

The Ultimate Boston Blackie Log

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Boston Blackie, "enemy to those who make him an enemy, friend to those who have no friend."

One of the earliest appearances of Boston Blackie, as created by Jack Boyle, was in The American Magazine, July 1914, in a short story entitled "The Price of Principle".

Blackie first appeared on the silent screen in "Boston Blackie's Little Pal" starring Bert Lytell in 1918. Lytell portrayed the character again the following year in "Blackie's Redemption" which was based on two Jack Boyle stories from Redbook: "Boston Blackie's Mary" and "Fred the Count". In 1922 he was played by David Powell in the silent "Missing Millions" which was based on two Boyle stories, but another source identifies only one: "A Problem in Grand Larceny". Here Blackie is Mary Dawson's sweetheart; they marry at the end. The fourth silent film, "The Face in the Fog" (1922), had Blackie Dawson portrayed by Lionel Barrymore. Mary Dawson also appeared. In 1923, "Boston Blackie" came to the screen played by William Russell. Again in 1923, Thomas Carrigan played Blackie in "Crooked Alley", based on the Boyle short story "The Daughter of Crooked Alley". Forrest Stanley played Blackie in "Through the Dark" (1924), based on another Boyle story "The Daughter of Mother McGinn". The last silent, in 1927, was "The Return of Boston Blackie" from a Boyle story in Cosmopolitan. Blackie was played by Raymond Glenn.

Once "talkies" began, fourteen popular movies, all released by Columbia, starred Chester Morris as Boston Blackie. They were: Meet Boston Blackie (1941), Confessions of Boston Blackie (1941), Alias Boston Blackie (1942), Boston Blackie Goes Hollywood (1942), After Midnight with Boston Blackie (1943), The Chance of a Lifetime (1943), One Mysterious Night (1944), Boston Blackie Booked on Suspicion (1945), Boston Blackie's Rendezvous (1945), A Close Call for Boston Blackie (1946), The Phantom Thief (1946), Boston Blackie and the Law (1946), Trapped by Boston Blackie (1948), and Boston Blackie's Chinese Venture (1949).

Morris was the first to take the role into radio during its first season on NBC when it was a summer replacement for "Amos & Andy." Richard Kollmar (the husband of Dorothy Kilgallen, the famous journalist) took over the role for the remainder of the syndicated run, which lasted from 06/23/44 - 10/25/50. Lesley Woods and Jan Miner played Mary Wesley, Maurice Tarplin, Richard Lane and Frank Orth did duty as Inspector Farraday, Shorty was played by Tony Barrett, and the announcer was Harlow Wilcox and later Larry Elliot. The stories written by Kenny Lyons and Ralph Rosenberg are good and sometimes excellent, and often featured Frank Lovejoy as a villain. The "Boston Blackie theme" was written by Lew White. The organist was Charlie Paul, who was married to either Jeannie Harrison or Jan Miner.

Dates, episode numbers and titles are standardized to those in Jerry Haendiges' excellent log (except for episode #206 where there appears to be an error in the log). Alternate show titles are in parentheses. Our thanks to Mel Fischer for corrections and to Elayne Beneford and Dick Judge for providing episodes not in the previous version of this log. Special thanks to Bill Nadel for his extensive knowledge of the series and those involved with its production. If by any chance you find an episode not in this log, please contact OsborneAM@aol.com so we may add it for completeness. Corrections or additions should also be sent to the above email address.

Episodes are listed by date, episode number, synopsis of story and first lines, the latter to aid in identification. (No scripts of the Boston Blackie shows had actual titles!) We also know of two titles of existing but not circulating shows not in this list which have neither dates nor broadcast numbers. The titles are: Diamond a Day Thefts and Framed Psychiatrist.

Please note: Thirteen Boston Blackie episodes starring Chester Morris are known to have survived but reside in the Library of Congress. Those listed below with synopses are the ones currently in circulation.

The Rockwell Diamond (Chester Morris stars as Blackie)(#CM01)

06/23/44

Blackie is picked up Chicago police after Miss Moray fingers him for robbing her grandfather of \$10,000.

When Farraday has her question Blackie, Blackie learns that she wants his help to recover the Jonathan diamond, stolen from her apartment after her fiancé, George Atwater left it. She needs to get it back before he returns from a business trip. After agreeing to help, Blackie escapes out the window and goes to the Atwater mansion only to find

George at home earlier than expected. Blackie finds the Jonathan diamond in the supposedly empty library safe and Atwater admits he changed his mind about leaving it at Miss Moray's apartment. When Farraday's men arrive, Blackie jumps through a window with the diamond but when apprehended, the diamond is gone. Blackie gets Farraday to let him out of jail for two hours undisturbed after which he promises to turn over the diamond. Blackie has Miss Moray meet him at the Atwater house where they break into the safe to get the diamond where Blackie left it, but the safe is now empty. (Sponsored by Rinso.)
First line: "Municipal Tower to Trans-Continental Flight 17"

Fifty Hunter Street (Chester Morris stars as Blackie)(#CM02) 06/30/44

Arthur Manleder gets a phone call from his bank telling him he must come up with \$100,000 overnight or the bank will take over his business. That is, unless he sends his friend Boston Blackie to Fifty Hunter Street. When Blackie arrives he is knocked on the head, his gun stolen and he is framed for the murder of Fred Viswell. In order to help Blackie solve the case, Manleder's secretary, Jean Rochelle, helps Blackie escape from jail dressed as a girl(!). (Sponsored by Rinso.)
First line: "Hello. Is Mr. Manleder there? Why, no, I'm sorry, he's not."

Next week's episode (#CM03) has the police interrogating Shorty about the last person he talked to before he was 'conked' over the head – Boston Blackie.

The Star of the Nile (Chester Morris stars as Blackie)(#CM04) 07/14/44

The Star of the Nile, an emerald worth \$200,000, is being transported by train and disappears while Blackie is on the train. But Miss Helen Carew vouches for Blackie, and Blackie reminds Mr. Stevens that he had the gem in his coat. So he puts it in the Gouday safe. Later, Stevens finds a Mr. Louie in his office who tells the safe will be cracked that night. Shorty tells Blackie that "Fingers" gave him a tip about the midnight theft. Blackie hints it to Helen over dinner, who tips off Inspector Farraday. Farraday catches Louie & Miller at the scene but Blackie gets away and the emerald is really stolen. (Sponsored by Rinso.)
First line: "What are you reading, Chief? Little Abner?"

The Black Market Case (Black Market Meat Ring)(Chester Morris stars as Blackie)(#CM05) 07/21/44

Hijackers Steve and Mike chase Blackie and Shorty's car and shoot out a tire, causing a wreck. Blackie escapes with merely a sprained wrist while Shorty is fine. Then they show up at Blackie's place and at gunpoint, tell Blackie that they want him to join them to avoid his interference. He sends them packing. Cattle rancher June Parker, asks Blackie for help. Hijackers are keeping her trucks from getting though even with police assistance. Blackie tells Farraday the gang is after him and he needs police protection. Farraday refuses and the thugs grab Blackie as he leaves police headquarters but he gets away. Miss Parker tells Blackie the thugs work for George Williams. When they come to her apartment, Blackie ties them up and tells her to call police. When Blackie leaves to see Williams, Mike tells Miss Parker who the boss really is and she lets them go. Blackie returns to the apartment with Farraday but June Parker says she's never seen him before! (Sponsored by Rinso)
First line: "Step on it, Steve. Got my foot on the floor now."

Polly Morrison's Gun Collection (The Haunted House; Wrong Jacket ;Caretaker of the Devon Estate)

Chester Morris stars as Blackie)(#CM06)

07/28/44

Farraday picks up Blackie for the murder of Andrew Lawrence, caretaker of the Devon Estate. There are bloodstains on the camelhair coat Blackie is carrying, but he disavows it as being his even though his ID label is sewn inside the coat! Blackie gets away, and goes to see Marian Mason, the checkroom girl at the Savoy Café, but finds her dead. At the Devon Estate, he meets the owner, Polly Morrison. He asks for the caretaker's job, but she has already hired Jerry. Blackie poses as Detective Jones, working on the case. Frightened, she tells him that the house has been periodically ransacked, one room at a time. Arthur Moran's client, South American businessman Parker Adams, wants to buy the estate and/or its entire gun collection. Blackie sleeps in the caretaker's cottage and the next morning, finds Jerry and the policeman tied up in the ransacked living room and Polly drugged. Farraday arrives but thugs, Danny and Eddie, get the drop on him and Blackie and put them in straight jackets, intending "to stick their feet in concrete and drop them in the river". Blackie gets out of the straight jacket and knocks the guard unconscious. Blackie discovers that Adams was a murder suspect 5 years ago but the gun could not be found. He suspects Devon was blackmailing Adams. Blackie finds the murder weapon, unmasks the killer and clears himself. (Sponsored by Rinso.)
First line: "Check here, please. Check your hats and coats."

Alice Manweather, Dead or Alive? (Chester Morris stars as Blackie)(#CM07)

08/04/44

(Note: The name "Manweather" in show title is different from name "Manleder" given within the show! It appears that in the sound films there WAS an Arthur Manleder [coincidence?])

Alice Manleder leaves her hotel with a man whom she thinks is Boston Blackie, but isn't. Blackie goes looking for her and when he calls the hotel finds that she has been trying to contact him and wants him to meet her in room 305, which he does. Later, she is found dead in the room with Blackie's gun in her hand. When Blackie's paraffin test shows positive, he is arrested by Farraday. But a call from Arthur Manleder tells Blackie the wrong girl was killed and he uncovers a Nazi plot! (Sponsored by Rinso.)
First line: "Front, boy. Would you sign the register, please sir. Right here."

Next week's (#CM08) teaser: Mathews provides a list of customers who came into Gordon's Jewelry Store after some pearls go missing. Blackie was on the list.

The Missing String of Pearls (Gordon's Jewelry Store; Old Lady Jewel Thief; Blackmail Thefts)

(Chester Morris stars as Blackie)(#CM08)

08/11/44

Blackie left his watch at Gordon's Jewelry Store and a string of pearls is missing. Farraday thinks Blackie did it. But Blackie saw grey haired old Mrs. Phillips, a trusted employee of Gordon's put such a string in her purse. Mrs. Phillips is being blackmailed and Blackie needs to lift a precious ruby from Gordon's to help keep the unknown blackmailer from threatening her. But Farraday has set a trap for Blackie and expects him to steal the ruby.
First line: "A string of valuable pearls was stolen some time today..."

Richard Kollmar episodes for which we can find no broadcast number or date:

Golf Instructor Carl Grady (possibly #181)

possible date: 09/29/48

Harriet Benson goes to Carl Grady's golf studio for golf lessons, but wants to get involved with Carl. John Benson walks in on the instruction. Benson sends his man Henry Gordon to give Grady a lesson or two, but later Jordan is found dead with a list of 10 colleges in his pocket. The list has Farraday puzzled. Blackie decides to solve the case. Grady is scared because he saw Gordon with Benson. Benson is nervous too about Gordon's death, and thinks maybe it was Les Carver who did it because he wants in on the college racket.

Next week's teaser: Joe Gatling calls Bill Weaver offering to sell him a \$1 bill for \$50,000. The bill is the sole item his father, Danny Gatling, left him in his will.

First line: "Try it once more. All right. Now remember what I told you."

Joe Gatling's Father (Marked Money)(possibly #182)

possible date: 10/06/48

Bill Weaver gets a call from Joe Gatling who tells him that his father, Danny Gatling the bank robber, has died and left him a \$1 bill. Joe offers to sell the bill to Bill for \$50,000. When they meet, Weaver tries to do a double-cross and makes Gatling mad. Weaver goes after the bill and Gatling goes into a bank and pretends to leave the bill there. He is just ahead of Mary in the bank line and Weaver is just behind. After Mary leaves, Weaver robs the bank for one dollar. Later, Weaver and his henchman Bart Everson kill Gatling, but the bill is missing. Weaver sends Bart to kill Mary who can identify him as the bank robber, but Blackie gets into the act and saves Mary and takes on the case -- a case that leaves Blackie up a tree until he goes out on a limb.

First line: "Yeah? Bill Weaver there? Yeah. Weaver speaking."

Next week's teaser: A man is struck by a car near the docks and an ambulance comes to pick him up. However, Joe and Henry, posing as ambulance doctor and driver, plan to see that the man doesn't stay alive.

Who Killed Davis? (#???)

date: ???

Two policemen trying to capture escaped prisoner Tom Barton, are shot to death when Barton conceals a gun inside a cast on his arm. Barton swore to get Joe Ross and John Davis for sending him up the river so Farraday warns them and offers them police protection if they go to Police Headquarters. When Davis doesn't show, Blackie and Mary go to investigate. They find him stabbed to death. Blackie sets a trap, but his quick thinking and a bottle of chloroform allow him to round up Barton and his men. Blackie then goes to the only possible killer and solves the murder.

First line: "Better not make so much noise fiddling with that lock, Sergeant."

