
	Gallery								
	Oil store								
	Watch room								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Carrying

Where

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CASE 02

EASY · 3 × 4

The Cut Rope

When the maroons went up for a schooner aground on the Shingles, the Gallows Quay lifeboat could not be launched. Someone had cut halfway through the launching rope, so that it parted under the first strain. The crew got the boat down by hand in the end, and the schooner's men were brought off alive, but Inspector Wren wants the saboteur before the next storm. Four volunteers had been at the station that evening for the weekly check, each with a different job on the crew, and each arriving at a different time. Myles Hatchell is a fisherman who was refused the coxswain's place. Nora Jessop is a farmer's widow who has never missed a launch. Oswald Kestle is a baker's roundsman. Phyllis Upton is the doctor's daughter and has been on the crew for a year. Their accounts overlap just enough.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The rope was cut inside the locked engine bay, and only the mechanic carried that key.

THE CLUES (6)

1. Nora Jessop was neither the signaller nor the launcher.
2. Myles Hatchell did not reach the station at 10 pm.
3. Nora Jessop reached the station at 9 pm.
4. The person who reached the station at 10.30 pm was the bowman.
5. Neither Myles Hatchell nor Phyllis Upton reached the station at 9.30 pm.
6. The person who reached the station at 10 pm was either the signaller or the mechanic.

Workings

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		CREW ROLE				REACHED STATION			
		Bowman	Signaller	Mechanic	Launcher	9 pm	9.30 pm	10 pm	10.30 pm
SUSPECT	Myles Hatchell								
	Nora Jessop								
	Oswald Kestle								
	Phyllis Upton								
REACHED STATION	9 pm								
	9.30 pm								
	10 pm								
	10.30 pm								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Crew role

Reached station

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EASY · 3 × 4

Fire at the Ropewalk

The ropewalk at Gallows Quay is a long, low shed where hemp has been twisted into rope for a hundred years. At ten o'clock on a still night it went up like a bonfire, and by morning only the brick ends were standing. Nobody was hurt, but the owner lost a winter's stock, and the insurers want a name. Four people were out along the harbour that night. A lamplighter saw each of them at a different spot, and each was dressed differently against the cold. Jasper Kinsella is a docker who was once sacked from the ropewalk. Kitty Morrow keeps the tea stall by the harbour steps. Leonard Ruddock is a clerk at the shipping office who walks home late. Myrtle Ashby runs a boarding house and says she was looking for a lodger's dog. The lamplighter is sure of what he saw. Sort out who was where, and in what.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> A scrap of tartan cloth was caught on the ropewalk gate. Whoever wore the tartan scarf set the fire.

THE CLUES (6)

1. Kitty Morrow wore neither the oilskin nor the pea coat.
2. Myrtle Ashby did not wear the bowler hat.
3. The person in the oilskin was by the net loft.
4. The person in the coal yard did not wear the bowler hat.
5. Leonard Ruddock was at the ice house.
6. Myrtle Ashby wore either the tartan scarf or the bowler hat.

Workings

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		WEARING				SEEN AT			
		Tartan scarf	Oilskin	Bowler hat	Pea coat	Ice house	Slipway	Net loft	Coal yard
SUSPECT	Jasper Kinsella								
	Kitty Morrow								
	Leonard Ruddock								
	Myrtle Ashby								
SEEN AT	Ice house								
	Slipway								
	Net loft								
	Coal yard								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Wearing

Seen at

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CASE 04

EASY · 3 × 4

The Bandmaster’s Last Tune

Every summer Sunday the Gallows Quay Silver Band plays on the Parade, and every summer Sunday Bandmaster Rufus Kettle shouts at them afterwards. This Sunday he did not. He was found in the shallows under the pier on Monday morning, and the coroner does not believe he fell. Four players had reason to dislike him. Vera Toomey had been told she would never play a solo again. Walter Pocock had been fined for turning up late twice in one month. Albert Nuttall wanted the bandmaster’s job for himself. Clement Yarrow had lent Kettle money and never seen it back. Each played a different instrument, and after the concert each went to a different place along the seafront. The band’s secretary has given Inspector Wren what she knows, which is less than she thinks. With a little logic, it is enough.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> A boy fishing off the pier saw the bandmaster walking with someone who carried a tuba case. Whoever played the tuba is the killer.

THE CLUES (7)

1. Neither Walter Pocock nor Clement Yarrow was by the bandstand.
2. Clement Yarrow did not play the euphonium.
3. The person who played the tuba was neither on the pier end nor by the bandstand.
4. Either Walter Pocock or Albert Nuttall played the tuba.
5. Albert Nuttall was in the tea room.
6. Albert Nuttall played either the side drum or the euphonium.
7. Neither Walter Pocock nor Clement Yarrow played the cornet.

Workings

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		INSTRUMENT				AFTER THE CONCERT			
		Cornet	Tuba	Side drum	Euphonium	Pier end	Promenade	Tea room	Bandstand
SUSPECT	Vera Toomey								
	Walter Pocock								
	Albert Nuttall								
	Clement Yarrow								
AFTER THE CONCERT	Pier end								
	Promenade								
	Tea room								
	Bandstand								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Instrument

After the concert

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EASY · 3 × 4

Cold Storage

Malachy Rudd sold fish to half the hotels on the coast, and he did it from a desk at the back of the harbour ice house, wearing two coats and a muffler in July. On Wednesday morning the heavy door of the cold room was found bolted from the outside, with Rudd inside, past saving. Four customers called at the ice house that morning, an hour apart, and each bought something different. Delia Furlong cooks for the Grand Hotel. Ernest Coyle runs the dining rooms on Market Street and owed Rudd for a month. Fergus Ingle is a carter who buys for the inland villages. Gladys Treacy runs a stall in the covered market. The ice house clerk kept the takings but not the names, and the four customers have been arguing about who came first ever since. Settle the argument and you will have your culprit.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The ice house clerk heard the heavy door bang shut at seven o'clock exactly. The 7 am caller shut Malachy Rudd in.

THE CLUES (7)

1. The person who bought herring called at either 6 am or 7 am.
2. The person who called at 9 am did not buy cod.
3. The person who bought crab called at either 6 am or 9 am.
4. Gladys Treacy bought herring.
5. Delia Furlong bought mackerel.
6. Fergus Ingle did not buy crab.
7. Fergus Ingle called at either 7 am or 9 am.

Workings

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		BOUGHT				VISITED AT			
		Herring	Mackerel	Cod	Crab	6 am	7 am	8 am	9 am
SUSPECT	Delia Furlong								
	Ernest Coyle								
	Fergus Ingle								
	Gladys Treacy								
VISITED AT	6 am								
	7 am								
	8 am								
	9 am								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Bought

Visited at

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CASE 06

EASY · 3 × 4

The Pawnbroker’s Window

Obadiah Spratt has kept the pawnshop on Chandler’s Row for twenty years and boasts that nothing has ever been taken from his window. On Tuesday a pearl brooch, left in pledge by a widow from the Crescent, vanished from its velvet tray. Spratt had four customers that day. They came in an hour apart, and each left something in pawn. Norman Tolley is a ship’s cook between voyages. Opal Brannock takes in sewing and is behind with her rent. Percy Gilsenan says he is a gentleman, though nobody knows how he lives. Rhoda Lomax sells programmes at the Pier Pavilion. Spratt’s ticket book records the pledges but not the names, because his pencil broke at nine o’clock and he wrote the rest on a scrap of paper that he has since lost. He remembers some odd details about his customers. Inspector Wren thinks that will be enough.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Spratt left the counter only once, to fetch a case from the back for the customer pawning a fiddle. When he came back, the brooch was gone.

THE CLUES (7)

1. The person who pawned a set of medals came in at 1 pm.
2. Neither Norman Tolley nor the person who came in at 1 pm pawned a pocket watch.
3. Rhoda Lomax did not pawn a pocket watch.
4. Neither Norman Tolley nor Percy Gilsenan pawned a carriage clock.
5. Either Norman Tolley or Percy Gilsenan came in at 11 am.
6. The person who pawned a pocket watch came in at either 10 am or 11 am.
7. Percy Gilsenan pawned either a carriage clock or a set of medals.

Workings

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		PAWNED				CAME IN AT			
		Fiddle	Pocket watch	Carriage clock	Medals	10 am	11 am	Noon	1 pm
SUSPECT	Norman Tolley								
	Opal Brannock								
	Percy Gilsenan								
	Rhoda Lomax								
CAME IN AT	10 am								
	11 am								
	Noon								
	1 pm								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Pawned

Came in at

Case 06 answer: solutions booklet.

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CASE 07

EASY · 3 × 4

The Customs Seal

Twelve casks of French brandy, seized from a fishing smack in the spring, were waiting in the Customs House for the magistrate. On Thursday morning the lead seal on the bonded store was found snapped, and two of the casks were half empty. Four officers kept the night watch. Each started at a different hour and each was given a different post. Quentin Mulvey is the senior officer and says he has never touched a drop. Sybil Orme came to the Customs from the telegraph office and is the only one who can read the night signals. Thaddeus Prendergast has been passed over for promotion twice. Ursula Kilbride is the newest of them and was in her second week. The duty roster was pinned to the board, but someone has torn it down. What the officers remember of each other's movements is all that is left. Work out the roster.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The broken seal was found inside the bonded store, and only the officer posted there had the key.

THE CLUES (8)

1. Thaddeus Prendergast started later than Sybil Orme.
2. Either Sybil Orme or Ursula Kilbride started at midnight.
3. Ursula Kilbride started at either 11 pm or 1 am.
4. The person in the tide office started at either midnight or 1 am.
5. The person in the Long Room started at either 10 pm or midnight.
6. The person in the tide office did not start at midnight.
7. Neither Ursula Kilbride nor the person in the Long Room started at midnight.
8. Sybil Orme was not at the bonded store.

Workings

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		POST				STARTED AT			
		Bonded store	Long Room	Quay gate	Tide office	10 pm	11 pm	Midnight	1 am
SUSPECT	Quentin Mulvey								
	Sybil Orme								
	Thaddeus Prendergast								
	Ursula Kilbride								
STARTED AT	10 pm								
	11 pm								
	Midnight								
	1 am								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Post

Started at

Case 07 answer: solutions booklet.

