DETECTIVE TROTTER

(Detective Trotter explains why he was sent to investigate the murders at the Mansion.)

A notebook was picked up near the scene of the crime. In that notebook was written two addresses. One was twenty-four Culver street. The other was Monkswell Manor. That's why Superintendent Hogben, on receiving this information from Scotland Yard, thought it imperative for me to come out here and find out if you knew of any connexion between this house or anyone in this house and the Longridge Farm murder case. The Superintendent would have come himself if it had been in any way possible. Under the weather conditions, and as I can ski, he sent me with instructions to get full particulars of everyone in the house, to report back to him by phone, and to take what measures I thought fit to ensure the safety of the household.