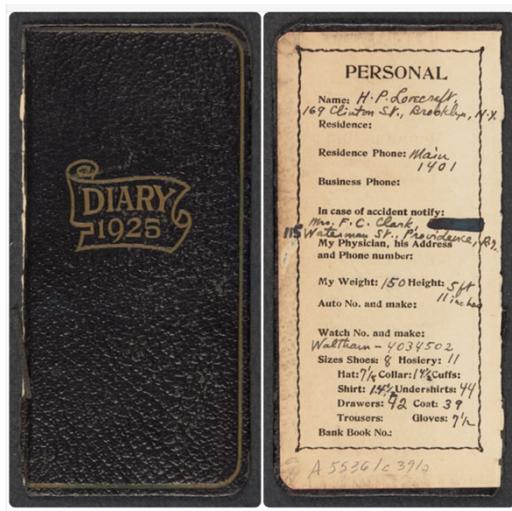


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« 1925-2025, un an avec Howard Phillips Lovecraft » est une proposition du site Tiers Livre, à partir du « diary » tenu par l'auteur tout au long de l'année

1925 à New York. Il comporte pour chaque envoi : la notation logoglyphe originale de Howard Phillips Lovecraft, sa traduction/expansion française, un commentaire ou développement portant sur les références et le contexte, ainsi que la traduction brève d'un article du *New York Times* du jour. L'envoi (PDF double page) est accompagné d'un fac-similé du journal de Lovecraft à la date correspondante (source : Brown University), d'illustrations ou fac-similé pris au *New York Times* du jour, ou de photographie d'archives de la ville du New York des années 20.

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• Men, fix up 9th room, aft. 17
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Brooklyn. Return 169 11 AM.
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*Kirk et Lovecraft se rendent à Harlem pour leurs achats
(ici 125^e rue en 1922).*

[1925, samedi 17 janvier]

Morn. fix up GK room. Aft. shop — Harlem — return 106 — Brooklyn.
Retum 169 11 p.m. Read — retire. Special to SH from AEPG.

*Le matin on aménage la chambre de Kirk. L'après-midi à
Harlem pour compléter. Retour chez Kirk. Puis retour au 169
Clinton Street à 11 h du soir. Coucher. Envoi d'Annie pour
Sonia.*

Dans sa lettre à Lilian, signée du « neveu le plus attentionné et respectueux serviteur », Lovecraft donne des détails qu'il ne prend pas la peine de noter dans son carnet. Le soir précédent, un peu de vague à l'âme côté Kirk à voir comment leurs petits cadeaux ont transformé la chambre de Loveman. On ne s'est pas déshabillé, mais Lovecraft a dormi chez Kirk, 106^e rue Ouest près de Central Park, et dès le matin les voilà en expédition (*we embarkt!*) qualifiée de *hectic* (allez : trépidante ?) de Harlem à Brooklyn et retour, se procurer pour lui aussi des vases, des coussins, des chandelles et un paravent japonais, qu'il aide à installer, avant de revenir Clinton Street et lecture, puis couché de bonne heure. Dans le *NYT* du jour, suite du feuilleton de l'attaque du train de Long Island, déploiement et test d'une fréquence radio réservée à la police. Le champion de boxe poids léger qui a abandonné la compétition sous la pression de son épouse se reconvertit dans le cinéma et la scène. , retour sur ce fait divers annoncé hier, de la jeune fille qui a tué sa mère : elle n'ira plus danser. Enquête : elle sera condamnée à dix ans de prison, sortira en 1932, mais sera de nouveau arrêtée pour vol en 1955, incarcérée dans la même prison où est alors détenu son fils de dix-sept ans. Autre enquête à mener : tout ce qui fut écrit et dit, lors du meurtre, parce que l'adolescente de San Francisco utilisait de faux papiers pour entrer dans ces clubs tous emportés par la « jazzmania ». La musique coupable donc autant qu'elle.

New York Times, 17 janvier 1925. La jeune criminelle reste impassible en prison. Dorothy Ellingson, coupable d'avoir tué sa mère, sourit quand sa famille la rejette. San Francisco, 16 janvier. Celle qui aimait tant les plaisirs, Dorothy Ellingson, 16 ans, qui a avoué le meurtre de sa mère, Mme Anna Ellingson, a conservé aujourd'hui le masque souriant d'indifférence qui a caractérisé son attitude depuis son arrestation hier sur la présomption de meurtre. Émergeant de douze heures d'interrogatoire aujourd'hui, la jeune femme était toujours « la reine de la fête », comme elle l'avait été après le meurtre, allant danser dans l'appartement d'un ami tandis que sa mère gisait dans sa propre maison, tuée d'un coup de feu mortel pendant une crise de colère. La police a arrêté aujourd'hui trois des adolescents de dix-sept ans pour complicité de délinquance d'une mineure. C'est dans leur appartement que Dorothy a participé à une soirée dansante

