



SUSPECT 11°TES

1920'S SLANG

Absent treatment: Dance with a timid partner

Applesauce: Nonsense!

Bearcat: A fiery woman

Bee's knees: Fantastic

Big cheese: An important person



Bird: A (usually odd) person

Bootlegging: Selling illegal alcohol

Bump off: Murder

Chunk of lead: Dull, unattractive

Dough: Money

THE VALENTINES

FAMILY CREST: Red roses and blue violets

MOST VALUABLE PAINTING OWNED BY THE VALENTINES: "A Rose by Any Other Name" which depicts Romeo and Juliet shooting arrows at Cupid

We are a family of nobles: archdukes, princesses, royal accountants. The Valentines date back to the eighth century. Our ancestors had tea and biscuits with Marie Antoinette, wrote sonatas with Mozart, were electrocuted by Tesla, and were irradiated by Marie Curie. A baroness survived the Titanic disaster by swimming to Canada. There isn't anything our family *hasn't* done. And how!

We adore Ruby Pearl Billions. She isn't royalty, but she is rich, which is acceptable. Her voice is the bee's knees. What's more, Frankie serves a swell gin and tonic, so tonight is sure to be grand. The Valentines are nothing if not grand.

Duchess Valentine couldn't attend this evening, which is a shame because she's a delightful conversationist. Recently the Duchess donated an ancient switchblade from south New Jersey to the local university's New England weapons collection. Archeology professor Agatha Quinn brought it with her tonight, and will drop it off at the university later this evening. Duchess Valentine purchased the knife at a casino auction in Atlantic City.