'Fresh from the gardens'

The Bishop Murder Case

A PHILO VANCE STORY

eye on Markham.

have been safer. Nothing happened

"We have nothing to report, Arnes-

"Just dropped in for a social cal!,

"We reserve the right," said Mark-

he stepped into the room.

night's occurrence. . . ."

his pipe in his hand.

"That's certainly a vital factor in

"Something like that, perhaps. .

work out your formula?"

Dyes are redyed at all!"

Have you enough integers now to

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the facts."

BY S. S. VAN DINE

A man known as Cock Robin is found Johnny Sprigg, is found with a bullet a child like you to be out." Attorney Markham calls in Philo Vance,

Those associated with the case are: upstairs. Prof. Dillard, his piece Belle, and his protege Sigurd Arnesson, also a profesa and looked after her until she had morning of Robin's death. Vance ques- drawing room. "You know, I miss dee played chess the previous night and that lad. He'd gone far. Rotten

CHAPTER XXIV.

.o Peter Piper aside from the pepper opened and Arnesson came in. He work that up into a murder. . stared at us in mock astonishment; then he caught sight of Belle Dillard. son," Markham broke in, nettled by

"Hallo, sis," he called to her pleas- the mar's flippancy. "The situation antly. 'In the hands of the gend- remains unchanged." armerie. I see." He flashed us an amused look. "Why the conclave? presume. Staying for lunch?" This house is becoming a regular police station. Hunting for clews of ham coldly, "to investigate the case in Sprigg's murderer? Ha! Bright whatever manner we deem advisable. you were yesterday morning between youth done away with by his jealous Nor are we accountable to you for our seven and eight. professor, and that sort of thing, eh? actions." putting Diana the Huntress through irks you." Arnesson spoke with sar. voice:

"Nothing of the kind," the girl as a coadjutor; but I see I am to be nearly nine." siderate. And I've been telling them sighed elaborately and took out his in the park before breakfast?" (I contrasting and 34 yard ruffling. me home at half past twelve.

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held out the chessman. Arnesson took it eagerly His eyes glittered for a moment. He turned the piece over in his hand, and then gave it back.

bishop. Where is it?"

"You seem to recognize his particular bishop," said Vance dulcetly. "You're quite correct. It was borrowed from your chess set in the BY ANNABELLE WORTHINGTON library."

Arnesson nodded a slow affirmative, Illustrated Dressmaking Lesson Fur-"I believe it was." Suddenly he turned to Markham and an ironic lear came over his lean features. "Was that why I was to be kept in the dark? Under suspicion am I? Shades of Pythagoras! What penalty attaches to the heinous crime of distributing chessmen among one's neighbors?"

Markham got up and walked toward

"You are not under suspicion, Arnesson," he answered, with no attempt to conceal his ill-humor. "The bishop was left at Mrs. Drukker's at exactly midnight."

"And I was half an hour too late to qualify. Sorry to have disappointed you."

"Let us hear if your formula works out," said Vance, as we passed out of the front doorb "We've a little visit "I think I was very indulgent," to pay to Mr. Pardee now." grinned Arnesson. "Much too late for 'Parcee? Oho! Calling in a chess

expert on the subject of bishops, eh? "It must be terrible to be senile I see your reasoning-it at least has who claims the murders are founded on and-and mathematically inclined," the virtue of being simple and lirect." rhymes and are the work of a she retorted with some heat, and ran He stood on the little porch and watched us, like a japish gargoyle, as

Arnesson shrugged his shoulders we crossed the street. Pardee received us with his customdisappeared. Then he fixed a synical ary quiet courtesy. The tragic, fruscrated look which was a part of his "Well, what glad tidings do you habitual expression was even more her a terrifying visit the previous brings? Any news about the latest pronounced than usual; and when he to his whereabouts on the victim?" He led the way back to the drew up chairs for us in his study his manner was that of a man whose interest in life had died, and who was that he and Drukker had a heated argu- shame he had to be named Johnny merely going through the mechanical Sprigg. Even 'Peter Piper' would motions of living.

"We have come here, Mr Pardee, Vance began, "to learn what we can At that moment the front door episode; and you couldn't very well of Sprigg's murder in Riverside Park yesterday morning. We have excellent reasons for every question we are about to ask you."

Pardee nodded resignedly.

of interrogation you take. After reading the papers I realize just how unusual a problem you are facing." "First, then, please inform us where

A faint flush overspread Pardee's ... Hope you chaps haven't been "So! Something has happened that, face, but he answered in a low, even

casm. "thought I had been accepted "I was in bed. I did not rise until dainty. spoke up. "They've been most con- turned forth into the darkness." He "Is it not your habit to take a walk inch material with 1/4 yard 35-inch

what ar old fogy you are-bringing pipe. "Dropping the pilot!-Bismarck knew this was sheer guess-work on Vance's part, for the subject of Par-Vanc. had been smoking dreamily dee's habits had not come up during near the archway, apparently obliv- the investigation.)

us of Arnesson's complaining. Now "That is quite true," the man replied, without a moment's hesitation. "Really, y' know, Markham, Mr. "But yesterday I did not go-I had Arnesson is quite right. We agreed worked rather late the night before." address your order to Wilson Pattern to keep him posted; and if he's to be "When did you first hear of of any help to us he must know all Sprigg's death?"

