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## The Bishop Murder Case

A PHILO VANCE STORY

BY S. S. VAN DINE

### SYNOPSIS

A man known as Cook Robin is shot with an arrow on the archery range inside Prof. Dillard's home. At the assistance of Philo Vance, who dabbles in the solving of unusual mysteries, Police arrest Sperling, the last man to be seen with Robin. Both men were in love with Belle Dillard, the professor's niece, as was also Sigurd Arnesson, a professor of mathematics and a brother of Prof. Dillard's. Pardee, a wealthy neighbor, and having a passion for chess, shows a interest in the case. Mrs. Drukker and her son, Adolph, also neighbors, seem to know something but fear to tell. Mrs. Drukker believes her son is still a baby. Drukker, a cripple, is an abnormal type with a super-intellect.

A mysterious note is received from the murderer, signed The Bishop.

It is discovered that Robin was murdered in the archery room in the Dillard house, an arrow thrust through the heart and the body then placed on the range.

### CHAPTER XII.—(Cont'd.)

"What about that scream of Mrs. Drukker's?"

"Ah, what about it, indeed? Mrs. Drukker's window may have been a factor that the murderer overlooked. Or perhaps he knew about it and decided to take that one chance of being seen. On the other hand, we don't know whether the lady screamed or not. She says 'No'; Drukker says 'Yes.' They both have an ulterior motive for what they poured into our trusty ears. Drukker may have told of the scream by way of proving he was at home between eleven and twelve; and Mrs. Drukker may have denied it for fear he wasn't home. It's very much of an *elle poedra*. But it doesn't matter. The main point I'm trying to make is that only an intimate of the Dillard house could have done this devilish business," said Vance.

"We have too few facts to warrant that conclusion," asserted Markham. "Chance may have played a part—"

"Oh, I say, old man! Chance may work out to a few permutations, but not to twenty. And there is that note left in the mail box. The murderer even knew Robin's middle name."

"Assuming, of course, that the murderer wrote the note."

"Do you prefer to assume that some kalmi joker found out about the crime through telepathy or crystal-gazing, hid to a typewriter, composed a dithyramb, returned the composed to the house and, for no good reason, took the terrific risk of being seen putting the paper in the mail box?"

Before Markham could answer Heath entered the lounge room and hurried to our corner. That he was worried and uneasy was obvious. With scarcely a word of greeting he handed a typewritten envelope to Markham.

"That was received by the 'World' in the late afternoon mail. Quinn, the police reporter of the 'World' brought it to me a little while ago; and he says that the 'Times' and the 'Herald' also got copies of it. The letters were stamped at one o'clock today, so they were probably posted between eleven and twelve. What's more, Mr. Markham, they were mailed in the neighborhood of the Dillard house, for they went through Post Office Station 'N' on West 69th St."

Markham withdrew the enclosure from the envelope. Suddenly his eyes

opened wide, and the muscles about his mouth tightened. Without looking up he handed the letter to Vance. It consisted of a single sheet of typewritten paper and the words printed on it were identical to those on the note left in the Dillard mail-box. Indeed, the communication was an exact duplicate of the other: "Joseph Cocirane Robin is dead. Who Killed Cook Robin? Sperling means sparrow.—THE BISHOP."

"Quite in keeping, don't y' know," he said indifferently. "The Bishop was afraid the public might miss the point of his joke; so he explained it to the press."

"Joke did you say, Mr. Vance?" asked Heath bitterly. "It ain't the kind of joke I'm used to. This case gets crazier—"

"Exactly, Sergeant. A crazy joke."

A uniformed boy stepped up to the District Attorney and, bending over his shoulder discreetly, whispered something.

"Bring him here right away," ordered Markham. Then to us: "It's Arnesson. He'll probably have those specimens of typing." A shadow had settled on his face; and he glanced again at the note Heath had brought him. "Vance," he said in a low voice, "I'm beginning to believe that this case may turn out to be as terrible as you think. I wonder if the typing will correspond. . . ."

But when the note was compared with the specimens Arnesson brought, no similarity whatever could be discerned. No, only were the typing and the ink different from those of either Pardee's or Drukker's machine, but the paper did not match any one of the samples that Arnesson had secured.

There is no need to recall here the nation-wide sensation caused by Robin's murder. Every one remembers how that startling tragedy was featured in the country's press. It was referred to by various designations. Some newspapers called it the Cook Robin murder. Others, more alliterative, but less accurate, termed it the Mother Goose murder. But the signature of the typewritten notes appealed strongly to the journalistic sense of mystery; and in time the killing of Robin came to be known as the Bishop murder case. Its strange and fearful combination of horror and nursery jargon inflamed the public's imagination; and the sinister and insane implications of its details effected the entire country like some grotesque nightmare whose atmosphere could not be shaken off.

