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A PHILO VANCE STORY

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SYNOPSIS.

A man known as Cock Robin is found with an arrow in his heart; another,

Prof. Dillard, his niece Belle, and his protege Sigurd Arnesson, also a professor in mathematics. John Pardee,

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CHAPTER XXII.- (Cont'd.)

"Drukker tells me," commented that's about all I can tell you." Johnny Spriggs, is found with a bullet Vance, "that you twitted him on his "Do I understand that Miss Dillard "It seems a bit early for Mr. Druk- so cold and scared. I held up a They scattered right and left inability to work out a modification and Mr Arnesson went to the theatre ker to have gone home," mused Vance, finger in a warning, and worked my- among the bandits, and when a burro who claims the murders are founded on of the quantum theory in regard to together?"

The old man smiled ruefully.

Drukker and her son Adolph. Mrs. Drukker is mentally unbalanced and Adolph
of something revolutionary. He has erican upbringing hasn't in the least lient. 'As I've told you, he tires easleast lient. 'As of something revolutionary. He has tempered his enthusiasm for things ily. And last night he was unusually Mrs. Drukker tells how the murderer already worked out some very interld her a terrifying visit the previous action theorem.

Norwegian. At heart he's quite loyal played out. In fact, he complained to id her a terrifying visit the previous esting theorems. . . But I'm sure this to his native country. He's as well me of his fatigue, and said he was go-

whereabouts on the death. Vance quest discuss What are I do for the grounded in Norwegian literature as ing immediately to bed." of Robin's death. Vance ques- discuss. What can I do for you, any professor at the University of "Yes quite in keeping," mur-Oslo; and the only music he really mured Vance. "He told us a little cares for is Grieg's. When he goes while ago that he was up working at to concerts or the theatre you're pretty six yesterday morning." sure to find that the programs are "I'm not surprised. Once a problem Cook," whispered the interpreter.

Markham? Or, perhaps you came to

give me news."

the role of questioner.

of your household last night.

do you refer?"

hastened to assure him.

enced certain factors in the case."

The professor lifted his head

some surprise, but made no commen

his old meerschaum pipe and began

had dinner alone at six o'clock. At

tended last night?

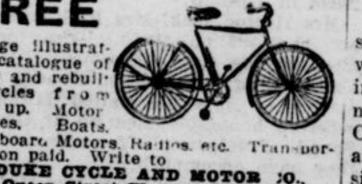
doing them. Did you see either Mr. clear of this point.

imagine. Belle told me this morning a fresh cigarette. "Did he mention ro, I healed down the valley that we reached the cars. I leaned over after the play. However, Sigurd will be here at any minute, and you can learn the details from him." Though the professor spoke with patience, it was plain that he was annoyed by the apparently irrelevant nature of the

interregation. sued Vance, "to tell us the circum-

"There was nothing unusual about visit was to discuss with me the work he had done on his modification of the quantum theory; but when Pardee appeared the discussion was dropped. Pardee is a good mathematician, but advanced physics is beyond his depth." "Did either Mr. Drukker or Mr.

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CHAPTER XXIII.

Professor Dillard took his pipe slow-"Unfortunately we have no news y from his mouth, and his expression We have come to solicit aid again. Markham hesitated as if uncertain became resentful. how to proceed; and Vance assumed

"I must say," he replied testily, "that I can see no valid object in my answering such questions. However," "The situation has changed some what since we were here yesterday. "if the domestic trivia of my house-One or two matters have arisen, and hold can be of any possible assistance gation would be facilitated if we knew the exact movements of the members moment, "Yes, both Drukker and Par- party. dee saw Belle last night. All of us, movements, in fact, may have influincluding Sigurd, were together in this room for perhaps half an hour before camp. The fires had burned to em- making must wake the whole camp. Show the least desire to see sometheatre time. There was even a cas- bers and now and then flamed up Finally we came to the narrow thing of true Hungarian country life, ual discussion about Ibsen's genius, in fitfully. Certainly the outlaws wouldn't defile. Beyond that notch there was and your Magyar friends (Hungar-He said merely: "That information is which Drukker annoyed Sigurd be looking for an escaped prisoner a bit of a plateau. It was here that lians are more correctly called Magyvery easily given. To what members greatly by maintaining Hauptmann's prowling around their tents at that the bandit guard would be. "To no member specifically," Vance superiority."

"Then at eight o'clock, I gather, Mr "Well, let me see. . ." He took out Arnesson and Miss Dillard departed, leaving you and Mr. Pardee and Mr. filling it. "Belle and Sigurd and I Drukker alone iere."

