Murder in Plain Sight

by GERALD BROWN

W.N.U. FEATURES

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER XXII: Veronica tells McCole that she has discovered the plot, and that she confronted Vallaincourt with the evidence.

While rats outside his office, McCole had been told wounded in the shoulder. When he regains consciousness, he is in his apartment, being nursed by Ann.

Chapter XXIII

He walked toward the Common, conscious that it had grown darker and wetter. There was a grim smile around his mouth

Of one thing he was sure. Curt Vallaincourt had really loved Veronica Bigelow. Start with that fact. He had banned his bridges, carefully and conscientiously. Including Shari Lynn? He thought so. Funny what love will do for a guy. But he must have been aware of his antagonists — of their viciousness if what he intended doing became known. He was certain that he knew of his danger.

McCale was silently deriding the philosophizing he had been indulging in when he came abreast of his own doorway. Just when it was, that the first warning came, he couldn't afterwards recall. He had just looked up to see the lights of his office gleaming faintly. He was only a few feet from the doorstep when it came—that intuitive message from his nerves. He started to turn; then thought better of it. Then he began to run.

The report came like a firecracker, hard by on his right. He heard the sound of running feet. He felt a ghastly blow near his heart. He reeled, stopped in his tracks. A low whisper escaped his lips. He felt, thought, "Oh, God, this is how Curt Vallaincourt died. I wonder what went through his mind—crawling up those endless stairs?"

He was conscious of wrenching himself upright against the door, of fumbling for the bell.

After a thousand years, the door swung open. Ann stood there. She seemed far away in the dark. He forced a smile.

"You're tight," she said.

"No." His voice sounded different and from way back somewhere. "I don't drink. You know that. I've been held up."

"Yeah—all the way home, I'll bet. What have you done with Veronica Bigelow?"

"Don't tell me you're jealous of her." Ihe swayed, hardly aware of this inane stalling.

It must have been then that she saw pain glare his eyes, bare his teeth. She moved forward, sudden terror striking her.

"Duke!" she gasped.

His legs gave way again. Slowly he slid to his knees.

He didn't hear Ann's scream.

Once during the night, he became conscious. He asked for water and a phantom hand floated into view. It was Ann. She held a glass of water for him. Her eyes, he noticed were big and filled with love for him and fear for him, too.

"There's Ann,' he thought. "I'm sick and she's worried about me. She loves me and she's worried. That's great. That's fine."

When the black curtain of Morphia lifted again, it was another day.

"Where am I?" he mouthed confused thoughts.

"Why, darling, this is Ann. You know where you are."

He started to put an arm about her. Pain seared his shoulder. He groaned a bit coming wide awake.

"Behave yourself," Ann said. "Good lord, did you see that?" She flung the morning paper on the floor. "The papers have you at death's door. Here, let me lift you up a little."

She propped a pillow behind him and sat down. There were deep shadows under her eyes.

"Have you been here all night?" he asked.

"Sure, why not?"

Just then the door opened and Rocky stuck his head in. He grinned broadly on seeing McCale awake and sitting up.

"Doc Preble is here, nurse." He dropped a curtsey to Ann.

"Prebble? Who's he hoodled. "The coroner! What is this? I'm not dead —or am I?"

Ann chuckled. She did not look too tired or harassed now that she smiled.

"When you fell in the doorway last night, you looked pretty dead to me. I fainted. Rocky had the two of us on his hands. Of course, he simply threw us in a chair. With the door wide open, I wasn't unconscious long. I came to and stumbled to the stairs to find he had stretched you out on the office desk. What with Rocky beating his own brains out and cursing that someone had bumped off the boss, I dialed headquarters. The homicide squad, down to the last legman were here in three minutes flat."

Preble looked McCale over shrewdly, examined the wound, and rebandaged it in short order.

"You'll do," he said. "Stay in bed for twenty-four hours. Don't want you running a temperature. You're a lucky guy. The bullet was deflected by the cigarette case you carry in your upper vest pocket."

"Was it a forty-five?"

"Undoubtedly, from the nature of the wound. If it hadn't been for that cigarette case, it would have ripped you wide open. Well, mind what I say now. The girl needs some sleep."

