'Fresh from the gardens'

The Bishop Murder Case

A PHILO VANCE STORY

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SYNOPSIS

A man known as Cock Robin is found Drukker was one of my three sus- pened?" with an arrow through the heart. Then pects but he was murdered; and that Markham drew a deep breath of inta young chap named Sprigg is shot through the top of the head. The mur- left two. Then Pardee to all appear- patience. derer writes mocking notes signed The

District Attorney Markham calls in his

back certain information and determines to find out what it is. But that night mated. So again I waited, and watch- "Oh, but it isn't," persisted Vance.

Markham believes Pardee was The Bishop, but Vance believes differently Then Prof. Dillard asks them to come to dered—just as were Robin and Sprigg

CHAPTER XXXV .- (Cont'd.)

He'd enjoy seeing you again. As I chuckling at our gullibility ever said, he's at 'The Pretenders' but I'm since.' sure he will come straight home. . . . By the way, Mr. Vance," the professor at so fantastic a conclusion?" went on, turning from Markham, "Sienthusiasm for ibsen?"

by this question, but when he answer- soon." ed there was no hint of perplexity in | A few minutes later we reached his

"I have read Ibsen a great deal; the library. and there can be little doubt that he "The evidence has been here within was a creative genius of a high order, arm's reach all the time." although I've failed to find in him He went to the shelves where he either the aesthetic form or the philo- kept his dramas, and took down Volsophic depth that characterizes ume II of the collected works of Hen-Goethe's 'Faust,' for instance."

Avenue in the brisk April air.

"You will please take note. Markpark, "that there are others than your over his shoulder. This is what we modest collaborator who are hag-rid- saw: den with doubts as to the volition of Hakon Hakonsson, the King elected Pardee's taking-off. And I might add by the Birchlegs. that the professor is not in the least! satisfied with your assurances."

"His suspicious state of mind is quite understandable," submitted Markham. "These murders have touched his house pretty closely."

"That's not the explanation. The old gentleman has fears. And he knows something which he will not

"I can't say that I got that impres-

"Oh, Markham,-my dear Markham! Weren't you listening closely to his halting, reluctant tale? It was as if he were trying to convey some suggestion to us without actually putting it | into words. We were supposed to guess. Yes. That was why he insist- chaplained that you visit him when Arnesson

was safely away at an Ibsen reviva!." | sician. Vance ceased peaking abruptly and stood stock still. A startled look came in his eyes.

"Oh, my aunt! Oh my precious But I doubt if either of us read beaunt! So that was why he asked me | youd the line: about Ibsen! . . . My word! How un- Nicholas Arnesson, Bishop of Osic. will find those in every walk and in some saving process of nature or the utterably dull I've been! He stared at My eyes became riveted on that every sphere of life until the world discovery of a new remedy. At a retightened. "The truth at last!" he tion. And then I remembered. . . . wegian dramatist who has been dead ed all the sane values of life into for twenty years. In Ibsen is the key Lideous buffooneries. to the mystery."

CHAPTER XXXVI

Markham regarded him as though he had suddenly gone out of his mind; but before he could speak Vance hailed a taxicab.

"I'll show you what I mean when we reach home," he said, as we rode east through Central Park. "It's unbe- that night, was more troubled and delievable, but it's true. And I should spondent that I had ever seen him. have guessed it long ago; but the connotation of the signature on those he said hopelessly. "There's no legal notes was too clouded with other pos- evidence against the man. But we aible meanings. . . ."

spring," commented Markham wrath- hand. . . . I never believed in torture, fully, "I'd suggest that the heat had but I almost wish we had access today affected you.'

"I knew from the first there were | Vance and I arrived at his office a three possible guilty persons," con- few minutes after nine the next morntinued Vance. "Each was psycho- ing. Swacker intercepted us and asklogically capable of the murders, pro- ed us to wait in the reception room vided the impact of his emotions had for a little while. Markham, he exupset his mental equilibrium. So there plained, was engaged for the moment. was nothing to do but to wait for some | We had no more than seated ourselves

Vance is convinced Drukker is holding cards troubled me. We were stale- osity is appeared-" did not shoot himself. He was mur- strangely." and Drukker. His death was another glance through lowered lids.

grim joke-he was a victim thrown to the police in the spirit of diabolical

"By what reasoning do you arrive "It's no longer a question of reasongurd tells me you accompanied him to ing. At last I have the explanation 'Ghosts' last week. Do you share his for the crimes; and I know the meaning of the 'Bishop' signature to the "A slight shift of Vance's eyebrows notes. I'll show you a piece of amaztold me that he was somewhat puzzled | ing and incontrovertible evidence very

apartment, and he led us straight to

rik Ibsen. The book contained "The "I can see that you and Sigurd Vikings at Helgeland" and "The Prewould have a permanent basis of disa- tenders"; but with the first of these plays Vance was not concerned. Turn-Markham declined the invitation to ing to "The Pretenders" he found the stay longer, and a few minutes later page where the dramatis personue we were walking down West End were given, and laid the book on the table before Markham.

