## THE KENNEL MURDER CASE

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THE STORY

CHAPTER I—Philo Vance, expert in solving crime mysteries, is called in to investigate the supposed suicide of Archer Cog, wealthy collector of Chinese ceramics. District Attorney Markham has learned the circumstances over the telephone from Gamble, Coe's butler. Getting ne response when he had knocked on his employer's bedroom door, Gamble said he had looked through the keyhole and had seen Coe seated, a revolver in his right hand and a bullet hole in his temple. The door was bolted from the inside. Markham and Vance go to Coe's houge in New York's 70s. They find Witele, a friend of Coe's, there; also a Signor Grassi, a guest. Sergeant Heath and Detective Hennessey burst in the door, revealing the death chamber. Coe is Cuthed in a dressing gown, but wears atreet shoes. Heath says it is a plain case of suicide. Vance says it is middle. GHAPTER II—Hilda Lake, Coe's niece,

(Continued from last week) CHAPTER V

Liang was dismissed with in-

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much in the dark as the rest of us; and there was little to be done until we had Doctor Doremus' report.

Burke came to the door and beckoned to Heath.
"Say, Sergeant," he reported from the corner of his mouth, "that Chink just went upstairs. Right with you?"
Heath looked sour, and shot

Heath looked sour, and shot Vance an angry look. "Now, what's the idea?" he bawled.
Gamble entered the hall from

the dining room at this moment, and Vance addressed him.
"What is Liang doing upstairs?"
The butler semed perturbed at Vance's tone, and replied with apologetic obsequiousness:
"I told him to fetch Miss Lake's tray, and tidy up her quarters. . . . Shouldn't I have done it, sir? You

told me to proceed with my duties.

Vance scrutinized the man close-

"When he returns keep him downstairs," he said. "And you'd better stay here yourself."

Gamble bowed and returned to the dining room; and a moment later Doctor Doremus arrived. Heath went briskly out of the coom and down the corridor to the closet. We were close behind him when he opened the door. Dore-mus, straightway assuming a professional air, knelt down touched Brisbane Coe's body.

"Dead," he announced. Heath simulated astonishment 'Honest, is he dead? And me thinking all the time he was play-

ing 'possum!"

Doremus snorted.
"Take hold of his shoulders. And he and the sergeant carried him the body into the library and He placed it on the davenport.

Doremus, who had been testing

"And the weapon?" "The same. A sharp, narrow, four-

cornered instrument. Only, in this case, the hemorrhage was external. A lot of blood lost. "Died instantly, I take it," re-

passed out. Doubt if he even saw the fellow that did him in. Quick.

mus confessed. "I'm a doctor. They're too many people in the world anyway." He began filling

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possibilities.'

"Mr. Grassi," Vance began without preliminaries, "we should like to know exactly what your social and professional status is in this

been a house guest of Mr. Coe's

The Italian had himself well in



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in a printed blank. "Here's your removal order, Sergeant."

And in another moment he had slammed the front door behind

"Now where do we stand?" he asked, spreading his hands hope-lessly.

was heard returning—and Gamble had already retired to the fourth floor. A bit significant—eh, what? Liang probably saw Gamble's bourdoir light ablaze and let it be known in a subtle way, that he was subtle way, that he was heard returning—and Gamble evening."

"With whom?"

"Is that information necessary?"

"Oh, very." Vance met the other's smile with one equally artic.

"Very well then. . . . With one of the Matroneolis." instantly, I take it," re-Vance.

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"Very well then. . . With one of the curators of the Metropolitan Museum of Art."

### Vance. "He's frightfully upset, and therefore in an admirable state of mind for questioning. We'll keep Wrede till later—he's teeming with **Judging Club** Work Planned Planned Planned Planned Grassi and the sergeant joined is a few seconds later.

