

Becoming Sherlock

Solution

The murderer went into the study at just after 11 p.m., when the maid heard the footsteps in the hall. She left by the window, and threw the murder weapon, the vase, into the flowerbed. Then she came back into the house through the front door, made some cocoa in the kitchen and took it into the study. Her motive was jealousy: she had found a letter from her husband to Alice and when she went to talk to him about it, she found him writing a letter telling her that he was leaving her. Mrs Crabtree was the murderer.