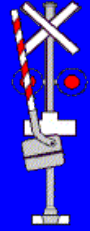


# Murder on the Petulant Express



It was one of the marvels of 1937, the new streamlined train designed by Peter Petulant came to be known as "The Petulant Express." The train's regular journey between New York City and Chicago constantly attracted a passenger list of the rich and famous. And, on this particular journey, they all seemed, by temperament, to be irritated and angry. Petulant himself was a passenger on the noteworthy trek, occupying his plush Presidential Car at the rear of the train.

But, last night after a stop in Akron, Ohio, someone made a permanent alteration to the designer's career. For his body was found early this morning in his cabin by a porter delivering his breakfast tray. Still holding a crystal champagne glass and with his solid silver cigarette case in the pocket of his robe, Petulant appeared to have died without a struggle, the victim of an unexpected attack.

With a world poised on the brink of war, who would dare trounce a titan of technology, especially one with the foresight and connections of Petulant? And where would the trail lead that would eventually end up at the feet of a killer? Only effective sleuthing and expert investigative skills would dictate the answers.

## The Suspects . . .

### **Franz Fassmacher**

Bavarian Brewer. His special lagers have made him a worldwide force in the brewing industry.

### **Christine Agatha**

English mystery writer. No one knows where she gets the scenarios for her best-selling whodunits. Sometimes she personally tests the accuracy of her plots.

### **Thurm Stroman**

Southern senator. His patriotism dictates all of his actions. Who knows what he'll do when his nation is threatened?

### **Tonya Fennie**

Norwegian figure skater. She won a gold medal at last year's Olympics and is rumored to have signed a movie contract.

### **Dingo Dugan**

Australian crocodile hunter. Every zoo in America is vying for his services. Some people say his personality has been influenced by his favorite reptile.

### **Arianna Altamonte**

Italian opera singer. No one can hit a high note in quite the same way she can.

### **Kid Root**

Baseball player. The "Buddha of Baseball" was recently traded from the New York Taxis to the Chicago Wet Sox.

### **Francine Cooper**

Fashion designer. Her fashions receive rave reviews around the world. The new fall line is ready to be unveiled.