Possible teaser for the next show: After testifying before the grand jury, Farraday tells Blackie that John Sawyer is going on trial for murder and he solved it all by himself. He has never had a tighter case in all his years on the force. It was Sawyer's gun that killed Jones. Jones' brother heard them arguing before the shooting. Sawyer had both motive and opportunity. Sawyer left, went around the house, came in the back way and shot Jones. Farraday even has Sawyer's footprints in concrete taken from the muddy backyard. But the head of Evans Manufacturing Company hears the grand jury's decision and says that Sawyer was five miles from Jones' house at the time of the killing because he saw him!

Richard Kollmar episodes for which we have dates:

The Wentworth Diamonds (#3)

04/25/45

The Wentworth diamonds are snatched from the Manchester Museum by a thief impersonating Blackie, who kills two guards. Farraday finds the Wentworth diamonds in Blackie's apartment.

First line: "If you have all taken seats that satisfy you, gentlemen, we shall proceed at once."

John Walters Murder (Unused Shoes; Park Pond; Dead Man's Shoes; Murder of John Walters) (#4)

05/02/45

Blackie and Shorty find John Walters floating in a lake -- wearing unused shoes. There's an insurance angle, but someone didn't read the fine print.

First line: "Hey, boss, look over there, on that bench."

Cover-Up For Mary (John Richards Murder)(#5)

05/09/45

Mary Wesley wants her old boyfriend, John Richards, to quit bothering her. She borrows Blackie's gun in case she needs it and confronts Richards at his home. Later, Richards is found dead in his burned out place. Blackie covers for Mary by leaving a threatening letter at the scene. Farraday isn't having any of it, so Mary's in a fine fix.

First line: "Now, sit down, Mary. Make yourself comfortable."

William Blaine Case (Uncle Bill Blaine's Legacy; Bill Blaine's Legacy) (#6)

05/16/45

Wealthy William Blaine has been threatened and tries to hire Blackie to bodyguard him. Blackie turns him down, but then Blaine threatens to have Shorty put in jail, so Blackie takes on the job. Despite Blackie being on the job and Blaine locked in a sealed room, he is shot. Blackie must work magic to solve the murder. Blaine's heirs are all suspects. They hated him.

First line: "All right, Uncle Bill. You have all three of us here."

Mrs. Boston Blackie (#9)

06/06/45

Lester Allen who is running for office is being blackmailed by a woman posing as Mrs. Boston Blackie. Mary thinks it is over between her and Blackie, and Farraday blames a murder on Blackie. Will a sofa send a killer to the chair?

First line: "Just what kind of a private detective are you, Whelan?"

The Oscar Wolfe Case (Troublemaker; Oscar Wolfe Troublemaker) (#10)

06/13/45

Mary stops Janice Larsen from killing herself. She's having trouble with the baddie, Oscar Wolfe.

First line: "Sure is a nice day, isn't it, Miss Wesley?"

The Sam Bellows Case (#11)

06/18/45

Blackie wants in to see Sam Bellows, but can't get admittance, so he tells Farraday he's murdered Bellows hoping that will get him in. Farraday finds Bellows sitting in a red wheelchair with a knife sticking out of him, and goes after Blackie for it. Blackie has to find out whether it was Ben Atkins the deaf caretaker, Larry Addington the nephew, or Frank Lewis the financial advisor who did it.

First line: "Twenty, thirty. And a bull's-eye for a hundred."

The Larry Brown Case - \$100 for Blackie (#12)

06/25/45

Larry Brown owes Blackie \$100, and is on the run, scared for his life.

First line: "Hi. What'll you have? Two eggs, scrambled, and coffee."

Blackie Jilts Mary (Blackie Too Busy for Mary) (#13)

07/02/45

Blackie calls off the relationship with Mary. Meanwhile some crooks want to break into a vault. Blackie ends up in jail, and the crooks get Mary. That was the crooks' biggest mistake.

First line: "Well, it's about time you came to see me, Blackie."

The Worthington Pearls (#14)

07/09/45

The Worthington Pearls ends up in Blackie's raincoat, only Farraday doesn't find them. But he does find Duke Butcher in Blackie's pad -- dead. Somehow the pearls end up in Farraday's tobacco jar.
First line: "All right, Inspector Farraday, you wanted me here at headquarters for questioning."

Blackie's Car Kills a Woman (#15)

07/16/45

Blackie's car is used in a hit and run. Wealthy heiress Carolyn Forbes is killed. Farraday doesn't believe Blackie did it, and lets him take the lead in solving the case. Did Tom Wellington, Carolyn's greedy boyfriend, do it or was it old man Forbes, or her brother Bill?
First line: "Mornin'. Hi. You have a first class mechanic in this garage?"

The Case of the Three Way Split (Missing \$50,000; Stolen \$50,000, Lavender Murder) (#16)

07/23/45

Ann Martin writes a lavender letter to Blackie wanting him to give up the \$50,000 her gangster husband, Harry Martin, hid before he died. Three of Harry's pals are released from prison and the chase is on.
First line: "Well, Blackie, it's about time. Oh, I'm sorry, Mary..."

Mary At Sea (Body On a Boat) (#17)

07/30/45

Blackie and Mary are taking a voyage to Westfield on business. Blackie has a suitcase full of bonds. But there's already someone in Mary's cabin -- a dead woman named Charlotte Aikens. Farraday accuses Blackie of murder, as usual. There's teargas, too.
First line: "Twenty one, twenty two - here's my cabin, Blackie." "Hmmm, not very far from mine."

Hypnotic Murder (Joan Thompson, Cigarette Girl; Murder & Hypnosis) (#18)

08/06/45

Joan Thompson, the cigarette girl at the Boulevard Club, and once Mary's best friend, is accused of murder. Blackie took the girl's gun. Farraday tries to pin it on Blackie. Mary and Blackie head for the Boulevard Club where they watch a hypnotist.
First line: "Open up in there. Open up, this is the police."

The Evelyn Jones Murder (#19)

08/13/45

Evelyn Jones forces Blackie to accompany her to 484 Willow lane to protect her, but doesn't say why. She ends up killed and Blackie is baffled by the apparent changes in the house when he returns there with Farraday. There's the little matter of the scratch on the door Blackie made using his jimmy.
First line: "Coming. Well, what a beautiful surprise."

Blackie Steals Necklace for Charity (The Charity Necklace Murder; The Necklace for Charity) (#20)

08/20/45

Old Mrs. Van der Vere asks Blackie to steal the valuable tiara out of her safe and break it up and set the diamonds and then give all the money to charity. But then the even more valuable pearls disappear, and into the bargain, Mrs. Van der Vere's daughter-in-law is found strangled. Blackie and Mary are stumped, but then a cat's paw fingers the real killer.
First line: "Hello, Blackie. Well, my favorite nonentity, Inspector Farraday."

Bill Crane, Attorney (Forgery and Murder; Forgery Murder Case; The Framing of Jack King; Forgery to Murder) (#23)

09/13/45

Bill Crane, Jack King's attorney, approaches Blackie. He claims his client has been framed for killing Lane. Somebody is killing all the witnesses, too. And forgery enters into it.
First line: "I don't see an empty table anywhere, Blackie."

The Fred Arlen Murder -- Blood on Blackie's Sleeve (#24)

09/20/45

The attendant, Jim, at the car park notices blood on Blackie's sleeve. Fred Arlen is just getting out of jail and wants to kill Blackie. But Fred gets killed first. Farraday wants to pin it on Blackie, naturally.
First line: "Can you get me my car, Jim? Oh, Blackie, back so soon?"

The Westfield Diamond (Kingston Unlucky at Cards) (#25)

10/04/45

Kingston lost the Westfield diamond to Elizabeth Gaines in a crooked game. Kingston left the stone with Blackie and wants it back, but Blackie holds out. Then the switchboard operator in Blackie's building is knifed, and Bill Smith gets killed too, and Farraday gets into it. The stone is lost and everybody is running around looking for it.

First line: "Well, Mr. Kingston, you must be lucky at everything else."

The Copy of the Diamond Bracelet (Diamond Bracelet Copy; Copy-Cat Diamond Bracelet)(#26) 10/11/45

Ava Withers' cousin, Richard Ainsley, is accused of switching a paste copy for a \$25,000 diamond bracelet. Sam Watkins made the paste imitation.

First line: "On stage for rehearsal, everybody. On stage, everybody, please."

Boxer's Murder Case (Fighter Johnson; Bob Johnson's Championship Fight) (#27) 10/18/45

Gambler Edwards wants the champ, Bob Johnson, to throw his fight with Hollister. It's either that, or take the consequences. The rumor of a fix gets out and Blackie accuses Johnson of being crooked. The champ punches Blackie for his trouble. Johnson wins the fight in the fifth, and then takes a real fall -- all the way to his death. And Farraday likes Blackie for it.

First line: "A little more on the shoulders, Jackie."

Richards' Diamond Case (Blackie in Diamond Shootout) (#28)(broadcast over WJZ, ABC network) 10/25/45

John Richards is killed and his diamond stolen. And Blackie is shot. Mary's little dog Mutsie gives the crucial clue to the killer.

First line: "John, who was that man who just left?"

Mary Disappears (Boulton Farm) (#29) 11/01/45

Farraday's got Shorty in Jail for a stickup, but Blackie thinks Donald Boulton did it. Blackie gets Mary to get a job at Boulton's parents farm up in Green County. But Mary disappears and the Boultons claim she was never there. Then Mr. Willis, the real estate broker, gets stabbed. That brings Farraday into it.

First line: "Well, Inspector Farraday, would you like a cup of tea, or..."

Amnesia Victim (Burke; Burke's Amnesia) (#30) 11/08/45

Arthur Burke wakes up from a bout of amnesia and finds the body of George Digby. He calls in Blackie to find out whether he killed Digby or not. And Tom Roach wants Blackie to keep him out of the hot seat, too.

First line: "Well, Arthur, there's nothing wrong with you."

Murder in the Music Room (#31) 11/15/45

Our copies say this is #199 (see synopsis). Perhaps originally aired as #31 and then rerun as #199?

First line: "Well, Bill, what about it? Got an idea for the lyric yet?"

Blackie Kidnapped (#32) 11/22/45

The Johnson mob stashed the money from the Egerville Bank job somewhere. Blackie obtains the location of the loot from Carolyn Johnson in jail. Later Pete and Joe kidnap Blackie while he is sleeping. Using truth serum, the boss Bill tries to get the location of the stash from Blackie. Meanwhile Shorty, Farraday and Mary are trying to find Blackie, and they find Carolyn Johnson dead in her cell. Blackie ends up in a well and with a bad case of laryngitis.

First line: "OK, Doc, how many cards do you want?"

Simmons Construction Murder (Man Shot On 21st Floor) (#33) 11/29/45

John Simmons' construction foreman, Bill Woods, is shot on the 21st floor of a high rise project. Blackie, confined to bed with laryngitis, predicts the murder of Jack Barnes, another foreman, in the same way and then solves both murders without ever leaving his bed!

First line: "Hey, Schmitz. Yes, sir."

Williams Missing Pearl Necklace (Atkins Jewel Thief; Missing Pearl Necklace) (#34) 12/06/45

Handyman Robert Atkins packs to leave his wife, Mabel, and then discloses that he has taken his employers', Dr. & Mrs. Williams', pearl necklace (valued at \$50,000) which will make him rich. Farraday & his men are called in but search the house to no avail. Insurance investigator Horace Spaulding is murdered in the hall outside Blackie's apartment. Farraday appears and suspects Blackie, but Blackie locks him in a closet and gets away. Blackie finds the pearls & solves the murder.

First line: "Ah, that's a wonderful pile of blocks, baby."

Murder At the Movies (Murder On the Murder Set; Movie Trunk Murder; Movie Star Shot...Inside a Trunk) (#35) 12/13/45

Blackie & Mary are on a movie set where Blackie is acting as consultant. During the filming of a scene, Gladys Ronson, is shot to death while inside a trunk. Later, while they preview the same scene, John Gaines, the prop man, is stabbed to death with Blackie's knife.

First line: "Blackie, all I want you to do is open the safe."

TV Poisoning (Man Killed on TV, Baxter; Another Man's Poison; Death on TV) (#36) 12/20/45

While Mary and Blackie are watching them on TV, Cyrus Baxter is about to accuse someone of something when he falls over dead from poisoning. Farraday is on the forum, too, and all the members of the forum drank from the same water pitcher. Rex Daniels, Baxter's secretary, says that his boss was intending to accuse Ralph Thomas of extortion. The curious thing is that Baxter, Farraday and Richard Waters, a civic board member, had dinner at Thomas' house earlier in the evening, and they all ate the same food. When Blackie starts looking into things, Thomas' butler, Mike, is found dead as well.

First line: "Comfortable, Mary?" "Very. Is it time yet?"

The Masters Diamond (#37) 12/27/45

Blackie & Mary are guests at a dinner party thrown by the Masters family. Lenny & Pete, two jewel thieves, steal the Masters' diamond, which was to be worn by Mrs. Masters at the dinner. Mrs. Masters is later found dead by a maid. Harvey Masters' fiancé, Georgia Aikins, tells Blackie that Harvey is the sole heir to his mother's fortune, although they hated each other. The thieves give Blackie the diamond to deliver to the police informing them they didn't do the murder. Then Harvey Masters is found hanging from a chandelier.

First line: "Oh, Blackie, if this is dinner party where is the dinner?"

