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THE "CANARY" MURDER CASE

By S. S. VAN DINE AUTHOR OF THE BENSON MURDER CASE

CHARACTERS
Philo Vance.
John F. X. Markham, district attorney of New York.
Margaret Odell (the "Canary").
Charles Cleaver, a man-about-town.
Kenneth Spotswoode, a manufacturer.
Louis Mannix, an importer.
Dr. Ambrose Lindquist, a fashionable neurologist.
Tony Skeel, a professional burglar.
William Elmer Jessup, telephone operator.
Harry Spively, telephone operator.
Ernest Heath, Sergeant of the homicide Bureau.

THE STORY THUS FAR
Margaret Odell is found strangled. Skeel's finger prints are found in the apartment, but Vance believes Skeel had been hiding in a closet while the stranger did his work. The thing that baffles police is the side door to the stately, which had been bolted on the inside the night before and was found the same way in the morning. Mannix, Dr. Lindquist and Cleaver all lie about their whereabouts the night of the murder. Spotswoode, who had called on the girl, had rushed back to her door at the sound of a scream, but had been reassured that everything was all right. Then Skeel is found strangled, after he had promised to tell who murdered the girl. Heath arrests Jessup, but Vance promises to demonstrate how Skeel could have entered and left through the side door and left it bolted on the inside.

Vance shepherded us ceremoniously to chairs, and cocked his eye at the sergeant.
"You will be so good as to rest there until you hear me knock at the side door. Then come and open it for me." He went toward the archway. "Once more I personate the departed Mr. Skeel so picture me again in grande tenue—artificially radiant. . . The curtain ascends."
He bowed and, stepping from the reception-room into the main hall, disappeared round the corner into the rear passageway. Heath shifted his position restlessly and gave Markham a questioning, troubled look.

"Will he pull it off, sir, do you think?" All peculiarly had gone out of his tone.
"I can't see how," Markham was scowling. "If he goes, though, it will knock the chief underpinning from your theory of Jessup's guilt."
"I'm not worrying," declared Heath. "Mr. Vance knows a lot of good ideas. But how in hell he's got interrupted by a loud knocking on the side door. The

three of us sprang up simultaneously and hurried round the corner of the main hall. The rear passageway was empty. There was no door or aperture of any kind on either side of it. It consisted of two blank walls; and at the end, occupying almost its entire width, was the oak door which led to the court.
Vance could have disappeared only through that oak door. And the thing we all noticed at once—for our eyes had immediately sought it—was the horizontal position of the bolt-handle. This meant that the door was bolted.
Heath was not merely astonished—he was dumfounded. Markham had halted abruptly, and stood staring down the empty passageway as if he saw a ghost. After a momentary hesitation Heath walked rapidly to the door. But he did not open it at once. He went down on his knees before the lock and scrutinized the bolt carefully. Then he took out his pocket-knife and inserted the blade into the crack between the door and the casing. The point halted against the inner molding, and the edge of the blade scraped upon the circular bolt.

There was no question that the heavy oak casings and moldings of the door were solid and well fitted, and that the bolt had been securely thrown from the inside. Heath, however, was still suspicious, and, grasping the doorknob, he tugged at it violently. But the door held firm.
At length he threw the bolt-handle to a vertical position and opened the door. Vance was standing in the court, placidly smoking and inspecting the brickwork of the alley wall.
"I say, Markham," he remarked, "here's a curious thing. This wall, d'you know, must be very old. It wasn't built in these latter days of breathless efficiency. The beauty-loving mason who erected it laid the bricks in Flemish bond instead of the running—or Stocker—bond of our own restless age."
"And up there a bit"—he pointed toward the rear yard—"is a Rowlock and Checkerboard pattern. Very neat and very pretty—more pleasing even than the popular English Cross bond. And the mortar joints are all V-touted. . . Fancy?"
Markham was fuming.
"Damn it, Vance! I'm not building brick walls. What I want to know is how you got out here and left the door bolted on the inside."
"Oh, that!" Vance crushed out his cigar and re-entered the building. "I merely made use of a bit of clever criminal mechanism. It's very simple, like all truly effective appliances—oh, simply beyond words. I blush at its simplicity. . . Observe!"