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(By Miss Dorothy Cooke)

"Yes—that is right," he returned, looking at Vance with caim disdain. "I came here at Mr. Coes'
dinvitation a week ago yesterday,
it was to have been a forthight's
"Had you any business with Mr.
Coes"
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"Oh, yes. I am connected, in an official capacity, with a museum plained, "and I had hope to be able to purchase from Mr. Coe earlier plained," and I had hope to be able to purchase from Mr. Coest at from his remarkable col.
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"I must admit I was interested in the vase," he said "I it is a magnificent specimen, of the ampiora with coll opliciness."
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Announces that there is something queer in the front half.

What PTER III—Ther find a wounded Scotch terrier. Vance takes the dog of the movability of the dead man's beautiful the movability of the "Why such haste, Sergeant?"

"And where may I be permitted there now," Vance informed him particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he ind he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's upon the even in a triple of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and he knows it. That's why he is all particle of evidence against him— and here now," Vance informed him. And where, may I be permitted there now," Vance after on the quarterly conference selected at Hillsboro for the Cornelius Methodist church Sunday evening. Mrs. Edna RusThursday evening. Mrs. Edna RusThursday evening. Mrs. A. L. Brock were named delegates to the spring confereident of Women's Home Missonary society; Mrs. R. P. Shaw, president of Ladies' Aid society; Miss Mildred Rock, president of Sunday school; Wissell and Mrs. A. L. Brock were named delegates to the spring of the Civic Months of Ladies' Aid society; Miss Mildred Rock, president of Sunday school; Wissell at the library Thursday evening. Mrs. Edna Rusflow sat reliable to the quarterly conference selected at Hillsboro for the Cornelius Methodist church Sunday
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world anyway." He began filling
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Which one of the babies do you want first?" the Sergeant asked.

"The Italian, by all means," said

"The Italian seemed surprised at Vance's question.

World anyway." He began filling wor by the following: Best built, as a husband for his ward.

Cartwright; third and fourth, Eleanor Hermens, fifth and sixth, Helen Milne; seventh and eighth, Marvin Hermens. Most attractive, first and sang praises unto God and sang praises u

Warren Barnes Jr.; third and sixth Best flyer, first and seventh and eighth, Doris Brandaw. Warren Barnes Jr.; third and fourth, Mercel Griffin; fifth and sixth best flyer, first and second grades, Esther Heine; third and sang praises unto God and the prisoners heard them." Feet in stocks, backs bloody from lashing fifth and sixth, Reymond Trites; laid on by magistrates; down in inner dungeon, these two, yet souls lifted up in praise. God present, warren Barnes Jr.; third and fourth, Mercel Griffin; fifth and sixth, Billy Hammelman; seventh and eighth, Verne Thies.

"And now both of them are dead," Vance remarked.
Grassi's eyelids drooped, and he turned his head slightly.
"Both?" he repeated in a low God. The Spirit Himself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. Myra Weidewitsch, and Frances God's Spirit will tell you. A settled

CORNELIUS - Boys' and girls' lub work of the grade school will He sat down in leisurely be judged by the Civic Improve-ment club April 16 and prizes will "Yes—that is right," he returned, be awarded. Recently the girls soking at Vance with calm dislooking at Vance with calm dis-dain. "I came here at Mr. Coe's ceived a charter in recognition of invitation a week ago yesterday. It was to have been a fortnight's sewing club, "Nitfy Needles," re-dain. "I came here at Mr. Coe's ceived a charter in recognition of invitation a week ago yesterday. It was to have been a fortnight's sewing club, "Nitfy Needles," re-that is right, he returned, was a was to be a

