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The Bishop Murder Case

A PHILO VANCE STORY

BY S. S. VAN DINE

A man known as Cock Robin is found Drukker and Heath had not yet ar- our principal hope, and at the very with an arrow in his heart; another, through the top of his head. District!

her son Adolph. Mrs. Drukker the lock."

holding back.

CHAPTER XXVI.—(Cont'd.)

tomorrow morning. You'd better take we get!" He sank disgustedly into a "It's preposterous!" declared Marka wagon and a John Doe warrant in chair. case he offers any objection." His face Markham stared at him unbeliev- concern. "My dear fellow, you've let was grim and determined. "Then I'll find out what he knows-and act ac-

We dropped Arnesson at the subway, the dope I could." and he took leave of us with scarcely "What did you learn?" Markham things. Take a trip and get a good a word. His garrulous cynicism was fighting against an overwhelming rest. Why not go to Europe as you seemed entirely to have deserted him. sense of discouragement. After dinner Markham pleaded fa- "There wasn't much to find out. "Oh, quite-quite." Vance sighed tique, and Vance and I went to the Some kids in the park found the body and smiled wearily. "The sea air

Farrar in "Louise."

be the one who'll have to look after things. . . . My word, Markham! I'm

Vance settled himself comfortably forcing him to speak, he tumbles off in a large leather-upholstered chair of a wall-" Abruptly he stopped.

rhymes and are the work of a and lighted a cigarette. "I feel rather bucked this morning," these words he leapt to his feet. "A Prof. Dillard, his niece Belle, and his pro- he remarked. "If Drukker tells his hunchback falls off a wall! A tege, Sigurd Arnesson, also a professor story, and if the tale is what I think | hunchback! of mathematics. John Pardee, a neightie, we'll know the combination of We stared at him as if he had gone

His words had scarcely been uttered look on his face sent a chill over me. Vance learns that Drukker lied as to when Heath burst into the office and. His eyes were fixed, like those of a facing Markham without a word of man gazing at a malignant ghost. against Drukker, Vance believes him in- greeting, lifted both arms and let them Slowly he turned to Markham, and necent and decides to threaten him in fall in a gesture of hopeless resigna- said in a voice that I hardly recog-

"Well, sir, we ain't going to ques- | "It's another mad melodrama-antion Drukker this morning-or no other Mother Goose rhyme. Markham sat tapping indecisively other time," he blurted "He fell offa 'Humpty Dumpty' this time!" on the desk, his head enveloped as he that high wall in Riverside Park right | The astonished silence that followed puffed nervously on his cigar. At last near his house last night, and broke was broken by a strained harsh laugh he set his chin ficm'y and turned to his neck. Wasn't found till seven from the Sergeant. o'clock this morning. His body's down "That's stretching things, ain't it, "Bring Drukker here at nine o'clock at the morgue now. . . . Fine breaks Mr. Vance?"

> ham, studying Vance with genuine this case prey on your mind too much. "You're sure?" he asked, with Nothing has happened except that a

man with a hump has fallen from the startled futility. The conference broke up immediate- "I was up there before they moved coping of a wall in the park. It's unly. It was after five o'clock, and the body. One of the local men phon- fortunate at just this time." He went Markham and Vance and I rode up- ed me about it just as I was leaving to Vance and put his hand on his town together to the Stuyvesant Club. the office. I stuck around and got all shoulder. "Let the Sergeant and me run this show-we're used to these

generally do in the spring?"