The telephone rang. Ann, provokingly placing the bedside telephone out of his reach, and with a smug expression on her face, went into the outer office to take the call.

"That was Veronica Bigelow," she said contentedly. "I had the devil of a time before she'd trust me with the message. She's upset no end. It seems Vallaincourt has arrested Christopher Storm."

"When?"

"Last night or early this morning. She's been trying to get the office ever since. I suppose?"

"You suppose?"

"Well, I—I stuffed blotting paper in the telephone bell last night. I thought the ringing might disturb your rest—the doctor said—"

"Get Donkey on the wire," Duke said.

Obediently she called police headquarters, only to learn that the homicide man was on his way there at that very moment.

In less than twenty minutes, the lieutenant strode in in the wake of Rocky. The two of them so big, but so different,bulked hugely in the doorway, Donkey, with a muttered greeting to McCale, flung himself into a chair. Services of fatigue and worry lined his face.

(To Be Continued)

OK! OK!—Whence The Abbreviation?

Constant use by old, as well as young, in recent years, has made O.K. one of the most widely used and familiar abbreviations of speech in our language today, comments the Huron Expositor.

In a book, "American Language," the author says: "The first known use of O.K. in this sense appears in the court records of Sumner County, Tennessee, October 6, 1790.

"On that date, Andrew Jackson, Esq., proved a bill of sale from Hugh McGasey, to Gasper Mauker, for a negro man, which was O.K. James Parton in his biography of Jackson suggests that what appeared to be O.K. in the record may really be a poorly penned O.R., which was the abbreviation for Ordered Recorded. Apparently O.K. came into general use after Jackson was elected President."

But despite its hoary age, we still don't see any sense in it.

Sunday School Lesson

Contribution of Israel
Psalm 119:105; Isaiah 2: 2-4; Micah 6: 1-8

Golden Text — He will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths—Isaiah 2:3.

One great heritage from the story of ancient Israel is the lessons its story contains regarding the things that make for the welfare, or the downfall, of nations and peoples.

In the history of the Jewish people from the time of their return from the bondage in Egypt to the establishment and downfall of their kingdom in Palestine, we can see the laws and forces that wreck mighty nations.

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But our heritage from ancient Israel is very much more than is found in example and warning. Out of the life of Israel, despite wars, peril, suffering, waste, and destruction, has come the richest literature that the world has known—the Scriptures upon which Our Lord was nourished, and which, He said, He had come to fulfill.

It is the spiritual miracle of history that out of times of ruthless cruelty should have come the magnificent dreams of peace, recorded in such passages as Isaiah 2 and 35. The times were crude and full of danger. The perverse and evil-minded set up altars of idolatry. There were false prophets as well as the patient, suffering, irrepressible prophets of the Lord.

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Some kings themselves were false leaders, doing evil in the sight of the Lord. But there were gentle souls, being led through green pastures and beside still waters, singing the songs of hope and faith.

In the days of darkness there were not wanting those who found the word of God a light unto their path (Psalm 119:105). And in evil days there were courageous rebukers of iniquity, and prophets, like Micah, who defined in clear, simple terms the eternal realities of true religion.

Your Handwriting and You

Alex S. Arnott

The size of written words gives an indication of the temperament of the writer. Small writing shows a good power of concentration and love of detail. Depending upon other indications in the writing, small writing may mean an analytical type of mind with the ability to think quickly and draw rapid conclusions. Strong indications of individuality usually accompany small writing. If the letters are of an even height it tells us that the writer is neat and tidy, and fussy about his surroundings.

Large spacious writing reveals that the writer is extravagant and may have a weakness for being too generous. Such writers seldom specialize in any form but rather generalize in whatever they do. Depending upon other factors in the writing, large writing may show a restless nature that seldom settles down to do one thing well. There writers find it difficult to exercise their powers of concentration, grandeur and ability to ignore trifling matters being a part of their temperament.

light lines
medium lines
heavy lines

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How Can I?

By Anne Ashley

Q. What is a good home remedy for toothache?

A. A remedy that is often effective is to place a bag of salt, heated fairly hot, on the face.

Q. How can I make dishes of food look more attractive?

A. Colors make food attractive to the eye. An ordinary dish can be made to look more appetizing by garnishing with fancy slices of pimento, watercress, parsley, or green peppers.