He took from his pocket a tiny pair of tweezers to the end of which was fastened a piece of purple twine about four feet long. Placing the tweezers over the vertical bolt-handle, he turned them at a very slight angle to the left and then ran the twine under the door so that about a foot of it projected over the sill. Stepping into the court, he closed the door.
The tweezers still held the bolt-handle as in a vise, and the string extended straight to the floor and disappeared under the door into the court. The three of us stood watching the bolt with fascinated attention. Slowly the string became taut, as Vance gently pulled upon the loose end outside, and then the downward tug began slowly but surely to turn the bolt-handle. When the bolt had been turned to a horizontal position, there came a slight jerk on the string. The tweezers were disengaged from the bolt-handle, and fell noiselessly to the carpeted floor. Then as the tweezers disappeared under the door the crack between the bottom of the door and the sill.

"Childish, what?" commented Mr. Skeel, when Heath had let him in. "Silly, too, isn't it?" And you, Sergeant, dear, that's how the deceased Tony left these premises last Monday night. . . But let's go into the lady's apartment, and I'll tell you a story. I see that Mr. Spively has returned from his promenade; so he can resume his telephone duties and leave us free for a cigarette."
"When did you think up that hocus-pocus with the tweezers and string?" demanded Markham irritably, when we were seated in the Odell living-room.
"I didn't think it up at all, don't you know," Vance told him carelessly, selecting a cigaret with annoying deliberation. "It was Mr. Skeel's idea. Ingenious, isn't it, what?"

"Come, come," Markham's equanimity was at last shaken. "How can you possibly know that Skeel used this means of locking himself out?"
"I found the little apparatus in his evening clothes yesterday morning."
"What?" cried Heath belligerently. "You took that outa Skeel's room yesterday during the search, without saying anything about it?"
"Oh, only after your ferrets had passed it by. In fact, I didn't even look at the gentleman's clothes until your experienced searchers had inspected them and relocked the wardrobe door. You see, Sergeant, this little thingamabob was stuffed away in one of the pockets of Skeel's dress waistcoat, under the silver cigaret case."
"I'll admit I went over his evening suit rather lovingly. He wore it, you know, on the night the lady departed this life, and I hoped to find some slight indication of his collaboration in the event. When I found this little eyebrow-plucker, I hadn't the slightest inkling of its significance. And the purple twine attached to it bothered me frightfully, don't you know?"
"I could see that Mr. Skeel didn't

pluck his eyebrows and even if he had been addicted to the practice, why the twine? The tweezers are a delicate little gold affair—just what the ravishin' Margaret might have used; and last Tuesday morning I noticed a small lacquer tray containing similar toilet accessories on her dressing-table near the jewel case.—But that wasn't all."
He pointed to the little velvet waste-basket beside the escritoire, in which lay a large crumpled mass of heavy paper.
"I also noticed that piece of discarded wrapping-paper stamped with the name of a well-known Fifth Avenue novelty shop; and this morning, on my way downtown, I dropped in at the shop and learned that they make a practice of tying up their bundles with purple twine."
"Therefore, I concluded that Skeel had taken the tweezers and the twine from this apartment during his visit here that eventful night. . . Now, the question was: Why should he have spent his time tying strings to eyebrow-pluckers? I confess, with maidenly modesty, that I couldn't find an answer."
"But this morning when you told of arresting Jessup, and emphasized the rebutting of the side door after Skeel's departure, the fog lifted, the sun shone, the birds began to sing. I became suddenly meditative: I had a psychic seizure. The whole modus operandi came to me—as they say—in a flash. . . I told you, Markham, old thing, it would take spiritualism to solve this case."
(TO BE CONTINUED)

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PADEFORD MARRIED

MEDFORD, March 6.—Kenneth Padelford and Vivian Ridgeway, Padelford residents, were married this afternoon by Rev. E. J. Lawrence at his home at 513 South Newtown street in the presence of V. I. Beetle, Mildred LaPort, Ted Gebauer and A. G. Couch.