The Sword Swallower (Carnival Murders) (#38) 01/03/46

Blackie & Mary attend a carnival when Lillian, the sword swallower, is murdered. Bob Hendricks is suspected, but Mary finds him dead. Jackson, the carnival owner, gets conked on the head, and Mabel, the bearded lady, turns out to be a man!

First line: "And now, ladies and gentlemen, for the eighth wonder..."

The Disappearing Body (Body in Blackie's Dining Room) (#41) 01/22/46

After a movie, Blackie & Mary go back to Blackie's apartment to find it locked. The dining room doors are closed and Blackie tells Mary not to look behind them. When she does she finds a man's body. Charlie Kingston urgently calls Blackie asking him to come over. Blackie arrives but finds out that Kingston hasn't been in town for three weeks. Later, Farraday calls on Blackie, and strolls around the apartment looking for a wounded man and a stolen pearl necklace with a ruby clasp. To Blackie's surprise he doesn't find a body. Blackie jokingly suggests Farraday search the safe for the necklace, where to his surprise, Farraday finds the necklace.

First line: "Sorry the movie was so bad, Mary."

The John Williams Inheritance Case (Farraday Needs Blackie's Help; Jim Williams Case; Mrs. Williams Killed) (#42) 01/29/46

John Bernard says he witnessed his cousin, Jim Williams, murder his wife. But on the witness stand, he admits he lied because he was beaten by Inspector Farraday. The DA gets a recess and gives Farraday 48 hours to find out why he lied, or lose his badge. Farraday goes to Blackie for help.

First line: "Order! Order in the court! If there's another such outburst, I'll clear the courtroom."

The Brandon Jewel Robbery (Jeweller Brandon Murdered; Mr. Peterkin) (#43) 02/05/46

Blackie is addressed as Mr. Peterkin by a restaurateur and a cab driver. Mary asks him to buy a watch for her cousin at Brandon Jewelers. Sam Brandon waits on him and also insists Blackie is Mr. Peterkin. Blackie must force him to take the \$90 for the watch. An hour later Mary finds Brandon dead in his store. Blackie must discover the reason for the ruse and solve the crimes.

First line: "Blackie, you're a creature of habit."

The Condon Ransom (Marjorie Condon Kidnapped; Blackie Catches Kidnappers) (#44) 02/12/46

Harry Condon arrives at Blackie's apartment asking for help in finding his wife, Marjorie. Her kidnappers are asking for \$50,000 from her father, Mr. White. Blackie agrees to make the drop & gets Farraday's agreement of no police involvement. But Blackie drops a note to the kidnappers and keeps the money!

First line: "Dad? Dad, where are you?"

Harry Benson Murders His Wife (Benson Murder; Harry Benson's Wife; Mrs. Benson Killed) (#45) 02/19/46

Harry Benson shoots his wife, Mona, to death but is acquitted of her murder. Her brother, John Jellison, asks Farraday & Blackie to find more evidence with which to re-try him. Even though he cannot be re-tried, Blackie decides to try to help.

First line: "Don't look so surprised, Mona."

A Vase Leads To Murder (Auction Man in the Green Hat; The Man In the Green Hat)(#46) 02/26/46

Blackie outbids a man in a green hat for a vase Mary wants at an auction. When he shows up at Blackie's, he tries to coerce Blackie to turn over the vase. Blackie sends the vase to Mary by messenger, who arrives wounded and dies. X-rays show the vase has no value. Fingerprints prove the man in the green hat is Frank Kittridge, a bank robber.

First line: "What am I bid for this gorgeous piece of hand-painted pottery?"

Tom Evers Murder With an Alibi (Jail Alibi; Tom Evers Is Killed (some titles misspelled as Everett)) (#47) 03/05/46

John Blake challenges Blackie that he will kill Thomas Evers and Blackie will never be able to prove it. Sure enough, when Bill Johnson calls Evers at 8:30 to invites him to lunch, he hears Evers shot. At the same time, Blake is 25 miles away talking to the desk sergeant at a precinct house. Yet Blake's gun, fingerprints and footprint are found at the scene of the crime. It looks like the perfect murder to everyone but Blackie.

First line: "You want to answer the door, Mary?"

The Color Blind Accomplice - Lee Chow Murdered (#48) 03/12/46

Blackie is warned by color blind Carol Ward not to dine at Lee Chow's. When he does, he discovers the owner, Lee Chow, murdered and he & Mary the only patrons. Furthermore, he has been framed by the killer.

First line: "Some traffic jam, eh, driver?"

The Worthington Ghost (#49) 03/19/46

Shorty has just been released from jail and is headed back to see Blackie when he finds a hysterical woman who claims to have seen a ghost. Shorty takes the girl to Blackie's where Mary puts her to bed. She turns out to be Madeline Burns, Mrs. Worthington's maid. Blackie interviews Margaret Worthington, the famous concert pianist, who says the maid is always seeing things. Blackie returns home to find Madeline dead and then gets a phone call from Mrs. Worthington who is also in a state of hysterics after seeing a ghost. Mrs. Worthington's nephew, Ernest Cleland, shows up on the scene after Blackie and Mary go there to help the frightened pianist. The ghost situation has Farraday tied up in knots!

First line: "Hello. Blackie? Shorty, how are you? When'd you get back in town?"

Pierre, The Designer (Olsen Safe Robbed) (#50) 03/26/46

Blackie and Mary attend Pierre's fashion show. Pierre buttonholes Blackie and admits that he is really a guy named Joe. The next morning Roger Olsen discovers his safe has been robbed of \$25,000 in cash and a \$50,000 IOU from the phoney Pierre. Farraday suspects Blackie of the safe job and takes him to see Pierre. But Pierre is found dead. Farraday tries to arrest Blackie, but Blackie has other ideas -- like finding evidence against the real murderer. And there is the problem of the beautiful and oh so cold secretary Miss. Marian Thompson.

First line: "Oh, Blackie, what a beautiful dress on that model!"

The Baseball Player Murder (Baseball Scam; Baseball & Gambling; Murder at the Baseball Game)(#53) 04/16/46

Jimmy Saunders is into gambler Ruly Carter for \$50,000. Carter offers to drop the debt if Jimmy will introduce his brother, sensational rookie baseball player Slamming Sammy Saunders, to Catherine Gray. Joe Ash is killed by Carter, but there is evidence against Blackie. Blackie suspects Carter wants to get Sammy to throw ball games.

First line: "Hey, Lefty, Lefty, come here a minute."

The Stolen Car Ring (Mary's Stolen Car)(#54) 04/23/46

Mary's car is stolen and to prevent it being identified, the engine from a wreck swapped with hers. The car is then sold. Tom, the mechanic who did the work asks for more money for the job, and is shot to death by his boss, Mr. Morton. Blackie and Mary then see Mary's car, complete with scratched and dented rear fender on the road. They force the driver to the curb, but he gets away on foot. They drive the car back to town where Blackie and Farraday find that the engine has been swapped.

First line: "Your move, Harry." "OK, Bill, let's see you get away..."

The Frances Fielding Murder (Dr. Allen Accused of Murder; Fielding Murder) (#55)

04/30/46

Frances Fielding is found murdered, and her shrink, Dr. Lester Allen, is being accused of the crime by Farraday. But Blackie knows the good doctor and thinks he's being framed. Frances' brother Roger Fielding is involved, and of course there's that damning diary.

First line: "Operator. Operator, get me the police. One moment please."

The Winthrop Jewel Robbery (Winthrop Diamond Theft) (#56)

05/07/46

Blackie is retained by Mr. Barnes, an insurance investigator, to solve the mystery of the disappearing diamonds from Winthrop Jewelry Company. Mr. Van Houten, Mr. Glass, and Mr. Aldrich set diamonds on the 12th floor, which overlooks the river. The men are searched when they leave, yet each day another diamond is stolen. Blackie must work undercover to try to solve the crime but the case turns deadly when Mr. Barnes is murdered.

First line: "Hey, Blackie. Yes. Blackie. Come on, wake up."

Merry-Go-Round Murder (Millionaire Murdered; Death on a Wooden Horse)(#57)

05/14/46

Mary and Blackie are out in the park late one night and find John Van Dorn dead on the merry-go-round. Pete Carson, the carousel owner is suspected, but he too ends up dead on his own carousel. Then of course there is Mrs. Van Dorn and her lawyer, Harry Wilcox.

First line: "Oh, Blackie, this is the life. Alone with you and a hansom cab at 2 AM."

The Blaine Brothers' Pawn Shop (Paul Blaine Murdered) (#58)

05/21/46

John and Paul Blaine have an argument. Paul calls Blackie and wants help with \$1,000 and a diamond that may be stolen property. He entrusts the diamond to Blackie's care. Blackie goes to see Blaine, but then Blaine is shot. Farraday gets a tip-off that Blackie was at Blaine's place at the time of the killing. Blackie denies the killing, and -- will wonders never cease? -- Farraday believes him!

First line: "I don't see what you're complaining about, John."

The Escaped Prisoner (#59)

05/28/46

Mike Harlan, whom Blackie sent to prison, makes a jail break and goes directly to Blackie's apartment. Inspector Farraday gets a tip and gets there to find Harlan holding a gun on Blackie. Blackie then takes Mary to a waterfront dive, where Harlan's daughter, Gladys, is working. Blackie suspects she has joined a gang of crooks led by Joe, her boss.

First line: "Now listen, you guys."

Three Witnesses to Will Killed (Old Man Graham's Will)(#60)

06/04/46

Old Man Graham dies and his granddaughter confronts Ed Barnes, whom she suspects killed him even though medical records state his death was due to heart failure. Meanwhile, Farraday has his hands full trying to solve three murders that occurred within one hour - all having the same characteristics but occurring in different parts of town. Blackie enlists a dentist to solve the puzzle.

First line: "No, Dr. Austin, I just won't believe it."

The Disappearing Plane (The Stolen Plane) (#61)

06/11/46

Bill Barnes kills Mr. Barton and gives the gun to Gus Johnson for safekeeping. Blackie tracks Johnson to Boston where he steals the gun from Johnson's apartment, airmails it to Farraday and leaves. But Blackie's plane from Boston never arrives and in checking the passenger list, it is discovered that Blackie was the sole passenger!

First line: "Yeah?" "Boston, calling Inspector Farraday." "I'm Inspector Farraday."

The Hooded Gang Protection Racket (#62)

06/18/46

An extortion gang is terrorizing shopkeepers. Blackie lends Ernie Howard \$5000 to give to one of the gangsters to keep his wife from being killed. Blackie and Mary follow the gangster's car when he leaves, but the gangster loses control of his car and has a fatal accident. Blackie finds a motel key at the scene which he uses to get into the gangster's room, which leads to him impersonating the dead man at the next meeting of the Hooded Gang.

First line: "All right, men, I'll tell you why we're meeting here."

Gambler Joe Garland Killed (Sibling Rivalry) (#63)

06/25/46

Crazy old Mr. Wilson wants to give his three heirs money before he dies. He sends them each a broken slab of flagstone and tells them that he will pay anyone who shows up with a stone. Joe Garland gets one of the stones, and is immediately killed. And Blackie wants to find out the killer before someone else dies.

First line: "You're Joe Garland? Yes, I am." "You're Boston Blackie, aren't you?"

Uncle Frank Murdered by Joe Parker (Missing a Day) (#64)

07/02/46

Joe Parker kills Uncle Frank Miller on Tuesday, but sets up a beautiful alibi. Farraday knows Parker did it, but can't prove it. Trouble is Aunt Margaret swears he was in her apartment all day Tuesday fixing her pipes. And Blackie has to break his alibi.

First line: "Come in" Hello, Uncle Frank." "Why, it's Joe. How are you?"

The Skating Rink Murders (Dead Girls and \$50,000 Ring; Ice Rink Murder)(#65)

07/09/46

Mary and Blackie go to the skating rink and are having a lovely time. A woman screams, and they find a girl, Jane Carter, strangled. Not only that, but the killer put a \$50,000 ring on her finger -- thus proving he was no cheap skate!

First line: "Mary, please, I feel gay enough on these skates..."

The Murdered Truck Driver (The Linda Crane Case; Empty Truck Hijacked)(#66)

07/16/46

Mark Crane, a truck driver, and his truck is hi-jacked. The dead driver's wife comes to Blackie for help. Farraday investigates and is interviewing Mr. Green, the trucking company owner, when Blackie pops in through the window. Joe Baxter is the foreman and chief dispatcher. Funny thing is, the truck was empty.

First line: "Anything else, fellows? Naw, that'll be all for me..."

The Murdering Cuckoo Clock (The Murdering Clock)(#67)

07/23/46

The son of a kindly old clocksmith designs clocks that cuckoo and kill. But he ends up dead as well and Farraday puts the old clocksmith in the jug. Did he do it? Only Blackie has the key.

First line: "Let me see, now. Why, no, young lady..."

Mutiny Leads to Murder Aboard the Freighter Swan (The Swan; Freighter Crew Plans Mutiny)(#68)

07/30/46

There's trouble aboard the good ship Swan. The crew want to steal the cargo. But the only passenger aboard owns the cargo and resists the theft. He gets killed for his trouble. Meanwhile, Shorty asks Blackie to meet his friend Jimmy Adams, cabin boy. Farraday is at sea trying to solve the murder, and gets wet besides.