Q. How can I remove blaing stains from linens?

A. Use a cement made by mixing plaster of Paris with the white of an egg to the consistency of cream.

Q. How can I remove blackheads, and avoid a greasy skin?

A. Use a toilet water made by mixing two drams of powdered borax, one ounce of glycerine, and 19 fluid ounces of orange-flower water. Always shake well before applying.

"Just What I Needed."—The heat was rough on poor Tony, a bear cub at the Ross Park Zoo in Binghampton, New York, until he discovered ice cream. He has one firm paw on the keeper to be sure that the ice cream cone doesn't get away before he can get in all his licks. Mpm . . . love that cold stuff.

ANNE HIRST

Your Family Counselor

Marriage Needs More Than Love

DEAR ANNE HIRST: I've stopped going with the boy I love because my family talked me into it. They said we couldn't get along, because he quarrels with me so much. He does have a lot of temper, and gets mad at the least little thing. He doesn't fuss much at the time, but he never forgets a thing. Since he left, I make better grades at school. But I want him back!

This 18- year-old girl is so much in love that she cannot reason. She doesn't see that marrying a boy who constantly criticizes her and quarrels with her could only sentence her to a life where quarrels would increase and love be destroyed. Her family want to protect her from such a tragedy. They could not bear to see how unhappy this boy made her, and they know she would be more unhappy as his wife, for he would hurt her so much more.

All she knows is that she's in love. And, like so many young girls, she thinks that is all that marriage needs.

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By Laura Wheeler

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● PASSION OR LOVE?

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Marriage, such as this one would be, doesn't work out that way. The thrills grow less, the allure is dimmed, And the girl finds herself tied to a youngster with a bad temper who spends his time trying to make her over. He is fractious and selfish, impatient and dominating. He "never forgets a thing" she did that displeased him, and their life becomes a series of sordid scenes which shame them both. Then how she wishes she had listened to her family!

In no other association is the need for restraint and patience, compromise and forgiveness, so necessary as in marriage. It is not for those who do not understand these essentials. Only a deep and understanding love, which implies an overmastering desire for each other's happiness, can make it a success.

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C.N.E. BULLETIN

Rodeo Attracts Student Drivers

There's to be a high school "Rodeo" at the Canadian National Exhibition this year supervised by the Toronto Safety Police and the University of Toronto Safety Division. Open to all Canadians between 16 and 18 years of age who hold temporary or permanent drivers' licenses, this safe-driving contest-petition is being sponsored by the C.N.E. in the interests of traffic accident prevention.

Of the licensed drivers in Ontario under 18 years of age, 738 were involved in traffic accidents in 1946. There were 15 deaths as a result of these 738 teen-age accidents, according to safety records.

Basic skill safe-driving tests are recognized as one of the most effective ways to prevent traffic fatalities. Proper driver-education when the student is learning to handle a car makes for safety among new drivers who are responsible for fatal accidents for the next 50 years, it is pointed out.

A test - driving diamond will be set up just outside the Princes' Gate at the C.N.E. where, on Sept. 4, finalists will have to demonstrate their driving ability by taking the various safe-driving tests on the spot. Standard model cars will be supplied, it is explained.

Two sets of cash prizes will go to the best three boy drivers and the best three girls at the wheel. Entry forms must be returned to the C.N.E. not later than July 1.

Cover Burns

First-aid treatment of burns consists in covering the affected area and keeping it covered until competent medical attention is obtained. Burns are sterile when sustained, but they may become infected by careless handling immediately afterwards.

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ROYAL FASTRIPNE DRY YEAST

Why The Scarcity Of Stewardesses?

What happens to good little airline stewardesses? They get married. And too quickly, United Air Lines said in New York, as the line issued another appeal for girls to become stewardesses. The company said it plans to train a new group of eighteen months before they leave to get married. Girls must have a year of business experience; or two years of college; or hold a registered nurse certificate. They must be single, be from twenty-one and twenty-six; between 5 feet 2 inches and 5 feet 7inches; weight a maximum of 135 lbs. "The poundage must be distributed proportionally," the line said, wondering why stewardesses get married so quickly.