Missionary; Mrs. George with Mrs. George Wilcox, president of cradle roll; Mrs. George Wilcox, president of home department; Ray Shaw, John Mundorf, Lester Mooberry, Mrs. Bertha Weidewitsch, and Mrs. Mattie Smith, trustees and cemetery board; Smith, trustees and cemetery board; Smrs. M. A. Cornelius, Mrs. R. P. Shaw, Mrs. Louise Cochrane, Lester Mooberry, John Mundorf and Dan Barrett, stewards. Boards and Committees nominated were: Mrs. Committees nominated were with Mrs. J. A. Irmler as charry and second half champions in the various local leagues resulted as follows: City league—Lentz Auto and second half champions in the various local leagues resulted as follows: City league—Lentz Auto and second half champions in the various local leagues resulted as follows: City league—Lentz Auto and second half champions in the various local leagues resulted as follows: City league—Lentz Auto and second half champions in t Liang was dismissed with instructions to remain in the house until further notice.

While we were waiting for the medical examiner, there ensued a brief discussion concerning the blood on the piece of porcelain and Liang's possible relationship to the events preceding the double founded. "An minor was the event preceding the event was evidently strong to the events preceding the double for the events preceding the events preceding the double for the events preceding the double for the events preceding the events preceding the events of the devents of the devents of the double was arriving from his afternoon and evening off."

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"And we'd better go upstairs," vance suggested. "Brisbane is not a pretty sight."

"Devilish business." amended Markham.

"Oh, well, I'm no moralist," Doremus confessed. "I'm a doctor they're too many people in the world anyway." He began filling world anyway. We he world down quickly and world his seat. We and Lester Mooberry, nomenters and pastoral relations; Mrs. R. P. Shaw, parsonage; Mrs. A. J. Oliver and Grow Mile, pulpit supply and pastoral relations; Mrs. R. P. Shaw, parsonage; Mrs. A. J. Oliver world his seat.

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head slightly.

Myra Weidewitsch, and Frances God's Spirit will tell you. A settled the repeated in a low Gnos met Tuesday evening in their unshakable conviction will come

oice.
"Mr. Brisbane was stabbed in the ack shortly after Mr. Archer was illed," Vance informed him.
"Most unfortunate," the Italian nurmured.
"Have you," asked Vance "any largest Parmley was a Carby Lord is my checker of the repeated the 23rd Psalm that morning—"The



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Maurice Mundorf, who is em-

the body into the library and placed it on the davenport.
"Could you tell us, Doctor," Vance asked, "which of the two victims died first?"

Heath went at once to the telephone and ordered the wagon from the department of public welfare. Then he returned to the library.

A fragment-"
"Yes; a small triangular piece," Follette, president; Alice Wolfe, phone and ordered the wagon from the department of public welfare. Then he returned to the library.

A fragment-"
"Yes; a small triangular piece," Follette, president; Harriet Fox, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. John Burbank and daughter and Mrs. Louise for first creek visited here Saturday. Vance provided here for the two vice-president; Harriet Fox, secretary and treasurer, and Mrs. Louise for California to make an extend-to-phone and ordered the wagon from the department of public welfare. Then he returned to the library.

The body into the library and daughter and Mrs. John Burbank and John B

Methodist Ladies' Aid met Wednesday for quilting at the church. The birthday anniversaries of Mrs.

Mrs. Charles Lathan substituted the library Saturday for Mrs.

"Have you," asked Vance, "any suggestion as to who might desire to have these two gentlemen out of the way?"

(Concluded next week)

If y flursday.

James Parmley was a Canby caller Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Shay and for room rent and somebody sent him five dollars in the mail. "And that night I quoted the 23rd Psalm again but from another angle."

Prayer in the morning for what ily Thursday.

James Parmley was a Canby Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." That day came a job good Prayer in the morning for God would do; prayer in the evening for what he had done. Yes Christ quickens his own, the whole man, body soul and spirit.—George N. Taylor, Beaverton. Paid Adv.

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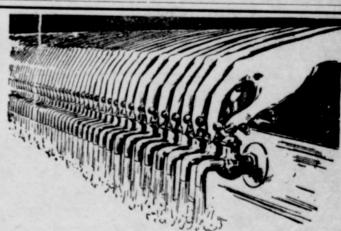
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