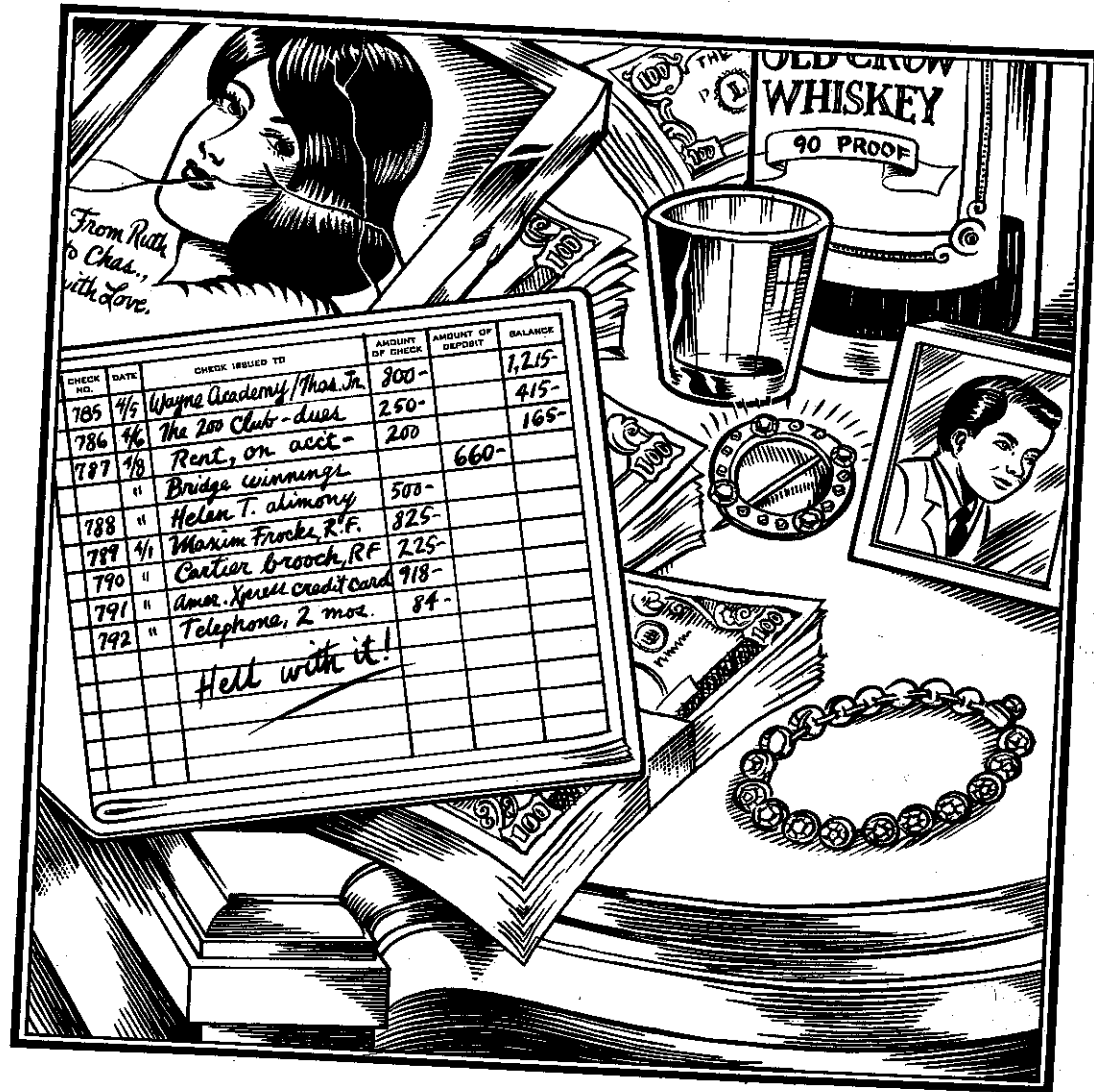


BANKWARD HO!



The body of Charles Townsend III was found lying on the floor near his desk, which is shown. He had been shot and killed, and a gun was lying on the floor next to his body.

The elevator boy told the police that around the time Mr. Townsend was believed to have been killed a flashily dressed brunette left the Townsend apartment. According to the elevator boy, she had been a frequent visitor. Subsequently, the police identified her as Ruth L. Frye, a masseuse.

From these facts and an examination of Townsend's desk and the objects on it, can you decide how he met his death?

Questions

- Do you think that Townsend was having an affair with Mrs. Frye?
Yes ___ No ___
- Was he in financial straits?
Yes ___ No ___
- Did he gamble? Yes ___ No ___
- Was he a proud man?
Yes ___ No ___
- Had he formerly been wealthy?
Yes ___ No ___
- Do you think he robbed a bank?
Yes ___ No ___
- Had he been drinking alone?
Yes ___ No ___
- Do you think that he had had a falling out with Mrs. Frye?
Yes ___ No ___
- How do you think he met his death?
Mrs. Frye killed him ___
The elevator boy killed him ___
He committed suicide ___

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