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CASE 08

EASY · 3 × 4

The Interval Bell

Professor Lucan Vail, the conjuror at the Pier Pavilion, was famous for vanishing a canary from a sealed glass box. On Friday night he vanished himself: he went to his dressing room at the interval and did not come out for the second half. The stage manager found him slumped in his chair, beyond help. During the interval four people had knocked on his door, five minutes apart, and each had brought him something. Florence Teal is his stage assistant and has worked with him for six seasons. Gilbert Ashdown manages the Pavilion and had argued with him about his fee. Hattie Merriman is married to a rival conjuror who plays the hotels along the coast. Ivor Pruett writes the theatre notices for the Gallows Quay Gazette and was hoping for an interview. Inspector Wren needs the order of the knocks and the gift each visitor carried.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The sleeping draught that killed the conjuror was found in the glass of port. Whoever brought the port is the poisoner.

THE CLUES (7)

1. Florence Teal did not knock at 8.55 pm.
2. The person with the telegram knocked earlier than the person with the cup of cocoa.
3. Gilbert Ashdown had either the cup of cocoa or the bouquet.
4. Either Gilbert Ashdown or Ivor Pruett knocked at 8.40 pm.
5. The person with the glass of port knocked at neither 8.40 pm nor 8.50 pm.
6. The person with the bouquet knocked five minutes after Ivor Pruett.
7. Gilbert Ashdown did not have the cup of cocoa.

Workings

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		BROUGHT				KNOCKED AT			
		Port	Cocoa	Telegram	Bouquet	8.40 pm	8.45 pm	8.50 pm	8.55 pm
SUSPECT	Florence Teal								
	Gilbert Ashdown								
	Hattie Merriman								
	Ivor Pruett								
KNOCKED AT	8.40 pm								
	8.45 pm								
	8.50 pm								
	8.55 pm								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Brought

Knocked at

Case 08 answer: solutions booklet.

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CASE 09

EASY · 3 × 4

The Christening Cup

The silver christening cup of St Elmo's chapel had been in the vestry cupboard since the old harbourmaster gave it in thanks for a son. On Saturday afternoon it disappeared. The verger, a careful man, kept a list of everyone who came into the vestry, and it showed four names, each calling at a different time and each with a different errand. Bridget Lusk is a widow who lives opposite the chapel gate. Cyril Hobb is a retired purser who reads the lesson on Sundays. Dora Quill keeps house for her brother, the curate. Edmund Strand teaches at the harbour school and plays the harmonium when the organist is ill. The verger, unfortunately, wrote the names on one page and the errands on another. Inspector Wren has the verger's muddled notes and a few things the four remember about each other. Put them in order and find the thief.

THE KEY FACT

The verger saw the cup on its shelf at a quarter past three and found it gone at a quarter to four. Only the 3.30 pm caller was in the vestry in between.

THE CLUES (6)

1. The person who came about the flowers did not call at 2 pm.
2. Neither Dora Quill nor Edmund Strand called at 3 pm.
3. Dora Quill did not come about the flowers.
4. Dora Quill came about neither the hymn books nor the clock.
5. Bridget Lusk called one hour after Cyril Hobb.
6. The person who called at 2.30 pm came about the clock.

Workings

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		ERRAND				CALLED AT			
		Flowers	Hymn books	Cassocks	Clock	2 pm	2.30 pm	3 pm	3.30 pm
SUSPECT	Bridget Lusk								
	Cyril Hobb								
	Dora Quill								
	Edmund Strand								
CALLED AT	2 pm								
	2.30 pm								
	3 pm								
	3.30 pm								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Errand

Called at

Case 09 answer: solutions booklet.

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EASY · 3 × 4

The Forged Telegram

On Monday a telegram reached Captain Amos Thursby at his house on Quay Hill: his brother was gravely ill in the next county and he must come at once. The captain caught the noon train. His brother turned out to be in perfect health, and while the captain was away his strongbox was emptied. The telegram had been sent from the Gallows Quay post office that morning. Only four telegrams went out before noon, each to a different town and each of a different length. Hector Vance is a shipping agent. Imelda Wragg is the captain's former housekeeper. Josephine Blaney runs a dress shop and was expecting a delivery. Lorcan Tansey is a young solicitor's clerk who knew the captain's habits. The counter clerk counted every word, as she is paid to, but she cannot now remember who sent which. Her few memories will have to do.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The forged telegram ran to exactly twelve words. Whoever sent the twelve-word telegram is the forger.

THE CLUES (6)

1. Lorcan Tansey wired neither Port Sallow nor Mullan Strand.
2. Hector Vance wired neither Ennistown nor Port Sallow.
3. Hector Vance sent fewer words than Lorcan Tansey.
4. The person who wired Mullan Strand sent four words more than Hector Vance.
5. Imelda Wragg sent fewer words than the person who wired Mullan Strand.
6. Josephine Blaney sent either 10 words or 14 words.

Workings

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		WIRED				LENGTH			
		Kilbarrow	Ennistown	Port Sallow	Mullan Strand	8 words	10 words	12 words	14 words
SUSPECT	Hector Vance								
	Imelda Wragg								
	Josephine Blaney								
	Lorcan Tansey								
LENGTH	8 words								
	10 words								
	12 words								
	14 words								

Notes

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Wired

Length

Case 10 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Mission Supper

Once a month the Seamen's Mission gives a supper for sailors waiting for a ship, and the Reverend Josiah Hulme says grace for longer than anyone would like. At the last supper he said grace, sat down, drank his tea, and was dead before the pudding. The doctor found poison in the dregs. Four helpers had cooked for the supper. Each brought a different dish, each sat in a different place at the long table, and no two are the same age. Prudence Bassett has kept the Mission's accounts for ten years and was asked last week to hand over the books. Frederick Dimmock is a former sailor who was once thrown out for drinking. Enid Rowe is engaged to the Reverend's son, against the Reverend's wishes. Godfrey Sculley wanted the Mission building for a warehouse. The sailors were too busy eating to notice much. The helpers noticed a little more.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The Reverend left his cup on the window ledge while he said grace. Only the person seated by the window could reach it unseen.

THE CLUES (7)

1. Either Prudence Bassett or Enid Rowe brought the pea soup.
2. Frederick Dimmock was twenty-one years younger than the person who brought the pea soup.
3. Enid Rowe, the person who brought the mutton pie, the person by the window and the 48-year-old were four different people.
4. The person who brought the mutton pie was younger than Godfrey Sculley.
5. The person at the head of the table brought the pea soup.
6. Either Frederick Dimmock or Godfrey Sculley sat by the stove.
7. The person who brought the fruit cake was younger than Enid Rowe.

Workings

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		BROUGHT				SEAT				AGE			
		Fruit cake	Pea soup	Mutton pie	Trifle	Head	Stove	Window	Door	27	34	41	48
SUSPECT	Prudence Bassett												
	Frederick Dimmock												
	Enid Rowe												
	Godfrey Sculley												
AGE	27												
	34												
	41												
	48												
SEAT	Head												
	Stove												
	Window												
	Door												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Brought _____

Seat _____

Age _____

Case 11 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Postal Orders

Miss Harriet Cottle has run the Gallows Quay post office since before the war and has never been a penny short. On Wednesday she was short by a book of postal orders, which can be cashed at any post office in the country. The book had been on the counter at nine o'clock and was gone by eleven. Four customers were served in between, half an hour apart. Each posted a parcel to a different town and each bought a different number of stamps. Dorothy Keogh is the Inspector's own landlady, which makes this awkward. Edwin Lister is a commercial traveller in buttons and braces. Fanny Madigan has a son in the merchant navy and posts to him every week. George Nesbit is a retired schoolmaster who writes letters to the newspapers. Miss Cottle remembers the parcels, the stamps and a few remarks. Put them in order.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Miss Cottle turned her back only once, at ten o'clock, to weigh a parcel. The customer served at 10 am had the counter to themselves.

THE CLUES (9)

1. The person who bought six stamps posted a parcel to either Penhallow or Ravensby.
2. George Nesbit, the person who posted to Penhallow and the customer served at 10 am were three different people.
3. Edwin Lister was not served at 9.30 am.
4. George Nesbit was served later than the person who posted to Saltmarsh.
5. Either Dorothy Keogh or Edwin Lister bought three stamps.
6. The customer served at 9 am bought neither three stamps nor twelve stamps.
7. Dorothy Keogh, the person who posted to Ravensby, the person who bought nine stamps and the customer served at 9.30 am were four different people.
8. The customer served at 9.30 am did not buy twelve stamps.
9. The person who bought three stamps posted a parcel to neither Saltmarsh nor Penhallow.

Workings

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		POSTED TO				STAMPS				SERVED AT			
		Westerby	Saltmarsh	Penhallow	Ravensby	3 stamps	6 stamps	9 stamps	12 stamps	9 am	9.30 am	10 am	10.30 am
SUSPECT	Dorothy Keogh												
	Edwin Lister												
	Fanny Madigan												
	George Nesbit												
SERVED AT	9 am												
	9.30 am												
	10 am												
	10.30 am												
STAMPS	3 stamps												
	6 stamps												
	9 stamps												
	12 stamps												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Posted to _____

Stamps _____

Served at _____

Case 12 answer: solutions booklet.

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CASE 13

MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Tide Mill

The tide mill on Gallows Creek grinds only when the sea lets it: the pond fills on the flood and turns the wheel on the ebb. Jonas Pettigrew had run it for forty years and knew its moods better than anyone, which is why nobody believes he simply slipped into the millrace on Friday morning. Four customers came to buy flour that morning, an hour apart. Each bought a different number of sacks and each brought something different to carry them home. Gertrude Jolley bakes for the Seamen's Mission. Harold Loftus owns the bakery on Market Street and wanted to buy the mill. Ivy Meagher runs a farm on the hill road and was owed money by the miller. Wilfred Noonan is the miller's own nephew, who expected to inherit. The mill's day book was soaked through, but Inspector Wren has the customers' memories, and they will do.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Fresh tyre marks were found beside the sluice gate where the miller went into the water. Only one customer came with a motor van.

THE CLUES (6)

1. Either Ivy Meagher or Wilfred Noonan came with the donkey.
2. The person who arrived at 9 am bought more sacks than Harold Loftus.
3. Either Gertrude Jolley or Ivy Meagher arrived at 10 am.
4. The person who arrived at 9 am bought fewer sacks than the person with a handcart.
5. Gertrude Jolley, the person with the grey pony and the person who arrived at 7 am were three different people.
6. Of the person who arrived at 10 am and the person who arrived at 9 am, one came with the grey pony and the other bought two sacks.