"Read the cast of characters of ham, old dear," observed Vance, with Arnesson's favorite play," he directed. a touch of waggishness, as we turned Markham, silent and puzzled, drew into 72nd Street and headed for the the volume toward him; and I looked

Inga of Varteig, his mother. Earl Skule. Lady Ragnhild, his wife. Sigrid, his sister. Margrete, his daughter. Guthorm Ingesson. Sigurd Ribbung.

Nicholas Arnesson, Bishop of Oslo. Dagfinn the Peasant, Hakon's mar- and certain plant pollens.

Ivar Bodde, his chaplain. Vegard Vaeradal, one of his guard. Gregorius Jonsson, a nobleman. Paul Flida a nobleman.

Ingeborg, Andres Skialdarband's Peter, her son, a young priest.

Jatgeir Skald, an Icelander. Bard Bratte, a chieftain from the Trondheim district.

Markham, and the muscles of his jaw name with a set and horrified fascina- ends."-Mrs. Stanley Baldwin. said with impressive softness. "And Bishop Arnesson was one of the most it is neither you nor the police nor I diabolical villains in all literature -- passport. who has solved this case: it is a Nor- a cynical, sneering monster who twist-

With this astounding revelation the Bishop murder case entered its final and most terrible phase. Heath had been informed of Vance's discovery;

and it was arranged that we should meet in the District Attorney's office early the following day for a counsel Markham when he took leave of us

"I don't know what can be done," may be able to devise some course of "If it were midsummer instead of action that will give us the upper to the thumbscrew and the rack."

when Heath appeared, grim, pugnacious and sullen.

"I gotta hand it to you, Mr. Vance," he proclaimed. "You sure got a line on the situation. But what good it's going to do us I don't see. We can't arrest a guy because his name's in a

"We may be able to force the ssuc some way," Vance rejoined, "In any event, we know where we stand."

Ten minutes later Swacker beckonto us and indicated that Markham was

"Sorry to have kept you waiting," Markham apologized. "I had an unexpected visitor." His voice had a despairing ring. "More trouble. And. curiously enough, it's connected with the very section of Riverside Park where Drukker was killed. However. there's nothing I can do about it. . . He drew some papers before him. "Now to business."

"What's the new trouble in Riverside Park?" asked Vance casually.

Markham frowned. "Nothing that need bother us now. A kidnapping, in all likelihood. There's a brief account of it in the morning papers, in case you're interested. . . .

"I detest reading the papers," Vance spoke blandly, but with an inindication that would focus suspicion. sistence that puzzled me. "What hap-

ances committed suicide, and I'll ad- "A child disappeared from the playmit that his death made reasonable ground yesterday after talking with friend, Philo Vance. The following are the assumption that he had been the an unknown man. Her father came his niece, Bell, and his protege, Sigurd guilty one. But there was an eroding Lere to solicit my help. But it's a job Arnesson, who hopes to marry Belle; doubt in my mind. His death was for the Bureau of Missing Persons; not conclusive; and that house of and I told him so. Now, if your curi-

Drukker is murdered. The shock kills ed my third possibility. Now I know "I simply must hear the details. That that Pardee was innocent, and that he section of the park fascinates me

> Markham shot him a questioning (To be continued.)