Metropolitan and heard Geraldine about seven o'clock this morning-lots would do me world of good, and all of kids around it being Saturday; and that. Bring me back to normal, what? The next morning broke dark and the local men hopped over and called -build up the wreck of this once noble misty. Currie called us at half past a police surgeon. The doc said Druk- brain. . . . I give up! The third act seven, for Vance intended to be pres- ker musta fallen off the wall about in this terrible tragedy is played alent at the interview with Drukker; ten o'clock last night-killed instantly. most before your eyes, and you serand at eight o'clock we had breakfast The wall at that spot-right opposite enely ignore it." in the library before a light grate 76th Street-is all of thirty feet above "Your imagination has got the betfire. We were held up in the traffic the playground. The top of it runs ter of you," Markham returned, with on our way down-town, and though along the bridle path; and it's a won- th, patience of a deep affection. "Don't it was quarter after nine when we der more people haven't broke their worry about it any more. Have din-

at his grisly work again; and the case had now become a terrible triplicate affair, with the solution apparently further off than ever. Vance, who was pacing sombrely up and down gave voice to his troubled

were several minutes of tense silence

in the office. "The Bishop" had been

"It's damnab ., Markham-it's the children found Humpty Dumpty -their Humpty Dumpty, with whom they had played-lying dead at the foot of the famous wall-a Humpty Dumpty they could touch and weep over, broken and twisted and never more to be put together. . . ."

He paused by the window and looked out. The mist had lifted and a faint diffusion of spring sunlight lay over the gray stones of the city. The golden eagle on the New York Life Building glistened in the distance. "I say; one mustn't get sentimen-

tal," he remarked with a forced smile, turning back to the room. "It decomposes the intelligence and stultifies the dialectic processes. Now that we know Drukker was not the capricious victim of the law of gravity, but was given a helpin' hand in his departure he got back. Together, Scottie and from this world, the sooner we be- he crawled close to where a come energetic, the better, what?"

His change of mood roused the rest of us from our gloomy apathy. Mark- bit by bit, until they were right in immediate post-mortem report.

Markham moved restlessly. ment, Sergeant, were supposed to be of dragons in the dark. This China keeping an eye on the Drukker and boy must have been sure there was Dillard houses. Did you talk to any a big, bad dragon on his trail for he of them this morning?"

"I didn't have time, sir." have to say?"

dead about ten hours. . . ." Vance interpolated a question. in addition to the broken neck?"

that Drukker had landed on the back that sentry stopped dead in his Star Bldg., Toronto, will receive his made at a strategic point on Hudson of his head. I guess it'll prove to be tracks, the hair standing up on his signed photo free. a fracture all right-same like Robin

"Undoutbedly. The technique of our murderer seems to be simple and "to inform Arnesson. He'il probably efficacious. He strikes his victims on the vault, either stunning them or killing them outright, and then probeginning to think that this case is a ceeds to cast them in the roles he has chosen for them in his puppet-plays. Drukker was no doubt leaning over the wall, perfectly exposed for such an attack. It was misty, and the setting was somewhat obscured. Then came "Off a wall! . . . " As he repeated the blow, a slight heave, and Drukker fell noiselessly over the parapet—the third sacrificial offering on the altar of old Mother Goose." out of his mind; and I admit that the

(To be continued.)

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ters of the elite type. The note read: Humpty Dumpty sat on a wall, Humpty Dumpty had a great fall; All the king's horses and all the king's

Cannot put Humpty Dumpty together

in capitals: THE BISHOP. When Heath had got rid of Quinan

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And reefs thin-ringed with palms. Blow, ye trade-wind, blow,

With music soft and low: Blow, ye trade-wind, blow, Over the earth we go. Athwart the lines the world-winds

The freighted ships are sailing home. -L. H. Bailey, in "Wind and Weath-

Diagnosis Wrong Treatment Correct "Let me kiss those tears away.

sweetheart," he begged tenderly. She fell into his arms and he was very busy for a few moments. But the tears flowed on. "Will nothing stop them?" he as

ed breathlessly. "No," she murmured. "It's l fever, but go on with the treatment. -Nova Scotia Medical Bulletin.

-----"So Edith has caught that young fellow who rescued her while skat-

The ADVENTURES of

essence of unutterable evil. . . . Don't the plane which Captain Jimmy was forced to land in enemy territory. They plan a night raid on the army camp to

> Under the cover of darkness for our plane-if it failed,

wouldn't need any.

soldier was walking his post.