Workings

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		SACKS				CAME WITH				ARRIVED			
		2 sacks	3 sacks	4 sacks	5 sacks	Grey pony	Donkey	Handcart	Motor van	7 am	8 am	9 am	10 am
SUSPECT	Gertrude Jolley												
	Harold Loftus												
	Ivy Meagher												
	Wilfred Noonan												
ARRIVED	7 am												
	8 am												
	9 am												
	10 am												
CAME WITH	Grey pony												
	Donkey												
	Handcart												
	Motor van												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Sacks _____

Came with _____

Arrived _____

Case 13 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Coal Yard

Septimus Grange sold coal by the hundredweight from a yard behind the railway halt, and he weighed every sack on his own weighbridge because he trusted nobody. On Saturday he was found under a fallen stack of sacks, and the stack had been pulled down on purpose. Four carters had collected coal that morning, an hour apart. Each took a different load, and each drove a different horse. Wanda Fogarty delivers to the big houses on the Crescent. Alfred Garland had been caught selling short weight and blamed Grange for reporting him. Bella Harkin is Grange's own niece and does his books. Christy Imrie was a coal heaver until Grange sacked him. The yard boy remembers the horses better than the people, and the people remember each other better than the coal. That should be enough.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The weighbridge ticket clutched in Grange's hand was for four hundredweight. Whoever took four hundredweight was the last to see him.

THE CLUES (7)

1. The person who took two hundredweight called later than the person who drove the grey cob.
2. The person who drove the bay mare took either two hundredweight or four hundredweight.
3. The person who took five hundredweight called two hours after Alfred Garland.
4. Christy Imrie took one hundredweight less than Bella Harkin.
5. The person who called at 8 am took two hundredweight more than the person who called at 9 am.
6. The person who drove the piebald did not take two hundredweight.
7. Either Wanda Fogarty or Alfred Garland drove the bay mare.

Workings

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		LOAD				HORSE				CALLED AT			
		2 cwt	3 cwt	4 cwt	5 cwt	Bay mare	Grey cob	Black gelding	Piebald	7 am	8 am	9 am	10 am
SUSPECT	Wanda Fogarty												
	Alfred Garland												
	Bella Harkin												
	Christy Imrie												
CALLED AT	7 am												
	8 am												
	9 am												
	10 am												
HORSE	Bay mare												
	Grey cob												
	Black gelding												
	Piebald												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Load _____

Horse _____

Called at _____

Case 14 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Organist’s Wager

Cuthbert Lowry had played the organ at St Elmo’s for thirty years, and he had a weakness for wagers. He would bet on anything: the length of a sermon, the number of hymns, which pew the mayor would choose. On Sunday he bet four of his choir friends that he could play the whole service without a single wrong note. He played the first hymn perfectly, sucked a sweet during the sermon, and collapsed at the keys before the second. Each of the four had placed a different stake, sat in a different part of the chapel, and brought the organist a little paper of sweets, as they always did. Selina Bowe sings alto and owed him money. Thomas Corless is the verger’s brother. Una Dempsey teaches at the harbour school. Victor Egan wanted to be organist himself. Inspector Wren has sorted the sweet papers. Now sort the people.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The poison was in a paper twist of humbugs found on the organ bench. Whoever brought the humbugs is the poisoner.

THE CLUES (6)

1. Of the person in the back pew and the person in the front pew, one was Una Dempsey and the other brought toffee.
2. The person who brought toffee did not sit in the front pew.
3. Of Victor Egan and the person who brought peppermints, one sat in the choir stalls and the other wagered two pounds.
4. Neither Victor Egan nor the person who wagered one pound sat in the gallery.
5. The person who brought barley sugar wagered two pounds less than Thomas Corless.
6. Victor Egan wagered more than the person in the gallery.

Workings

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		WAGERED				PEW				SWEETS			
		£1	£2	£3	£4	Front pew	Choir stalls	Gallery	Back pew	Humbugs	Toffee	Barley sugar	Peppermints
SUSPECT	Selina Bowe												
	Thomas Corless												
	Una Dempsey												
	Victor Egan												
SWEETS	Humbugs												
	Toffee												
	Barley sugar												
	Peppermints												
PEW	Front pew												
	Choir stalls												
	Gallery												
	Back pew												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Wagered _____

Pew _____

Sweets _____

Case 15 answer: solutions booklet.

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CASE 16

MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Bonded Warehouse

The bonded warehouse on the east quay holds goods that have landed but have not yet paid their duty, and it is supposed to be the safest building in Gallows Quay. On Friday six chests vanished between the ship's side and the warehouse door, and the Customs men are furious. Four tally clerks were working the quay that day. Each checked a different cargo at a different berth, and each clocked off at a different hour. Florian Mercer is new to the quay and came from a firm in the city that went bankrupt. Grace Nolan has been a tally clerk for twenty years and has never lost so much as a sack. Hubert O'Hea has been seen in the Anchor and Lantern spending more than a clerk earns. Iris Penrose is the warehouse keeper's niece. The tally sheets were collected in a muddle. Sort them out.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The missing chests held tobacco, and only the person handling tobacco signed for them on the quay.

THE CLUES (9)

1. Florian Mercer clocked off later than Hubert O'Hea.
2. The person who clocked off at 5 pm worked one berth below the person who handled tobacco.
3. Hubert O'Hea did not work at Berth 4.
4. The person who handled silk worked at either Berth 1 or Berth 4.
5. Of the person who clocked off at 4 pm and the person who clocked off at 5 pm, one handled rum and the other worked at Berth 1.
6. Grace Nolan handled either tobacco or rum.
7. Iris Penrose, the person who handled silk and the person who clocked off at 7 pm were three different people.
8. The person at Berth 1 clocked off earlier than the person who handled rum.
9. Either Grace Nolan or Iris Penrose clocked off at 4 pm.

Workings

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		CARGO				BERTH				CLOCKED OFF			
		Tea	Tobacco	Silk	Rum	Berth 1	Berth 2	Berth 3	Berth 4	4 pm	5 pm	6 pm	7 pm
SUSPECT	Florian Mercer												
	Grace Nolan												
	Hubert O'Hea												
	Iris Penrose												
CLOCKED OFF	4 pm												
	5 pm												
	6 pm												
	7 pm												
BERTH	Berth 1												
	Berth 2												
	Berth 3												
	Berth 4												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Cargo _____

Berth _____

Clocked off _____

Case 16 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Cannery Clerk

The Gallows Quay cannery packs pilchards in tomato sauce for half the grocers in the country, and Arthur Penhale had kept its wage books for nine years. On Wednesday he was found dead in the works with the week's wages missing from his satchel. Four workers had keys that let them in before the main gate opened. Each started at a different hour, each works in a different department, and no two are the same age. Beatrice Ivers is a forewoman who had complained that Penhale short-changed her girls. Conrad Jubb is a fitter with a fondness for the dogs at the racetrack. Daisy Kirwan joined in the spring and keeps herself to herself. Eamon Lally is the manager's cousin and expected to have Penhale's job one day. The gatekeeper's book records the keys used but not the names. The workers' memories of each other fill the gap.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Penhale was found behind the boiler house door, and nobody but the person working in the boiler house went in there all morning.

THE CLUES (6)

1. The person who started at 5 am was not in the label room.
2. The person who started at 8 am was twenty-four years younger than Eamon Lally.
3. Of the 38-year-old and the person who started at 8 am, one was on the loading bay and the other was Daisy Kirwan.
4. Neither Daisy Kirwan nor Eamon Lally was in the packing room.
5. The person who started at 7 am was younger than Conrad Jubb.
6. Conrad Jubb started later than the 46-year-old.

Workings

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		DEPARTMENT				SHIFT BEGAN				AGE			
		Packing room	Boiler house	Label room	Loading bay	5 am	6 am	7 am	8 am	22	30	38	46
SUSPECT	Beatrice Ivers												
	Conrad Jubb												
	Daisy Kirwan												
	Eamon Lally												
AGE	22												
	30												
	38												
	46												
SHIFT BEGAN	5 am												
	6 am												
	7 am												
	8 am												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Department _____

Shift began _____

Age _____

Case 17 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

Blackmail at the Bandstand

Edgar Vosper sold insurance, or said he did. In fact he sold silence, and his customers paid him on the bandstand on the Parade, where a man can sit for an hour without anyone wondering why. On Saturday night he was found there, slumped over the rail, and the coroner believes he was pushed down the iron steps. In his pocketbook were four names, four sums and four times, but no list of who paid what, and no note of the secret he held over each of them. Muriel Eccles teaches the piano to the children of the Crescent. Horace Fitzell is a churchwarden at St Elmo's. Winifred Gormley runs a respectable boarding house. Owen Halloran sits on the harbour board. Each paid a different sum, and each met Vosper at a different hour. Each, naturally, denies everything.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Vosper had written to the magistrate about only one of the four, the person hiding a false name, and that person had the most to lose.

THE CLUES (7)

1. Winifred Gormley, the person who paid ten pounds, the person hiding a gambling debt and the person who met him at 7 pm were four different people.
2. The person who paid twenty pounds met him one hour after the person hiding a gambling debt.
3. Muriel Eccles met him one hour before the person hiding a secret marriage.
4. Of Horace Fitzell and the person hiding an old theft, one paid fifteen pounds and the other paid ten pounds.
5. The person who met him at 8 pm paid either ten pounds or twenty pounds.
6. Muriel Eccles did not meet him at 7 pm.
7. The person hiding an old theft met him later than the person who paid five pounds.

Workings

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		PAID				SECRET				MET HIM AT			
		£5	£10	£15	£20	Gambling debt	Marriage	Old theft	False name	6 pm	7 pm	8 pm	9 pm
SUSPECT	Muriel Eccles												
	Horace Fitzell												
	Winifred Gormley												
	Owen Halloran												
MET HIM AT	6 pm												
	7 pm												
	8 pm												
	9 pm												
SECRET	Gambling debt												
	Marriage												
	Old theft												
	False name												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Paid _____

Secret _____

Met him at _____

Case 18 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Harbourmaster’s Keys

The harbourmaster’s keys open every gate, shed and bonded store on the quay, and he guards them like a dog guards a bone. On Monday they vanished from his desk for twenty minutes and were found again on the floor. That night the Customs shed was opened with a key and a crate of watches disappeared. Four people called at the harbour office that morning, a quarter of an hour apart, each on different business and each dressed differently. Hilda Usher runs the chandlery and was in arrears on her lease. Isaac Venn is a ship’s mate between berths. Lavinia Whelan is a widow who keeps lodgers. Neville Yelland is a clerk at the Customs House itself. The harbourmaster’s appointment book was neat until ten o’clock and a scrawl after it. Inspector Wren wants a proper timetable of the morning.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> At half past ten the harbourmaster stepped out to watch a steamer berth and left his keys on the desk. Only the 10.30 am caller was alone in the office.