"Sigurd will be here before long, jest. And the murderer has been Trace Hay Fever to Birds and Powder

Baltimore Physician Finds Small Plant Pollen Grains Cause Membrane Irritations

Baltimore.-Hay Fever, which annually brings sneezes and watery eyes to thousands, may be caused by such unusual substances as face powder and canary feathers, reports Dr. Howard M. Bubert, of the University of

Hay fever usually is caused by irritation of the mucous membranes of the eyes, nose and throat by infinitesimal grains of plant pollen that float in the air. Not all persons are sensi-

A girl came to Dr. Bubert for treatment, he reports, and said she suffered hay fever symptoms the year round instead of only during the usual sea-

She used a face powder made from orris root and Dr. Rubert discovered that she was super-sensitive to orris

She changed her face powder to one made of rice powder. Within twentyfour hours her hay fever symptoms

disappeared, says Dr. Bubert. Another woman treated at Bubert's clinic at the University of Maryland Hospital suffered from asthma during the entire year and hay fever during the regular spring and fall seasons. fifty of them at home. It was found

When this woman got rid of her long flight to check the disease that canaries and was treated with extracts is destroying the trees. of canary feathers and of the pollens to which she was sensitive, Dr. Bubert reports, she was relieved of both the that deposits its eggs on the bark.

asthma and hay fever symptoms. trouble every summer for a number of Institute of Plant Biology, proved as Sira Viliam, Bishop Nicholas's years. Finally it was found he was fruitless as previous remedies. supersensitive to certain pollens, and Master Sigard of Brabant, a phy-actually was suffering from a form of Europe is in danger of losing its elms hay fever. Treatment with pollen ex. from the disease which began its ravtracts greatly relieved his symptoms.

TWO CLASSES

"I know only two classes-the If the elms in affected regions are 'worker' and the 'loafer," and we to survive it can only be through

What New York Is Wearing

BY ANNETTE.

For Travel and "Dress" Upon Arrival



It's in the much favored navy blue wool crepe. The navy blue crepe silk frock is printed in red and white thus smartly carrying out the popular tri-color scheme. The bolero jacket chooses the printed crepe for its turn-back cuffs. The separate redingote skirt is in box-plait effect at the front. The diagonal seaming and closing of the hip yoke is decidedly slimming. The belt is removable.

teresting finished with jabot. This attractive outfit Style No. 379 may be had in sizes 14, 16, 18, 20 years, 36 and 38 inches bust. The redingote takes 31/8 yards of 39-inch material; the dress re-

The sleeveless dress has slightly

dropped shoulder. The neck is in-

quires 2% yards of 39-inch material for the miss of 16 years. Another equally chic idea is vivid red crepe silk coat with the dress of navy blue crepe silk.

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Elms of Berlin Doomed

Berlin.-Elms in the parks and She raised canaries and kept about streets of Berlin appear to be doomed she was sensitive to canary feathers of the park department apparently If I have made some comrade's burhaving abandoned as hopeless their

The elms are being killed by a minute fungus carried by a small beetle A method of treating the elms by in-He tells of a man afflicted with eye noculation, worked out at the Dahlem

Not only Berlin but all of central ages in Holland ten years ago and spread rapidly eastward, completely baffling all efforts to arrest it.

cent session of the German Botanical Association it was said that remedies A good name makes an excellent hitherto tried had proved wholly use-

Not a Sea Monster



Man vies with the odd denizens of the oceans. Here we see an odd-looking machine of steel and glass which will soon be launched on an under water search for sunken treasure.

The ADVENTURES of and his Dog SCOTTIE-

What came before: Late one afternoon, while on board the freighter Madrigal in to the attack again. Suddenly I the Chinese Sea, Captain Jimmy and his in their plane.

was not a mom- quite still. ent to lose.

case. A lucky shot must have crip- sail. Now was our chance. pled the ship they were pursuing. Circling around to gain altitude, Quarte, of a mile away and we nosed we suddenly dived straight for the down to get a better view of what pirate's wheel

was taking place. A little ship lay over with a heavy away with our list to starboard, evidently leaking old shotguns. from a shot below the water line. A The helmsman large Chinese junk was tied behind of the junk had and a boarding party of pirates all he could swarmed all over the captured ves- do, at best, to with sel. The passengers ran here and hold the ship there, ooking for shelter. Then as in her course, we came near we could see a num- for a brisk wind had suddenly evidently white men and ship officers. one side. As we passed overhead, the pir-

about one hundred and ten miles an ent a strong gust of wind keeled the hour. The Chinese Junk was our junk over on her side. target and how we longed for a few nice hand grenades or a machine Note: Any of our young readers could make it hot for those pirates. his signed photo free.

About half a mile away, I turned

rific speed to- Bang! roared the heavy shot gun, heliotrope color."

