

Timbers usher you into his office and gestures toward a chair. He seems somewhat nervous but not unfriendly.

"Were you in Mrs. Bitner's office between 9:30 and 10:00 when she claims she returned and found the letter missing from under the ashtray?" you ask.

"Yes, I came in just after 9:30 looking for her. She wasn't there, so I left."

"Did you notice anything?"

"Not a thing."

"Did you notice whether there was anything under the ashtray?" you persist.

"I really didn't even notice whether there was an ashtray. I just glanced around the room and left."

"Thank you, Mr. Timbers."

*If you haven't talked to Mrs. Bitner and
decide to question her,
turn to page 52.*

*If you have talked to Mrs. Bitner and
decide to question McKim further,
turn to page 47.*

*If you decide to give up trying to
find who took the letter,
turn to page 44.*