THE CLUES (7)

1. The person who asked about a complaint called half an hour after the person in a yellow oilskin.
2. The person in a blue jersey asked about either the pilotage fee or a tide table.
3. Either Hilda Usher or Neville Yelland asked about a tide table.
4. Of the person in a grey coat and the person in a yellow oilskin, one asked about a mooring and the other asked about a tide table.
5. Of the person who called at 10.30 am and the person who called at 10.45 am, one was Isaac Venn and the other was Hilda Usher.
6. The person who asked about a mooring called earlier than the person in a grey coat.
7. Neither Isaac Venn nor Neville Yelland asked about a complaint.

Workings

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		ASKED ABOUT				WEARING				CALLED AT			
		Pilotage	Mooring	Complaint	Tide table	Grey coat	Blue jersey	Oilskin	Tweed jacket	10 am	10.15 am	10.30 am	10.45 am
SUSPECT	Hilda Usher												
	Isaac Venn												
	Lavinia Whelan												
	Neville Yelland												
CALLED AT	10 am												
	10.15 am												
	10.30 am												
	10.45 am												
WEARING	Grey coat												
	Blue jersey												
	Oilskin												
	Tweed jacket												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Asked about

Wearing

Called at

Case 19 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

Room Service

Mrs Honoria Blythe had wintered at the Grand Hotel for eleven years, and for eleven years she had changed her will every spring. This year she did not live to change it. She was found in her suite on Sunday morning with an empty cup beside her bed, and the doctor smelled bitter almonds at once. Four other guests were staying in the hotel that week, each on a different floor. On Saturday night each rang down to room service at a different time and each ordered a different drink. Roderick Ambler is her nephew and her heir under the present will. Sadie Carbery was her paid companion until a quarrel in March. Theodora Drennan is a novelist who says she came for the sea air. Basil Eastlake is a retired bank manager who played bridge with Mrs Blythe every evening and lost. The night porter's book is a mess. Untangle it.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> A chambermaid saw the guest who ordered cocoa carry a cup along the corridor to Mrs Blythe's door. The poison was in that cup.

THE CLUES (9)

1. The guest on the first floor rang at neither 9.30 pm nor 10 pm.
2. Theodora Drennan rang at either 10 pm or 10.30 pm.
3. Either Sadie Carbery or Basil Eastlake rang at 10 pm.
4. The guest on the second floor did not order tea.
5. Basil Eastlake stayed on a lower floor than the guest who ordered sherry.
6. The guest who ordered soda water rang at neither 9.30 pm nor 10 pm.
7. Roderick Ambler ordered either cocoa or soda water.
8. Roderick Ambler stayed on a higher floor than the guest who rang at 10 pm.
9. Neither Roderick Ambler nor Theodora Drennan stayed on the fourth floor.

Workings

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		FLOOR				ORDERED				RANG AT			
		First	Second	Third	Fourth	Cocoa	Sherry	Soda water	Tea	9 pm	9.30 pm	10 pm	10.30 pm
SUSPECT	Roderick Ambler												
	Sadie Carbery												
	Theodora Drennan												
	Basil Eastlake												
RANG AT	9 pm												
	9.30 pm												
	10 pm												
	10.30 pm												
ORDERED	Cocoa												
	Sherry												
	Soda water												
	Tea												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Floor _____

Ordered _____

Rang at _____

Case 20 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Regatta Cup

The Gallows Quay Regatta Cup is a hideous silver bowl, and every yachtsman on the coast would sell their grandmother to win it. This year the favourite, a sleek cutter belonging to the Commodore, lost her mast a mile from the start because someone had sawn halfway through a stay in the night. The race went on without her. Four yachts finished, and their owners are the Inspector's suspects. Each sailed a different boat with different coloured sails, and each finished in a different place. Philippa Ackerley had beaten the Commodore once before and been accused of cheating. Rupert Braddock is the Commodore's son-in-law and a bad loser. Violet Cashman builds boats and was told hers were too slow. Stanley Dowling had a large bet on the result. The race committee's notes were blown overboard. What the four remember of each other survives.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Before dawn a watchman saw someone rowing back from the favourite's mooring to a yacht with blue sails. The owner of the blue-sailed yacht is the saboteur.

THE CLUES (6)

1. The sailor with blue sails finished behind Philippa Ackerley.
2. Of Stanley Dowling and Philippa Ackerley, one sailed the Seraph and the other finished third.
3. The sailor with white sails sailed the Curlew.
4. Violet Cashman finished two places behind the owner of the Halcyon.
5. The owner of the Seraph finished one place ahead of the sailor with tan sails.
6. The sailor with white sails finished one place behind Stanley Dowling.

Workings

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		YACHT				SAILS				FINISHED			
		Petrel	Curlew	Seraph	Halcyon	Red	White	Tan	Blue	First	Second	Third	Fourth
SUSPECT	Philippa Ackerley												
	Rupert Braddock												
	Violet Cashman												
	Stanley Dowling												
FINISHED	First												
	Second												
	Third												
	Fourth												
SAILS	Red												
	White												
	Tan												
	Blue												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Yacht _____

Sails _____

Finished _____

Case 21 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Last Ferry

The last ferry across the estuary leaves Gallows Quay at nine and takes twenty minutes. On Tuesday it took twenty minutes and lost a passenger. Lionel Sharples, a moneylender from the far shore, was seen boarding and was not there when the ferry tied up. The ferryman swears he heard nothing over the engine. Four other passengers made the crossing, of four different ages, each carrying something awkward and each standing in a different part of the boat. Cecil Frayne is a schoolmaster who owed Sharples a great deal. Ada Grogan is a nurse at the cottage hospital and was visiting her sister. Bernard Hollins is a solicitor's clerk with debts of his own. Esme Purcell keeps the haberdashery on Market Street. Every one of them claims to have seen nothing at all, but each noticed something about the others. Put their observations together.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> A small green feather was found on the rail where Lionel Sharples went over. Only one passenger was carrying a birdcage.

THE CLUES (9)

1. The person at the stern carried either a hatbox or a cello case.
2. Bernard Hollins was neither in the saloon nor at the stern.
3. The 31-year-old was either at the stern or by the funnel.
4. The passenger with a bicycle was not 31.
5. Cecil Frayne was seven years younger than Ada Grogan.
6. The passenger with a bicycle was younger than the person at the stern.
7. The person at the bow carried a cello case.
8. Either Cecil Frayne or Esme Purcell carried a cello case.
9. The person at the stern was seven years younger than the person in the saloon.

Workings

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		LUGGAGE				ON DECK				AGE			
		Hatbox	Birdcage	Bicycle	Cello case	Saloon	Bow	Stern	Funnel	24	31	38	45
SUSPECT	Cecil Frayne												
	Ada Grogan												
	Bernard Hollins												
	Esme Purcell												
AGE	24												
	31												
	38												
	45												
ON DECK	Saloon												
	Bow												
	Stern												
	Funnel												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Luggage _____

On deck _____

Age _____

Case 22 answer: solutions booklet.

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

Death at the Dry Dock

The dry dock at Gallows Quay can take a steamer of two thousand tons, and when the gate is shut and the water pumped out, the ship sits on her keel blocks like a whale on a beach. Duncan Fairley, the dock engineer, was found on the dock floor on Thursday evening, and the dockmaster does not believe it was an accident. Four workers were still in the dock after the hooter. Each held a different tool, each was working in a different place, and each was seen by the gatekeeper at a different time. Nancy Vickers had asked Fairley for a rise and been refused it in front of the whole gang. Oliver Wadding had been warned twice for drinking on the job. Pearl Yeo is Fairley's sister-in-law. Raymond Askew wanted Fairley's job and said so loudly. The gatekeeper's evidence is patchy. The workers fill in the gaps.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Fairley fell from the gantry, and the dockmaster is certain he was pushed by whoever was up there with him.

THE CLUES (8)

1. Of the person seen at 4 pm and the person seen at 5.30 pm, one was under the keel and the other was at the dock gate.
2. The person with the caulking iron was seen earlier than Nancy Vickers.
3. The person under the keel had either the rivet gun or the caulking iron.
4. The person seen at 4.30 pm was not on the gantry.
5. The person with the caulking iron was seen later than Oliver Wadding.
6. The person with the caulking iron was seen later than the person with the wrench.
7. Of the person seen at 4 pm and the person seen at 5 pm, one was Oliver Wadding and the other was Pearl Yeo.
8. The person seen at 4 pm had neither the rivet gun nor the wrench.

Workings

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		TOOL				PLACE				SEEN AT			
		Rivet gun	Crowbar	Caulking iron	Wrench	Keel	Pump house	Gantry	Dock gate	4 pm	4.30 pm	5 pm	5.30 pm
SUSPECT	Nancy Vickers												
	Oliver Wadding												
	Pearl Yeo												
	Raymond Askew												
SEEN AT	4 pm												
	4.30 pm												
	5 pm												
	5.30 pm												
PLACE	Keel												
	Pump house												
	Gantry												
	Dock gate												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Tool _____

Place _____

Seen at _____

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Smokehouse Fire

The smokehouses on Kipper Lane are four tall chimneys of blackened brick, each rented by a different curer, and the whole street smells of oak smoke from Michaelmas to Easter. On Tuesday night one of them burned to the ground, and the owner of the lane suspects that one of the other tenants wanted the business. The four curers each smoke a different fish, each wears something different against the cold, and each locked up at a different hour. Jessie Rountree inherited her smokehouse from her mother. Kenneth Sellar arrived from the north last year and undercuts everyone. Lottie Tobin sells direct to the Grand Hotel. Martin Ure has been trying to buy the whole lane for years. The watchman's evidence will settle it, once Inspector Wren knows who wore what. The tenants have each said a little about the others.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The night watchman saw someone in a leather apron go back into the smokehouse yard after dark, just before the flames.

THE CLUES (6)

1. Lottie Tobin locked up two hours before the person in a leather apron.
2. Jessie Rountree locked up one hour before the person who smoked haddock.
3. The person in a flat cap locked up at either 5 pm or 7 pm.
4. Kenneth Sellar locked up one hour after the person who smoked kippers.
5. Kenneth Sellar, the person in woollen gloves and the person who locked up at 5 pm were three different people.
6. Of the person who locked up at 6 pm and the person who locked up at 7 pm, one smoked salmon and the other was Kenneth Sellar.

