Fidocrime Solution

Inspector Mann based his solution upon the uncanny knowledge of time which the night watchman exhibited. Although he was blindfolded, still goggy from a blow on the head, and tied up in a soundproof room which would not permit him to hear striking clocks, he was able to tell at exactly what time everything took place.

If he had actually been attacked and tied up for so long he would have lost any sense of time. Therefore his story is obviously a fabrication and he had tied himself up to throw the suspicion upon Cain. The clerk had merely surprised him in the act of rifling the safe.

The magician walked down to the footlights and asked a young lady to step up on the stage.

"Now, as a climax to my act, ladies and gentlemen," he said, "I am going to saw this young lady in two, right before your eyes."

The crowd cheered and stamped its feet.

"As is customary before doing this trick," he continued, "I'd like first to make sure that you all want to see..."

A thundering "Sure!"

"And that there are no objections to my performing..."

A "No" that rocked the house.

"The girl's sorority sisters—do they object?"

"Not at all, to be sure."

"How about you?" he asked, turning to the girl. "Do you mind being sawed in two?"

The girl shook her head.

"Well, then," the magician said.

And he sawed the young lady in two.

We all thought it was funny as hell, but the police made quite a fuss about it.

—Wisconsin Octopus.