During the week following the discovery of Robin's body the detectives of the Homicide Bureau, as well as the detectives connected with the District Attorney's office, were busy night and day pushing their inquiries. The receipt of the duplicate Bishop notes by the leading New York papers had dissipated whatever ideas Heath may have held as to Sperling's guilt; and though he refused to put his official imprimatur on the young man's innocence, he threw himself, with his usual gusto and pertinacity, into the

task of finding another and more plausible culprit. The investigation which he organized and superintended was as complete as had been that of the Greene murder case. No avenue which held the meagrest hope of results was overlooked; and the report he drew up would have given joy even to those meticulous criminologists of the University of Lausanne.

On the afternoon of the day of the murder he and his men had searched for the cloth that had been used to wipe up the blood in the archery room; but no trace of it was found. Also, a thorough examination of the Dillard basement was made in the hope of finding other clues; but although Heath had put the task in the hands of experts, the result was negative. The only point brought to light was that the fibre rug near the door had recently been moved so the cover the cleaned spot on the cement floor. This fact, however, merely substantiated the Sergeant's earlier observation.

The post mortem report of Doctor Doremus lent color to the now officially accepted theory that Robin had been killed in the archery room and then placed on the range. The autopsy showed that the blow on the back of his skull had been a particularly violent one and had been made with a heavy rounded instrument, resulting in a depressed fracture quite different from a fissured fracture caused by striking a flat surface. A search was instituted for the weapon with which the blow had been dealt; but no like instrument was turned up.

Though Beedle and Pyne were questioned by Heath several times, nothing new was learned from them. Pyne insisted that he had been upstairs the entire morning in Arnesson's room, except for a few brief absences to the linen closet and the front door, and clung tenaciously to his denial that he had touched either the body or the bow when sent by Professor Dillard to find Sperling. The Sergeant, however, was not entirely satisfied with the man's testimony.

"That bleary-eyed old cormorant has got something up his sleeve," he told Markham disgustedly. "But it would take the rubber hose and the water cure to make him spill it."

A canvass of all the houses in 75th Street between West End Avenue and Riverside Drive was made in the hope of finding a tenant who had noticed some one entering or emerging from the Dillard wall gate during the forenoon. But nothing was gained by this tedious Campaign. Pardee it seemed, was the only resident within view of the Dillard house who had observed any one in the neighborhood that morning. In fact after several days of arduous inquiries along this line the Sergeant realized that he would have to proceed without any outside or fortuitous assistance.

The various alibis of the seven persons whom Vance had tabulated in his notation for Markham, were gone into as thoroughly as circumstances would permit. It was obviously impossible to check them completely, for, in the main, they were based solely on the statements of the individuals involved. Moreover, the investigation had to be made with the utmost care lest suspicion be aroused. The results of these inquiries were as follows:

1. Arnesson had been seen in the university library by various people, including an assistant librarian and two students. But the time covered by their evidence was neither consecutive nor specific as to the hour.

2. Belle Dillard had played several sets of tennis at the public courts at 119th Street and Riverside Drive, but because there had been more than four in her party she had twice relinquished her place to a friend; and none of the players could state positively that she had remained at the courts during these periods.

3. The time Drukker departed from the archery room was definitely determined by Sperling; but no one could be found who had seen him thereafter. He admitted he had met no one he knew in the park, but insisted he had stopped for a few minutes to play with some strange children.

4. Pardee had been alone in his study. His old cook and his Japanese valet had been in the rear of the house and had not seen him until lunch time.

His alibi therefore was purely a negative one.

5. Mrs. Drukker's word had to be accepted as to her whereabouts that morning, for no one had seen her between nine-thirty when Drukker went to call on Arnesson, and one o'clock, when the cook brought up her luncheon.

6. Beedle's alibi was checked with fairly satisfactory completeness. Pardee had seen her leave the house at 10:35; and she was remembered by several of the hucksters at the Jefferson Market between eleven and twelve.

7. The fact that Sperling had taken the 11:40 train to Scarsdale was verified; therefore he would have had to leave the Dillard house at the time he stated—namely, 11:15. The determination of this point, however, was merely a matter of routine for he had been practically eliminated from the case. But if, as Heath explained, it had been found that he had not taken the 11:40 train, it would have again become an important possibility.

(To be continued.)