Jed Stone and Scottie edged up, ham reached for the telephone and back of a hummock and not over made arrangements with Inspector fifty feet from him. He was a nerv- fifty feet from him. He was a nerv- ous sort of soldier. Every now and then he'd turn quickly and peer out halter to guide him had ridalong quickly as though he wanted "Several men from your depart- Many a good Chinese soldier is afraid the melee with goodness knows Soper began in 1923, but it was not une was surely nervous.

At the end of his post he turne "What did the Medical Examiner and started back. Scottie stood tensed, scarcely breathing. He sensed "Only that it looked like an acci- the excitement and he strained dent; and that Drukker had been against his collar which Lieutenant Stone held tightly gripped.

"Did he mention a fractured skull them when Jed Stone let go of Scottie's collar. "Go get him," skull was fractured, but he did state a rifle bullet. At the first jump, writing to "Captain Jimmy", 2010 In the Spring of 1926 a camp was

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darkness there was a sound of scur-

soldier cry out. He couldn't-his of J. Dewey Soper revealed the fact vocal cords were paralysed.

bowled over, all in the same instant. Hudson Bay. Each year the blue Sentries from all over camp were goose travels 3,000 miles from Baffin running-firing as they came. Be Island to the Mississippi Delta and tween shots I gave a shrill whistle back again. Eleven weeks are reand Scottie came up, zigzagging his quired for the journey, according to way pell mell for Sunday across the one estimate, though, if it chose, the

fever heat when

An enthusiastic soldier fired and, nests.

with better luck than usual, shot The first sign on the long trail,

(To be continued.) Note:-Any of our young readers ably had visited the lake in the past.

A Bird Puzzle Solved at Last

grants is the blue goose. During the brief Winter season it is a temporary visitor to the Mississippi Delta in Louisiana. Its dark body, white head and neck and blue feathers on each wing make it distinctive. But with to the coming of Spring it migrates north pounce on him, to grab him, but along the Mississippi Valley, over the that soldier couldn't move, neither Great Lakes and on to Hudson Bay, you, yourself, have before now had short time ago its destination remaining of the unsolved problems in Ameri-

Recently, however, the explorations But then he yelled sudden murder, the blue goose is on the western tunpulled the trigger of his gun and was dra plain of Baffin Island, north of camp, spreading destruction at every blue goose could probably accomplish the trip in two weeks.

The task of discovering the blue goose's breeding ground was a long and difficult one. From the general route which the birds follow on their journey north the inference was drawn that they nested "somewhere in the eastern part of the Canadian Arctic Archipelago," but exactly in what portion of that vast expanse of snowcovered land could be determined only by exploration. That exploration Mr.

away the officer's hat. Pandemonium which was followed more than 30,000 broke loose. Then while it was get- miles before its end was reached, was ting too hot around that corner for obtafned from native Eskimos on Cum-Lieutenant Stone, he slipped off into berland Sound. They reported that the darkness to find his horse, the birds had been seen on a lake in The horse had deserted at the first the interior of Baffin Island, but a difshot, however, so he walked on, ficult journey there in the Summer of The sentry was just in front of carefully avoiding soldiers, back to 1925 proved fruitless. No trace of the ditions indicated that the birds prob-

for the birds as they migrated north. This method met with success; blue geese were seen and, in addition, the Eskimos of the region reported that the birds were known to bred on the tundra beside Foxe Basin. The Eskimos also prepared a rough map of the region where the birds were said to nest and did everything else they could to assist "Kiameate-the man in search of the blue goose." In 1929 a trip was made to that spot and thousands of blue geese were discovered

from his pocket, approached the busi- a desolate marsh land bounded by "the everlasting ice" of the Foxe Basin. "I can tell you," he said, "how to There the young blue goose is born become a great success-how to win and raised until by the following Fall it is able to join in the long flight to "Three seconds gone from the min- Louisiana. Each Spring and Autumn ute I'm giving you," said the business they may be seen flying along their regular route, not, as a rule, in the "I have here,' 'the visitor went on, orderly V-formation of the Canadian "an infallible memory system. Mas- goose, but at random or perhaps in you can do without that worsted on distances they may easily be recognized by their dark bodies and white "My trouble," said the business man, heads and necks, since the blue goose