Workings

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		SMOKED				WEARING				LOCKED UP			
		Kippers	Haddock	Salmon	Eels	Muffler	Flat cap	Apron	Gloves	5 pm	6 pm	7 pm	8 pm
SUSPECT	Jessie Rountree												
	Kenneth Sellar												
	Lottie Tobin												
	Martin Ure												
LOCKED UP	5 pm												
	6 pm												
	7 pm												
	8 pm												
WEARING	Muffler												
	Flat cap												
	Apron												
	Gloves												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Smoked

Wearing

Locked up

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MEDIUM · 4 × 4

The Herring Auction

The herring auction on the fish quay starts when the first boat ties up and ends when the last box is sold. Barnabas Cope had been the auctioneer for as long as anyone could remember, and he was known for knocking down a lot before a skipper could argue. On Thursday he was found behind the ice barrows before the bidding even began. Four boats came in with the morning tide, each skippered by one of the four people the Inspector most wants to talk to. Each landed a different catch and tied up at a different time. Kathleen Ormsby took over her father's boat when his eyes failed. Desmond Quigley had accused Cope of cheating him only last week. Lettice Rafferty is the youngest skipper on the quay. Monty Scanlan owes money to every chandler in town. The harbour log is incomplete. Fill in the gaps.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The auctioneer's missing gavel turned up in the Kittiwake's fish hold. Whoever skippered the Kittiwake is the killer.

THE CLUES (6)

1. The skipper of the Morning Star tied up one hour before the skipper of the Mary Ellen.
2. Of the person who tied up at 5.30 am and the person who tied up at 5 am, one skippered the Brothers Two and the other was Desmond Quigley.
3. The person who tied up at 6 am landed ten boxes more than the person who tied up at 5.30 am.
4. The skipper of the Kittiwake landed fewer boxes than the person who tied up at 6 am.
5. The person who landed fifty boxes tied up one hour before Kathleen Ormsby.
6. Of Lettice Rafferty and Desmond Quigley, one landed twenty boxes and the other landed fifty boxes.

Workings

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		BOAT				LANDED				TIED UP			
		Mary Ellen	Kittiwake	Brothers Two	Morning Star	20 boxes	30 boxes	40 boxes	50 boxes	5 am	5.30 am	6 am	6.30 am
SUSPECT	Kathleen Ormsby												
	Desmond Quigley												
	Lettice Rafferty												
	Monty Scanlan												
TIED UP	5 am												
	5.30 am												
	6 am												
	6.30 am												
LANDED	20 boxes												
	30 boxes												
	40 boxes												
	50 boxes												

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Boat _____

Landed _____

Tied up _____

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HARD · 4 × 5

Murder at the Auction Rooms

Penhaligon's Auction Rooms sell the contents of dead sailors' houses, and on a good day the saleroom is full of dealers pretending not to want things. On Saturday Lucius Penhaligon conducted the sale himself, banged down the last lot at four o'clock, and was found dead behind the rostrum an hour later. Five buyers had stayed to settle their accounts. Each bought a different lot, paid a different price and sat in a different row of the saleroom, with row 1 at the front. Kenelm Vardy is a dealer who accused Penhaligon of planting false bids. Louisa Waring had seen her late father's things sold for a fraction of their worth. Marcus Ellwood is a collector who never loses an auction. Nessa Fairbrother is Penhaligon's partner and wants the business for herself. Osbert Gant is a young man who bought his first lot that day and seemed very nervous. The clerk's sale book was taken. Rebuild it.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The heavy brass weight missing from the barometer's case is the weapon. Whoever bought the barometer struck the blow.

THE CLUES (10)

1. The buyer of the barometer sat in either row 2 or row 3.
2. The person who paid fifty pounds sat two rows behind the buyer of the seascape.
3. The buyer of the bracket clock paid ten pounds more than the bidder in row 5.
4. Marcus Ellwood sat in either row 1 or row 4.
5. Kenelm Vardy, the person who paid forty pounds and the bidder in row 4 were three different people.
6. The buyer of the bracket clock paid ten pounds less than the buyer of the seascape.
7. Of Osbert Gant and Kenelm Vardy, one bought the bracket clock and the other bought the ship model.
8. The buyer of the ship model, the person who paid twenty pounds and the bidder in row 1 were three different people.
9. Nessa Fairbrother, the buyer of the seascape and the bidder in row 5 were three different people.
10. Kenelm Vardy, the buyer of the seascape, the person who paid thirty pounds and the bidder in row 3 were four different people.

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		BOUGHT					PAID					ROW				
		Bracket clock	Ship model	Barometer	Sea chest	Seascape	£10	£20	£30	£40	£50	Row 1	Row 2	Row 3	Row 4	Row 5
SUSPECT	Kenelm Vardy															
	Louisa Waring															
	Marcus Ellwood															
	Nessa Fairbrother															
	Osbert Gant															
ROW	Row 1															
	Row 2															
	Row 3															
	Row 4															
	Row 5															
PAID	£10															
	£20															
	£30															
	£40															
	£50															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Bought _____

Paid _____

Row _____

Case 26 answer: solutions booklet.

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Sealed Strongroom

The Harbour Bank of Gallows Quay is a small stone building with a large opinion of itself, and its strongroom door was made by the best safe makers in the country. On Monday morning the manager opened it to find two thousand pounds in gold sovereigns gone and the door still locked. No one had broken in. Somebody had simply walked in, opened it and walked out. Five clerks were in the building before the bank opened. Each worked in a different part of the bank, each arrived at a different time, and no two are the same age. Olive Fenwick holds half the combination and says she has never told a soul. Piers Goodbody plays cards for high stakes. Queenie Hartigan had asked for a loan and been refused. Ralph Inchley joined the bank only in May. Stella Jago has been passed over for chief cashier twice. The doorkeeper's record is precise but nameless. Fill it in.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The strongroom door can be reached unseen only from the vault passage. The clerk who worked there that morning is the thief.

THE CLUES (10)

1. Ralph Inchley did not arrive at 9 am.
2. Queenie Hartigan arrived at either 8.15 am or 8.30 am.
3. Of Piers Goodbody and Olive Fenwick, one was 46 and the other arrived at 8.45 am.
4. Piers Goodbody, the person who arrived at 8 am and the 53-year-old were three different people.
5. Ralph Inchley worked neither in the front office nor in the post room.
6. The clerk who worked in the ledger room arrived at either 8.15 am or 8.30 am.
7. Piers Goodbody was seven years younger than Ralph Inchley.
8. Of the clerk who worked in the front office and the clerk who worked at the counter, one arrived at 8.45 am and the other arrived at 8.30 am.
9. Of the clerk who worked in the ledger room and the clerk who worked in the post room, one was Queenie Hartigan and the other was Olive Fenwick.
10. Stella Jago arrived earlier than the 39-year-old.

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		WORKED					ARRIVED					AGE				
		Ledger room	Counter	Front office	Vault passage	Post room	8 am	8.15 am	8.30 am	8.45 am	9 am	25	32	39	46	53
SUSPECT	Olive Fenwick															
	Piers Goodbody															
	Queenie Hartigan															
	Ralph Inchley															
	Stella Jago															
AGE	25															
	32															
	39															
	46															
	53															
ARRIVED	8 am															
	8.15 am															
	8.30 am															
	8.45 am															
	9 am															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Worked _____

Arrived _____

Age _____

Case 27 answer: solutions booklet.

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Photographer’s Plate

Ambrose Linnell’s studio above the bank on Market Street took the portraits of every bride, sailor and alderman in Gallows Quay, and he kept every glass plate he ever exposed. On Thursday evening he was found dead in his darkroom. One plate had been taken from the drying rack, and the Inspector suspects that its picture showed something its sitter could not afford to have seen. Five people had sat for portraits that day, an hour apart. Each posed against a different painted backdrop and each paid a different fee. Eliza Redfern was photographed for her engagement notice. Felix Sorley is a town councillor who wanted a picture for his election posters. Gideon Tarrant is the son of the harbour board’s chairman. Hester Vowles came with her two small dogs. Ines Whitlock is a singer from the Pier Pavilion. The appointment book was burned in the darkroom stove. Their recollections were not.

THE KEY FACT

The stolen plate was the only one Linnell had marked ‘library backdrop – keep back’. Its sitter is the one who wanted it badly enough to kill.

THE CLUES (8)

1. The sitter who posed against the plain grey cloth paid two shillings less than the sitter at 2 pm.
2. The sitter who posed against the garden paid more than the sitter at 11 am.
3. Of the sitter who posed against the garden and the sitter who posed against the balustrade, one sat for a portrait at 1 pm and the other was Eliza Redfern.
4. The sitter who posed against the seascape paid four shillings more than the sitter who posed against the balustrade.
5. Of the sitter at 10 am and the sitter at 2 pm, one was Hester Vowles and the other posed against the garden.
6. Gideon Tarrant paid more than the sitter at 11 am.
7. Gideon Tarrant sat for a portrait earlier than the person who paid ten shillings.
8. Of the sitter at noon and the sitter at 1 pm, one posed against the balustrade and the other was Ines Whitlock.

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		BACKDROP					FEE					SAT AT				
		Seascape	Garden	Library	Balustrade	Plain grey	2 shillings	4 shillings	6 shillings	8 shillings	10 shillings	10 am	11 am	Noon	1 pm	2 pm
SUSPECT	Eliza Redfern															
	Felix Sorley															
	Gideon Tarrant															
	Hester Vowles															
	Ines Whitlock															
SAT AT	10 am															
	11 am															
	Noon															
	1 pm															
	2 pm															
FEE	2 shillings															
	4 shillings															
	6 shillings															
	8 shillings															
	10 shillings															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Backdrop

Fee

Sat at

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Lightship Relief

Eight miles out from Gallows Quay the Shingles lightship rides at anchor over the sandbanks, and every month a tender takes out a fresh crew and brings the old one home. This month the tender found the ship's master, Absalom Teague, dead on the deck, and the five crew members each blaming the weather. A month of fog and close quarters makes enemies of anyone. Each of the five had a different duty aboard, had spent a different number of years at sea, and had brought one thing from home to pass the time. Fintan Quirke had been logged for insolence by Teague twice. Gwen Redmond is the master's niece and had asked to be moved to another station. Hamish Stott is a quiet man who never goes ashore. Isla Tremayne joined the crew on the last relief. Jacob Unwin lost money to Teague at cards. Their statements, taken in the tender's cabin, are all the Inspector has.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The master was struck down inside the fog signal house, which only the fog signaller could unlock.