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MARKET NEWS BROCCOLI

The following information on the broccoli market is furnished by the Portland bureau of the department of agriculture:
Carlot shipments reported Saturday: Calif. 34, S. Calif. 13, Ore. 7, total 54.
Carlot shipments reported Sunday: Calif. 22, S. Calif. 8, Ore. 5, total 35.
Chicago market today: 11 clear, 1 Ariz., 8 Calif. arrived, 26 cars on track including broken. Supplies liberal, demand moderate, market slightly stronger. California pony crts. best stock \$2.00, few fancy \$2.15-2.25, ordinary \$1.75.

WELL DRILLING

Best steel casing \$1.00 a foot. Heavy steel metal casing, 50c a foot. For drilling estimates see or write W. F. Kernin, Roseburg.
Eat barbecue sandwiches and live forever. Brand's Road Stand.

ATTENTION LEGIONNAIRES

Regular meeting of Umpqua Post No. 16, the American Legion, at post club rooms Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, March 6th. Large attendance desired. New members requested to come and meet with us. Our contest for membership with Medford Post closes March 31st. Bring in a new member.

ADJUTANT

Regular meeting of American Legion Auxiliary at the armory Tuesday, March 6 at 8 o'clock. Jam and jelly show or for veterans of Hospital '77. All interested in organizing glee club be present.

MOVIES

LIBERTY

John Gilbert and Greta Garbo in "Love" Now Playing at Liberty

John Gilbert and Greta Garbo, who as a team scored one of the sensational successes of the year in "Flesh and the Devil," and whose real life romance immediately following furnished gossip for film fans the world over, appear again before the camera, for the first time since, in "Love," which opens at the Liberty today.

The new picture, one of the most gorgeous and spectacular film romances of the season, presents both in roles that perhaps fit them better than any others that could be imagined. Gilbert, splendidly uniformed, is seen as the debonair and romantic Count Vronsky, a role that recalls his great hit in "The Merry Widow," with Miss Garbo in the role of the tragic Anna, who sacrifices all her love only to be doagred by a strange and sinister doom.

Edmund Goulding directed the new picture, which was staged on a lavish scale. The cast is notable, including George Fawcett, who played the king in "The Merry Widow," as the Grand Duke; Brandon Hurst as the husband, Count Krenin; Philippe De Lacy, Emily Fitzroy, and others of note.

Arrived, piano tuner. Phone 189-L

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FOR SALE—Al matched black work team, 2800 lbs. Also O. I. C. hogs—6 shoats, 50 lbs.; boar; 2 sows, with 13 pigs. M. L. Kimball, Hoaglin, Ore. N. Umpqua road at Idlewild Park.
FOR SALE, IDEAL LOCATION—Store, service station and house, combined on main highway in Bandon, \$3900 camp ground if wanted joining. 30 a. dairy ranch \$1500; 300 a. dairy or stock ranch close in, \$6000. Terms: J. M. Long, owner, Bandon, Ore.
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WANTED

- WANTED—Jersey Giant cockerel. R. F. Sands, Phone 12F2.
WANTED—250 men, to take dinner at Roseburg Cafeteria.
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WANTED—Stock cattle, any number, age and kind. J. H. Hawley, Divide route, Cottage Grove, Oregon.
WANTED—Ladies not to forget to take lunch at Roseburg Cafeteria.
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MISCELLANEOUS

- CAR OWNER—Don't forget to call 553 when in need of auto parts. Sarff's Auto Wrecking House.
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LOCAL GUN CLUB HOLD HAM SHOOT SUNDAY, MARCH 11
In connection with its regular Sunday shoot the Douglas County Sportsmen's and Game Protective Association will hold a prize shoot next Sunday, starting at 10 a. m. Prizes will be in the form of hams and as handicaps will be imposed on the crack shots, so that all will have an equal advantage, every marksman present will have an opportunity to win one of the many prizes to be given away. The shoot will be held at the club grounds on the John Marks ranch 5 miles west of Roseburg. Lunch and ammunition will be provided at the grounds.