"At breakfast. My cook repeated Foundation Started "It was you yourself," protested the gossip of the neighborhood. I read Markham, "who pointed out the pos- the official account of the tragedy in sible danger of mentioning last the early edition of the evening Sun." "And you saw the reproduction of the drame as well as the sister and of people. They're courteous to each rule. I arrived in Warsaw to find that that he no longer shed tears or ran

And I'm sure his discretion can be loo of the affair, Mr. Pardee?" relied on." Then Vance related in "I hardly know." For the first time detail Mrs. Drukker's experience of his lack-fustre eyes showed signs of fund for the benefit of any man or wor nurses when he leaves a group in the Arnesson listened with rapt atten- tion. The mathematical chances are tion. I noticed that his sardonic ex- utterly opposed to such a series of pression gradually disappeared, and inter-related events being coinci-

that in its place came a look of cal- dental." eral minutes in contemplative silence speaking of mathematics: are you at all familiar with the Riemann-Christoffel tensor?"

the problem," he commented at length. "I know of it," the man admitted. "It changes our constant. I can see "Drukker uses it in his book of world that this thing has got to be calculat- lines. My mathematics, however, are ed from a new angle. The Bishop, it not of the physicist's type. Had I not appears, is in our midst. But why become enamored of chess"-he smi!should he come to haunt Lady Mae?" ed sadly-"I would have been an "She is reported to have screamed astronomer. Next to manoeuvring Andrew MacPhail, Justice Edouard a month, and some of the guests for at almost the exact moment of Robin's the factors in a complicated chess Fabre Surveyer, Duncan Campbell two." They've made hospitality a fine combination, the greatest mental sat- Scott, Dr. George Wrong and Judge art; they thank you for coming till "Aha!" Arnesson sat up. "I grasp isfaction one can get, I think, is plotyour implication. She saw the Bishop ting the heavens and discovering new from her window on the morning of planets. I even keep a five-inch equa-Cock Robin's dissolution, and later he torial telescope in a pent-house on returned and perched on her door- my roof for amateur observations."

knob as a warning for her to keep "You were, I understand, at the Dillards' last Thursday when Mr. Arnesson was discussing this tensor Did he note the amount of calcrie with Drukker and Sprigg."

"Yes, I recall that the subject came "How well did you know Sprigg?" "Only casually. I had met him with

Arnesson once or twice." "Sprigg, also, it seems, was in the 'After a little wearing; a lovely green habit of walking in Riverside Park voile-an imported dress-lost color before breakfast," observed Vance He cheerfully chewed every species so completely that it was not wear- negligently. "Ever run into him there," able. A friend who had admired it Mr. Pardee?"

asked me why I wasn't wearing it. The man's eyelids quivered slight. Lest his health might be hurt by some any more. On hearing the reason, ly, and he hesitated before answering. she advised dyeing it and recom-"Never." he said finally. mended Diamond Dyes. To make a Vance appeared indifferent to the

long story short, it turned out denial. He rose and, going to the beautifully. I have a lovely new front window, looked out. dress that really cost just 15c-the "I thought one might be able to see Radios Aids Milk Production price of one package of Diamond into the archery range from here. But

I note that the angle cuts off the "I have since used Diamond Dyes view entirely." for both tinting and dyeing. They | "Yes, the range is quite private. installed in the barns of Mrs. Mary do either equally well. I am not an There's even a vacant lot opposite the Blakely, and played at milking time, expert dyer but I never have a failure wall, so that no one can see over it. . .! with Diamond Dyes. They seem to Were you thinking of a possible wit-

be made so they always go on smooth- ness to Robin's death?" ly and evenly. They never spot, "That, and other things." Vance month than previously. streak or run; and friends never returned to his chair. "You don't go know the things I dye with Diamond in for archery, I take it."

"I'd like to cast an eye on this black in the sport, but I was not a very promising acolyte. I've been to sev-Vance reached in his pocket and eral tournaments with her, however." (To be continued.)

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of Canada, the Canadian Authors' As- country house on Thursday, the niece sociation, the National Council of Wo- exclaimed, "Thursday! But you've just men, the Association of Canadian come! My aunt expects you to stay a

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Methuselah ate what he found on h And never, as people do now,

count-He ate because it was chow. He wasn't disturbed as at dinner

he sat Destroying a roast or a pie. To think it was lacking in lime or

in fat Or a couple of vitamins shy.

of food. Untroubled by worries or fears fancy dessert.

