

MUSIC HATH CHARMS



Oscar Toscanelli, clarinetist, Wolfgang Brahman, violinist, and his wife Cosima Brahman, pianist, performed together as The Classical Trio. They had been practicing all afternoon at the Brahman home, and around five o'clock Cosima went to the corner delicatessen for a loaf of salami, which they all favored. When she returned, she saw the room as sketched here, with Oscar and Wolfgang both dead of gunshot wounds, and Wolfgang stretched out under her piano. The gun is not shown.

Interrogated at the hospital where she'd been taken for treatment of shock, Cosima said, "I don't think they liked each other." After which statement she lapsed into a state of confusion, and was unquestionable.

Can you decide what went on between Wolfgang and Oscar?

Questions

1. Was Wolfgang a practical joker?
Yes____ No____
2. Whose coat is hanging on the rack?
Wolfgang's____ Oscar's____
3. Was Oscar a wine lover?
Yes____ No____
4. Is Chateau Lafite an expensive wine?
Yes____ No____
5. Do you think that Oscar had reason
to be angry? Yes____ No____
6. Who do you think started the fight?
Wolfgang____ Oscar____
7. Do you think that both men had tem-
pers? Yes____ No____
8. Do you think that Oscar broke Wolf-
gang's violin? Yes____ No____
9. Did Wolfgang have a gun?
Yes____ No____
10. Did Wolfgang have reason to take
violent action against Oscar?
Yes____ No____
11. Reconstruct what probably happened.

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