

### THE KENNEL MURDER CASE

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#### CHAPTER VIII

##### The Dagger Strikes

Markham sat for several minutes in a brown study. "As you say, Vance," he remarked without looking up, "the technique of the bolting of the door from the hall explains one phase of the problem, but I can't see that we're any further along toward a solution of the double murder. Brisbane, after all, was a victim. Why should he have been interested in bolting Archer in this room?"

"Really, I couldn't say," Vance appeared as puzzled as Markham. "It might not have been Brisbane at all. The fact that the pins and the string were in his overcoat pocket means little. . . and yet . . ."

"If you want my opinion," put in Heath, "it was that Chink Chinamen are full of tricks. Look at the puzzles those yellow babies think up."

At this moment one of the detectives had been sent out to check Miss Lake's and Grassi's alibi returned to report. His report verified Grassi's alibi, but left a three-hour period unaccounted for.

Heath made a grimace at Markham.

"What I want to know is where he was between eight and eleven."

"He was shuttling to and fro over our complicated transportation system—according to his tale," smiled Vance. Then he turned to the detective.

"Say, did Doctor Montrose give you any tidbits of gossip regarding Grassi's call?"

"Nothing, sir except that the Italian was called up on the phone during dinner."

"When the detective had gone Vance went to the telephone and called Doctor Montrose at his home. After a few minutes' conversation he hung up the receiver and paced up and down.

"That phone call to Grassi," he murmured, "is very strange. Doctor Montrose says it upset Grassi terribly. Hardly finished his dinner, and seemed in a hurry to get away. The phone was in the hall just outside the dining room door and Montrose couldn't help hearing some of Grassi's end of the conversation. Montrose says he protested bitterly against the message he received—called it an outrage, and intimated strongly that he would take steps."

"Step—now what could that mean? And who could have called him and upset him? Who knew he was going to Montrose's for dinner? . . . Perhaps Brisbane. . . or Archer. . ."

Vance sat down and inhaled deeply of his cigarette.

"Archer—yes, it could have been. . . Sergeant, suppose you fetch the signor."

Heath went from the room, and Vance said to Markham:

"Ceramics, I opine. Nothing would be so likely to stir up Grassi as a disappointment along that line.

The Italian was ushered in by

## OLD GLORY CELEBRATES BIRTHDAY SYMBOL OF NATION FOR 158 YEARS



Born in 1777, Old Glory celebrated its 158th anniversary on June 14. Upper left: Betsy Ross traditional maker of the Stars and Stripes, from an old painting. At right: Her home in Philadelphia which has become a national shrine. Center: U. S. Marines displaying the national flag along their regimental colors. Below: The Rattlesnake and Grand Union Flags, forerunners of Old Glory.

Waving triumphantly through the years, the Star Spangled Banner reached another milestone in its history with the observance of its birthday on June 14.

Romance and a certain mystery have surrounded our flag since its origin 158 years ago, clouding its adoption in a web of circumstances that is usually called the "story of stars multiplied until now there are forty-eight."

It is known definitely, however, that on June 14, 1777, the Continental Congress resolved: "That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white in a blue field, representing a new constellation." This date has come to be observed each year as Flag Day.

Scores of flags represented the hopes and aspirations of our forefathers. Colonial flags show beavers, rattlesnakes, pine trees and various other insignia. Some bore the words, "Hope," "Liberty," or "An Appeal to Heaven." A favorite motto beneath the rattlesnake design was "Don't Tread on Me."

The first flag to show a unity of purpose on the part of the colonists consisted of thirteen stripes, similar to the design of today, except that where the stars now appear the crosses of St. George and St. Andrew were shown. It was usually called the Grand Union Flag, and the crosses indicated definite ties with the

sergeant, and Vance went straight to the point. "Who telephoned to you, Mr. Grassi, at Doctor Montrose's yesterday during dinner?" Grassi gave a slight start; then looked defiantly at Vance. "It was a personal matter—my own affair."

"I was phoned by Mr. Archer. Coe who came Vance's flat and unemotional voice. Grassi neither moved nor spoke.