First line: "Come in. Aye, Captain Harlan."

Jerry Williams Fixed Court Case (Fixed Court Cases; The Gardenia; Jerry Williams vs. Boston Blackie)(#69)

08/06/46

Jerry Williams is acquitted of the murder of Ed Blaine when his thugs convince the jury members not to find him guilty. Blackie is set to testify against Williams in the Frank Lash murder case but is visited by two thugs who threaten to kill Mary if he does. He agrees to forget it. Later, the thugs rob an armored car. Blackie has to join the gang to nab the crooks.

First line: "Order. Order in the court."

The Diamond Smugglers (Mama and Papa Case; Bookstore a Front for Diamond Smugglers; Smuggled Diamonds) (#70)

08/13/46

Papa and Mama Aven use their quiet bookstore as a blind for smuggling diamonds. Disguised as a waiter, Frank Lewis meets with Papa and hands over \$50,000 less in diamonds than expected, and so is served a cup of tea containing a slow-acting poison. Charlie Kingston meets with Lewis to buy the remaining \$50,000 in rocks and Blackie verifies their value. But before a deal can be struck, Lewis dies. Blackie helps Kingston dispose of the body but Farraday later arrives to arrest Blackie, since during his surveillance of Lewis, customs official Paul Brown watched it all.

First line: "Papa? Yes, Lela. What did I do, fall asleep?"

Jealous Partners and Arson (Fire Insurance) (#71)

08/20/46

Jim Parker refuses to renew his fire insurance on his building, even though it is valuable. Robert Gardner, Parker's partner, is broke and needs a loan from Blackie. He needs the money to keep his wife, but she is having an affair with Parker. The building burns down -- and Mrs. Gardner is missing. Things look really hot for Mr. Gardner.

First line: "Come in. Oh, come right in, Mr. Adams."

The Rockwell Diamond (#72)

08/27/46

Miss Moray charges Blackie with the theft of \$10,000 from her grandfather, a trumped-up charge to get Blackie arrested off an airplane so he would help her find the Rockwell Diamond.

(Note: This is a re-do of #CM01 which starred Chester Morris.)

First line: "Municipal Tower to Trans-Continental flight 17."

The Stolen Rare Book (A Rare Book Is Stolen) (#73)

09/03/46

Mary is in the public library when Angus, the rare book vault attendant collapses. During the police investigation, Miss Calvin, the library attendant, notices that a first and only edition of Radway's Faust has been stolen. Mary suspects Vivian Peterson, who was in the vault at the time, because she learns Vivian works for Harold Benson, a rare book dealer, and that Angus had been given knockout drops. But Mr. Benson is subsequently found dead in his bookshop. Unknown to Blackie and the police, the book has fallen into the hands of Mr. Tobin, who plans to sell it. Blackie uncovers the plot after a visit to the recovering Mr. Angus.

First line: "Miss. Oh, Miss." "Shhhh! This is a public library, young lady."

The Backstage Murder (Marked Card Murder Case; Marked for Murder)(#74)

09/10/46

Against his protests, Mary persuades Blackie to appear in the musical "The Mikado", to benefit the Orphan's Foundation. During rehearsal, Blackie finds Roger Knowlton, the theater superintendent, stabbed to death in an open trunk. A deck of marked cards in his pocket leads Blackie to believe Knowlton was cheating both wealthy Arnold Grimes and Lester Boswell, a poor sculptor. Blackie finds the clue that solves the murder in a trash can.

First line: "Oh, Mary, you can't mean it!"

Apartment Swindler (The Rental Racket)(#75)

09/17/46

Ex-GI, Jim Palmer, puts a \$300 deposit on an apartment in a building that is yet-to-be-built. But Bill Davidson and Tom Johnson are selling 100 apartments in the forth-coming Bryant Apartment House to 1,000 people and plan to skip town with the money. Blackie gets to the real estate office but the agent is not there. Thinking an unidentified man in a fatal car accident is the agent, Blackie goes to Farraday, only to find that the man doesn't match Blackie's description. Blackie uncovers the deception during an unauthorized night-time visit to the rental office.

First line: "Out of my way. Just a minute. Let me through here."

The Abbott Painting (#76)

09/24/46

Henry Rice is trying to frame Shorty for the murder of someone named Ashley. Blackie tries to persuade Rice to give him Shorty's incriminating cigarette lighter. Rice will only give it up if Blackie will steal the Abbot painting for him from the heavily guarded City Gallery. Not only does Blackie get Shorty's lighter back, Rice meets his match!

First line: "Well, so the great Blackie condescends to visit..."

The Undersea Murder (Sunken Treasure Chest; Sunken Treasure) (#77)

10/01/46

Harry Mather cuts the air lines of the diver, Bill Branson after he finds the sunken gold. He then tells Branson's sister that her brother died by accident. But surprise, surprise! Branson is still alive, and Blackie gets involved.

First line: "Found it, Larry. Found it."

Murdered Show Dog Owner (Barking Up the Wrong Tree) (#78)

10/08/46

Marilyn Lawrence's two champion boxer dogs, Angel and Spartan, win the best of show award, and Mr. Eglinton wants to buy them then and there, but Mrs. Lawrence doesn't want to sell. "Not as long as I live," she replies. And it ain't very long before she's dead and Mary finds the dogs that have gone astray, and of course Blackie steps in to solve a murder.

First line: "Quiet, everybody, quiet. I said quiet..."

Murder At the Rodeo (#79)

10/15/46

Belle Evans, the belle of the rodeo circuit, thinks Helen Henry wants her dead. Belle rides Slim Waters' horse and a burr under the saddle causes the horse to throw Belle. Then Helen gets killed. Very confusing to Farraday. But Blackie wins the race.

First line: "Havin' trouble with those boots, Hazel?"

Farraday Shot (Bill Thayer Mob) (#80)

10/22/46

Farraday gets the goods on Bill Thayer for robbery. Sgt. Rawlins warns the Inspector to watch out for retribution by Thayer's mob, but he doesn't listen and gets shot up, but good! This really makes Blackie mad, and he goes after the ones that did it, but was it Thayer's mob -- or somebody else?

First line: "Oh, hi Inspector Farraday. Had enough of your office today?"

Granny's Witchcraft (Blackie and the Witch) (#81)

10/29/46

Granny shows up at a costume party and warns Blackie that he may die soon. She implicates a big blue limousine and a chandelier. Sure enough, the chandelier in the ballroom crashes to the floor. Later, a big blue limo nearly mows Blackie and Mary down. So Blackie goes to see Granny, who then warns him about a fire. Meanwhile Blackie's old enemy Joe Hanson is out of prison and pulls a \$25,000 safe job with his man Pete. Pete tries to double-cross Joe and gets killed for his troubles.

First line: "Hi, Blackie, are you having fun? Hi, Mary. Oh, it's a cute costume."

A New Face for Joe Harvey (Cop Killer's Face) (#82)

11/05/46

Joe Harvey has some plastic surgery done. He thinks he's safe from the cops now. But now he looks like Donald Tate, the cop killer, and gets arrested right off. Farraday's happy, but Joe keeps screaming for Blackie. Blackie can prove he's who he really is -- or can he?

First line: "Come on, hurry it up, will, you, Doc? Get the scissors busy."

Only One Way Out for Me (Ralph Burton's Suicide) (#83)

11/12/46

Ralph Burton is way in debt to Charlie Kingston and appears to have committed suicide. Charlie feels guilty about the death and gets Blackie involved. Blackie starts asking difficult questions, like how can Mrs. Burton pay off her gambling debt to Tony?

First line: "I don't know what you can tell Mr. Kingston, sir."

Bill and Harry -- \$50,000 Necklace (Diamond Necklace) (#84)

11/19/46

Bill and Harry Reese steal a \$50,000 necklace. Mary gets it, but then it is stolen from her.

First line: "Oh, excuse me. I beg your pardon. Huh? What's on your mind, mister?"

The Lenny Powell Murder (The Airline Murder; Murder at the Airport) (#85)

11/26/46

Mike, Tex and Joe are pilots who own and operate a struggling air freight business. Lenny Powell hires them for \$5,000 to take him on a flight on which he will be carrying \$25,000. Lenny is killed and the money stolen. Blackie suspects one of the three.

First line: "Lincoln Airport? Harold? Yeah, Emily."

Blackie Goes to Jail for Diamond Theft (Blackie in Jail; Blackie Sent to Penitentiary) (#86)

12/03/46

Farraday solves a diamond theft and Blackie is convicted of the theft and of trying to sell the gems. He is sentenced to 10-20 years in the state penitentiary. Mary vows to clear his name. In the prison dining room, Blackie gets in a fight with a prison guard and is knocked unconscious. Farraday visits the warden's office while Blackie is there recovering and we discover that Blackie is a plant. Farraday needs to learn the whereabouts of Jim Baker, a man who murdered two policemen in Wisconsin and a bank teller in Oklahoma. Blackie hopes that Bill Jackson, another prisoner, will divulge Baker's hiding place when they make a jail break together.

First line: "All right, Inspector Farraday, you got a reporter..."

Mary, Registered Nurse (The Phony Doctor) (#87)

12/10/46

Posing as a doctor, Sam Jones and his associate Ed Rogers hire Mary to watch over Rogers' brother, whom they say is sedated, the victim of a car accident. When he awakens, thinking Jones is a doctor, he reports that Ed tried to kill him because he knows Ed has embezzled thousands of dollars from the company at which they both work. He was on his way to the police when he was run down. Jones has Mary administer another hypo and then curtly discharges her. Mary convinces Blackie that she is suspicious and when they return to the home, they find the patient dead from a leap out the window. When Mary is called back for a final assignment, Blackie must save her from her own death leap.

First line: "What's the matter, Ed? Can't you find her telephone number?"

Police Impersonator (Voice Impersonator; The Mimic)(#88) 12/17/46

Gangster Jim Martin hires Tom Jenkins to imitate Blackie's voice to lure police killer, Mike Burns, into a trap set by Inspector Farraday. But Mike escapes and believing that Blackie double-crossed him, goes to Blackie's to kill him. Blackie escapes and goes to see the mimic, only to find him dead in Burns' presence. Burns takes Blackie and Mary to Martin's house where Blackie overpowers Martin, takes his gun and ties him up. As they drive away, Blackie makes the crooks think they are running out of gas and when he and Mary get out to talk to a policeman, the thugs take off, lose control and crash. Farraday arrives and confirms that the gun Blackie gave the policeman was the murder weapon. Blackie tells Farraday he can take him to the killer, all tied up in a neat package.
First line: "I've got a gal who's a beautiful gal..."

The Derailed Gold Train (On the Wrong Track; Detained Train) (#89) 12/24/46

The Metropolitan Flier is stopped by a wrecked car on the track, and Blackie can't figure out why. Meanwhile, Roger Lane is killed and Farraday suspects Sam Baldwin of the hit.
First line: "That you, Tom?" "Yeah, Bob." "We on time?"

Carl Brown Cleaning Shop (Carl Brown Murdered; Death By Natural Causes) (#90) 12/31/46

Carl Brown, owner of a cleaning shop, is being shaken down by Jerry Buck. He goes to Blackie for help. But his wife, Wanda, and his best friend, John Rainey, have a thing going and want him out of the way. And Carl is found dead in his bed apparently from natural causes. But Blackie thinks it's murder. There is, after all, those missing two hours on Brown's watch.
First line: "Now look, Carl, don't feel too bad, cuz the doc says..."

Jack Small Alias Bill Bigelow (Jack Small's Lucky Piece; Jack Small) (#91) 01/07/47

Working for Inspector Farraday, Detective Waterman spots a car belonging to murderer Jack Small. Small had joined a gang of workmen in the westside quarry, using the name Bigelow. Shorty asks Blackie to collect \$500 that Small owes him. While Waterman uses a candy store near the quarry for surveillance, a dynamite blast at the quarry buries Bigelow under tons of rock. When Blackie & Mary arrive at Bigelow's apartment, Carter, his roommate tells them of the death and pays the debt. Blackie suspects Bigelow is alive. When he returns to the apartment, he finds Carter dead. Blackie's hunch about mint candies found at the scene leads him to a sweet solution of the case.
First line: "Well, then, Inspector Farraday, let's grab this guy..."

Blackie and the Fur Thefts (Jackie's Mink Caper; Janet Corning Smothered in Persian Lamb; Blackie and the Fur Trade; Harry Gets Janet a Mink Coat) (#92) 01/14/47

Janet Corning wants Harry Barlow to buy her a \$10,000 mink she sees in a window. Blackie figures in Harry's plan to get her the coat. Janet gets Blackie to call fur stores and recommend her and Harry. Farraday thinks Blackie and Mary had something to do with stolen furs. He finds a mink in Mary's apartment that she says Blackie asked her to keep for him. He confronts Blackie and gets locked in a closet for his troubles. Meanwhile, Janet gets smothered to death in her Persian Lamb coat. Blackie gives this case in a very shocking ending.
First line: "There's the fur coat I was telling you about."

