# The Bishop Murder Case

A PHILO VANCE STORY

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SYNOPSIS

Philo Vance, wealthy New York years standing, regarding a startling, in connection with the case. As the communicated with you-" fantastic crime just perpetrated.

CHAPTER I .- (Cont'd.)

It was not surprising, therefore, mind as deuced queer?" that Markham should have turned to "No!" aMrkham fairly spat the as the world of science knows him- past when people were afraid to let air petrator unearthed.

want to come along. . . . . "

best to get our facts in some kind of mankind?" for instance? And why the projecturned Markham tartly. utterest nonsense."

of his cigar. elear-cut enough. It's an unusual the last person known to have been method of murder, I'll admit; but it's with Robin before his death is named certainly not senseless. Archery has Sperling." become quite a fad of late. Bows and "And what esoteric significance lies arrows are in use today in practically in that fact?" every city and college in America."

since they were used to kill persons dulcetly. named Robin."

looked at Vance searchingly.

brain the moment you mentioned the We might as well be thorough. victim's name." Vance puffed a mom- looked it up myself. I was afraid my ent on his cigarette. "Who killed imagination was playing tricks on me, Cock Robin?" And with a bow and and I had a yearnin' to see the word arrow! . . . Queer how the doggerel in black and white." learned in childhood clings to the me- Markham opened the book in snmory. By the way, what was the un- ence, and let his eye run down the fortunate Mr. Robin's first name?" "Joseph, I believe."

Any middle name?" "See here, Vance!" Markham rose ly belligerent.

irritably. "What has the murdered "Sperling means 'sparrow.' Any man's middle name to do with the school boy knows that. What of it?" case?"

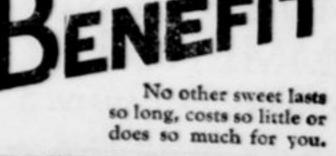
long as we're going insane we may as boy knows the old nursery rhyme enwell go the whole way. A mere shred titled 'The Death and Burial of Cock of sanity is of no value."

protested, but Vance pretended not to shine. "Since you pretend to be unhear, and when the directory arrived familiar with that childhood classic, he thumbed i's pages for several mo- permit me to recite the first stanza." "Did the departed live on Riverside presence, passed over me as Vance re-

Drive?" he asked finally, holding his peated those old familiar lines: finger on a name he had found. "I think he did."

"Well, well," Vance closed the book and fixed a quizzically triumph ant gaze on the District Attorney "Markham," he said slowly, "there's only one Joseph Robin listed in the telephone directory He lives on Riv erside Drive, and his middle name is Cochrane!"

"What rot is this?" Markham's confronted with something at once tone was almost ferocious. "Suppose inexplicable and terrifying. his name was Cochrane; are you seriously suggesting that the fact airily. "That's plagiarism. I said it



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mattr stands now, a Mr. Joseph Coch- "Dillard? By any chance, Profes- a disgrace. rane Robin-to wit: Cock Robin has sor Bertrand Dillard?" Doesnt that strike even your legal house. You know him?"

Vance at the very beginning of the negative. "he name of the dead man as one of the greatest living mather and water touch their bodies; but plant lore possessed by the monks, been abandoned because modern medical physicists. I have most of his Bishop murder case. More and mere, is certainly common enough; and it's matical physicists. I have most of his the other's help in his criminal investithe other help gations; and in the present instance it of archery throughout the country. The known him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. I had mathematics under him for nearly twenty few months of their lives muffle that wears. was particularly fortunate that he more appealed to Vance, for only through Robins death was the result of an at Columbia and later did some level. appealed to Vance, for only through a Robins death was the result of an intimate knowledge of the abnor- accident."

Robins death was the result of an at Columbia, and later did some legal can scarcely breathe. When this is address to students of the School of on. When a single modern test fails on.

have been contravened and the per- tion any. It would only make it queer- eau and turned the case over to him ! er. Of the thousands of archery en- - although I told him I'd come along "This whole thing may be a more's thusiasts in these fair states, the one viction. "But I thought you might be accidentally killed with an arrow! The second was the discovery of the technique of operations."

