

The Case of the ATTIC SUICIDE

Motoring through Ashe City, Dr. Haledjian decided to drop in on his old friend, Carl Messner. At Messner's home he was shocked to learn that three days earlier his friend had hanged himself.

"Carl Messner was in excellent health and spirits when I heard from him last month," Haledjian told the sheriff. "I can't believe he committed suicide."

"He did – I investigated it myself," replied the sheriff. "Here's all there is to the case.

"Archie Carter, Mr. Messner's manservant, was returning to the house late that night when he noticed a light in the attic. As Carter got out of his car, he saw through the open attic window Mr. Messner knotting a rope around his neck. The other end of the rope was tied to a rafter. Then Mr. Messner calmly kicked away the small stool he was standing on, and that was it.

"Carter found the house doors locked. He had forgotten his key so he ran to a neighbor and telephoned me. He reported to me exactly what I've told you," said the sheriff.

"When I got out to the Messner house, I had to force the front door. Then Carter and I dashed up three floors to the attic. Mr. Messner was dead. The coroner has no doubt death was from hanging.

"The attic floor was clear except for the little stool that lay overturned by the door, and a broken clay jug that must have been hit by the stool," concluded the sheriff.

"I'd like to go out to the house again," said Haledjian. "From what you've told me of Carter's story, he's lying!"

How did Haledjian know?

The Case of the BALLOON MAN

“The whole force is looking for Izzy the Balloon Man who kidnapped little Dennis Farrell,” Inspector Winters said to Dr. Haledjian.

“Doesn’t anyone know where Izzy hangs out?”

“Nobody knows anything about him,” replied the inspector. “Once a week he stops his old truck by the Farrell estate and gives out popcorn and mouse-shaped pink balloons. The kids love the funny faces he makes as he puts the balloons to his lips and huffs and puffs.

“Last Thursday Izzy made his usual stop and drove off – or so it appeared. Later, Sam Potts and the Reverend Bevin were in Sam’s back yard, which abuts the Farrell property. Sam noticed one of Izzy’s balloons stuck high in his oak tree.

“Since there was no wind to blow it loose, Sam got a long ladder and climbed into the tree. From that height – about twenty feet – he could see over the Farrell’s twelve-foot wall.

“Sam says that as he released the balloon he glanced into the Farrell yard and saw the Balloon Man put young Dennis into his truck and drive off. He told the minister what he’d seen. Neither man thought much of it till they heard that Dennis was missing.

“Yesterday,” concluded the inspector, “Dennis’s father received a note stating that Dennis was being held for ransom, and that instructions would follow.”

“Putting together everything you’ve told me,” said Haledjian, “I think both Dennis and the Balloon Man have been kidnapped!”

Why?

Math Problems
Solve by making a drawing.

Ann is taller than Bob but shorter than Carlos. David is taller than Bob but shorter than Ann. elena is taller than Ann but shorter than Carlos. List the names from shortest to tallest.

The top of a mountain is 1470 feet below a cloud. The mountain is 12,805 feet above sea level. An eagle flies 7516 feet above sea level. How far below the cloud is the eagle?

Train A leaves the station at 9:00 and travels at 60 miles an hour. Train B leaves the station at 9:15 and travels at 75 miles an hour. Which train will be farther from the station at 10:00?

Answers:

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Archie Carter claimed he saw Carl Messner kick a small stool from under him. However, standing on the ground, Carter could never have seen a small stool through an attic window three stories above him!

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Haledjian realized Sam Potts had used the innocent clergyman to confirm a tale of kidnapping which never occurred as he reported it. If there was no wind the balloon could not have gotten stuck that high in the tree.

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Bob – David – Ann – Elena – Carlos

Bob _____

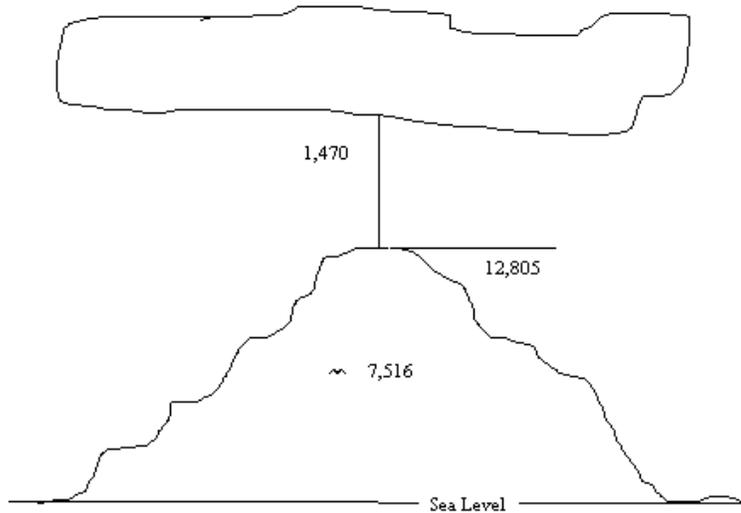
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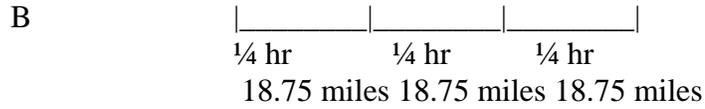
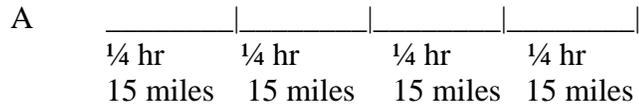
Elena _____

The eagle is flying 6,759 ft. below the cloud.



Train A will be 60 miles away. (1hr. at 60 miles per hour)

Train B will be 56.25 miles away. ($\frac{3}{4}$ hr at 75 miles per hour)



or 1 X (at) 60 miles per hour = 60 miles

$\frac{3}{4}$ X (at) 75 miles per hour = 56.25 miles