"I can well imagine how you felt, Mr. Grassi," Vance went on, without alteration of tone. "After all, the bargain had been made and you held Mr. Coe's letter of confirmation. But really, if you shouldn't have threatened him—"

Suddenly the Italian's pent-up emotion broke forth. "I had every right to threaten him!" he burst forth, the blood rushing back to his face. "For a week I have been negotiating—meeting his constantly increasing prices. Finally, yesterday, we reached an understanding. He puts it in writing, and I cable to Italy announcing my success. Then he rejects the agreement; he tells me he will not sell—that he has changed his mind. He insults me over the telephone; he says I have swindled him. He said he would break every vase he owned before he would let me have them."

Vance gave a merciless smile. "No wonder you were a bit disconcerted at the sight of those Ting yao fragments! . . . But Mr. Coe didn't smash the vase, Mr. Grassi. That desecration was achieved—inadvertently—by the person who killed him. Most unfortunate, what?"

Vance got to his feet wearily. "That will be all for the present," he said.

Grassi made a low bow and left the room.

Markham addressed Vance as soon as Grassi was out of hearing. "A curious and ominous situation, on which he has obviously set his heart and staked his honor; and he threatens Coe. Then he disappears for three hours, saying he took the wrong train; and this

### Sunday School Groups Picnic

#### Former Rock Creek Resident Will Be Transferred

(By Mrs. Frank Pezoldt)  
ROCK CREEK—The Phillips and Helvetia Reformed churches will hold their annual Sunday school picnic Sunday beginning at 10 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zuercher and Rev. E. Scheidt and Billie Haffner of this section and Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Scheidt and Lorene Scheidt of Oregon attended the North Dakota picnic at Jantzen Beach Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Guttschmidt visited at the Charlie Zimmerman home in Portland Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Luethe came from Newport Thursday for an attended the funeral Sunday of Walter Brooks, who was an uncle of Mr. Luethe.

Mrs. John Nelson and Florence Nelson of Linton spent two days last week at the Jack Radke home.

Harriet Peterson, former local boy, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson, who has been employed with R. G. Dunne & Co. in Denver, Colo., writes his parents that he has been transferred to the Mexico territory.

Mrs. W. M. Wilken of St. Johns and son Billy are spending the week at the Louis Zuercher home.

Mrs. L. H. Loar visited her children in Portland last week.

#### Walter Brooks Funeral Sunday

A large group attended the funeral of Walter Brooks of Brooks Hill Sunday. He was 52 years old and was a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Brooks. He is survived by two sisters and three brothers as follows: Mrs. Sam Luethe, Mrs. Theresa Luethe, Will Brooks, James Brooks and Joe Brooks and by a number of nieces and nephews. Interment was in the private cemetery on the Gattion estate near St. Johns.

Burton Brooks of Brooks Hill is home for the summer vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Zimmerman and Gail Zimmerman and Mr. Johnson of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. William Fugy Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pezoldt and Louis Pezoldt visited Mrs. K. Caswell at Villa Ridge Sunday. Others present were Mr. and Mrs. John Babcock of Denver, Colo., who are making an extended visit with Mrs. Caswell, who is a sister of Mrs. Babcock.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Henderson and daughter Melissa of Portland have been moving their riding horses from the Welch place here to their summer home at Zig Zag on Mt. Hood.

### Birthday Dinner Held Kansas City

(By Mrs. J. A. McCoy)  
KANSAS CITY—Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Vanderzanden gave a birthday dinner Sunday in honor of Harvey Reiding.

Bobbie and Roy Brown and Robert Vanderzanden of Banks spent Saturday evening at the J. P. Vanderzanden home.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCoy of the Masonic home were overnight guests Saturday of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCoy and daughters Gladys and Ethel motored to Yamhill and visited Hamilton McCoy and daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hunter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. McCoy spent Saturday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Herman Woody of Forest Grove.

Strawberries in this locality are about gone.

Arthur Vanderzanden is working for the Elwood lumber company above Buxton.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Vanderzanden of Gales Creek visited Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Vanderzanden Monday afternoon.

Bert Heesacker's new barn is ready for the shingles now.

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