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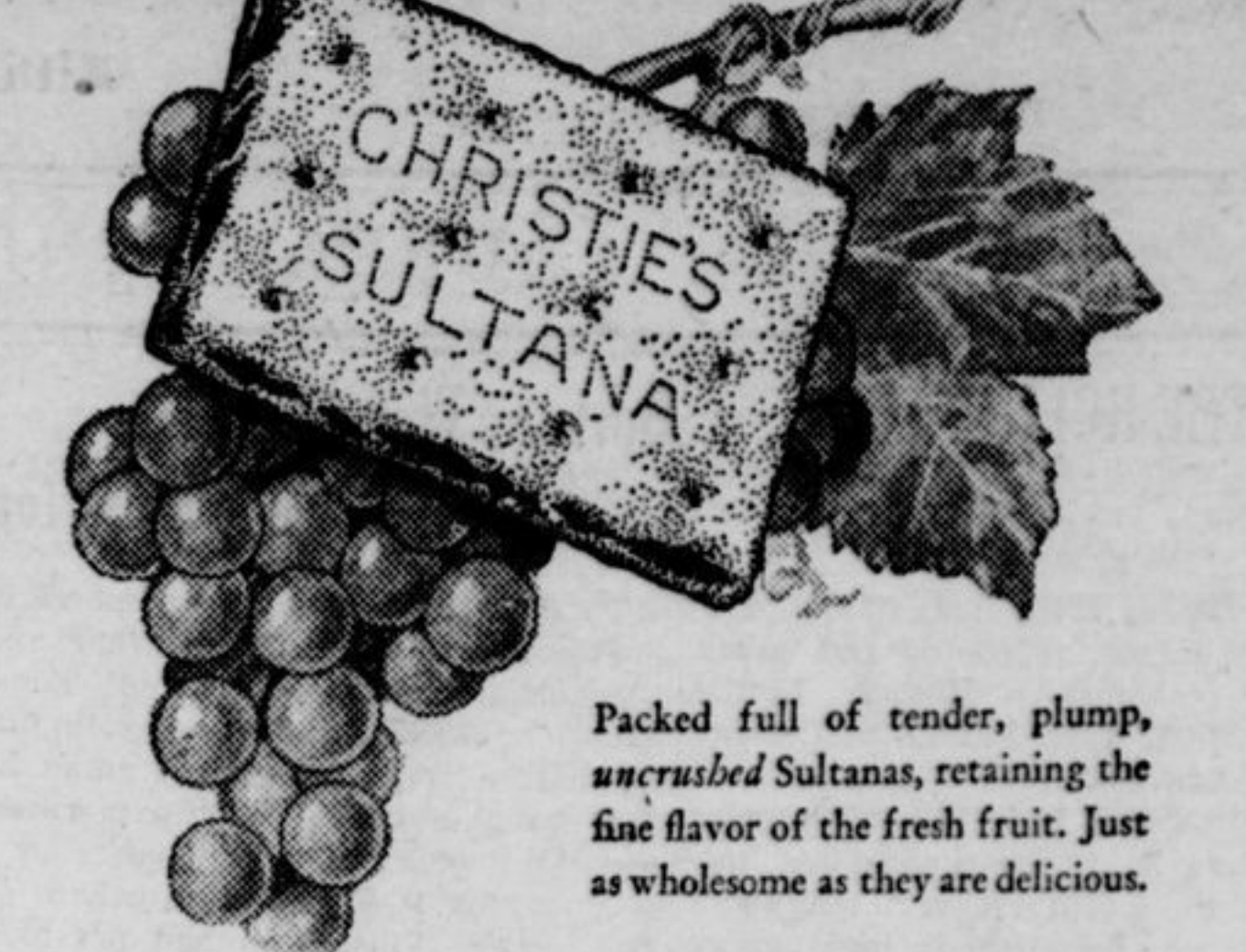
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## Education Needed In Fighting V. D.

Back to "Simple Life" Public Health Official Urges

Ottawa—While decided progress has been made in the struggle against Venereal Diseases in Canada, "what we need today is education and more education," Dr. A. H. Desloges, Montreal, Director of the Venereal Disease Section of the Quebec Bureau of Health, stated in an address before the Ottawa Social Hygiene Council in Annual Meeting here recently.

Quebec province is no better or no worse than any part of the Dominion in so far as these diseases are concerned, Dr. Desloges stated. There are, he said 71 government clinics, with a total of 269,000 treatments and at a cost of \$72,000. Had private doctors treated these cases the cost would have exceeded \$1,112,000. Dr. Desloges paid particular tribute to the five thousand Catholic clergy of his province and to the 150 physicians who gave their time gratis at the dispensaries in fighting the diseases.

