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## TELEPHONE "CANARY" 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.

THE STORY THUS FAR  
Skeel's finger prints had been found in the apartment of the murdered Margaret Odell, but Vance believes Skeel had been hiding in a closet while the stranger did his work. The subsequent murder of Skeel, after he had promised to reveal the murderer, bears this theory out. Spotswoode, who had called on the girl, had rushed to her door at the sound of a scream, but had been reassured through the door that nothing was wrong. Vance has Markham invite Cleaver, Mannix and Spotswoode to his apartment for a poker game, promising to name the murderer the next day. And he names Spotswoode!

CHAPTER I  
Vance passed and looked up. "You perhaps recall the circumstances? It was a Jack-pot. Allen quit. Cleaver a four-straight-flush and gave me three kings. The other hands were so poor that every one else was compelled to drop out."

"I opened and Cleaver stayed. On the draw, Allen gave me another king, and gave Cleaver the card he needed to complete his straight-flush. I called him, and of course, he won. He couldn't help but win, if I've seen. He was betting on a sure thing. Since I opened the pot and drew two cards, the highest hand I could possibly have held would have been four of a kind. Cleaver knew this, and having a straight-flush, he also knew, before he raised my bet, that he had me beaten. At once I realized that he was not the man I was after."

"By what reasoning?"  
"A poker player, Markham, who would bet on a sure thing is one who lacks the crystalline self-confidence of the highly subtle and supremely capable gambler. He is not a man who will take hazardous chances and tremendous risks for his possessions, to some degree, what the psychoanalysts call an inferior complex, and instinctively he grasps at every possible opportunity of protecting and bettering himself."  
"In short, he is not the ultimate unadulterated gambler. And the man who killed the Odell girl was a supreme gambler who would stake everything on a single spin of the wheel, for, in killing her, that is exactly what he did. And only a gambler whose paramount self-confidence would make him scorn, through sheer egotism, to bet on a sure thing, could have committed such a crime. Therefore, Cleaver was eliminated as a suspect."

Markham was now listening intently.  
"The test to which I put Spotswoode a little later, Vance went on, 'had originally been intended for Mannix, but he was out of the game. That didn't matter, however, for, had I been able to eliminate both Cleaver and Spotswoode, then Mannix would undoubtedly have been the guilty man.'"

"Of course I would have planned something else to substantiate the fact; but, as it was, that wasn't necessary. The test I applied to Spotswoode was pretty well explained by the gentleman himself. As he said, not one player in a thousand would have wagered the limit against a pat hand, when he himself held nothing. It was tremendous—superb! It was probably the most remarkable bluff ever made in a game of poker. I couldn't help admiring him when he calmly shoved forward all his chips, knowing, as I did, that he held nothing. He staked everything, if I've seen, wholly on his conviction that he could follow my reasoning step by step and, in the last analysis, outwit me. It took courage and daring to do that. And it also took a degree of self-confidence which would never have permitted him to bet on a sure thing."

"The psychological principles involved in that hand were identical with those of the Odell crime. I threatened Spotswoode with a powerful hand—a pat hand—just as the girl, no doubt, threatened him; and instead of compromising—instead of calling me or laying down—he outtraced me; he resorted to one supreme coup, though it meant risking everything. . . . My word, Markham! Can't you see how the man's character, as revealed in that amazing seizure, dovetails with the psychology of the crime?"

Markham was silent for a while; he appeared to be pondering the matter.  
"But you yourself, Vance, were not satisfied at the time," he submitted at length. "In fact, you looked doubtful and worried."

"True, old dear. I was not at all worried. The psychological proof of Spotswoode's guilt came so dashed unexpectedly—I wasn't looking for it, don't you know. After eliminating Cleaver I had a part to play, so to speak, in regard to Mannix; for all the material

evidence in favor of Spotswoode's innocence—that is, the seeming physical impossibility of his having strangled the lady—had, I admit, impressed me.  
"I'm not perfect, don't you know. Being unfortunately human, I'm still susceptible to the malicious animal magnetism about facts and appearances which you, by your chips are continuously exuding over the earth like some vast and phytivating effluvia. And ever when I found that Spotswoode's psychological nature fitted perfectly with all the factors of the crime, I still harbored a doubt in regard to Mannix. It was barely possible that he would have played the hand just as Spotswoode played it. That is why, after the game was over, I tackled him on the subject of gambling. I wanted to check his psychological reactions."

