

Alec Crabtree was found dead at his desk in his study last night. He was hit on the head with a blunt object. He was sitting at the desk with his back to the door, and was in the middle of writing a letter. He was found by his wife, when she went in to bring him his bedtime tea at 11.15 p.m., but his watch had stopped at 11.05 p.m. The suspects are the people who were in the house at that time.

A silver vase was missing from the room.

The window was open.

A cigarette-end was found near the body.

Everybody smokes except Mr. Crabtree and the maid.

A piece of red material was found on the window.

The silver vase (badly dented) was found in a flower bed.

Mrs. Crabtree, Mrs. Fairfax and Daniel were all wearing red.

A note was found in Mrs. Crabtree's handbag. It said: "Alec, meet me in the garden at 11 o'clock. Alice".

Everyone was playing cards until 11 p.m., except Susie, who was washing-up in the kitchen between 10.30 and 11.15.

At 11 o'clock Mr. Crabtree got up and said he had a letter to write. He went into the study.

Mrs. Crabtree's name is not Alice.

Mrs. Fairfax went outside at 11 o'clock, saying she was hot and needed fresh air.

In the drawer of the desk was a will. The will left 10000 pounds to Daniel.

The maid heard footsteps in the hall and the study door opening at just after 11 o'clock.

Daniel had debts of about 9000 pounds.

At about 11:05 the maid heard the front door opening and footsteps in the hall.

It was Mrs. Fairfax, coming in from the garden. She went straight into the living room.

Daniel and Mr. Fairfax started to watch a TV program after the game of cards finished at 11 o'clock. They were still watching it at 11:05 when Alice Fairfax came in and joined them.

Alec Crabtree was writing a letter. It began: "Dear Anne, I don't know how to tell you this, but I am leaving you. Alice and I..."

At about 11:10 the maid heard the front door opening again. This time it was Mrs. Crabtree, who came into the kitchen and started to make tea for herself and her husband.

Mrs. Crabtree's name is Anne.

Who's the murderer?

The suspects

are:

Mrs. Crabtree (wife)

Daniel Crabtree (brother)

Mr. Fairfax (old friend)

Mrs. Fairfax (old friend)

Susie (the maid)