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THE VILLAGE FETE

THE SCENE

The Inspector is spending a weekend away from the hurly burly of London life visiting his great aunt in the sleepy village of Much Snoring. On the Saturday afternoon the village fete is in full swing in the stately gardens of Snoring Manor. There are flower and produce stalls and all manner of contests including the jam-making competition. Disaster strikes however, when local landowner and judge Miss Havital is fatally poisoned after sampling some jam.

There are five suspects, Miss Chief, Miss Deeds, Miss Lead, Miss Place and Miss Takes, all of whom have made a different fruit jam, and more crucially, have all been at loggerheads with Miss Havital for different lengths of time. The initial cause of these squabbles was the fact Miss Havital had become chairman of different village societies in preference to all of these five.

Look at the clues given. When you find a piece of positive information put a tick in the grid. When you find a piece of negative information put a cross. Cross refer all the information you collect until you can find which lady made which jam, how long they have not been speaking to Miss Havital and which society was the initial cause of the rift between them.

THE CLUES

- 1** The lady who made the apricot jam had aspired to be chairman of the Sewing Society. This wasn't Miss Place.
- 2** Miss Chief made the damson jam. She had not spoken to Miss Havittall for more than a year. The quarrel was not over the Gardening Society.
- 3** Miss Deeds was disappointed not to become chairman of the Bridge Society but she wasn't the strawberry jam maker. That particular lady hadn't spoken to Miss Havittall for 6 weeks.
- 4** Miss Takes missed out on becoming chairman of the Craft Society, whose election had taken place just 3 weeks previously.
- 5** The raspberry jam maker had not spoken to Miss Havittall for 5 years!

THE EVIDENCE

Only now can you and the Inspector use the evidence to pinpoint the murderess. Another judge had tried the raspberry jam with no ill effects. The Luncheon Society had now been disbanded and therefore was not a reason for murder. The quarrel must have been festering for a long time; therefore quarrels which had taken place a matter of weeks before could be dismissed.

So . . . who is the murderess of Much Snoring?

COUNTRY HOUSES, LOCKED ROOMS AND STEAM TRAINS

		JAM					NOT SPOKEN					VILLAGE SOCIETY				
		APRICOT	DAMSON	PLUM	RASPBERRY	STRAWBERRY	3 WEEKS	6 WEEKS	1 YEAR	2 YEARS	5 YEARS	BRIDGE	CRAFT	GARDENING	LUNCHEON	SEWING
NAME	MISS CHIEF															
	MISS DEEDS															
	MISS LEAD															
	MISS PLACE															
	MISS TAKES															
VILLAGE SOCIETY	BRIDGE															
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