"There is not home life today as in the old days," said Dr. Desloges. "We've been too rich, we must go back to the simple life, that is the only way the situation will adjust itself."

Dr. J. J. Heagerty, Assistant to the Chief Executive, Dominion Department of Health, stated that in his

opinion medical examination before marriage is very important since it informs those planning matrimony as to their fitness for parenthood.

## Italy Honors Dominion Poultry Husbandman

F. C. Elford, Dominion Poultry Husbandman and Past President of the World's Poultry Science Association, under whose auspices the World's Poultry Congresses are held, has been signally honored by the government of Italy who appointed him a member of the executive for the Fifth World's Poultry Congress which meets in Rome in 1933. Mr. Elford has also been asked to take charge of organization of the Canadian delegation to Rome. From present indications the next Congress will fully equal the success of last year at London.

## Largest Year "Salada" Tea Has Ever Had

At the annual sales conference held at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Mr. Arthur M. Wilson, secretary-treasurer of the company, stated that in spite of the fact that the year 1930 was one of depression, generally, the "SALADA" tea sales showed a tremendous increase and were the largest the company has ever experienced.

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## Modern Cook Is More Scientific

Cooking of Yesterday May Have Been Tastier But Shortened Life Span, Instructor Claims

Although the young woman who now occupies the kitchenette may not be as good a cook as was her grandmother, her knowledge of nutrition and dietetics is lengthening the span of human life, according to Mrs. Freda J. Winning, instructor of home economics at New York University.

Mrs. Winning's observations on past and present day cooks were given coincident with an announcement that during the second semester's course in home economics at the New York University School of Education, stress will be placed on the study of the nutritive requirements of the individual.

"A generation or two ago little thought was given to the nutritive needs of the various members of the family," said Mrs. Winning. "Usually the entire family, including the baby, shared the common fare which was prepared for the needs and tastes of the hard-working father. His breakfast, dinner and supper consisted of fried meat, fried, and boiled potatoes and unfortunately that limited diet was the diet of the whole family. On Sundays the average family gorged."

"During the past twenty or twenty-five years we have learned much of nutrition and diet. We know today that persons of different ages require different foods and that different individuals of the same age have a wide variety of food requirements. Often persons of the same age are far apart in the amount of food required or in the number of times a day that they require nourishment."

"Those of us in the educational field who are in a position to know of the advantages which the modern housewives have in cookery feel that she is far more competent to intelligently feed her family than was her grandmother."

## World Has No Heart of Gold

According to the latest information, its core is formed of metallic iron with a little nickel.

This conclusion, generally accepted among scientists, dashes speculation which has persisted to recent years that the earth, because it is heaviest at the center, has a heart of gold, says Science Service's Daily Science News Bulletin (Washington). It goes on:

"While not troubling to contradict the Jules Verne conception of fabulous wealth unattainably hidden in the middle of the globe, Dr. L. H. Adams of the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington tacitly refutes any golden dreams of the earth's interior in a report to the Engineering Foundation.

"This earth is made up almost entirely of four elements, iron, magnesium, silicon, and oxygen, Dr. Adams says. And the remaining eighty-eight elements (including gold, silver and platinum) are confined to the thin film called the crust."

"Directly beneath the relatively thin layer of sedimentary rocks at the surface, there is a first layer of granite ten miles thick; below that a twenty mile thick layer of basaltic rock. Two thousand miles of peridotite rock (consisting of iron magnesium silicate) comes next, while the central core of 4,000 miles diameter is formed of metallic iron with a little nickel. "Earthquake waves yielded the important key to the secret of the earth's composition."

## Why Sea Water is Blue

The color is due to copper, thinks a German chemist.

The azure hue, he believes, is caused by the presence of dissolved copper compounds, which have this color, as in the well-known blue vitriol or copper sulfate.

The chemist's name is Richard Willstätter, and his findings are announced by a correspondent of the American Chemical Society in a press bulletin issued by that body (New York). We read:

"The color of sea water was discussed by Willstätter and Fritz Haber on a trip to the Canary Islands, Haber, who developed synthetic ammonia, upon which Germany based its war plans, and who is not infrequently described as the greatest of living Germans, preferred the physical explanation that the color is evident because of the great depth of the water.

"Willstätter contended that the blue, which is visible even in such a thin layer as in a bathtub, is due to complex copper compounds of the nature of cupri-amino salts.

"The conditions for their formation are present," he explained, "because of the known content of copper in sea water and the formation of ammonia, and especially of organic amino-compounds as a result of the decomposition of protein."

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Second—"Yeh, but I felt like I wanted a chaser."

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1 tablespoon sugar	1 cup lukewarm water

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