The Search for Jim Gary (Jim Gary Is Wanted; The Firebug) (#93) 01/21/47

Insurance investigator John Rodney is hired to find Jim Gary, wanted for murder and robbery in Omaha, by a Mr. Adams. Blackie receives a note to meet Rodney at his rooming house. When he gets there, it is in flames and Farraday tells him that the only person missing in the fire is Rodney. Rodney calls Adams to say he's lost the only photo of Gary in the fire. Blackie talks to Rodney, who shows him his report of the fire. Meanwhile, a couple named Marsh argues after she phones police to turn him in as a firebug. When he overhears, Marsh plans to do her in, but she shoots him first. Farraday and Blackie arrive to get her story. But they find out that Marsh did not set the rooming house fire. Then Blackie knows where to find Gary.
First line: "National Insurance Company." "Good Morning. Mr. Adams, please."

Jacques Pierre and the Diamonds (Willebrandt Diamonds; According To the Plan) (#94) 01/28/47

Bob Jackson and Jerry Brown have a real smooth plan, and they end up snatching the Willebrandt Diamonds. Their boss, Mr. Dalton, is planning to fence them to Jacques Pierre. But Blackie steps in and screws up their nice plan. But where are the diamonds?
First line: "There's the window in the joint that ought to be open."

The Peters Mix-Up (Walter Peters, Dead in a Lake; Tugboat Bess and the Saltwater Corpse) (#95) 02/04/47

Walter Peters, a smuggler, is fished out of a lake by police. His identification card reads "In case of accident, notify Boston Blackie". A tugboat operator named Bess persuades Blackie to go for a boat ride by telling him it will help with his investigation, and there he sees and talks to -- Walter Peters! The morgue reports Peters' body missing. But before Blackie can go back to talk to Peters, the body is found again, having been claimed by Bess. Blackie & Mary return to the docks with Farraday, only to fish Bess out of the drink, having been nearly drowned by Peters! It is then that they discover the answer to the mystery.

First line: "Hey Bill, when I get rich, you know what I'm going to do?"

Jailbirds Murdock and Dawson (Love Song Mystery; Sing a Song of Escaped Cons) (#96) 02/11/47

Murdock and Dawson are captured by Farraday's men, only to break jail and hide out in the city. Meanwhile, crooner Duke Collins is threatened and calls Blackie for help, but gets beaten up. When Blackie & Farraday arrive, Collins says he doesn't need help. Blackie suspects a tie in. Later, a battered Collins shows up at Blackie's place with a song he was told to sing on the radio. Blackie cracks the musical code and takes Collins' place singing the song.

Murdock and Dawson and their gang waltz right into the arms of Farraday's men.

First line: "Quiet, you guys. You want to send him a telegram?"

Seven Years Bad Luck for Florence Wells, Musical Comedy

Star (Florence Wells Murdered; Gloria Wells Case) (#97) 02/18/47

Florence Wells, the musical comedy star, and Barbara Lane, the chorus girl, are competing for the affections of Tom Johnson. Florence calls Blackie to come to her aid and then she vanishes mysteriously from her dressing room, right under Blackie's nose. And is murdered. A broken mirror sure spelled bad luck for her.

First line: "So you think you're going to keep Tom away from me, do you, Barbara?"

Joe Delivers the Goods (Joe Barton Is Missing; Meat Market Front) (#98) 02/25/47

Joe Barton is caught in the middle of a stolen merchandise ring. He decides he wants out and disappears. Joe's parents ask Blackie to find out what happened to Joe Barton and who is behind the stolen merchandise ring. It seems there is more to buy at Arden's Butcher Shop than steaks.

First line: "Wait a second, Joe, there's my phone."

Larry the Kid vs. Savinni (The \$10,000 Dive) (#99) 03/04/47

Fighter Larry Dawes, alias The Kid, is contacted by a man named Lawson who tells him to throw his Friday fight with Savinni, for which he will receive \$10,000. He refuses and goes to Blackie who has him contact the police. They tell him to meet with Lawson again where they arrest him. Out on bail, Lawson goes to his boss, Thompson, who tells him to take the rap alone and he'll be well paid. Later while Blackie visits The Kid, Blackie is knocked unconscious and The Kid is worked over so he can't fight on Friday. Blackie places a \$15,000 bet on the replacement fighter, Johnson, and Johnson is told to take a dive or else.

First line: "Hey, Kid. There's a guy here to see you."

Tenth Street Gym and Stolen Car Ring (Stolen Cars and the Boys Club) (#100) 03/11/47

Blackie & Mary go to the 10th Street Gym to watch the boys play basketball but no boys are there. They learn that racketeer Joe Easton has become an idol to area teens. Blackie & Farraday fear a wave of juvenile delinquency may result. Meanwhile, Farraday and his men try to halt the rise of stolen cars in the city. Blackie swears to break Easton's racket. Then a man is killed when his car is stolen and a policeman shot. Blackie uses a 1941 Pacer as bait to catch a killer. In jail, John Walters admits he has been stealing cars and working for Easton.

First line: "Here we are, Mary. All out."

Sam Fisher's Past (I Am Not Sam Fisher) (#101) 03/18/47

Sam Fisher sustained an accident years ago and since then can't remember who he really is. He calls himself Sam Fisher, but wants Blackie to find out his real identity. His wife Rita and his friend Roger Ainsley have their own plans. And there is the dead cab driver, the sea captain and the ugly green and red tie.

First line: "Ha, ha. You didn't think I'd make that one..."

The Horse Room Thefts of Boston Blackie (Bookie Robbed)(#102) 03/25/47

Somebody is robbing the horse gambling establishments in town and bragging that he is Boston Blackie. Crime bosses Haines and Larson are really angry about it. They send a tough who grabs the \$20,000 in charity money that Blackie is holding to buy a new home for unfortunate boys. That's their really big mistake!
First line: "Yes? Take ten on Calabash in the fourth."

The Bus to Valley Junction (Wayward Bus Driver) (#103) 04/01/47

There are strange goings on in Valley Junction. Cy Gardner, the owner of the general store, recognizes somebody he shouldn't have, and now he's in trouble. He calls Blackie in the city to help him, but on the way out to Valley Junction on the bus, a gal named Marjorie Kieland waylays him with a gun and makes him get off. Gardner is found murdered. Blackie gets sore feet, but catches a murderer.
First line: "Howdy, Cy." "Morning, Harry. How's that bus of yours--still all in one piece?"

Aggie Rogers Murder (Spinster Sisters: Rogers Sisters Case) (#104) 04/08/47

The two crazy Rogers sisters hate each other and live in different parts of their junk-filled mansion. Aggie Rogers controls the money, but never goes out of the house. Martha Rogers brings in the food. A neighbor hears moaning from the house and contacts Blackie. Blackie and Farraday investigate and find Aggie murdered. And Martha Rogers has disappeared. Seems that Aggie left all her money to a young news boy, Robert Perkins.
First line: "Aggie? Here's your food."

Phonograph Murder (Record On Death; Murder on Record) (#105) 04/15/47

Jim Grant receives a unique package. It is a phonograph record that predicts his murder. And guess what happens? It comes true, on the spot. Is the killer Jack Adams who wants Grant's girl friend Helen Martin? Or was it Jim's brother Bill Grant? Blackie is stumped -- till he sees the light.
First line: "Yes?" "Package for Mr. James Grant."

Millicent Bromley Kidnapped (Shorty Is Murder Suspect; Missing Millicent Bromley) (#106) 04/22/47

Twenty-two year old Millicent Bromley has been kidnapped. Shorty calls Farraday and tells him that the missing girl is in his apartment, but by the time Farraday gets there, Shorty has been slugged and the girl is gone. The Professor and his men, Tommy and Bill, had stashed the girl at Shorty's until the heat was off, and then grabbed her back. The Professor uses a trained dog to retrieve the ransom money. Blackie is away on the West Coast, but solves it by long distance. Blackie is never heard on the episode.
First line: "We've got to find that woman, you understand?"

Baseball and Gambling (Sammy Saunders, Ball Player; Gambler's Debt) (#107) 04/29/47

Joe Ash is killed while writing a letter to Blackie, and Sammy Saunders the baseball player is introduced to a girl who's job it is to get him to throw a ball game.
First line: "(singing) Baby, you love me, baby, you think of me..."

Mrs. Peterson's Insurance Policy (Measured for Murder) (#108) 05/07/47

Hilda Peterson overhears her husband asking their lawyer about her insurance policy, specifically if it would still pay off in his favor if she were murdered. She goes to Blackie, who takes her to Farraday. Her husband is jailed, then bailed, and Mrs. Peterson is killed with a bullet to the head!
First line: "Yes? Oh, Mrs. Peterson, come on in."

Joe Adams Drowned (Drowned After Robbery)(#109) 05/14/47

Frank Horton and his henchman, Tiny, drown Joe Adams in a bathtub. The body is later found in the Sea Lion pool at the zoo. His girlfriend, Valerie Johnson, is all broken up -- or is she?
First line: "We got enough water in that tub, don't you think?"

Blackie Breaks Into Prison (Blackie Breaks Jail)(#110) 05/21/47

Blackie breaks into prison to do a favor for Johnnie Brennan whose son, Kevin, is in prison and will be framed for the murder of Mattie Innis. Mattie is indeed murdered in his cell. Farraday knows that Blackie himself swore to get even with Innis for an earlier matter. So Blackie's stuck in prison and Mary has to do her best to get him out.
First line: "Blackie. That saw is making too much noise."

The Ghost of Florence Newton (Hitchhiking Ghost; The Lady Hitchhiker; Ghost of a Dead Girl) (#111) 05/28/47

Blackie picks up a hitchhiker named Florence Newton, a mysterious woman who had been wading in a creek and who disappears from his car when he drives her home. Blackie finds out from her father that Florence was drowned in that creek three years before. Meanwhile, Blackie is to give evidence against Butch Heathers. But his seeing a "ghost" is used against his credibility in the trial. Blackie smells a rat.

First line: "Oh, oh, a hitchhiker. And is she pretty."

Man Following Eva (Stalking Killer; Eva is Stabbed) (#112) 06/04/47

Everywhere Eva Cronin looks, the same man is staring at her, stalking her. There is a "stalking killer" out there and Farraday can't seem to catch him. He has men covering the Elm Street place where Eva lives. She calls Blackie from a party for help, but when Blackie gets there, there's no Eva and no party.

First line: "That's eight sixty out of ten, Miss Kernan."

Note: first line uses "Kernan", while the rest of the story has "Cronin"!

Blackie Shoots a Watchman (Detective Follows Blackie; Mary Has Blackie Followed; Follow That Blackie; The Fredericks Gang) (#113) 06/11/47

Blackie joins the Fredericks gang to get evidence in order to turn the members in to the police. Mary hires a private eye to tail Blackie to later testify in Blackie's defense. During a robbery as a gang member, Blackie shoots a night watchman using blanks. But the man is found at the scene actually shot to death, and the PI claims to have lost Blackie's trail before the robbery. Farraday arrives to arrest Blackie.

First line: "What was that address again, Mary?"

Crooked Carver Brother (Donald Carver Case; Brotherly Hate; Donald Carver Fights with Mother) (#114) 06/18/47

Unemployed Donald Carver and his brother Kenneth are not at all alike. The boss, Mr. Williams and his secretary, Miss Holloway, from Kenneth's office were gunned down in a robbery. Their mother, Mrs. Martha Carver, turns in Donald after discovering some of the stolen money and the murder weapon in his dresser drawer. But Blackie doesn't think he is the killer and Harry Brown provides an alibi for Donald.

First line: "Don, what's the matter with your appetite?"

Joe Nelson's Pet Shop Gambling Scheme (Pet Shop For Gambling) (#115) 06/25/47

Joe Nelson, an ex-con, turns down a man who wants to put a gambling setup in the back room of his pet shop. But when Joe goes to see Blackie, he is murdered in Blackie's apartment. Then the murderer goes to Nelson's cousin, Frank, and forces him to lure Blackie to the shop. Bob, the murderer, knocks Blackie unconscious, puts him in a sack and they take Blackie out on the river and throw him overboard!

First line: "Come on in. Hi ya, Blackie. Nice to see..."

Johnny Burns' Imported Woolens (Johnny 'Cash' Burns for Murder; Mary is Hypnotized)(#116) 07/02/47

Johnny "Cash" Burns strikes a deal with George Martin to sell him imported woolens for \$1 a yard less than he is currently paying. Burns and Sam Blaine, his partner, fly the woolens into the country with helicopters at night. Burns then kills Blaine for his half and before dying, Blaine names his killer. But Mary swears that Burns was hosting her at his home at the time of the shooting.

First line: "Yes? Mr. Martin. Yes. There's a John Burns to see you, Mr. Martin."

Death Comes to the Harmonica Man (Corpse Plays the Harmonica) (#117) 07/09/47

Henry Peterson, the harmonica player, ticks off his girlfriend, Sally Rogers, and she shoots him. He grabs her gun and, wounded, makes his way to Bill Foster's place where he dies, putting the racketeer Foster in a fine mess.

First line: "Gee, I could listen to that all night."

The Randolph Construction Gang Bank Robbery (#118) 07/16/47

A construction gang is a front for a gang of bank robbers. A guard is shot during the Parkway Bank robbery. And John Manders ends up sealed inside a wall.

First line: "All right, all right, all right."

