

**Degree 1 English (Sub)**

**Unit 1 Drama**

**Lecture 2**

*A Brief Outline of the Drama Loyalties by John Galsworthy*

Treasure, the butler is called. He has been in the house since he was a child. Winsor trusts him. De Levis suspects Treasure and also Roberts who was working for him as a valet. De Levis tells them that he had kept the shoe in his box and locked up the box. When he came back from dinner, he took the money and had put it under his pillow and gone to the bathroom. When he came back from the bathroom, he found that the money was gone. Treasure suggested that they should search the house thoroughly. But Winsor absolutely refused to suspect anybody.

General Canynge is informed by Lady Adela and he comes in. Canynge asks Treasure about the height of the room. Treasure informs them that the balcony is twenty-three feet high from the terrace. He replies that there is only one heavy ladder in the stables but it has not been moved from there. De Levis is annoyed at the unsympathetic attitude of

Canynge and Winsor and he leaves the room saying "when the police come perhaps you will let me know".

Lady Adela comes with Margaret Orme. She tells that Inspector Dede of the New market police station is coming on his motor cycle like the wind. Margaret does not take the whole thing seriously. She asks if she is suspected. She is asked whether she has seen or heard anything between 11:15 and 11:30. She replies that she heard only the sound of De Levis taking bath and had seen nothing. She continues to smoke and refuses to take things seriously.

Dancy and Mabel then enter into the room. Dancy looks pale and determined. Dancy feels uneasy when he hears that the police is called. He replies that he had seen no one. He tells that he was writing letters in the hall after he finished playing billiards with Colford. He tells that he had come up only ten minutes back. The sound of Inspector's motor cycle is heard. Dancy leaves with his wife saying he is dog tired.

When the Inspector comes, Winsor and Canynge take him to De Levis's room. The Inspector asks De Levis to describe exactly how the theft took place. He examines everything with his magnifying glass. He

pretends as if he is an experienced person but he has no common sense. He thinks that if the thief were to come to the room he would search for the money in the places in the following order: the clothes, the dressing table, the suit case, the chest of drawers and the bed. The General feels that a thief would search the bed first but he keeps quiet. The Inspector forms his theories about the theft.

According to him there are four possibilities. The thief might have been in the room hiding under the bed and might have taken the money when De Levis went to the bathroom, or when he went to inform Winsor. Or he might have come inside with a master key while De Levis was in the bath room, or he might have come through the window with the help of a rope or a ladder and have gone on the same way. The Inspector's own idea is that the thief walked in while the dinner was going on and he hid under the bed all the time, took the money and escaped through the window. The Inspector makes a silly mistake by seeing the mark of a big boot. He feels that the thief had left his boot mark in the balcony. But the General points out and tells that it is the mark of Inspector's own boot.

Winsor and Canynge tell the Inspector not to suspect anyone in the house as they don't want a Meldon Court scandal. The General suggests him to go and get the numbers of the notes from Kentman, the bookie. The Inspector agrees and goes out to examine the grounds for any footprints. De Levis now tells Canynge that he knew who had taken the money. He says that it is Dancy who had taken money. He visualises how the whole thing might have happened. He says that Dancy knew that De Levis had been paid \$1000 by Kentman on that day. He felt cut up because Rosemary is his own mare.

Dancy enters the room when De Levis is in the bathroom. He tries the door of De Levis but finds it locked, but he sees that the window is opened. Dancy goes into his room, goes to the balcony and from there he jumps to the balcony of De Levis, steals the notes and fills the pocket book with shaving papers. He twists and crushes the creeper in order to mislead the investigation. Then he jumps back to his own balcony to mislead the investigation and goes down to the hall. The whole thing takes place in for minutes. The space between the two balconies is very little over seven feet and a person who takes a standing jump to a book case four feet high can easily take this jump. Mrs. Dancy doesn't know

about this and has been sleeping in her bed room all this while. Hearing this General gets angry and asks him to withdraw the accusation immediately. But De Levis is not prepared to do such a thing. He says if Dancy returns his money and apologies to him, he will not take any action.

Canynge tells Winsor about this accusation and he is shocked. Canynge calls Dancy and asks him whether he knew about the sale of the mare. Dancy denies it. Canynge by change puts his hand on Dancy's arm and finds it wet. It is raining outside. Dancy says that he did not go out at all. Canynge wonder how can his sleeve be wet. He thinks that Dancy had jumped from his balcony to that of De Levis. The General then concludes that Dancy had committed the theft and remains calm.

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