NATIONAL BANKS TO MAKE REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Mar. 6.—The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for the condition of all national banks at the close of business on Tuesday, February 28.

Ford coupe, 1925 model, in first class condition. Hansen Chevrolet Co.

SCORES KILLED IN FACTORY EXPLOSION

(Associated Press—Lead Wire)
SMARANG, Java, Mar. 6.—At least a score of persons were killed and more than 100 houses destroyed by the explosion of a fireworks factory at Koidoes, near here today.

Twenty bodies have been taken from the debris. Fifty persons are known to have been injured. The explosion caused damage over a wide area.

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BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES

WHAT'S THE MATTER, BOOTS? YOU LOOK ALL FUSSED UP -

OH, NO - BUT I JUST MET THAT VIDA PERSON DOWN THE STREET - AN' WHAT I DIDN'T TELL HER

AND WHAT BOOTS TOLD VIDA, HAD IT'S EFFECT, TOO - IT MADE HER MORE DETERMINED THAN EVER

Vida Knows Something

WELL! WELL! SO THE FELLOWS HAVE ALL PROMISED BOOTS THEY WOULDN'T DATE TILL AFTER THE BIG GAME! AND IT WOULD JUST BREAK HER LITTLE HEART IF THEY LOST! WELL, NOW - WOULDN'T THAT BE JUST TOO BAD!

LO, BUTCH! LO, SLIM! WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND - IF ANY?

OH, NOTHIN'! WE AIN'T GETTIN' NERVOUS - BUT ARE YOU SURE THIS LOCAL BUNCH -

Y-SEE, U - WE'VE BET OUR LAST CENT ON THAT GAME -

By Martin

REMEMBER - IT'S A THREE WAY SPLIT - IF THE "TIGERS" WIN -

AN' FOR GOSH SAKES - DON'T TAKE ANY CHANCES

LISTEN! DON'T WORRY - I'VE GOT IT ALL PLANNED - LEAVE IT TO ME -

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

ALL DURING LAST NIGHT FOG HELD OUR SHIP IN A VEIL OF BLINDNESS, BUT WITH MORNING CAME CLEAR SKIES TO THE NORTH!!

I'M CERTAINLY GLAD THAT THE FOG IS OVER AND THAT THE TOOTING OF THE FOG HORN HAS STOPPED - I WAS SCARED WE MIGHT RUN INTO ANOTHER SHIP!

CAPTAIN EGGERS SAW TO IT THAT NOTHING LIKE THAT HAPPENED - HE WAS UP ALL NIGHT LONG!

The Warning!

UNCLE LARRY SAID YOU DIDN'T SLEEP AT ALL LAST NIGHT ON ACCOUNT OF THE FOG - BUT IT'S ALL OVER NOW AND YOU CAN GO TO BED TO NIGHT, CAN'T YOU?

I DON'T THINK I CAN - IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE WERE IN FOR A WORSE NIGHT TO NIGHT THAN LAST NIGHT!

SEE THOSE CLOUDS? WHEN THEY HAVE THAT COLOR AND FORMATION YOU CAN EXPECT TROUBLE!

By Blosser

EVERY TIME I LOAD HIM DOWN HE SEES RED!!

SALESMAN SAM

NO ONE ELSE TO TELL MY TROUBLES TO

HEY, WHADDA YA STOPPIN' FOR?

AW, IT AIN'T ME - IT'S TH' HORSE!

Can't Blame Him

WELL, C'MON, TH' GREEN LIGHT'S WITH YA!

THAT DOESN'T MEAN A THING TA THIS NAG, OFFICER -

By Small

EVERY TIME I LOAD HIM DOWN HE SEES RED!!