

AT THE MACALLISTERS'

"I suppose you are discussing the all-absorbing topic," he said after greeting Peggy.

"I have been reading this." Mrs. Macallister held up the paper with its flaring headlines:

MURDER MOST FOUL

MRS. TREVOR KILLED

BY BURGLAR

CRIMINAL IN THE TOILS

"The police acted very promptly, and deserve a lot of praise," said Dick.

"Well," remarked Mrs. Macallister, slowly, "they have caught the burglar, but whether he is also the murderer is yet to be proved."

"That's true; but there is hardly any doubt. Nothing was stolen, therefore it is a fairly easy deduction that Mrs. Trevor, disturbed by some noise, went down into the office to investigate and was killed. He had the safe already open, stabbed her, then locked her in. Probably his nerve forsook him, and he fled without stopping to steal what he came for."