"That is correct."

half past seven Drukker dropped in, "And at half past ten, I think you and a few minutes later Pardee called, said, Mr. Drukker and Mr. Pardee Then at eight Sigurd and Belle went went away. Did they go together?" to the theatre, and at half past ten "They went down-stairs together," Drukker and Pardee went away. I the professor answered, with more myself turned in shortly after eleven, than a suggestion of tartness. "Druk-

after locking up the house-I'd let ker, I believe, went home; but Pardee

"especially as he had come to discuss self along to a point where I could an important matter with you and had cut his bonds with a jack knife. | failed to bowl one over, the rope broideries, their billowing skirts and fancy headdresses, to follow the whim-"Yes. Sigurd rarely patronizes the an important matter with you and had cut his bonds with a jack knife.

has posed itself in his mind he work on "It was an Ibsen play, then, he at- it incessantly. Unfortunately he has bandit than a Colonel." no normal reactions to counter-balance "'Rosmersholm,' I believe. There's his consuming passion for mathemaa revival of Ibsen's dramas at present ties. There have been times when I've our way to where the Burros were

ment at the Chess Club last night," catch them and get on our trail. "No; they came in rather late, I he said, when he had carefully lighted

ronizing lenity.

appears that a gentleman named Rubinstein-a genius of the chess world, hopeless Chinese I ever saw. I understand, who is now visiting this "Will you be good enough, sir," pur- exhibition games. The last one was stances connected with Mr. Drukker's and was postponed at six. It should and Mr. Pardee's visit here after din- have been played off at eight, but Rubinstein was the lion of some dinner their call. They often drop in during play-off was eleven. Pardee was on down-town; so the hour set for the tenter-hooks, for he had lost the firs game and drawn the second; and if he could have won last night's game he would have broken even with Rubinstein. He seemed to think he had an excellent chance according to the way the game stood at six o'clock; al-Pardee see Miss Dillard before she He must have gone directly from here

to the club, for it was fully half past ten when he and Drukker went out." "Rubinstein's a strong player," ob-

served Vance. A new note of interest, "Why are you reading that book on which he strove to conceal, had con:e the education of children?" Son-"To into his voice. "He's one of the grand see if you are bringing me up proper masters of the game. He defeated ly."-Utica Press. Capablanca at San Sebastian in 1911, and between 1907 and 1912 was considered the logical contender for the world's title held by Doctor Lasker. . . Yes, it would have been a great decision.—Calvin Coolidge. feather in Pardee's cap to have beaten him. Indeed, it was no small compliment to him that he should have been matched with Rubinstein. Pardee, de- the best proof of theories .- Albert spite the fame of his gambit, has never | Einstein been ranked as a master. Have you heard the result of last night's game

Again I noted a faint tolerant smile at the corners of the professor's mouth. He gave the impression of looking down benevolently on the fool ish capers of children from some great intellectual height.

by the by?"

"No," he answered, "I didn't quire. But my surmise is that Pardee lost; for when Drukker pointed ou the weakness of his adjourned position, he was more positive than usual. Drukker by nature is cautious, and he rarely expresses a definite opinion on a problem without having excellent grounds for so doing."

Vance raised his eyebrows in some

"Do you mean to tell me that Pardee analyzed his unfinished game with Drukker and discussed the possibilities of its ending? Not only is such a course unethical, but any player would be disqualified for doing such a

"I'm unfamiliar with the punctilio of chess," Professor Dillard returned acidly; "but I am sure Pardee would not be guilty of a breach of ethics in that regard. And, as a matter of fact, I recall that when he was engaged with the chessmen at the table over there and Drukker stepped up to look on, Pardee requested him to offer no advice. The discussion of the position took place some time later, and was entirely to generalities. I don't believe there was a mention of eny specific line of play."

(To be continued.)



What came before: Captain Jimmy and ing over the Chinese war zone. On

never intended to stop. Then I side. questioned him.

"Blandit hit him tree. No idea where doggie."

"And the Colonel?" I asked. "He'll probably make a better

Meanwhile, a plan had been form-Vance nodded. "Walter Hampden's Vance, for some reason, steered together so they would lead in a line. Arnesson or Miss Dillard after they "You spoke of Mr. Pardee's engage- would take time for the bandits to

led through the cleft in the moun- and grabbed Fu by the slack Professor Dillard smiled with pat- tains. Fu brought up the rear with his pants. As I heaved to pull "He talked about it for an hour. It tied around his waist for fear he in, might drop it! He was the most we all went in a pile on the floor.

the burros instead of walking on tality. And only a short distance off how loud everything sounds when ment of its correct pronunciation you want to be quiet, and it certain- gives a pleasant, prideful zest; for the Cautiously I moved toward the ly seemed as if the noise we were town is called "Mesokovesd."

Rolled near the largest of the fires, feet at the sound of our burros com- the most accessible, though by no lay the figure of ing through the pass. Plainly they means the only native town famous a man. Carefully were puzzled. Had we come riding for its costumes Two hours through twig would have understood, and started there, out of the world of the radio broke under my firing on us. But here was a string and the automobile, into a world of knee and I stop- of burros peacefully wending their gigantic well-sweeps, thatched cot-

string with my jack-knife. With a As I wiggled closer I could make shrill cry he jumped against the Pyne and Beedle go to bed early. And had an appointment at the Manhat- was poor old Fu Hsu (Foo Soo) the the next. In a moment they were

"Yes. Sigurd rarely patronizes the an important matter with you and nad theatre, but whenever he does he takes had no adequate opportunity to do so Belle along. He attends Ibsen's plays up to the time of his departure."