A few stray shots screeched by, As we drew fired by the more courageous of the nearer, through pirates who dared show themselves the twilight, we above decks. Meanwhile, my guncould plainly see ner loaded up his heavy artillery the fash from the ready for his next attack. Again we guns of the Pirate Juns. I gave swooped and raked the decks with our plane every bit of gas I could buckshot but this time the pirates and she roared down toward the had seen enough of us. Someone scene of battle at a tremendous rate. cut the junk loose and the pirates Suddenly the firing seemed to rushed back and crowded on full

deck, banging

ber of figures bound to the rail- sprung up and she leaned heavily to

Then, looking up, he caught sight ates greeted us with a volley but of us hovering above him like a great they were not used to firing at a bird of prey, just as a charge of speeding plane and their shots went buckshot rattled around him or the decks. With a yell, he let go the violet light. This being true, how We swept past the boats at wheel and fled and the next mom-

(To be continued.)

Still, we had the shot gun writing to "Captain Jimmy", 2010 and plenty of backshot shells. We Star Building, Toronto, will receive

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LIFE

I have helped some struggling man to master His baser self. A nobler life at-

If by my love, some heart has beat Scientist Extracts Casoline en faster-I have not lived in vain.

If I have sown the seeds of peace and gladness.

again. and sadness-

I have not lived in vain. brighter.

den lighter-I have not lived in vain. -Norman Cole.

Helping Hand

When her young man visitor thought she knew the cause.

for a moment?" "Certainly, Mr. Clarke!" -- and, ex- the method economically feasible.

cusing herself, she left the room. after a short conversation with the cost of the process. It and similar out here is but the wind and the young man he stepped to the door and gases, common in oil fields, now are curious woodpecker. . . There is a summoned his daughter.

"It is getting late,' 'said Mr. Clarke, Dr. Schultze obtained gasoline by subject of this charming retrogreswhose face was radiant, "and, as I bombarding a quantity of methane gas sion, giving the details of a craft have a long ride before me, I think I with electrons from an electric curwill say 'Good night.' Shall I find you rent of between 17,000 and 20,000 woods, but tragically, absurdly inapat home on Wednesday evening, Miss volts.

The girl assured him that he would, methane before, but only by using and the young man took his departure. radio-active substances and other com-"Oh, papa!" began the girl, when plicated chemical processes which Amateur Sky Gazers they were alone, "did he-" "You must not ask questions," said Dr. Schultze believes his process althe old man. "Mr. Clarke wished to

"I know," pleaded the girl, "but you -just a word." dulgently, "since you must know, he for powerful acids.

sent must remain a secret."

home with." Contrarieties

wanted to borrow a shilling to get

The tilt of her proud chin;

Immortality

But not a one has ever yet forgotten afraid you might be Miss Ethel!" Her one small sin. -Jewell Bothwell Tull, in Poetry.

Makes Gasoline

and Other Oils from Methane Gas

ly wasted.

is exhausted. a gallon. But Dr. Schultze believes ers' dinners. "Er-Miss Johnson,' he said, fever. continued research with other gases There is no anachronism in this shly, "could I-er-see your father higher in carbon content, such as pro- rustic factory, but rather a scene pane, ethylene and butane will prove that contrasts sadly with the great

Presently her father came in, and accounting in part for the excessive subordinate human automaton; for mostly waste products.

Gasoline has been obtained from

cost more. so has other potentialities. During

bling amber.

John Barrymore delights in putting said the number of meteors seen and interviewers in their place by making mapped from August 4 to 16, when them "Mister" him. A certain New the stream was visible, had not yet York feature writer had been warned been tabulated fully, but indications about "Jawn" and his pet method so were that it would total approximate-Forgotten now her fragile golden when he got to him (Mr. Barrymore ly 10,000, most of which were observhaving finished his 10 o'clock break- ed on August 11 and 12. He added: fast) he asked, "Are you John Barry- "Another opportunity for volunteer came the crushing reply, "I was

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How Glass Gets Desert-Colored

Scientists Says Change of Tint Occurs Due to Sun's Ultra-Violet Rays

Interest in desert-colored glass confriends sight a bandit ship firing on a swooped until it seemed as if we tinues to increase, writes Ransome little vessel. hey take off to the rescue would scrape the decks as we pass. Sutton in "The Los Angeles Times." ed. Every bit of engine power "I know several prospectors who have After some difficulty we lowered forced us out of the sky. Our speed stopped hunting for gold," a friend the plane into the sea and heading was tremendous. It must have been writes me, "and are devoting all their into the wind, took off. The motor | a fearful sight to see a plane making | time searching for violet-colored botsputtered and missed at first-then such speed straight at one. In the tles-which have acquired considerit opened out into a deep, satisfying bow of the Junk stood a group of able value. I wish you would explain roar and drove the plane at . ter- pirates - petrified. Then, Bang! how the sun's rays give glass a rich