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Sports — And One Thing or Another

By FRANK MANN HARRIS

("A Sixbit Critic")

We have long been of the opinion that many of our professional athletes are greatly overpaid. (Like most people, for that matter, we have a sneaking suspicion that anybody who makes more than we personally do must be overpaid.) But, as regards the athletes, we are willing to make one exception. When you figure the battering their nerves and emotions must constantly take, these tournament golfers earn every last dime the hard way, and must be real glutions for punishment.

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THOSE STORM-TOSSED AIR-WAVES. We also sometimes pity our hard-working microphone-masters who labor so hard to make sure that we, the listening customers, are kept properly on edge—sometimes with unexpected and amusing results. Like the announcer at that same golf tournev who signed off with a gem that ran roughly as follows—"But we'll be back again this afternoon, friends, to bring you the closing scenes of this, the most sensational and thrilling finish to an Open Golf Championship since—since—last last year's—"

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Golf, if it is a game—a question on which you can get many arguments either way—is one of the few in which you are absolutely on your own, and in which your toughest opposition is your own little self. There isn't much you can do about the other fellow. You can't clump a headlock on him to spoil his drive, or boot his ball out of danger when it's heading straight for the cup, and your ruination. You just smile the real emotions seething inside you. We have often envied the feeling of a jockey booting home a Derby winner —a halfback scoring the decisive touchdown—or a batter winning a World Series with a home-clouting shot. But we wouldn't have been in the shoes of either Lew Worsham or Sam Snead, in the dying moments of that U.S. Open, not for double the $5,000 or so involved.

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IT'S A TOUGH LIFE, COMRADE. Just as soon as Henry Wallace, The Toronto Star and the rest of them get us nicely re-convinced that the Russians would be O.K. if we'd only trust them and treat them like little pals, Stalin busts loose in Hungary or some other fresh spot, and all that explaining has to be done over again. And—probably for no good reason — These explanations about Stalin always remind us of old Mrs. Huggins the time it was blasted her late husband had been somewhat land-greedy. "Huggins wasn't no rich thing as a land-hog," she hotly replied. "All he ever wanted was just what adjoined him".

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A baseball fan recently refused to give up a lot which had slipped from the hitter's hands and sailed into the stand. He was evidently relying on the rigid although unwritten rule whereby any ball landing among the cash customers becomes the property of whoever manages to lay on to it. Which recalls one of the funniest things we ever saw in sport —a happening of many long years ago, at a time when the Toronto Ball Club had an employee who didn't believe in any such nonsense, and who considered it his bounden duty to retrieve all such errant balls.

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With the patrons in the stands, who would tell him to go chase himself, he didn't have any gree; amount of success. But down in a corner of the bleachers, where we kids sat when we had a dime and where many foul flies had a habit of landing, it was different and by dint of threats and warnings about The Law he would occasionally get some weaklspined lad to toss back the baseball, much to the disgust of all the others. We juvenile fans resented his actions, and were forever on guard to get even with him, and one day, sure enough, we did.

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On the way to the ball park that afternoon one kid made careful preparations, fashioning something which resembled, in size and shape, a regulation Spalding. Its outer coating was whitish clay; and its innards combisted of sawdust, let's say fresh minted fertilizer. (This was before the day of the automobile.) The game began, fining after fining we waited expectantly, till at last come a long foul fly that landed in our midst. Hot on its trail came that zealous official, holding up his hands and loudly demanding that the ball be returned forthwith. "Here it is" cried our hero, tossing forth a roundish object. We'll say this for the official—he made a nice play on the toss. And if those who were present live to be a thousand, they'll never forget the expression that official's face as that "ball" burst all over him. As that kid departed at high speed for the wide open spaces, many predicted that he'd come to some terrible end. He did. He's Vice-President of a brewery, and so dignified that he wouldn't turn his head to see the fire reels go by.

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And did you hear about the Labor Leader who is greatly disgusted with present trends. "It's getting something fierce," he says. "Hitler, the owner of one factory I have to deal with is honestly starting to act as if he owned the blessed place."

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