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-Medical Sentinel.

Horton, Kan.-Radio has been pressed into service to increase the resulted in such uniform contentment among the cows that the average milk production was two pounds greater per

"Human beings are not often either "It's a trifle too strenuous for me. very, very good or very, very bad."-Miss Dillard once tried to interest me Bebe Daniele.

The ADVENTURES of

and his new found friend Jed Stone race taking no further chances, promptly he said the cunningest things. Of railway locomotive. Jed tells how his fled, brother had been captured by outlaws, "I

carried him away into the hills in let's go." that these outlaws were the same cars right there. As quickly as I side in a few seconds. band from which I had recently could, I uncoupled the engine, climb- "Oh, Edgar, what have you done,

to notice another wires?"

ning forward and our string of and cut the wires. locomotives.

pact. The wheels spun and hissed, brother, Guy, and it seemed that our locomotive alive. On and must jump the track. Too late! There was an ear-split- the old engine,

ting crash and it just felt as if some as fast as I darbig giant had kicked the locomotive ed. right out from under us. It seem- The country for ed as if she were going to turn right was flat and was over, but somehow it held to the uninteresting.

deed. The engine had plowed into fore, and the ground almost barren keeping him a baby." It has bloomers too that peep the rear of our train of ten treight of vegetation. Mile after mile passself, after causing all that trouble began to appear on our left, stretch- baby." The Peter Pan collar and cuff bands had jumped the track, and now lay ing away to the horizon. give opportunity for contrasting color. on its side in the ditch steaming and

torn up, and ties scattered around. free.

"I guess we had better get out of slave. As Jed told me the story of how all this", chuckled Je Stone. "First knife from the pantry, he was out in his brother had soundly thrashed | thing you'll know som one or other | the yard making a sailboat when sud-

ed into the cab and opened the throt- my darling?" she gasped.

train rounding the True enough, in a few minutes the he told her, between his sobs. whistle shricked a graph ahead, and then there'll be a carried him into the house. matters worse, we ing for us, asking where we found mind, love. Mother'll fix it." were backing up, the engine. We slowed down to a When the cut was carefully band-

freight cars would soon be reduced We were still in enemy territory, commiseratingly until the child was to matchwood between the heavy many, many, miles from Shanghai, sure he had been grievously hurt. Somehow we must get to our air-The brakes would never stop in plane and get going. Every mom- field nearby, he was stung by a wasp, time-I switched to full speed ahead, ent's delay meant just that much less Again, a great fuss was made over in hope that I could lessen the im- chance of rescuing Jed Stone's him.

(To be continued.)

Unnecessary Sympathy

P. L. EISNOR

Edgar was a fascinating child, with appealing blue eyes and a little dar-What came before: As Captain Jiminy (The crew had luckily jumped, and ling rose-bud of a mouth. Sometimes course his mother was his adoring

here before someone blames us for One day, having secretly taken a the bandit chief and how they had will want their old engine back"- denly his mother's heart almost stood still at the sound of loud wailing. revenge, it suddenly occurred to me | It seemed best to leave the freight | She rushed downstairs and was out-

We were so interested in our plans | tle. After roaring a.ong for a few | He held out to her a little finger, for getting him miles an idea occurred to Jed Stone. from which a few drops of bright free, that I failed "How about cutting the telegraph red blood were trickling. "The bad knife - cut my finger,"

curve until its crew might decide to return and tele- She picked him up in her arms and

warning. To make whole parcel of Chinese troops wait- "Oh, my poor little baby, my poor

instead of .un- stop. In a moment I climbed out aged, Edgar's mother made him some candy, and kept murmuring over him Next day, while playing in a little

> Edgar's uncle Reginald happened to be visiting at his sister's that day. He watched the proceedings quietly, but when the boy had been put to bed, he turned to his sister.

> "Kate," he said gravely, "how long do you want to keep that lad of yours

Kate's blue eyes opened very wide. "What do you mean, Reg?" she will enhance your small daughter's Looking back we saw a wreck in- timber had been cut away years be- demanded indignantly. "I'm not

smartly beneath the hem of the dress. cars. The first three were a mass ed by, and after a time we began to boy, but if you continue coddling him The yoked bodice is fetching with of splinters, the next two were cross | see an occasional soldier walking and pitying him every time he gets deep round scalloped outline at the ways on the track. The engine it- along the tracks. Then a large wood a little bruise, he'll always be a

"But, Reg." protested the mother, instantly on the defensive, "you don't Any of our young readers writ- understand. That sting might have The tracks looked as if a cyclone ing to "Capt. Jimmy". 2010 Star caused something serious if I hadn't "I shall not be offended at any line rin dots. The collar and cuffs are had just passed by. Rails were Bldg., will receive his signed that at once. And he's still very little, and of course it must have hurt him."