"All asleep?" I whispered.

He nodded. Quietly we crept dashed out yelling. The rout was "Yes. I know that such a criticism would spur him to a maximum effort for the most part. He's a devout dis
"Drukker is not well." The profes
"Drukker is not well." The profesmathematics. John Pardee, a would spur him to a maximum effort. The fact is, Drukker is on the track and her son Adolph. Mrs. DrukThe fact is, Drukker is on the track out of the most part. He's a devout district of the most part. The profestive ough to grab a rifle and went on a devout of the most part. The profestive ough to grab a rifle and went on a devout of the most part. He's a devout district o

> Mile after mile we rode at break- cottages; through little swinging "What happened to Scottie? The neck pace. Far back up the valley gates; down narrow lanes and out into the whole bandit camp were in hot | the main paved thoroughfare that the head- pursuit. When my burro showed leads to the town hall and the church, Tie dcg to signs of slackening speed, I thump- come, fluttering like butterflies, maidagain amid a shower of dust and



Taking the halter of the lead bur- burros pounding down the valley as

two more burros-their lead ropes him in, a dark body came hurtling above the shoulders, are held up by a

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Cross the Hungarian border and you enter a land picturesque and unusual; a land 1035 years old, full of ancient traditions and limitless hosp to you, I will of course be glad to go landing, they are captured by Chinese their tip toes, seemed to stamp the main route to Budapest is a place their tip toes, seemed to stamp the main route to Budapest is a place their tip toes, seemed to stamp the main route to Budapest is a place their tip toes. You know as quaint as its name. The achieve-

ars; they prefer it) will enthusiastic-The sandits had just risen to their ally recommend a trip to Mesokovesd, crawled nearer. out into them like a whirlwind, they fine, flat farm country will bring you ped, motionless, way into the light of their camp fire. tages, picture book costumes, country not even breath. Leaning forward from the neck of homes where the servants wear faded

livery, the inevitable flocks of geese. commercial purposes. There the peasants-literally thousands of themwear elaborate and cumbersome costumes because they : eall love them;

Out of low-built thickly thatched The skirts of the women stand out Rounding a corner we came sud- stiffly and sway as though worn with denly to a rail- hopps over petticoats finely accordion road track, pleated from an incredible number of where five or meters of cotton cloth. The beautiful six decrepit old dresses, generally of silk or some silky freight cars material, are also pleated in infinitesistood, and a mal pleats, laid in painstakingly by rickety old en- hand and "set," one it told, on baking gine. We could day, by the weight of large, round, hear the hoofs heavy loaves of steaming hot fresh

A lady's plouse is generally covered smocking and tucking beyond descripstiff paper lining. The apron is a mess of heavy salk embroidery in hatmonizing colors. A shawl, worn winter, is placed over the shoulders crossed over the breast and tied in back. This snawl has the most amazingly fat, thick fringe of colored worsted, and worsted is used again in a most lavish fashion in a headdress more than a fout high, built high over a little cone that fits over the hair, bound into a tight knot on top of the head. Fortunately for the young girls, they do not wear any head covering until they marry.

A girl may choose for her costume any color or any combination of colors and it seems that they instinctively choose wisely. Against a background of white houses with little solid black There can be no concert in two, window shutters, the color effect is done in finery, on Sunday wear embroidered aprons, velvet trousers tucked into high boots, little flaring jackets and shirts embroidered in Russian style. Theirs is the funniest little hat in the world, a small affair with a high crown. It is of dark green felt, much beribboned and often it boasts a feather or a flower as well This hat is worn well front on the forehead and is held on by an elastic band around the back of the head. Naturally, a man cannot doff his hat, In Mesokovesd here are other manners. For weddings and other gala occasions there are dill more elaborate costumes laid neatly away in the red and blue painted dowry chests.

A village woman will graciously show you her little house and all her treasures; she will open chests and cupboards with pleasure to bring out the exquisite needlework of the women of the household, whose motives and designs, peculiarly local, are handed down from generation to generation, There are her dresses for special occasions-the tall white and silver crown for a bride; and the bright flowery, tinsely one which is worn by the newly married woman. There is always the amazing headdress of thick worsted and many lovely long fringed silken shawls and scarfs that are used over that little cone, in which the hair is bound, for such simple occasions as the Sabbath afternoon promenade. The Christian Science Monitor.

A BEAR OF A STORY

Little Mary, given to excessive imagination, seeing a red calf in the orchard, told her mother that there was a big red bear out in the orchard, The mother, aware of Mary's besetting sin, said: "Now, Mary, you know well enough there is no bear out there, and you had better go right into the Closet and ask God to forgive you."

Mary did as she was told and soon came out smiling and said: "Mother, it's all right; God said he thought that calf was a bear, too, the first time he

saw it."-"Animal Life." Brown: "You said you always had the last word with your wife, but I notice she orders you about." Roberts: I"I do have the last word. Didn't I sou hear me say 'all right'?"

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