THE CLUES (11)

1. The sailor who brought a fishing rod had served eight years fewer than the sailor who brought a sketchbook.
2. The sailor who had served twelve years was neither the lamp trimmer nor the fog signaller.
3. Of Fintan Quirke and the deckhand, one had served sixteen years and the other brought a diary.
4. The engineer, the sailor who had served eight years and the sailor who brought a sketchbook were three different people.
5. Hamish Stott was not the engineer.
6. Jacob Unwin brought either a diary or a sketchbook.
7. The lamp trimmer brought neither a fishing rod nor a diary.
8. Of the sailor who had served sixteen years and the sailor who had served twenty years, one brought a chess set and the other brought a sketchbook.
9. Gwen Redmond, the engineer and the sailor who had served eight years were three different people.
10. The engineer had served either sixteen years or twenty years.
11. The cook brought either a chess set or a sketchbook.

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		DUTY					AT SEA					KIT				
		Lamp trimmer	Cook	Fog signaller	Engineer	Deckhand	4 years	8 years	12 years	16 years	20 years	Accordion	Chess set	Fishing rod	Diary	Sketchbook
SUSPECT	Fintan Quirke															
	Gwen Redmond															
	Hamish Stott															
	Isla Tremayne															
	Jacob Unwin															
KIT	Accordion															
	Chess set															
	Fishing rod															
	Diary															
	Sketchbook															
AT SEA	4 years															
	8 years															
	12 years															
	16 years															
	20 years															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Duty

At sea

Kit

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CASE 30

HARD · 4 × 5

The Stormbound Inn

The Ship and Compass stands alone on the coast road two miles beyond Gallows Quay, and when the November gales close the road it fills with travellers who would rather be anywhere else. On the second night of the storm the landlord, Jethro Coombe, went down to the cellar to change a barrel and never came back up. He was found at the foot of the cellar steps, and the coroner says he did not fall. Five guests were snowed in, or rather rained in. Each slept in a different room, each drank something different by the fire, and each arrived at a different hour on the first day. Thea Kennaway is a schoolteacher on her way to a new post. Ulick Lattimer sells encyclopaedias. Verity Marchant is the landlord's former wife. Warren Nethercott is a cattle dealer who once lent Coombe money. Yvonne Ockenden writes for a London newspaper. Inspector Wren arrived on the third day by boat.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Wet, sandy footprints led from the cellar stairs up to the attic and nowhere else. The guest in the attic is the killer.

THE CLUES (10)

1. The guest in the attic arrived later than the guest in the Corner Room.
2. The guest who drank port arrived four hours after the guest in the Rose Room.
3. Of the guest who drank a hot toddy and the guest who drank cider, one slept in the Corner Room and the other arrived at 4 pm.
4. The guest in the Tower Room arrived later than Yvonne Ockenden.
5. The person who arrived at 6 pm drank either mulled ale or tea.
6. The guest in the Blue Room arrived earlier than the guest in the Corner Room.
7. Either Ulick Lattimer or Verity Marchant drank cider.
8. Thea Kennaway drank tea.
9. Of Thea Kennaway and Verity Marchant, one arrived at 5 pm and the other drank tea.
10. Neither Ulick Lattimer nor the guest in the Tower Room arrived at 5 pm.

Workings

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The Stormbound Inn

		ROOM					DRINK					ARRIVED				
		Blue Room	Rose Room	Attic	Tower Room	Corner Room	Hot toddy	Mulled ale	Port	Cider	Tea	4 pm	5 pm	6 pm	7 pm	8 pm
SUSPECT	Thea Kennaway															
	Ulick Lattimer															
	Verity Marchant															
	Warren Nethercott															
	Yvonne Ockenden															
ARRIVED	4 pm															
	5 pm															
	6 pm															
	7 pm															
	8 pm															
DRINK	Hot toddy															
	Mulled ale															
	Port															
	Cider															
	Tea															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Room _____

Drink _____

Arrived _____

Case 30 answer: solutions booklet.

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Herring Queen

Every August the fishing fleet comes home for the Herring Festival, a Herring Queen is crowned on the fish quay, and decorated floats are pulled through the town by the brewery's carthorses. This year the procession stopped halfway up Market Street because Councillor Ignatius Flood, who organises the festival and judges the floats, was found underneath one of them. Five people rode the floats that day. Each rode a different float, each wore a different coloured rosette, and no two are the same age. Jessamy Abbs was this year's Herring Queen. Kit Bellamy had been told his float would never win while Flood was judging. Lorna Cruise is the councillor's secretary and knows where the festival money goes. Matthias Dacre built three of the floats and was not paid for them. Noreen Elphick was last year's queen and did not enjoy being replaced. The crowd was watching the floats, not the riders.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> A torn purple rosette was found beneath the councillor, and nobody else wore purple that day.

THE CLUES (8)

1. The person on the galleon float was ten years older than Lorna Cruise.
2. The person on the lighthouse float was not 24.
3. Matthias Dacre was five years younger than Kit Bellamy.
4. Of the 19-year-old and the 24-year-old, one wore a silver rosette and the other wore a red rosette.
5. The person on the mermaid float was five years older than Lorna Cruise.
6. Lorna Cruise, the person on the galleon float, the person wearing a gold rosette and the 19-year-old were four different people.
7. Of the person wearing a green rosette and the person wearing a red rosette, one was 19 and the other was Noreen Elphick.
8. The person wearing a gold rosette was younger than the person on the lifeboat float.

Workings

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		FLOAT					ROSETTE					AGE				
		Mermaid	Lighthouse	Galleon	Neptune	Lifeboat	Red	Gold	Green	Purple	Silver	19	24	29	34	39
SUSPECT	Jessamy Abbs															
	Kit Bellamy															
	Lorna Cruise															
	Matthias Dacre															
	Noreen Elphick															
AGE	19															
	24															
	29															
	34															
	39															
ROSETTE	Red															
	Gold															
	Green															
	Purple															
	Silver															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Float _____

Rosette _____

Age _____

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Railway Halt

Gallows Quay has no proper station, only a halt at the top of the town where the branch line stops twice an hour if someone waves. At a quarter past seven on Tuesday the porter found Major Clive Aldous lying at the end of the platform, and the Major had not slipped. Five passengers had been waiting for the evening trains. Each held a ticket for a different town, each carried something different, and each reached the platform at a different time. Patience Hurley is the Major's housekeeper and was leaving his service. Robin Ibbotson is an architect who had quarrelled with the Major over a boundary wall. Seamus Judd is a fisherman's son going to look for work. Tessa Kemble is the Major's god-daughter, who expects to inherit. Vincent Lusby is a commercial traveller who says he had never met the Major in his life. The porter was busy with the lamps and saw very little. The passengers saw each other.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Major Aldous was struck with a heavy walking stick, later found pushed under the waiting room bench.

THE CLUES (9)

1. Either Patience Hurley or Tessa Kemble reached the platform at 6.15 pm.
2. The person who reached the platform at 6.45 pm carried either a walking stick or a basket of eggs.
3. Of the passenger for Balmerry and the passenger for Ferrisport, one reached the platform at 6 pm and the other reached the platform at 6.45 pm.
4. Of Tessa Kemble and the passenger for Lisgannon, one reached the platform at 6 pm and the other carried a set of golf clubs.
5. The passenger for Corrow reached the platform earlier than the passenger for Balmerry.
6. Robin Ibbotson, the passenger for Corrow, the person with a basket of eggs and the person who reached the platform at 6.30 pm were four different people.
7. The person with an umbrella had a ticket to either Balmerry or Stokeley.
8. Seamus Judd did not carry a basket of eggs.
9. The person with a carpet bag reached the platform half an hour before the passenger for Lisgannon.

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		TICKET TO					CARRYING					ON PLATFORM				
		Corrow	Balmerry	Ferrisport	Lisgannon	Stokeley	Umbrella	Carpet bag	Walking stick	Golf clubs	Basket	6 pm	6.15 pm	6.30 pm	6.45 pm	7 pm
SUSPECT	Patience Hurley															
	Robin Ibbotson															
	Seamus Judd															
	Tessa Kemble															
	Vincent Lusby															
ON PLATFORM	6 pm															
	6.15 pm															
	6.30 pm															
	6.45 pm															
	7 pm															
CARRYING	Umbrella															
	Carpet bag															
	Walking stick															
	Golf clubs															
	Basket															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Ticket to

Carrying

On platform

Case 32 answer: solutions booklet.

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Lamplighter’s Round

Elias Gedge lit the gas lamps of Gallows Quay every evening for twenty-six years, starting at the harbour and working up the hill with his long pole and his little ladder. On Friday the lamps at the top of the town stayed dark, and at seven o’clock he was found at the bottom of the harbour steps. The coroner says the bruise on his head came before the fall. Five people were out in the dusk while Gedge made his round. Each was in a different street, each was out for a different reason, and each was seen by a neighbour at a different time. Abel Pargeter is the gas company’s inspector and wanted the old man retired. Bess Quarrie is Gedge’s daughter-in-law. Calum Rendle is a sailor home from a long voyage. Dinah Sowerby was said to have quarrelled with Gedge in the street. Ezekiel Truscott owns the house where Gedge rented a room. The neighbours’ accounts need assembling.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Gedge’s ladder was found against the last lamp on Church Walk. He never reached the next lamp, so whoever was on Church Walk was the last to see him.

THE CLUES (10)

1. Neither Abel Pargeter nor Ezekiel Truscott was fetching the doctor.
2. Of the person on Church Walk and the person in Kipper Lane, one was Abel Pargeter and the other was seen at 5.45 pm.
3. The person on Quay Hill was seen earlier than Ezekiel Truscott.
4. Either Abel Pargeter or Ezekiel Truscott was in Kipper Lane.
5. The person fetching the doctor was neither on Quay Hill nor on Market Street.
6. The person on Quay Hill was seen fifteen minutes before the person buying tobacco.
7. The person posting a letter was seen forty-five minutes after the person carrying a parcel.
8. The person on Church Walk was seen fifteen minutes after Bess Quarrie.
9. Dinah Sowerby was seen later than the person buying tobacco.
10. The person on the Crescent was seen later than the person fetching the doctor.