Blackie's Body in Wax (Mosley Brothers; The Wax Museum) (#119) 07/23/47

Percy Wayne makes an absolutely perfect wax image of Boston Blackie and displays it in his wax museum. Also in the museum are the figures of other famous crime fighters and detectives and scores of famous criminals of the past and present. Duke Allen, midwest racketeer, is coming to town to take over from the Mosley brothers, local racket

bosses. No one knows what Allen looks like, except Percy Wayne who has a wax figure of him in his wax museum. The Mosley brothers learn this, come to the museum, take a photograph of the figure marked Duke Allen and then set out to find and kill him. What they don't know however, is that the figure marked Duke Allen is really Blackie!
First line: "Hazel?" "Yeah?" "Will you answer the door?"

Poetry In My Soul - Mayor Rogers Killed (The Poetic Assassin; Poetry For Murder; Harry Johnson Murdered)(#120) 07/30/47

Carter and his partner, Joe, kill Mayor Bob Rogers from their rooftop hiding place with a high powered rifle. Then, Harry Johnson, who was with the mayor at the time of the assassination, is shot to death when he answers his door. Neither Blackie or the police have any clue to the identity of the killers or reason why Johnson was killed. Blackie suspects that Johnson was killed because he took a contract away from Rex Martin and the mayor was killed by mistake. But Martin shows him the contract, signed two days before Johnson was killed! Mary's decision not to buy a hat on a rainy day gives Blackie the clue he needs.
First line: "Carter?" "Yeah?" "I feel a hunk of poetry comin' on."

Butcher Boy Gang (The Butcher Boys) (#121) 08/06/47

Sammy the Lip informs Farraday that the Butcher brothers mob is planning an armored car heist. But Sammy gets killed and the boss of the mob orders Blackie killed and a huge load of new cars stolen instead.
First line: "You can't tell when you go out who you're gonna meet."

Burning His House Behind Him (Body in the Basement; 200 Pound Murder Victim)(#122) 08/13/47

Joe Lang kills his wife, Sally, and buries her body in his basement and then covers the floor with concrete. Sue Adams, who helped bury the body, thinks she is next and goes to Blackie. Sue's brother, Billy Wilson, helps Lang burn the house down. When Blackie goes to the house and digs where Sue says the body is buried, he finds nothing. Farraday and his men find the body but it is Blackie who finds out the killer is NOT the killer!
First line: "What are we digging, Joe? A sub-basement?"

Murder of John Austin (Austin is Killed; Open Field Case; How Was Austin Killed; Legacy of John Austin) (#123) 08/20/47

John Austin is killed in the middle of a field during an inspection tour. The mystery is not only who done it, but how was it done?
First line: "Here's the body, Inspector Farraday."

Buckley Protection Agency and the Murder of Henry Dale (Blackie and the Protection Racket; Mary is Framed By the Mob; Henry Dale Killed by Mary?) (#124) 08/27/47

Henry Dale is killed and Mary is framed for it because Blackie wouldn't play his assigned role in Buckley's protection racket.
First line: "Hmm, looks like a blockade."

\$50,000 Shoe Shine (#125) 09/03/47

Shiny Steel, the shoe shine boy, is a front for a counterfeit money ring, but he gets caught up in the conflict between Hanley and Arnold and is killed. Farraday doesn't get it, but Blackie polishes the case off nicely.
First line: "You really put a shine on those shoes, fella."

Lighthouse Ghost (Ghost Lighthouse; Rocky Island Lighthouse) (#126) 09/10/47

Charlie Kingston's ships carrying valuable cargos are being lured onto the reef by a ghost lighthouse. And there are funny goings-on at the real Rocky Island Lighthouse, where Frank Harlow, the light keeper, mysteriously falls to his death. Farraday is stumped, but Blackie sheds some light on the problem.
First line: "You see anything through this fog tonight, Mr. Jensen?"

Case of the Exploding Car (Exploding Car) (#127) 09/17/47

Car bomb murders the wrong man. Henry Smith is killed by mistake in C.F. Baker's car. Mr. Oliver, who makes bombs in his munitions factory, threatened to kill Baker and accused of the murder by Farraday.
First line: "Well, OK, watch this one."

Old 86 Is Missing (#128) 09/24/47

Old 86, a railroad engine with four cars, departed its terminal but never arrived at the station. Its four man crew is found in the departure terminal, three unconscious and the engineer dead. The fourth car was carrying a million

dollars' worth of uncut diamonds. Henry Reed, head of the shipping department, is found poisoned and dumped in an alley. A two-day search of every spur and siding along the route of the train proves fruitless. It appears that the train has vanished and along with it, the diamonds.

First line: "Hey, you gonna open her up as soon as we're out of the yard?"

Death Wish (Joe Wells) (#129)

10/01/47

Blackie goes to Jimmy Wells to prevent him from being killed for his gambling debts by Walter Branch and company which runs the racket. Only he refuses help from both Blackie or the police. While Blackie searches for the would-be killers, Wells kidnaps Mary Wesley and threatens to kill her if Blackie or the police intervene, so he will die in the electric chair. Jimmy's bribery of Branch's man, Tommy, fails to work and Blackie & Farraday must save Mary without killing her!

First line: "Yeah?" "Are you Jimmy Wells?"

Dead Aunt Sarah (#130)

10/08/47

Robert Williams gives a thousand dollars to Bill Lynch to give him an alibi if and when his Aunt Sarah is killed. Auntie is indeed killed and Robert's alibi comes in handy -- until Lynch too is killed. Sue Williams and her boyfriend Frank figure it in somewhere, but it's a real puzzler, until Blackie figures it out.

First line: "Sure you won't have a walnut, Mr. Williams?"

Joe Crane, Hired Killer (Murder Comes To Town) (#131)

10/15/47

Joe Crane comes to town to kill Arnold Peterson's wife Sally. But the plan backfires and Bill Smith, who has a grudge against Peterson, gets his own idea when he finds Peterson all tied up.

First line: "Who is it? Who is it?" "It's me, Mr. Peterson, Joe Crane."

Mid-Air Diamond Theft (Diamonds In the Air) (#132)

10/22/47

Detective Jack Evans is hired to guard Mr. Wilson who is delivering a million dollar diamond to Mr. Blaine by way of a chartered plane flown by pilot Bob Johnston. But the detective is murdered in the air, the pilot blacks out, Wilson is all tied up and the diamond is mysteriously stolen -- in mid-air.

First line: "Come in. Mr. Wilson? Yes, come in sir..."

Framed By a Film (#133)

10/29/47

A guy named Joe, a henchman of The Boss, calls Blackie down to the warehouse on Front Street. He says there is a robbery in progress. Blackie goes there and exchanges gunfire with someone in the warehouse, and then is slugged by The Boss. Later, the warehouse is really robbed and a guard killed and a film of Blackie at the place is sent to Farraday. Farraday doesn't believe Blackie did it, but Blackie confesses and then goes underground to trap the gang who really did the robbery. Another of The Boss' henchmen, Billy Boy, puts \$5,000 from the robbery under the rug in Blackie's apartment to further implicate him. But Blackie puts The Boss and his men under the spotlight -- in the theater.

First line: "Come in." "Hello, " "Ah, come in, Blackie, come in."

The Old Shoe Clue (#134)

11/05/47

A messenger arrives at Blackie's door with a "valuable" package containing only an old shoe. In addition, he is given \$1,000 to deliver it to the police. Farraday suspects it figures in the Richard's murder, an unsolved ten-year old case, involving a shoe print. The police have been searching in vain for the shoe which matches their plaster print. Blackie pays a visit to chief suspect Eddie Maylee, and tells him his shoe has been found and he'll be implicated. So Maylee prepares to fly to Mexico. But when Blackie returns to Farraday's office, he finds out the shoe doesn't fit the impression. Blackie leaves with the shoe and vows to find the messenger.

First line: "Blackie -- someone at the door. Want me to see who it is?"

The Murdock Gang Strikes (#137)

11/26/47

Farraday is off on vacation and Deputy Inspector Welles has taken his place. He is ambitious for a big break. The break comes when the Murdock gang is discovered to be back in operation. Welles wants Blackie to stay out of it. The Murdock Gang has their eyes on a half million dollars worth of jewelry in the Larchmont Diamond Company's safe. They have forced Henry Carson, an employee of the firm, to disclose the combination. Then they kill Carson by throwing him off a building. Blackie figures out what they intend and goes to the Diamond Company first and heists the jewels before the Murdock gang can get there. But when the police show up, they find a dead guard and the safe

wide open and empty. Meanwhile, Murdock has figured out that the only person in town who could have opened that safe was Blackie.

First line: "OK, Farraday, have a nice time. Have such a good time that..."

Open Season On Henry Williams (Murder by the Book)(#138)

12/03/47

A couple of killers shoot Henry Williams to death at his home at 10 Barton Road. When the gangster Henry Williams hears about this killing, he suspects that it was an accident and that he was the real intended target. He guesses that Jo Carter wants him dead because he, Williams, wants to horn in on Carter's east side rackets. Williams goes to Blackie for help, and when Blackie confronts Carter, he discovers she is a beautiful woman. Blackie and Farraday use a clue inserted as a newspaper boilerplate item to trap the killers and solve the puzzle of the mistaken Williams killing.

First line: "You're sure I'm taking you to the right address?"

Where, Oh Where Has My Mary Gone? (Henry Tyler Returns)(#141)

12/24/47

Blackie hears that Henry Tyler, the jewelry racketeer, is back in town. He sends Mary to entice Tyler to pick her up and to learn what she can. Next morning he shows up at Mary's apartment house, only to find that the doorman Harry and the superintendent Mr. Skylander, don't know him and have never heard of Mary. To cap it off, a woman named Wanda Bennett is living in apartment 19G instead of Mary. Meanwhile, Tyler is selling a bunch of Stanley watches which have had cheap movements put in them, and has sent his henchman from the Stanley Company away under the assumed name of Jim Lawrence. Even Farraday can't get the truth out of Miss Bennett or the supervisor.

First line: "Hello, Harry. How's Dale Avenue's best looking doorman?"

The Door Buzzer (#142)

12/31/47

In a Paris music store, Pierre LaScalle gives a door buzzer to Henry Taylor and tells him to take it to America and guard it with his life. Tom Downing & Joe Small, former associates of LaScalle, confront Taylor and tell him to return to LaScalle and say he couldn't find the safe. When he refuses they bump him off. Blackie finds the door buzzer at the murder scene and opens it. Using a wire recorder at police headquarters, he finds there is a combination to a safe on the wire. But when the safe is found and opened, it is empty.

First line: "I think you will enjoy playing this music very much, Mamselle."

Riding Stable (#143)

01/07/48

Jim Lesley who owns a riding stable is sweet on Kay Baker, the secretary to David Hanley, the mystery writer. Lesley is jealous of Hanley and threatens to kill him. But it is Lesley himself who meets his death outside Beauty's stall at the riding academy. Because Lesley has been teasing Beauty the horse, Farraday assumes that Beauty got back at him by kicking him, but Blackie knows that it is murder. Meanwhile, Johnny the stable boy owes money to Jumbo who wants to get paid. Johnny tells Jumbo that he is in Lesley's will for \$5,000, and when the will is probated, Jumbo will get paid. Blackie has three suspects, and has to put a burr under a saddle to catch the killer.

First line: "What was I up to, Kay?"

Invention Worth Killing For (#144)

01/14/48

Charlie Kingston has asked Blackie to contact Roger Harrison at a hotel and look over the plans for Harrison's new invention. Harrison's room number is a secret, yet before Blackie can reach Harrison's room, Harrison is shot. A rubber plant is found in his room, and this gives Blackie the clue to how the killer found the room number. Meanwhile, Sarah Welch, Jack Welch's wife, is having an affair with Bill Williams. Jack used to be Harrison's assistant until Bill beat him out of the job. Blackie has to disguise himself as an old man to solve this one -- an old man with a rubber plant.

First line: "Here are the house phones, Mary."

Kid's Killing (Murder in the Ring; Fighter Is Killed; Killing of the Kid) (#145)

01/21/48

The Kid is shot to death in the first round of his bout with Tony Fresco. He had a row with gambler Johnny Grant before the fight, and some say that his manager Duffy had been stealing from him. The Kid's girlfriend Dorothy Cory wants Blackie to find the killer.

First line: "OK, Kid, one on your back now. Get at those shoulders..."

The Record Collector (My Made in America Maiden; The DJ Caper; Jack Lescoulie, DJ) (#146)

01/28/48

Jack Lescoulie has a disc jockey show and he keeps getting strange requests from a record collector with titles and times that signal crimes to be committed. All of this and a special guest shot from none other than Guy Lombardo!

First line: "And that, lassies and lads, is the Lescoulie..."

Blackie Loves Helen (Blackie's Love Affair; Blackie In Love) (#147) 02/04/48

Mary walks in on Blackie while he's making love with Helen Carver. Mary doesn't believe it's a serious affair. But Blackie is avoiding Mary at every turn. Helen is really working for Harry Kane and wants Blackie to break into a safe and destroy some papers.

First line: "Blackie, Darling." "Helen, you're beautiful."