World's Housing Problem Growing as Cities Beckon

The world's housing problem, acute in many countries because of the virtual cessation of dwelling construc-For California Tests tion during the war years, 1914-1918, has been further accentuated by the almost universal shift in population from rural to urban centrers. Outside of Great Britain, says "United States Commerce Reports," France has made the largest expenditures for dwelling construction of any country in Europe; but an overwhelming proportion of the work is limited to reconstruction in the war-devastated areas. In addition, the French government has granted loans, advances, and subsidies to builders of low-cost dwellings.

In 1928 the so-called Loucheur law established a five-year dwelling-construction plan calling for 260,000 lodgings in the entire country at the rate of 47,300 each year. The situation in Paris calls for the elinination of over-crowded slums; in the southern cities, for providing for increased populations; in the northern cities, for reconstruction. The housing problem is acute in all industrial centers. Cities are loaning funds to construction companies at the current rates of interest. Individual large companies also are providing housing facilities for employees. The total estimated cost for the decade is \$3,000,000,000.

Honored by France

Ottawa.-Two prominent residents of this district, Notary F. A. Labelle of Hull, Que., and Maurice Morisset, Ottawa, along with an ex-Ottawan, Lieut.-Col. Thomas Vien, now of Montreal, have received word from Paris of their appointments as officers of the Academy of France. This signal honor was bestowed by the Govern-

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At this moment Swacker looked in, and spoke to the Sergeant. "Quinan of The World is here. Wants to see you." Markham swung about.

"Bring him in here!" Quinan entered, waved us a cheery salutation, and handed the Sergeant a letter.

ner with me tonight. We'll talk it

ecks there. Kids are all the time

"Has Mrs. Drukker been notified?"

"No. I told 'em I'd attend to it.

But I thought I'd come here first and

see what you wanted done about it."

Markham leaned back dejectedly.

"I don't see that there's much of

"It might be well," suggested Vance,

moment when there's a chance of our

walking along the stone ledge."

anything we can do."

reached the District Attorney's office, nightmare, after all. Drukker was

"Another billet-doux-received this morning. What privileges do I get for being so big-hearted?" Heath opened the letter as the rest of us looked on. At once I recognized the paper and the faint blue charac-

Then came that ominous signature, with promises such as would have edly smart for a more dressy model. ing. He seemed awfully shy. gladdened any reporter's heart, there Style No. 3114 may be had in "Yes; she had to break the ice."

If you're looking for a wearable day dress-here it is. It may be worn for every hour of the day. It has lots of good style about it, and yet is so exceedingly simple in line. It was originally in a crepe silk print in rather vivid blue coloring. It would also be fascinatingly lovely in skipper blue plain flat washable crepe.

Any of the new supple crepy woolens could also be used. A chiffon print or lace is decid-

Something Wrong

The shabby visitor placed his hat nesting there. upon a chair, and, drawing a booklet The nesting ground was found to be

independence for life."

ter it, and you will master the world. single file. If they come close enough, red; wrap it carefully) for each You will not forget to post the letter a small area of blue plumage on each your wife gave you this morning, and wing will identify them. At greater

> "is that I can't find a reliable system is the only one in North America with for forgetting things I want to. Your such plumage.-The N.Y. Times Maga-

minute's up. Sadly the visitor departed, but two minutes later he returned to the office breathless and excited. "I forgot my hat!" he said.

Silkworm Imported

Lindsay, Calif.-Mattea Bruno, fruit grower, has started what he hopes will become the silk industry of California.

Bruno sent to Italy and obtained and since has attended diligently. A native of a part of Italy where silkworms have been grown for centuries, Bruno is familiar with the work and small crop of cocoons.

He says weather in the San Joaquin Valley is very similar to that of his native country where the silkworms are cultivated, and points out that mulberry trees, the leaves of which form the food for the silk worm, are easily



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