quelques heures après la mort de sa mère : Keith Lord, arrêté à Venice, Californie, où il jouait dans un orchestre, et Harry Lesser, alias Chenitz, ont été mis en garde-à-vue sur place. Tous sont musiciens. On s'attend à d'autres arrestations aujourd'hui. Le père et le frère ont été confrontés à la jeune fille à la prison de la ville hier, le premier dans le chagrin et la pitié, le garçon farouche et sans pardon. Le frère a répudié les avances de sa sœur quand elle a voulu l'embrasser dans la cellule : « Ne me touche pas ! Tu as tué notre mère », dit le jeune homme en la repoussant. Le coup de feu s'est produit après une longue série de heurts familiaux quant au comportement de leur fille. Son père et sa mère s'étaient disputés à propos de la vie clandestine que leur fille avait admis mener. La mère défendait sa fille et le père avait quitté le domicile. Après que la fille ait tiré sur sa mère, selon ses propres aveux, elle prit 45 dollars qui étaient dans la pièce et rejoignit cette soirée improvisée. Elle avait loué une chambre à trois kilomètres de chez elle et là, après la soirée, lut les journaux relatant le meurtre. Elle fut arrêtée d'après les renseignements fournis par un de ses compagnons. Le coup de filet de la police fut permis par les renseignements d'une amie de la coupable, May Fitzgerald, au cours de l'enquête des détectives. Selon ses dires, c'est parce que sa mère menaçait de l'enfermer et de prévenir la police si elle se rendait à la soirée donnée par David Stein, qu'elle eut une crise de rage et commis le meurtre. Son frère a déclaré aujourd'hui que le vol était certainement un autre motif. Lui et son père, Joseph Ellingson, ont conduit le deuil lors de funérailles très simples, pour conduire la mère à son lieu de repos. On n'a pas autorisé Dorothy à participer. Demain, la jeune fille devra affronter les regards de la foule lors de l'enquête du Coroner. Comme la famille ne lui a pas fourni d'avocat, on s'attend à ce que le défenseur public, Frank Egan, assure sa défense — il a annoncé qu'il y était prêt. La jeune tueuse n'a pas demandé à ce que son cas soit transféré au Juge des Enfants, alors que son statut de mineure l'y autorise. « Je m'entends très bien avec la police, a-t-elle dit, je les aime et ils ont été aussi corrects et aimables avec moi que je pouvais le souhaiter ». Elle a aussi lu les journaux relatant les funérailles de sa mère, mais sans montrer d'émotion particulière. « Ah, ils ont fait des funérailles privées », fut son seul commentaire en reposant le journal. Dorothy est en colère parce que ses amis masculins sont poursuivis pour avoir contribué à son égarement : « Dites à ces gens, s'il vous plaît, que personne ne m'a amené à faire des choses fautives. Harry Keith, Dave et maintenant Emil sont entendus, mais ils n'ont pas eu plus d'influence sur moi que notre vieux chat noir. Je ne veux me cacher derrière personne. Moi seule suis responsable ». La jeune fille envisage sereinement les heures et les heures pendant lesquelles elle va pouvoir lire. « Pendant si longtemps j'aurais voulu trouver assez de temps pour lire tout mon content, maintenant que je n'irai plus danser je vais pouvoir me consacrer à lire », dit-elle.



GIRL MURDERER INDIFFERENT IN JAIL

Dorothy Ellingson, Confessed
Slayer of Her Mother, Smiles
When Spurned by Family.

MALE COMPANIONS HELD

Three Are Accused of Contributing
to the Delinquency of a Minor
—Others Are Sought.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Pleasure-loving Dorothy Ellingson, 16-year-old confessed slayer of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellingson, maintained today the smiling mask of indifference that now characterized her attitude since her arrest yesterday on charge of murder.

Emerging from twelve hours of questioning today, the girl still was "the life of the party," just as she had been after the murder, when she danced at the apartment of a friend while her mother lay in their home, shot dead during a flare of anger.

The police today had rounded up three of seventeen young men for whom warrants were issued for contributing to the delinquency of a minor. They included David Stein, in whose apartment Dorothy was said to have attended a party a few hours after the death of her mother; Keith Lord, arrested in Venice, Cal., where he was playing in an orchestra, and Harry Lesser, alias Chenzitz, taken into custody here. All are musicians. More arrests were expected today.

Father and brother confronted the girl in the city prison yesterday, the former sorrowful and pleading, the boy stern and unforgiving. The brother repudiated the advances of his sister when she sought to embrace him in the cell. With the cry, "Don't touch me! You killed our mother!" the young man pushed her from him.

The shooting came as the climax to a long series of family differences over the girl's actions. Her father and mother had quarreled because of the clandestine life their daughter admits she led. The mother defended her daughter and the father left home.

After the girl shot her mother to death, according to her confession, she took \$45 from a purse in the same room and went to a "wild party." She had rented a room two miles from her home and there, after the party, read papers containing the account of her mother's death.

She was arrested through information given the police by one of her male companions.

A police net was spread tonight for additional male companions of the girl slayer, as the result of new revelations made by her girl chum, May Fitzgerald, in the course of a lengthy examination by detectives.

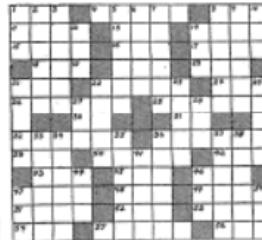
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The people below is typical of all the puzzles in this monthly contest which continues until January 31. If you can solve it correctly in December's CRACKER, you can win a share of the \$25,000.00. If you can't solve it correctly in December, we'll tell you why you didn't get it right, so you can try again next month.

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This is your opportunity. Seize It!



INSTRUCTIONS
1. Complete the numbered squares.
2. Fill in the remaining squares with letters or
symbols. There are no words or words
of more than four letters.
3. Solve the puzzle by reading the letters
in the direction indicated by the arrows.
4. The arrows indicate the direction for
reading the words.
5. The words are composed of letters
from the numbered squares.
6. The words may be read horizontally,
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