> "Very true," her brother admitted. "I think it quite right to attend to any little injury. But it is not necessary to make the child think be has been seriousl; injured whenever he gets a little bump or to teach him to come running to you for pity. All children have to get their share of bumps and bruises. Teach him to take them manfully."

tarily tell me more. Eight months after | Kate thought this over. "Perhaps I'd been her guest, I happened to learn you are right, Reg. I wouldn't want of Hospitality of Mme. Curie-Sklodowska in Paris, coddle.' I'll just try your way for a that my first hostess had been a pupil my boy to grow up to be a 'mollyher most promising pupil, the dis- while. When he burts himself, I'll After all, interesting as sightseeing coverer of radium said; again that see that he gets looked after, but mathematics; it was only because it think it is at all serious."

They are the most courteous people she casually referred to her transla- did not understand his mother's ap-I've ever met, with the most beautiful tion of Shakespeare's sonnets (into parent lack of sympathy and cried manners. I don't mean that I noticed Polish!). If you had such records and the more because of it, but after a By Canadian Authors this among the aristocracy only, I a foreign guest, would you keep absorbed time he give don't mean that I myself met always lutely still about your achievements? cheery, matter-of-fact treatment of the little michans and soon she found Toronto.-At a meetin, here of re- with such politeness, from all classes Nor was she an exception to the his little mishaps and soon she found "True, but I had forgotten at the Bishop note, of course, in this of music, painting and sculpture, the other men take off their hats to a friend had arranged for me to live to her every time he bruised his knee

> fund for the benefit of any man or wo- nurses when he leaves a group in the her questions about my writing and should be very careful to be as casual man of distinction in Canadian letters, park. And along with their courtesy my plans for Poland; of herself not a as possible when the little boy or or their dependents." This was the they're hospitable to the nth degree. word. But when later in the day I girl comes running in with a cut intention of a small group who orig- The slightest excuse and they invite gave this address at the bank and the finger. It is not necessary to remain ation, 8 West 40th Street, New York City. These articles are appearing

England's Unique Railway Exhibition

One of England's unique organizations, the Model Railway Club, recently held a novel exhibition in celebration of its coming of age. The exhibitors, who ranged from army officers and butchers to clergymen, school children and farm workers, submitted two-ounce engines, carefully wrought to the minutest detail-one model submitted at the last exhibition traveled forty-two miles on its track five-eighths of an inch in gauge. One of the most interesting models at this year's exhibition was the work of a 13-year-old boy. This was a tiny restaurant car, complete even to a plate under the kitchen tar.

Most of the craftsmen become interested in their hobby at an early age. The interest is not confined to Ungland. This year L'Association Francaise des Amis des Chemins de Fer sent over exhibits and its secretary accompanied them.

The exhibition was held at Central Hall, Westminster, London, and was crowded from the opening with children and older connoisseurs-all apparently equally anxious for a ride on the model railway with its ninetyfoot track.

rather young to join the Army?" Mrs. Bore: "Well, he is young, but then, you see, he is only going to join the infantry."

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Poland Is Land

greatest joy was in knowing Poles. came up in another connection that For a few weeks after that, Edgar afternoon tea, a child of four or five I can put it in England.) I had a sirable, but in training children to be

you half feel you're doing the favor instead of receiving it. I think one reason they are model hosts is because Poles are modest. My Hergesheimer. introductions told, of course, some-

so many questions, that they'd volun- Sunday.

inated the scheme, who sought to you to dinner or tea, or to stay at American Embassy and to half a dozen entirely unmoved when a child is that in its place came a look of caldental."

Commemorate the debt Canadian letters own the same and the same ters owe to Dr. Charles G. D. Roberts, other fifteen months in Poland, if I'd L.? Are you living in the house of the sible regarding the injury, with alwhose literary jubilee since he pub- accepted all my invitations. In one Pani L., who writes poetry as well as ways a ready smile of appreciation lished "Orion" 50 years ago has just little town I expected to stay three or novels?" And I was, though I had to when pain or discomfort is borne four hours, just between trains, but ask her point-blank to confirm it .- bravely, is the wisest course .- Issued The board of governors will consist found my hostess had made plans for Grace Humphrey, in "Poland the Un- by the National Kindergarten Associof the presidents of the Royal Society four days. When I spoke of leaving a explored."

thing about me, but alas! they told me

Remember this-that there is a weekly in our columns. proper dignity and proportion to be observed in the performance of every "I spent a season in Hollywood

and I didn't like any of the actresses enough to buy them a soda."-Joseph little or nothing about my hosts. Often they treat sin as if it were a cream and often I wished I didn't have to ask | puff instead of a rattlesnake."-Billy

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