"Still, he staked everything on one turn of the wheel, as you put it."  
"Ah! But not in the same sense that Spotswoode did. Mannix is a cautious and timid gambler as compared with Spotswoode. To bet with him had an equal chance and an even bet, whereas Spotswoode had no chance at all—his hand was worthless."

"And yet Spotswoode wagered the limit on a pure hit of mental calculation. That was gambling in the higher ether. On the other hand, Mannix was merely tossing a coin, with an even chance of winning. Furthermore, no calculation of any kind entered into it; there was no planning, no figuring, no daring. And, as I have told you from the start, the Odell murder was premeditated and carefully worked out with shrewd calculation and supreme daring. . . . And what the true gambler would ask an adversary to double a bet on the second flip of the coin, and then accept an offer to redouble on the third flip?"

"I purposely tested Mannix in that way, so as to preclude any possibility of error. Thus I not only eliminated him, I expunged him eradicating him, wiped him out utterly. It cost him, thousand dollars, but it purged my mind of any lingering doubt. I then knew, despite all the contrary material indications, that Spotswoode had done away with the lady."

"You make your case theoretically plausible. But, practically, I'm afraid I can't accept it." Markham was more impressed, I felt, than he cared to admit. "Damn it, man!" he exploded after a moment. "Your conclusion demolishes all the established landmarks of rationality and sane credibility—just consider the facts."

He had now reached the argumentative stage of his doubt.  
"You say Spotswoode is guilty. Yet we know, on irrefutable evidence, that five minutes after he came out of the apartment the girl screamed and called for help."  
"He was standing by the switchboard, and, accompanied by Jessup, he went to the door and carried on a brief conversation with her. She was certainly alive then. Then he went out the front door, entered a taxicab, and drove away."

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with some line of thought.  
"Markham," he said, after several minutes. "I've a concert at three o'clock, but there's an hour to spare. I want to take another look at that apartment and its various approaches. Spotswoode's trick—and I'm convinced it was nothing more than a trick—was enacted there; and if we are ever to find the explanation, we shall have to look for it on the scene."

I had got the impression that Markham, despite his emphatic denial of the possibility of Spotswoode's guilt, was not entirely unconvinced. Therefore, I was not surprised when, with only a half-hearted protest, he assented to Vance's proposal to revisit the Odell apartment.

(TO BE CONTINUED)

### TERWILLIGER BLVD. BLOCKED BY SLIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 12.—Traffic was brought to a sudden halt on Terwilliger boulevard early today by an earth slide nearly 150 feet long. The heavy rain on Sunday was declared responsible. Northbound traffic was being detoured today.  
The slipping earth covered a steam shovel which was being used by the city in making a fill to replace a wooden bridge.  
The slide was discovered by J. M. Rowe, 31, with disastrous results. Rowe, according to Patrolman W. D. Brown, was under the influence of liquor when he ran his car into the obstruction. He was arrested and later released on bail.

### URGENT POULTRY MEETING TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

An important meeting of poultrymen is to be held in connection with the weekly forum luncheon of the Chamber of Commerce at the Umpqua hotel Wednesday. Special notices are being sent out to poultry producers and business men, as far as they can be reached, announcing this meeting, which is to be addressed by E. J. Dixon, manager of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers Association. Mr. Dixon has just returned from a trip to the east and has secured a great deal of valuable information which will have a vital bearing on the poultry industry of this community. It is urged that every Roseburg business man be present, and that poultrymen particularly be in attendance. Following the luncheon there will be a conference of poultrymen in the same room, at which time Mr. Dixon will discuss matters of importance to the poultry raisers based on his eastern trip.

### NOTICE

Bills will be received by the board of directors of Dist. No. 12, Gilde, for the transportation of pupils and janitor for the coming year up to 2 o'clock March 18. For particulars inquire of the board. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
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