"This whole thing may be a more's thusiasts in these fair states, the one with the name of Cock Robin should be accidentally killed with an arrow! The second was the imagined each plant to carr, somewhere about it a sign of what it was be accidentally killed with an arrow! Waiting for me now at the Dillard discovery into practice. And the Such a supposition would lead us into home." "Oh, quite!" Vance gave Markham spiritism and demonology and whata sardonic smile. "Sit down a mo- not. Do you, by any chance, believe ment and tell me the tale coherently. in Eblises and Azazels and jinn who The corpse won't run away And it's go about playing Satanic jokes on

order before we view the remains. "Must I be a Mohammedan myth-Who are the parties of the rfist part, ologist to admit coincidences?" re-

tion of the District Attorney's office | "My dear fellow! The proverbial into a murder case within an hour of long arm of coincidence doesn't extend Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Full the deceaseds passing All that you've to infinity. There are, after all, laws told me so far resolves itself into the of probability, based on quite definite mathematical formulas. It would Markham sat down gloomily on the make me sad to think that such men edge of a chair and inspected the end as Laplace and Czuber and Von Kries had lived in vain. The present situa-"Damn it, Vance! Don't start in tion, however, is even more complicatwith a mysteries-of-Udolpho attitude. ed than you suspect. For instance, The crime-if it is a crime-seems you mentioned over the phone that

"Perhaps you know what Sperling "Granted. But it's been a long time | means in German," suggested Vance

"I've been to High School," retorted Markham's eyes narrowed, and he Markham. Then his eyes opened slightly, and his body became tense.

"That idea occurred to you, too, did | Vance pushed the German dictionary toward him. "Occurred to me? It leaped to my "Well, anyway, look up the word.

page. After staring at the word for several moments he drew himself up "Neither edifyin' nor suggestive. . . resolutely, as if fighting off a spell. When he spoke his voice was defiant-

"Oh, to be sure." Vance lit another "I haven't the groggiest. Only as cigarette languidly. "And any school Robin,' what?" He glanced tantaliz-He rang for Currie and sent him ingly at Markham, who stood immofor the telephone directory. Markham | bile, staring out into the spring sun-A chill, as of some unseen spectral

> "Who killed ock Robin? 'I,' said the sparrow, 'With my bow and arrow. I killed Cock Robin."

> > CHAPTER II.

Slowly Markham brought his eyes back to Vance. "It's mad," he remarked, like a man

"Tut, tut!" Vance waved his hand dots. first." (He was striving to overcome his own sense of perplexity by a lightness of attitude.) "And now there really should be an inamorata to bewail Mr. Robin's passing. You recall,

perhaps, the stanza: "Who'll be chief mourner? 'I.' said the love.

'I mourn my lost love: I'll be chief mourner'." Markham's head jerked slightly, and his ngers beat a nervous tattoo

"Good God, Vance! There is a girl in the case. And there's a possiblity address your order to Wilson Pattern that jealousy lies at the bottom of Service, 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto. this thing."

"Fancy that, now! I'm afraid the affair is going to develop into a kind of tableau-vivant for grown-up kind- flour, 14 cup sugar, 4 teaspoons baking ergartners, what? But that'll make powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1 egg well our task easier. All we'll have to do beaten, 1 cup milk, 2 tablespoons to nd the fly."

dantically. . . . My dear Markham, Bake in a shallow, greased pan in a have you forgotten?-

"Who saw him doe? 'I,' said the fly. With my little eye: I saw him die'."

"Come down to earth!" Markham spoke with acerbity. "This isn't a For Dry Skin-Minard's Liniment.

Vance nodded abstractedly. most serious business in life.' His tion on his cigarette, and made a thief. slight gesture of repugnance. "Give One has only to walk through a me the details. Let's find out where clinic or hospital to see the mischief had anything to do with his being we stand in this topsy-turvy land."

Markham again seatd himself. "'Pon my word, old man, I'm sug- "I haven't many details. I told you ably to wrong feeding; it scratches inology, receives a telephone call from gestin gnothing." Vance shrugged his practically everything I know of the them with its dirty nails and septic John F. X. Markham, District Attor- shoulders slightly. "Im merely jot- case over the phone. Old Professor sores are the result. The number of ney of New York and his friend of 18 ting down, so to speak, a few facts Dillard called me shortly before I babies covered with septic sores

(To be continued.)

## What New York Is Wearing

BY ANNABELLE WORTHINGTO



The lengthened line is apparent at a glance in a rusty brown crepy woolen with coin dots in lighter shade. It has the new circular draped skirt in wrapped arrangement that slender-

izes the figure. The bodice moulds the figure with swathed treatment across the front with lower part in diagonal line that minimizes the breadth through the

The flared cuffs of the elbow sleeves are a smart new detail. The shawl collar is of plain woolen matching the

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Corn Cake Three-fourths cup cornmeal, 1 cup melted fat (I used butter). Mix and sift dry ingredients; add egg, well The Musca domestica, to speak pe- beaten, milk and melted fot. Beat. hot (450 degs.) oven 20 minutes or more. One cup sour milk may be used in place of sweet milk, using 1/2 teaspoon soda and only 2 teaspoons baking powder.