Wind Blows West (The Best Seller Case; The Deadly Book Case) (#148) 02/11/48

People are being murdered while reading the best seller by John Gaylord, "Wind Blows West." The author wants to keep his real name secret. A little guy named Kenneth Small and a giant named Coco are shaking Gaylord down. And Joe Parker knows his real identity and figures he's next. He was on an expedition in Alaska when one of the group mysteriously disappeared.

First line: "Yes, sir what can I do for you?" "I'm looking for a book..."

Five Bullets in Don Anderson (Blackie Accused of Killing; Anderson Murdered; Clue of the Homburg Hat; Blackie Accused; The Man with the Hamburg Hat)(#149) 02/18/48

Deputy Inspector Wills sees Blackie running out of Don Anderson's house with a gun in his hand. Anderson's been killed. Blackie has three clues to the killer, a flattened nail, a homburg hat and five shots fired into Anderson.

First line: "There's the house, all right, Inspector."

The Twin Murders (Three Times Kings; Same Gun, Same Time, Different Murder; Two Places Alibi; The Midnight Murders) (#150) 02/25/48

Bill King shoots his wife Sarah, and then shoots Carl Johnson twenty miles away at apparently the same time with the same gun. And has an air tight alibi for the time of the murders. Impossible? Everyone thinks so until Blackie figures it out.

First line: "Whatcha doin', Bill?" "What's it look like?"

Cobb's Trucking Company (John Vale Case; Marked Money; Trucking Problems and Murder) (#151) 03/03/48

Truck line owner Irwin Cobb has been killed, and his partner John Vale is charged for it. But behind it all is Danny's girl who is greedy for her mink coat.

First line: "Number 8 truck going out. Come on, number twenty-six."

\$50,000 for Blackie (Disappearing Hoods; The Shipment Racket; Getting Killer Out of the Country) (#152) 03/10/48

Joe Saunders is murdered before he can drop his \$50,000 off at Blackie's. Roland Harvey runs a racket to ship hoods out of town.

First line: "Yes, Miss Wilkins?" "Your Buffalo call is on one, Mr. Harvey."

The William Larson Extortion Murder Case (Pay or Die, William Larson; William Larson Blackmailed) (#153) 03/17/48

William Larson is a very hated man. He's shot when he won't pay more blackmail, but there are many suspects, including Jane and Roger who are supported by Larson, and his housekeeper. Blackie makes himself a target by putting out the word that he knows who killed Larson.

First line: "Well, my dear niece and nephew, we make a very happy family, don't we?"

Wrestling Ring Murder (Big Tiny Mountain; Tiny, the Mountainous Wrestler) (#154) 03/24/48

Wrestler Tiny "Mountain" Culpepper wants to meet his hero, Boston Blackie. He's got a match with Stretcher Lewis. But his manager doesn't want him talking with Blackie. The game he's in is dirty.

First line: "All right, all right. Mike. Yeah. Looks like you're hurt."

Tom Walton Escapes (Murderer After Blackie; Gangster Protects Blackie; Tom Walton, Escaped Killer) (#155) 03/31/48

Tom Walton escapes to get his revenge on Blackie. Henry Lewis hates Blackie more than anything in the world, but he kidnaps Blackie to save him from Walton so Lewis won't be blamed.

First line: "Nice country this train goes through, eh Walton?"

Clyde Winston Photographer (Who Killed Clyde Winston; Model Photographer Murder; Invisible Shotgun)(#156) 04/07/48
Photographer Clyde Winston has been shot. Evelyn Anderson the model was the last to see him alone. The gun is later found in the back of Evelyn's boyfriend Bill Jackson's car. But how was the deadly shotgun carried in and out of the studio? A model helped take it out of the studio, but how it got in proves to be a mystery.
First line: "Oh, good evening, Miss Anderson." "Good evening, table for two?"

Murder at the Circus - Rondo the Magician (Circus Murder)(#157) 04/14/48
Rondo the magician is murdered at the circus. He was an escape artist, but his rope breaks and he falls into the tank of water and drowns. But how was it done? Knives seem to figure in it. Charlie Peterson has been practising throwing knives, and is a-number one suspect.
First line: "Please, Blackie." "Threats will get you nowhere with me, Mary."

Insurance and Wrecked Cars (Accidental Case; Car Insurance Racket; Auto Insurance Scam)(#158) 04/21/48
Two crooks named John Wilson and Harry Baldwin have a sweet auto insurance racket going. But when one of their victims, Carl Pettit, refuses to go along with them, the swindle turns into murder.
First line: "Lovely day for a drive, ain't it, Edward?" "Yup, sure is relaxin'."

The Bombing of Joe Ingalls (Blackie Gets the Picture; Bomb Kills Joe Ingalls) (#159)(broadcast on WOR 5/12/48) 04/28/48
Joe Ingalls is killed by a bomb thrown through his window by Chaser and Martin. John G. Sullivan was a witness. Chaser makes another bomb -- this one for Blackie.
First line: "Hey, Chaser, there's his house across the street."

Jackie Meers' Prison Break (Prison Escape; Fly, Fly, Fly)(#160) 05/05/48
Jackie Meers and other members of the Bolo Gang escape prison. Somehow the gang members outside the prison communicated with the prisoners without anyone seeing it. Jackie, an annoying character who sings the same stupid song all the time about "Fly, Fly, Fly", has it in for Blackie. Can Blackie figure out the gang's communication trick in time and use it against them?
First line: "(singing) Let me fly, fly, fly, or I die, die, die."

Henry Walker Murdered (Mechanic a Killer/Murderer with a Crooked Nose)(#167) 06/23/48
Harry Walker is killed outside his home by Joe Bobalink. But the gun was registered to a city councillor who had reported it stolen. Harry's wife, Wilma, may have witnessed the killing, so the boys have to find her and silence her before Blackie and Farraday can talk to her.
First line: "Wilma, will you cut out that humming!"

Professor Beasley Is Murdered (#168) 06/30/48
Professor Beasley, the head of the history department at Blackie's old school, Daniels College, is late to class for the first time in thirty years. He's late because he's dead. Murdered. Young Prof. J.L. Stevens is suspect because he now gets to take over Beasley's job. And according to Tom Douglas, Daniels' best student, Emily Washburn was missing from Stevens' class at the time of the murder. And of course, Ross Hunter, the star athlete who Mike Boswell wants to recruit for his team is a suspect. And Blackie's back at college once again.
First line: "Hey, hey, kids. Put a lid on that chatter."

Diamonds Stolen from Kingston (Kingston Diamonds Are Stolen) (#169) 07/07/48
Blackie and his friend Charlie Kingston are held up and robbed of some valuable diamonds by three thugs, Joey Sometimes, Danny Morris and Mike Graves. Danny doesn't like the way Mike is splitting up the diamonds, and Mike kills Danny. Mike and Joey claim they were at the ball game at the time Danny was shot. Al Davis substantiates their alibi, and gets knocked out by Blackie for his efforts. Blackie has to trick the pair into tripping up.
First line: "It was nice of you to come down to my office, Blackie."

Blackie Framed for Killing John Cummings (#170) 07/14/48
Blackie is framed for murder. John Cummings is murdered and Farraday keeps Blackie in jail to fool the real killer.
First line: "Inspector Farraday, you're making a mistake. A terrible mistake..."

The Eel Murdered By Counterfeit Sweepstakes Racket (The Eel Is Killed; Fake Sweepstakes Tickets) (#171) 07/21/48

Mr. Ratley has the Eel killed. Frankie, the killer, looks a lot like George Allen, the movie star. Blackie knows the star and asks him to help catch his look-alike -- and breaks a counterfeit ticket racket.

First line: "Get in there, get in, I said. Let me alone..."

Richard Allister Disappears in Vacant Lot (Man Vanishes)(#172) 07/28/48

A cabbie takes a man to a vacant lot and watches him walk into the lot, and then the man disappears. Then a dead man, Richard Allister, appears on the steps of a house, strangled and with some strange pieces of paper in his clothes. Blackie heads for the vacant lot, and the solution to the mystery.

First line: "He held my cab in front of the Red Law Arms, see..."

Jack Davis Shoots Two Guys and Uses Blackie As an Alibi (#173) 08/04/48

Jackie Davis incites Blackie to fight him and knock him down. And then he knocks off the Burroughs brothers and uses Blackie as an alibi. Now Blackie has to prove his alibi doesn't stand up. But that ain't easy. How could Jackie get to the scene of the crime five miles away in five minutes?

First line: "You sound very happy, Mary." "Um, I am. Blackie..."

Bobby Rogers To Be Executed at 11:00 PM (Three Hours to Execution; Blackie Races the Clock to Save a Man; Doomed to Execution) (#174) 08/11/48

Bobby Rogers is to be executed in three hours for killing his wife, and Blackie is his last hope. Harry Johnson may be able to offer an alibi. If so, Judge Waterbury will push for a stay of execution. But the good judge nearly gets killed himself.

First line: "Well, Mervy. Yeah. No, no, don't stand up. Just thought I'd drop in and sit with you."

Mrs. George Trilling's Maid Is Murdered (Housemaid Murders; Door to Door Salesman; Who is Murdering Maids?) (#175) 08/18/48

A door-to-door salesman, Eddie Blake, shows up at Mrs. George Trilling's home and leaves a package. He tells her to take the package or die. But it was her maid Sarah who is murdered, and it all has to do with deliveries -- dangerous deliveries. Blackie starts making deliveries of his own, and ends up delivering Farraday a killer.

First line: "I should think you'd have done that cleaning while I was away, Sarah."

Robertson Poisons Wife Beverly Over the Telephone (Long Distance Poison; Telephone Suicide) (#176) 08/25/48

Tom Robertson poisoned his wife who thinks she's taking medicine. She had found out what her husband does for a living. Robertson seems to have an airtight alibi for the time his wife took the poison. He bought some razor blades at a pharmacy at the time of the crime. Trouble is, he uses an electric razor. And that puts Blackie on the right track.

First line: "Hello? Hello, Beverly?" "Oh, darling, Hello. Where are you?"

Reynolds and the Stolen Goods (The Ten Cent Diamond Necklace; Reynolds and the Ten Cent Mistake) (#177) 09/01/48

John Reynolds takes Blackie's joke about wanting to buy a necklace for Mary for a dime as a code, and offers stolen goods to Blackie. In reality, Reynolds is part of a fencing operation lead by Mr. Grant, who unbeknownst to Reynolds also employs his wife, Louise. Grant has his henchman Carter kill Reynolds, but Blackie is already wise to the caper, and moves in for the kill himself.

First line: "Now here's a nice bracelet, sir." "How nice is the price?"

Kingston and the Disappearing 15 Story Office Building (#178) 09/08/48

Millionaire Charlie Kingston bought a 15 story office building one day, and by the next day, the building disappeared leaving nothing but an empty lot. He wants Blackie to find his missing building. Which he does. And solves a murder into the bargain.

First line: "Hello. Hello, Blackie?" "Yes." "This is Charlie Kingston."

Killer Lightning (Murder By Lightning) (#191) 12/08/48

Martin Carson plans the perfect murder of Donald Archer. His accomplice is Hester Archer, the dead man's wife. Archer is killed by lightning in a meadow. Archer's assistant at the laboratory, Mr. Crane, suspects the pair, however, because there's a lightning rod missing from the lab. Crane ends up dead, too.

First line: "The weatherman was right, Martin. Right. Rain, thunder and lightning."

Too Late Jail Break (#192) (episode is lost) 12/15/48

Stolen Rings at Christmas (Rings for Santa)(#193) 12/22/48

(Jerry Haendiges' log lists this episode as untitled. Radio Spirits dates it at 07/07/48. But this is the only pre-Christmas date that makes sense, given the titles of previous Christmas season titles.)

Blackie & Inspector Farraday catch a man, Joe Martin, running away from a jewelry store robbery. The owner of the store identifies Joe Martin as the thief, but the stolen rings are nowhere to be found. Blackie figures out that the thief threw the rings into a Santa Claus collection bucket on the corner. Blackie goes undercover as Santa Claus to solve where the missing rings have gone.

First line: "Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way..."

Disappearing Fourth Floor (Disappearing Gambling Den) (#195) 01/05/49

Blackie's friend, the wealthy Charlie Kingston, is cheated at King Douglas' gambling den which is on the fourth floor of a warehouse building. Kingston gets Blackie to help him retrieve his money, but by the time they return to the building an hour later, the gambling den has disappeared. The top floor of the building is empty! So they stake out Charlie's bank the next morning to see who cashes Charlie's check. Blackie tries to get his money back, but is knocked out by Arnie, Douglas' henchman. Later, Arnie tries to cut himself in for a larger percentage and gets shot. Blackie forces Harry Blaine who originally took Charlie to the gambling den to show him how to get there.

First line: "Here's the place, Blackie, I'm sure of it."

Broken Clock Murder (Harry Baker is Killed) (#196) 01/12/49

Harry Baker pays Blackie \$5,000 to let him sleep over in Blackie's apartment. The next morning he wants to know the time, but all the clocks are broken. He is in a panic to leave and is shot to death outside the apartment. The Club Simpson, owned by Edgar Simpson, is for sale and Baker had an option to buy the club, but had to buy it by 9:00. The other potential purchaser and hence murder suspect is Joey Wall. Actually, Simpson has his stooge Herkimer kill Baker so he can take the higher offer. There's a shootout at the end in Simpson's office, and Farraday outshoots Herkimer after overhearing Simpson and Herkimer admit to the Baker killing. Dorothy Kilgallen (Dick Kollmar's real life wife) is in the club at Blackie's invitation to get the story (at a time when she can scoop the morning papers) as a reward for the crucial information about the amount Wall was going to pay for the club (which came to Kilgallen from Simpson's press agent, Frankie Brown).