> wards the scene and the pirates raced for cover, but | The change of color, according to of battle. There several seemed to stumble and lay Dr. Edison Petit of Mount Wilson Observatory, who has for years been working with ultra-violet light, occurs in the make-up of the manganese dioxide molecules, which are intermixed with the glass. Manufacturers nax manganese oxide-a black dustwith the molten glass to whiten it. Without the marganese, glass would not be clear. An extra amount of

manganese gives it a pinkish color. Desert light in the ultra-violet region, said Dr. Petit, affects the manganese dioxide molecules, possibly by removing one or more of the oxygen atoms from the combination, then the changed molecute refracts or rejects light differently, producing the ultrapink or heliotrope color. It is a slow process, because the color deepens gradually for about eleven years. Thereafter, the color stays fixed, unless changed by rest

Dr. Petit lighted an ovygen lamp and held a piece of beautifully colored glass over the flame. Within two or three minutes, the heat restored the desert-colored glass to its original color-by rearranging the atoms in the molecules as they were before the influence of the desert sun.

Glass, we are told, absorbs altradoes it happen that the under side of a bottle becomes colored? Most bottles are found uniformly colored, the under side equally with the upper side. Dr. Petit's explanation is that ultra-violet rays of a particular wave length do the coloring and are not

absorbed. Passing through the upper wall of a bottle, lying half buried in and, these penetrating rays act on the manganese-oxygen molecules in the buried wall, as if the whole bottle were exposed to the direct rays. It is not true, he said, that only foreign glass "blushes" deep blue in the desert; all glass responds-more or less conspicuously, depending upon the amount of manganese in the glass. The bluing effect can be produced by soaking glass in X-rays. A Los Angeles company, responding to the de-From Waste Oil manufacturing it-heating the desert manufacturing it-beating the desert, we are told, at its own job.

A Rustic Factory

There are other woods lying thick Minneapolis .- A new source of gaso- around Great Hampden that have line that holds promise of economical this touch of dream atmosphere, If I have caused sad lips to smile commercial production has been disthough perhaps the chair-makers .. covered in the laboratory of Dr. G. R. who have worked there for so long If I have eased some other's ache Schultze at the University of Minne drove the fairies away long ago. For when Sir Philip Sidney was writing In research for the American Pe- his Arcadia, these same woods knew troleum Institute this German scien- the light, rough, straw-woven tents, If I have made one weary life the tist has extracted gasoline, petroleum cast about with old sacks in Arab oils and other petroleum products fashion in the same manner that If I have eased another's toil and from methane gas, which now is most- one sees today, the same primitive method of the lathe worked by the Results of his work, under direction | foot, that turns, with astonishing of Dr. S. C. Lind, director of the uni- ease, rapidity and smoothness, the versity's school of chemistry, may legs for the chairs of the Wycombe point the way to new means of ob- workshops. Neat piles of them stand taining the fuel, if and when the by the tent openings, while the source of America's petroleum supply forest clearing is scattered with chips and shavings and the raw The cost of his process now is com. material of the prepared timber, came very plainly embarrassed, she mercially prohibitive-about \$3 or \$4 with the pots and pans of the work-

temples reared to the god of ma-Methane has a low carbon content, chinery, full of roar and speed and little bool in circulation upon the which is most fitting in Hampden plicable to the world at large.-From "Green Fields of England," by Clare

Spot 10,000 Meteors

Philadelphia. - Dr. Charles P. see about a matter which for the pre- experiments using certain gases he Olivier, president of the American obtained a yellow compound resem- Meteor Society, said reports received from volunteer observers have promight give me a hint of what it was The new substance has shown pos- vided the society with valuable insibilities as an insulating material for formation concerning the Perseid "Oh, well," replied her father, in- electric power lines and as containers stream of meteors which reached its

height on August 11 and 12. Dr. Olivier, professor of astronomy at the University of Pennsylvania,

Her quick bright words, her elfish, more?" The profile turned and observers to study a meteor shower haughtily replied, "No, I am MISTER will be presented from about Novem-Her dreams of lovely things that John Barrymore." "That's fine," ber 14 to 18, when we have good hopes of an excellent Lenoid display which will be even better than the Perseid. The Leonids have to be observed from midnight to down."

ONTARIO ARCHIVES TORONTO

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