## child's game. It's damned serious Keep Your Children "A child's game is sometimes the Healthy and Happy

words held a curious, far-away tone. The many silly superstitions which "I dont like this thing. I don't at all still exist in regard to babies are a like it. There's too much of the child danger to their health and developin it—the child born old and with a ment. For instance, the senseless bediseased mind. It's like some hideous lief that a baby must not have its finperversion." He took a deep inhala-, ger nails cut or it will grow up a

caused by babies' dirty finger nails. A child develops pimples, due probbrought about by dirty finger nails is'

ed at birth, or it will die. No doubt this "Not personally. I know him only had its origin in the dim and dark

nothing but their natural food?

stomach such a tremendous shock that the ill-effects are carried to all parts of the body, with disastrous results.

Some mothers believe that a child will not rise in the world if it goes down first, and a nurse who deliberately mounts a chair with a new-born baby in her arms before she takes it downstairs makes herself ridiculous,

When people persist in making a child go "Up! Up!" and throw it into the air, it is too much for the infant's nerves. A small child is often terrified as it finds itself tossed in the air, and its nerves are strung to a fearful tension. One has only to watch a baby's face to see it. Observe the look in the eyes; the strained appearance of the mouth, even although it may laugh afterwards. Treat your child naturally. Let it

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babies to be weighed, and for the first by Dr. A. V. Hill, distinguished Eng- seem to vary in medical potency de- many monkeys, discussed his work work for him. When Robin's body done, their lungs fail to expand prop- harmacy in that city. Use of roots, to confirm ancient ideas that may be he continued. "We have taken the Pharmacy in that city. Use of roots, to confirm ancient ideas that may be he continued. "We have taken the ated largely, Dr. Hill said, by the so- sample had, for some other reason, a theory that if a man's worn-out glands A baby must have a "taste" of called idea of "signatures," which potency less than was familiar to the were replaced by new ones he would digestions are ruined and stomachs root, like a garden beet, would be permanently injured by giving them imagined, for example, to be good for your daughter, sir, and what's more, why the average grafted gland betime when they should be having blood. In spite of this baseless idea, Proud Parent-"Yes, as far as the however, the monks and herbalists door." People fail to realize that a baby's who actually gathered and prescribed stomach is a delicate and sensitive these drugs acquired a surprising thing, and that to load it with all sorts amount of accurate knowledge, Dr. titled to be buried with military hon- find the remedy. of things the child does not want in- Hill maintained, concerning the real ors?" Recruit-"When he is dead, stinctively gives the nerves of the effects of these drugs on the human sir."

medicine, like the modern use of such he made his original discovery.

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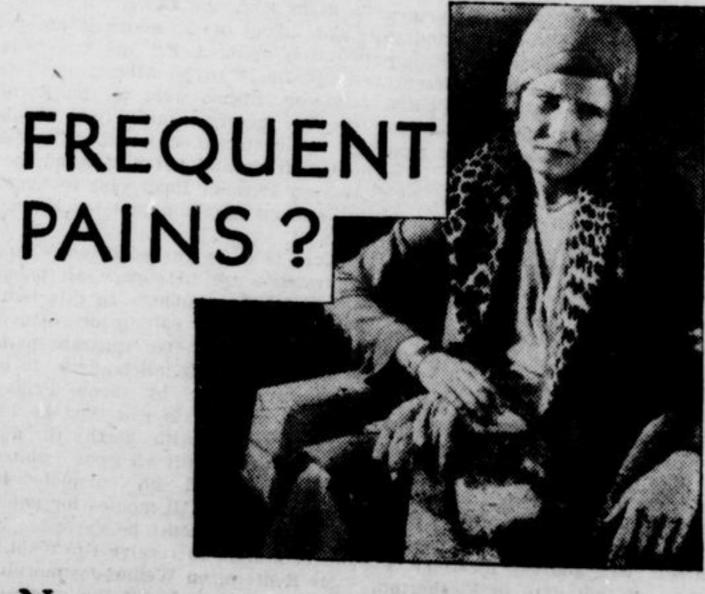
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### Blood of Monkeys Will Be Tested

Gland Rejuvenation Expert Will Fit Apes to Patients'

Grimaldi, Italy .- Dr. Serge Voronoff, famous for his "monkey gland" rejuveration operations, declared that he believed that he was on the verge of another great discovery in his research to prolong the life of man.