Workings

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		STREET					DOING					SEEN AT				
		Quay Hill	Market Street	The Crescent	Kipper Lane	Church Walk	Walking a dog	Parcel	Doctor	Tobacco	Letter	5 pm	5.15 pm	5.30 pm	5.45 pm	6 pm
SUSPECT	Abel Pargeter															
	Bess Quarrie															
	Calum Rendle															
	Dinah Sowerby															
	Ezekiel Truscott															
SEEN AT	5 pm															
	5.15 pm															
	5.30 pm															
	5.45 pm															
	6 pm															
DOING	Walking a dog															
	Parcel															
	Doctor															
	Tobacco															
	Letter															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Street _____

Doing _____

Seen at _____

Case 33 answer: solutions booklet.

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Midsummer Ball

The Midsummer Ball at the Grand Hotel is fancy dress, and the ballroom fills with shepherdesses and pirates who are really bank managers and their wives. At a quarter to eleven Lady Imogen Sallis was found in the conservatory among the potted palms, and her famous emerald pendant was gone. She had been struck down from behind. Five guests had been seen near the conservatory doors during the evening. Each wore a different costume, each was drinking something different, and each arrived at a different time. Augusta Lorrimer is Lady Sallis's stepdaughter. Benedict Mayhew is a jeweller who had valued the pendant last month. Celia Nangle is a dancer engaged by the hotel for the season. Dermot Oakes says he made his money in rubber, though nobody has seen any of it. Evelyn Pratt is the hotel's assistant manager and holds a key to every door. The masks make witnesses unreliable. Logic does not.

THE KEY FACT

A scrap of diamond-patterned satin, torn from a harlequin costume, was found in Lady Sallis's hand.

THE CLUES (9)

1. The person drinking claret arrived an hour and a half after Dermot Oakes.
2. Of the person who arrived at 10 pm and the person who arrived at 8 pm, one was Dermot Oakes and the other was Celia Nangle.
3. Augusta Lorrimer, the person dressed as an admiral and the person who arrived at 8.30 pm were three different people.
4. Evelyn Pratt, the person dressed as an admiral and the person drinking champagne were three different people.
5. Either Benedict Mayhew or Celia Nangle came as a shepherdess.
6. The person dressed as a pirate arrived half an hour before Celia Nangle.
7. The person dressed as a pirate, the person drinking punch and the person who arrived at 8 pm were three different people.
8. The person drinking a gin sling arrived half an hour after Dermot Oakes.
9. Of the person drinking champagne and the person dressed as a pierrot, one arrived at 8 pm and the other was Celia Nangle.

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		COSTUME					DRINKING					ARRIVED				
		Pierrot	Harlequin	Shepherdess	Pirate	Admiral	Champagne	Claret	Punch	Lemonade	Gin sling	8 pm	8.30 pm	9 pm	9.30 pm	10 pm
SUSPECT	Augusta Lorrimer															
	Benedict Mayhew															
	Celia Nangle															
	Dermot Oakes															
	Evelyn Pratt															
ARRIVED	8 pm															
	8.30 pm															
	9 pm															
	9.30 pm															
	10 pm															
DRINKING	Champagne															
	Claret															
	Punch															
	Lemonade															
	Gin sling															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Costume

Drinking

Arrived

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HARD · 4 × 5

The Diver’s Helmet

The salvage barge Persistence has spent the summer over the wreck of a coaster that sank off the Gallows Head with a cargo of copper ingots. Her diver, Saul Haverty, went down on Monday morning in his canvas suit and brass helmet, and was brought up twenty minutes later past help. His air pump had stopped. The barge carries a crew of five besides the diver. Each does a different job, each was drinking something different on that cold morning, and no two are the same age. Wyn Mattock has worked salvage with Haverty for ten years and was owed a share of the copper. Annie Nevin is the owner’s daughter, sent to keep an eye on the money. Bram Ogle wanted to be trained as a diver and was refused. Cass Pendle says she was asleep below for most of the dive. Dilys Quinlan has a temper and had fought with Haverty the night before. Sort out the crew.

THE KEY FACT

The diver’s air pump was stopped by hand for a full minute, and only the pump hand stood within reach of it.

THE CLUES (8)

1. The person drinking tea was either the pump hand or the lookout.
2. The person drinking ginger beer was the pump hand.
3. Cass Pendle was not the barge master.
4. The person drinking water was twelve years younger than Wyn Mattock.
5. Neither the pump hand nor the person drinking rum was 41.
6. Annie Nevin was eighteen years older than the winch man.
7. Of Dilys Quinlan and the 23-year-old, one drank coffee and the other was the pump hand.
8. Of the 29-year-old and the 23-year-old, one was Bram Ogle and the other was Dilys Quinlan.

Workings

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		JOB					DRINKING					AGE				
		Pump hand	Line tender	Winch man	Lookout	Barge master	Tea	Coffee	Ginger beer	Rum	Water	23	29	35	41	47
SUSPECT	Wyn Mattock															
	Annie Nevin															
	Bram Ogle															
	Cass Pendle															
	Dilys Quinlan															
AGE	23															
	29															
	35															
	41															
	47															
DRINKING	Tea															
	Coffee															
	Ginger beer															
	Rum															
	Water															

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Job _____

Drinking _____

Age _____

Case 35 answer: solutions booklet.

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FIENDISH · 5 × 5

The Customs Cutter

The revenue cutter Vigilant patrols the coast from Gallows Quay, looking for smugglers in the dark. On Thursday she came back into harbour a day early with her ensign at half mast. Her commander, Lieutenant Hugo Stannard, had been found dead in his cabin at dawn, and the crew of five each swore they had been on deck or asleep all night. Each crew member has a different duty aboard, each is a different age, each began a watch at a different hour, and each comes from a different harbour along the coast. Abner Kerslake was reported by the commander for being drunk ashore. Brigid Leaming joined the cutter from the lifeboat service in the spring. Crispin Ruark had applied for the commander's post himself. Delphine Moss has a brother who is a known smuggler. Eustace Nugent was saving up to buy his own boat and had asked the commander for a loan. The deck log is complete. The crew list is not.

THE KEY FACT

The commander's cocoa was drugged before he was struck, and only the steward made cocoa aboard that night.

THE CLUES (12)

1. Brigid Leaming was neither 35 nor 49.
2. The 42-year-old came from Ballyvane.
3. The bosun began watch four hours after the 49-year-old.
4. Brigid Leaming, the lookout, the crew member whose watch began at 4 am and the crew member from Dunmorrow were four different people.
5. Of the crew member whose watch began at 8 pm and the crew member whose watch began at 2 am, one came from Dunmorrow and the other was the stoker.
6. The lookout was seven years older than Crispin Ruark.
7. The bosun, the crew member whose watch began at 8 pm and the crew member from Skerrin were three different people.
8. The crew member whose watch began at midnight was either 21 or 28.
9. Crispin Ruark began watch at either 10 pm or 2 am.
10. The helmsman was fourteen years older than Brigid Leaming.
11. Delphine Moss was younger than the crew member from Port Ardan.
12. Of the 28-year-old and the 42-year-old, one was Eustace Nugent and the other came from Ballyvane.

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		DUTY					AGE					WATCH BEGAN					HOME PORT				
		Helmsman	Lookout	Stoker	Steward	Bosun	21	28	35	42	49	8 pm	10 pm	Midnight	2 am	4 am	Dunmorrow	Ballyvane	Eastcliff	Port Ardan	Skerrin
SUSPECT	Abner Kerslake																				
	Brigid Leaming																				
	Crispin Ruark																				
	Delphine Moss																				
	Eustace Nugent																				
HOME PORT	Dunmorrow																				
	Ballyvane																				
	Eastcliff																				
	Port Ardan																				
	Skerrin																				
WATCH BEGAN	8 pm																				
	10 pm																				
	Midnight																				
	2 am																				
	4 am																				
AGE	21																				
	28																				
	35																				
	42																				
	49																				

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Duty _____

Age _____

Watch began _____

Home port _____

Case 36 answer: solutions booklet.

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FIENDISH · 5 × 5

Closing Night

Madame Celestine Odell had topped the bill at the Pier Pavilion all summer, and on the last night of the season she was to sing her famous farewell before the curtain fell. She never sang it. At the interval she was found in the star dressing room, which stands apart at the end of the corridor, and the doctor said poison. Dressing rooms 1 to 5 run along the corridor in order, Room 1 nearest the stage, and the rest of the bill used them all. Five performers each did a different act, dressed in a different room, went on at a different time, and sent the star a different gift for closing night. Kezia Fanshawe wanted Madame Odell's place at the top of the bill. Leopold Grice was once married to her. Mildred Haig had been her understudy for six years. Nathaniel Ince owed her a great deal of money. Ottoline Jeavons was her niece and is now her heir. The stage manager kept a running order. It was in his pocket when he fell off the pier.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The poison was in the box of chocolates. Whoever sent the chocolates is the murderer.

THE CLUES (12)

1. Nathaniel Ince dressed in either Room 3 or Room 4.
2. Mildred Haig went on stage later than Nathaniel Ince.
3. The dancer dressed in either Room 2 or Room 5.
4. Kezia Fanshawe, the performer in Room 4, the performer who went on at 8 pm and the performer who sent a box of chocolates were four different people.
5. Either Nathaniel Ince or Ottoline Jeavons went on stage at 8.15 pm.
6. The ventriloquist went on stage earlier than the acrobat.
7. Of the performer in Room 5 and the performer in Room 2, one sent her a box of chocolates and the other went on stage at 8.15 pm.
8. The performer who sent a lace fan went on stage later than the performer in Room 2.
9. Of the ventriloquist and the comic, one sent her a good-luck card and the other dressed in Room 1.
10. The performer who sent a bunch of lilies dressed four rooms nearer the stage than the acrobat.
11. Of the performer in Room 5 and the performer in Room 4, one sent her a good-luck card and the other was the acrobat.
12. Kezia Fanshawe went on stage forty-five minutes before the performer who sent a bottle of champagne.

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Closing Night

		ACT					DRESSING ROOM					WENT ON					SENT HER				
		Juggler	Ventriloquist	Dancer	Comic	Acrobat	Room 1	Room 2	Room 3	Room 4	Room 5	7.30 pm	7.45 pm	8 pm	8.15 pm	8.30 pm	Chocolates	Champagne	Lilies	Lace fan	Card
SUSPECT	Kezia Fanshawe																				
	Leopold Grice																				
	Mildred Haig																				
	Nathaniel Ince																				
	Ottoline Jeavons																				
SENT HER	Chocolates																				
	Champagne																				
	Lilies																				
	Lace fan																				
	Card																				
WENT ON	7.30 pm																				
	7.45 pm																				
	8 pm																				
	8.15 pm																				
	8.30 pm																				
DRESSING ROOM	Room 1																				
	Room 2																				
	Room 3																				
	Room 4																				
	Room 5																				

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit

Act

Dressing room

Went on

Sent her

Case 37 answer: solutions booklet.