First line: "Well, then, how about lunch tomorrow, Farraday?"

A Boat, the Viking, Is On Montgomery Street With a Body In It (Boat in the Street; High and Dry; A Body is Found; Boat in the Street) (#197) 01/19/49

A dead body is found on a boat, the Viking, in the middle of Montgomery Street. It is a stunt to publicize the movie "High and Dry". But the body turns out to be the director of the movie, Eduardo Bernetti. This one's so weird that Farraday wants Blackie to solve it.

First line: "If any more calls come in, hand 'em to Sgt. Matthews. I'm busy."

John Frawley, While In Africa, Reads That He Is Dead (Unknown Man) (#198) 01/26/49

John Frawley reads a newspaper while in Africa and finds out he has been reported as dead. His brother Eddie is trying to grab all the money. Frawley wants Blackie to help him prove who he is. Before he can talk to Frawley's old nurse, Martha Blake, she is murdered. The butler Charles is killed as well.

First line: "I wonder what the natives are up to now, John."

Mary Asks Blackie To Get Her Cousin's Song Published (Tin Pan Alley Murder; Murder in the Music Room) (#199) 02/02/49

Mary wants Blackie to intercede with Joe Hendricks to have one of her cousin's songs published. But one of Hendricks' song writing team, Dick Alton of Alton and Rutley, gets shot. Mrs. Mary Rutley is being held for suspicion, but Farraday releases her.

First line: "Well, Bill, what about it? Got an idea for the lyric yet?"

\$50,000 In Bonds To Be Divided (Paul Martin Disappears From Roof) (#200) 02/09/49

Paul Martin, who was holding \$50,000 in bonds that are to be split among his gang, disappears from rooftop, and is found ten miles away with five bullets in him. That leaves Gabbo and Whitey to split the loot. Except Martin left a clue, "pepper and salt."

First line: "(laughing) Whitey?" "Yeah, Gabbo." "Where's Paul?"

Fred Palmer's Dock Racket (The Waterfront Racket, Death on Pier 37) (#201)

02/16/49

Crime boss Fred Palmer runs the Waterfront Rackets, dice, card games & horse rooms. When Stevedore Chuck Sloan is found dead on Pier 37, Blackie cancels his vacation cruise to get something on Fred Palmer. In talking to Sloan's replacement, Sam Crawford, Blackie learns that every dock worker pays off Palmer. Everyone but Sloan, and now he's dead and Crawford, who also hasn't paid off, is worried. Police reports reveal that the rope holding the crate that killed Sloan was cut with a sharp instrument. Blackie goes to talk to Palmer but instead meets Foghorn Morton, Palmer's partner. In a back room at Maggie's Place, a waterfront diner, Morton is cheated of his 50% cut but Palmer. When Blackie breaks up the tender moment, a struggle ensues but Blackie is knocked out. Blackie and Farraday agree to meet at Palmer's hideout but find him shot to death. Walking the docks with Maggie, Blackie is barely missed by a crate smashing into a derrick. But Blackie finally nabs the killer in a shootout and scuffle in the dark at Palmer's hideout.

First line: First line: dock workers doing some yelling while working and then..."Yeah, yeah what do you want?" "A job loading cargo." "Experience?" "Plenty."

Archie Grant's Club 77 (Jackpot at Club 77) (#202)

02/23/49

Danny Jackson, collection man for Archie Grant's slot machine racket, double-crosses his boss and says he has been held up and \$25,000 stolen. Danny actually secrets the money in a subway locker and gives the key to his girlfriend, Cindy Beauregard, who then promptly loses the key in a slot machine at Grant's Club 77. Blackie gets to use his new recording machine to get proof against Grant.

First line: "Come on, come on, come on, Charlie. Enough already with that crazy slot machine."

Fake Accident Racket (Phony Accident Racket; Polk Street Mission) (#203)

03/02/49

Frosty the newsboy insists Blackie read an issue of the Sentinel that reports a phony accident. Gunther Stephens is observed jumping into the path of a car and banging on the door to fake an accident. The Polk Street Mission turns out to be a front for a racket. Blackie enters the mission as Buddy Smith to find out what's happening. Sister Dolores and Brother Harry of the mission are making money in very unorthodox ways.

First line: "Blackie?" "What, uh? What's the matter, Mary?" "Oh oh oh, you were a million miles away."

Dolly Preston Calls for Help. Says She's Going To Be Killed (Dead Woman's \$600,000, Missing Caller) (#204)

03/09/49

Dolly Preston staged her own death three years ago and hid \$600,000 in loot in her house. She had a secret room in the house and hoped to get away with the dough she should have split with tough guy Fred Blake and the rest of the gang. But she gets killed and Blackie gets shot, and they all end up down in the wine cellar.

First line: "Now, Blackie, this is the house." "I hope we're in time, Mary."

Kidnapped Murderer (#205)

03/16/49

Blackie grabs Bugs Martin from Farraday at gunpoint and spirits him away from headquarters where Martin was being questioned for the murder of gangster, Joe Williams. Blackie is intending to force the truth out of Martin, but instead, Happy Thompson and Luke Brown, two of the Williams gang, knock Blackie out and abscond with and kill Martin. Farraday throws Blackie in jail where Blackie has to solve the case with Mary's help. Mary makes Luke's girlfriend, Marge Stone, jealous by coming on to Luke.

First line: "Come on, Martin, talk." "Inspector, take that light out..."

Charity Gambling Racket (#206)

03/23/49

(Jerry Haendiges' listing appears to be incorrect. At the end of the tape for this episode they note that next week's story will be the "Amadon Pearls." This episode has nothing to do with antiques, Harry Slocum or a sightseeing bus; but see #212)

Fancy Dan Carpenter -- named for his love of perfumes -- is running a crooked roulette game for charity events, one of which Mary has put her name to. The police catch Hobo Jennings, Carpenter's henchman, and try to squeeze the name of the boss out of him. When he's let go by the police, he runs to Carpenter for safety, only to have Fancy Dan shoot him for his troubles. Blackie investigates and recognizes the handiwork on the trick roulette wheels as that of Pappy Bryant.

First line: "Ah, Smitty, do come in." "Hi, Boss. I must show you what I bought today."

The Amadon Pearls (#207)

03/30/49

Old Man Mario puts out the word in the newspapers that he will be storing his priceless Amadon Pearls in his safe over night. Blackie decides to steal the pearls to teach Mario a lesson, but the pearls he steals are cheap paste, as are

two other sets of pearls, one stolen by Marsha Keegan and her accomplice, Gurtie, and the other by Doc Singer. Gimpy the Fence gets killed into the bargain and the real Amadon Pearls -- well, you guessed it, they get stolen too. First line: "Say, Gimpy. Yeah, yeah, Doc, yeah. How much do you think those Amidon pearls are worth?"

Duke Murders Jojo (Duke Branson Kills Jojo Thomas) (#208)

04/06/49

Jojo Thomas fears for his life from Duke Branson, both being members of Harry Clark's mob. Jojo goes to Blackie for help, but Blackie knows Branson is safely in jail. But by the next day, Jojo has indeed been killed. Fred Benton, one of Clark's men, has been spreading the word that Duke's girlfriend, Mona Martin, has been making time with Jojo. Actually, it is Mona and Clark that are now a number. Blackie knows it had to be Duke who killed Jojo and gets himself locked up in jail to prove it. First line: "There. That opened it."

Stone, Jewelry Store Owner is Killed for a Watch (Second Hand Watch; Blackie Framed by Tiny Philip)(#209)

04/13/49

Tiny Philip and his accomplice Cora Neal shoot a jewelry store owner just to get Blackie's watch which was in for repair. Then Cora steals Blackie's gun. Later, Danny Chino, Philip's old robbery partner, is found dead with his gun and watch planted on the scene. Farraday goes after Blackie and ends up in a closet, and the fun really begins. First line: "Cora, my pet." "Yes, Philip." "Are you sure that this is..."

Madam Zina, Fortune Teller (Fortune Teller Sees Death) (#210)

04/20/49

Mary and Blackie go to the carnival, and Madam Zena, the fortune teller, foretells death and that Blackie will be right in the middle of it. Meanwhile, Cooper, the pickpocket, threatens Rhoda, who dresses up in a monkey costume in the show. Deadly events occur that also involve the carney owner, a deaf man named Flint. First line: "Gee, Blackie, every time the carnival comes to town..."

Dynamite Thompson and Jack Morgan, Contractors (Death & Dynamite Thompson; Dynamite Thompson) (#211)

04/27/49

Dynamite Thompson keeps losing bids for contracting jobs to Jack Morgan who seems to know Dynamite's bid before it is submitted. Dynamite is shot in his office, but Morgan has an alibi -- until Sloan and Palmer, with whom he claims to have spent the evening, are found shot and pushed off a cliff. Morgan accuses another contractor, Paul Brent, of having framed Morgan. First line: "Hey, Morgan." "Yeah?" "Jack Morgan." "Wait a minute."

Joe Gates Murdered on Chinatown Sightseeing Tour (Tour Bus Corpse)(#212)

05/04/49

Beezy Jones stabs Joe Gates to death on a sightseeing bus. Then Jones tries to blackmail Boss Slocum, owner of an auction house, who had him do the job. But Slocum kills Beezy and throws his body in the river in a barrel. Blackie searches the auction house and finds lots of blood, and Mary gets green paint on her sleeve. First line: "All right, folks, here we are. The high spot of our sightseeing tour... Chinatown"

Charlie Has Johnny Give Information On the Senator To Blackie (Sinister Senator; The Senator; Nobody at the Door; Nothing Up My Sleeve) (#213)

05/11/49

Charlie Evans, a small time racketeer, wants to take over from criminal kingpin, James Martin, alias The Senator. Evans sends his stooge, Johnnie Hastings, with an envelope full of proof of the Senator's wrong doings to leave at Blackie's apartment door. But Johnnie double-crosses Evans and takes the papers to The Senator and tries to blackmail him. The senator shoots Johnnie. Then The Senator kills Evans and his girlfriend Ginger. First line: "Oh, Mary." "Blackie, what are you doing home on such a gorgeous day?"

Imperial Oil Company Racket - Promoters Hire Olivia To Get

Rid of Blackie (Phony Stock Scheme; Female Torpedo) (#214)

05/18/49

The Count -- who is allergic to flowers -- and his gang are running a phoney Imperial Oil stock swindle. Smitty put Blackie onto the scam and gets killed for his effort. The Count hires Olivia Barton to kill Blackie. Mary and some flowery perfume save the day. First line: "Hold still!" "Let go of me, let go!" "Hold still."

Blackie and Mary Go to Canyon Dude Ranch to Investigate

Tom's Disappearance (Bluebeard Racket; Canyon Dude Ranch) (#215)

05/25/49

Agatha Canyon and her brother Henry are running a lonely hearts racket at the Canyon Dude Ranch. Catherine Sloane suspects something is wrong at the ranch when her boyfriend Tom disappears. Soon Tom's friend Slim also

disappears. Blackie and Mary register at the ranch as Bud Benton and Mary Winters to investigate. They go looking for a button for Blackie's coat, but what they find brings down the curtain on a murderer.
First line: "Go ahead, Henry." "Yes, Agatha." "What's the total?"

Pudgy and the Stolen Tire Racket (start cut)(Blackie Steals Motorcycle; Stolen Tire Racket;

Duchess & the Cyclone) (#216)

06/01/49

Blackie and Mary are trailing Pudgy Williams who is involved in a stolen tire racket. Pudgy throws tacks on the road and Blackie has a flat. He grabs a defective motorcycle and resumes the chase, but crashes into a tree and lands in the hospital. When he gets out, he follows through on the information he got listening in on a phone call made by the Duchess putting in an order for hot tires. This leads him to Duchess and Cyclone's garage, and into more trouble.
First line: "Blackie, we're losing him." "No, Mary, I was just easing up a bit for the next curve in the road."

Ma Vie Perfume (Buy a Cat, Save a Life; Phony Perfume; The Case of the Cat Killer; Phony Perfume)(#217) 06/08/49

Jack Howard and Pete Wright are working a perfume racket. Pete kills Pierre Francois, the perfume salesman, and then disguised as M. Francois, sells stolen goods. Rose Barton, one of the gang, is found dead -- and her cat's neck is rung. It happens that Pete is animal phobic. A real mystery.
First line: "Well, well, how do you do, Miss? Now what can I do for you?"

The Professor (I Planned It That Way)(#218)

06/15/49

A scientific criminal called "the Professor" plots an elaborate bank robbery with help from his stooge, Rufus. The bank's safe is blown, cleaned out and the night watchman is killed. And no one hears a thing. Mario Garcia, an accomplice, asks for \$1,000 for his part in the heist but is murdered by the professor. Blackie must solve the mystery and turn the crooks over to Faraday before the story's explosive end!
First line: "Quickly Rufus, in the alley."
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