He said that he hoped by classifying the blood of monkeys used for rejuyenation operations, as other scientists classify the blood of human beings for transfusion, to be able to solve one of body. Much of this knowledge al- the greatest difficulties which he and ready has been embodied in modern is assistants have encountered since

been killed with a bow and arrow. "Yes. The tragedy took place at his Doesnt that strike even your legal house. You know him?"

Then there is the ridiculous super. Aid Modern Science medicine, like the modern use of such he made his original discovery. why stition that a baby must not be weigh. Aid Modern Science ancient plant drugs as strychnine and "We have sought to discover why stition that a baby must not be weigh." opium. Dr. Hill believes it probable, the average grafted gland becomes in-Recovery for use in modern medi- however, that some useful drugs operative at the end of a period varycine of the true fraction of ancient known to ancient physicians have ing from three to five years." Seated

mal psychological manifestations of the human mind, such as Vance posted, could that black, insensate plot was found the phoned me at once—about half past eleven. I called up plaints which cripple them in later of plants as ancient drugs was domin-like to confirm ancient ideas that may be done, their lungs fail to expand properly, and they develop chronic combecuse the wrong variety of the plaints which cripple them in later of plants as ancient drugs was domin-like to confirm ancient ideas that may be done, their lungs fail to expand properly, and they develop chronic combecuse the wrong variety of the plaints which cripple them in later of plants as ancient drugs was domin-like them in later be rejuvenated. The second was the the discovery into practice. And the "tastes" of the family dinner at a hemorrhage or for disease of the I'm going to do it. Do you follow me?" why the average grafted gland becomes inoperative after a period of three to five years. We have found the reason, and I hope that by classi-Lieutenant-"When is a man en- fying the blood of monkeys we can

WILL TAKE BLOOD TESTS.

"What I mean is this: When it becomes necessary to perform an operation for blood transfusion, the surgeons do not indiscriminately accept anyone that offers himself. Instead, as is known, blood tests are taken to determine what individual is likely to be best suited to the patient-which one's blood is most suitable to mix

the blood of the patient. "It is this process of classification of blood that we intend to experiment with in performing rejuvenation operations in future. In the past, the only process of elimination among monkeys that we used was to give the animals a very strict medical examination to determine only their good health and freedom from disease. "From now on we shall see to it

that monkeys are used whose blood is best suited to the blood of the patient. Tests on the monkey and the patient will be made and we will make our selection after we have studied the "By this means, we hope that the life of the grafted glands will be con-

siderably prolonged, and we believe

the percentage of successes in rejuv-

enation operations will be considerably increased." Dr. Voronoff said it was too early for definite certainty of his new theory, but that he thought the blood tests would "solve the problem."

### Dirt and Curtains Render Windows Half Useless

A visiting Martian seeking signs of human foolishness would need to look no further, it was emphasized by two speakers at the recent convention of the Illumhinating Engineering Society held at Richmond, Virginia, than the average window. Windows presumably are put in houses to let in light. Then the owners of these windows proceed, the illuminating engineers were told, to keep out a half or more of this light which they want to let in; as though a dairyman deliberately poured out on the ground half of the milk from each cow. Professor H. H. Higbie of the University of Michigan pointed out at Richmond that the light which an open window would admit may be cut down from one-fourth to one-third by dirt which accumulates on the glass between cleanings. A. J. Martin, of the Detroit Steel Products Company, reported tests showing the large percentages of light cut off by curtains, valances, shades and other impediments with which home windows usually are equipped. The almost universal habit of drawing down a roller shade to the mid-point of the window frome may result, Mr. Martin reported, in the loss of 60 per cent. of the daylight which otherwise would enter. Fly screens covering the whole of a window may reduce the total light by 50 per cent. It is better to use screens on the lower halves of windows only, this being the part which usually is opened, and also the part which admits the least sky light and which can best be spared. Washing Chiffon

Many women are afraid to use chiffon for wearing apparel as they are often disappointed after washing it. To wash chiffon extreme care is required. Take the material, fold it two or three times, according to length, then tack it together-long stitches and with a fine cotton. Dissolve your soap, and, using warm water, wash by constant squeezing. Iron on the wrong side with a thin cloth between the chiffon and the ironing cloth. If desired, stiffen with gum water,

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