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FIENDISH · 5 × 5

Midnight on the Quay

Rowland Hext was the most hated Customs officer on the coast, because he was the only honest one. He had been watching five fishing boats for a month, sure that one of them was bringing in more than fish. On Tuesday he went out on to the quay at eleven o'clock to catch them landing, and his body was taken from the outer harbour at dawn. Five people were on the quay that night, one from each of the boats he suspected. Each wore something different, each was in a different place, and each was seen by the watchman at a different time. Fenella Ashgrove owns her boat outright and has never paid a penny of duty she could avoid. Gordon Birtle was caught by Hext last winter and fined. Hannah Cleaver mends nets and hears everything. Ivo Delahunt arrived in Gallows Quay in the spring with money and no past. Jude Enright is a skipper with a large family and a larger debt. The watchman's eyes are poor. His memory is better.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> Hext went into the water from the end of the breakwater, where scuff marks show a struggle. Whoever was on the breakwater killed him.

THE CLUES (12)

1. The person on the lifeboat slip was seen at either 11 pm or 11.45 pm.
2. Fenella Ashgrove was seen later than the person from the Cormorant.
3. Of the person from the Gannet and the person from the Good Hope, one was Jude Enright and the other wore a fur hat.
4. The person in a duffel coat was on the breakwater.
5. Ivo Delahunt was seen fifteen minutes after the person in a long black coat.
6. Jude Enright was seen half an hour before Hannah Cleaver.
7. Of Fenella Ashgrove and Hannah Cleaver, one crewed the Good Hope and the other wore a reefer jacket.
8. The person on the fish quay was seen earlier than Fenella Ashgrove.
9. The person from the Sally Ann was seen forty-five minutes before the person from the Good Hope.
10. The person from the Endeavour was either on the lifeboat slip or on the fish quay.
11. Gordon Birtle was seen earlier than Hannah Cleaver.
12. The person seen at 11.30 pm was either on the lifeboat slip or by the steam crane.

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		BOAT					WEARING					PLACE					SEEN AT				
		Gannet	Good Hope	Sally Ann	Cormorant	Endeavour	Reefer jacket	Duffel coat	Cardigan	Long coat	Fur hat	Lifeboat slip	Fish quay	Harbour steps	Breakwater	Steam crane	11 pm	11.15 pm	11.30 pm	11.45 pm	Midnight
SUSPECT	Fenella Ashgrove																				
	Gordon Birtle																				
	Hannah Cleaver																				
	Ivo Delahunt																				
	Jude Enright																				
SEEN AT	11 pm																				
	11.15 pm																				
	11.30 pm																				
	11.45 pm																				
	Midnight																				
PLACE	Lifeboat slip																				
	Fish quay																				
	Harbour steps																				
	Breakwater																				
	Steam crane																				
WEARING	Reefer jacket																				
	Duffel coat																				
	Cardigan																				
	Long coat																				
	Fur hat																				

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Boat _____

Wearing _____

Place _____

Seen at _____

Case 38 answer: solutions booklet.

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FIENDISH · 5 × 5

The Reading of the Will

Captain Lysander Ashcombe left a fine house on Quay Hill, a fortune from the China trade and a will that nobody had seen. His solicitor, Mr Percival Quint, arrived at three o'clock to read it, asked to be left alone in the library for half an hour to arrange his papers, and was found dead at his desk when the half hour was up. The will had been torn from its envelope, but a carbon copy at Quint's office shows what each of the five people in the house had been left. Each of the five has a different relation to the Captain, was left a different sum, waited in a different room, and was given a different drink by the parlourmaid. Felicity Garnham had not spoken to the Captain for ten years. Gerald Pomfret had borrowed against his expectations. Henrietta Croft says she was promised the house itself. Isidore Dunne arrived from abroad for the funeral. Jemima Esterby says she hardly knew the man. Untangle the household.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> The library's second door opens only into the gun room. Whoever waited in the gun room could reach Mr Quint unseen.

THE CLUES (10)

1. Of the godchild and the nephew, one was Gerald Pomfret and the other was left two hundred pounds.
2. The godchild was left one hundred pounds less than Henrietta Croft.
3. The person in the conservatory was the niece.
4. Neither the nephew nor the person in the morning room was Isidore Dunne.
5. Henrietta Croft, the niece and the person drinking barley water were three different people.
6. Of the person left five hundred pounds and the person in the billiard room, one was Gerald Pomfret and the other drank whisky.
7. Of the person left one hundred pounds and the person left five hundred pounds, one was Felicity Garnham and the other drank Madeira.
8. Of the person in the billiard room and the person in the gun room, one was left four hundred pounds and the other was the nephew.
9. Of Jemima Esterby and the person drinking brandy, one was left two hundred pounds and the other was left four hundred pounds.
10. The housekeeper was left less than Jemima Esterby.

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		RELATION					LEFT					WAITED IN					DRINK				
		Nephew	Niece	Godchild	Housekeeper	Cousin	£100	£200	£300	£400	£500	Drawing room	Gun room	Conservatory	Morning room	Billiard room	Madeira	Whisky	Tea	Barley water	Brandy
SUSPECT	Felicity Garnham																				
	Gerald Pomfret																				
	Henrietta Croft																				
	Isidore Dunne																				
	Jemima Esterby																				
DRINK	Madeira																				
	Whisky																				
	Tea																				
	Barley water																				
	Brandy																				
WAITED IN	Drawing room																				
	Gun room																				
	Conservatory																				
	Morning room																				
	Billiard room																				
LEFT	£100																				
	£200																				
	£300																				
	£400																				
	£500																				

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Relation _____

Left _____

Waited in _____

Drink _____

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FIENDISH · 5 × 5

The Lantern Procession

On the first dark night of October the people of Gallows Quay walk through the town with paper lanterns on poles, and the procession winds down to the harbour, where the lanterns are floated out on the tide. It is a pretty custom. This year it was spoiled when the town clerk, Mr Cornelius Penwarden, was found in an alley behind the Parade, struck down while the procession passed the end of the street. Five people who had argued with him in the past month were in the procession. Each carried a different coloured lantern, each joined from a different street at a different time, and no two are the same age. Lucian Ashe had been refused a licence for his public house. Marigold Bray was fined for a fence that was a foot too high. Neil Cosgrave is the clerk's deputy. Orla Darcy had written to the newspaper about the clerk's expenses. Pius Ellerby had simply been rude to him. Inspector Wren will need every lantern accounted for.

> **THE KEY FACT**
> A smear of violet lantern paper was found on the town clerk's sleeve. Whoever carried the violet lantern is the killer.

THE CLUES (10)

1. The person who joined at 7.20 pm was twelve years younger than the person who joined at 7.40 pm.
2. The 44-year-old joined the procession at either 7 pm or 7.20 pm.
3. Of the 38-year-old and the 26-year-old, one was in Ropewalk Lane and the other was Orla Darcy.
4. The person with a crimson lantern was twelve years younger than the person with a white lantern.
5. Of the 44-year-old and the 32-year-old, one was on the Parade and the other was Lucian Ashe.
6. Of the person in Ropewalk Lane and the 44-year-old, one joined the procession at 7 pm and the other was Neil Cosgrave.
7. Marigold Bray, the person with a violet lantern, the person on Chapel Hill and the person who joined at 7.40 pm were four different people.
8. Of the person on the Parade and the person on Harbour Road, one joined the procession at 7.40 pm and the other carried an amber lantern.
9. Of the person who joined at 8.20 pm and the person who joined at 7.20 pm, one was 26 and the other carried a violet lantern.
10. Pius Ellerby, the person with an amber lantern and the person who joined at 7 pm were three different people.

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		LANTERN					STREET					JOINED AT					AGE				
		Crimson	Green	Amber	Violet	White	Harbour Road	Fish Street	Ropewalk Lane	Chapel Hill	The Parade	7 pm	7.20 pm	7.40 pm	8 pm	8.20 pm	20	26	32	38	44
SUSPECT	Lucian Ashe																				
	Marigold Bray																				
	Neil Cosgrave																				
	Orla Darcy																				
	Pius Ellerby																				
AGE	20																				
	26																				
	32																				
	38																				
	44																				
JOINED AT	7 pm																				
	7.20 pm																				
	7.40 pm																				
	8 pm																				
	8.20 pm																				
STREET	Harbour Road																				
	Fish Street																				
	Ropewalk Lane																				
	Chapel Hill																				
	The Parade																				

YOUR VERDICT

Culprit _____

Lantern _____

Street _____

Joined at _____

Age _____

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Case log

Tick each case off as you close it, and note how long it took.

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01	The Keeper's Last Watch	☐	
02	The Cut Rope	☐	
03	Fire at the Ropewalk	☐	
04	The Bandmaster's Last Tune	☐	
05	Cold Storage	☐	
06	The Pawnbroker's Window	☐	
07	The Customs Seal	☐	
08	The Interval Bell	☐	
09	The Christening Cup	☐	
10	The Forged Telegram	☐	
11	The Mission Supper	☐	
12	The Postal Orders	☐	
13	The Tide Mill	☐	
14	The Coal Yard	☐	
15	The Organist's Wager	☐	
16	The Bonded Warehouse	☐	
17	The Cannery Clerk	☐	
18	Blackmail at the Bandstand	☐	
19	The Harbourmaster's Keys	☐	
20	Room Service	☐	

NO.	CASE	SOLVED	TIME
21	The Regatta Cup	☐	
22	The Last Ferry	☐	
23	Death at the Dry Dock	☐	
24	The Smokehouse Fire	☐	
25	The Herring Auction	☐	
26	Murder at the Auction Rooms	☐	
27	The Sealed Strongroom	☐	
28	The Photographer's Plate	☐	
29	The Lightship Relief	☐	
30	The Stormbound Inn	☐	
31	The Herring Queen	☐	
32	The Railway Halt	☐	
33	The Lamplighter's Round	☐	
34	The Midsummer Ball	☐	
35	The Diver's Helmet	☐	
36	The Customs Cutter	☐	
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THE TOWN

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