### THE KENNEL MURDER CASE

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CHAPTER VIII

The Dagger Strikes Markham sat for several min

utes in a brown study.

"As you say, Vance," he marked 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 Marham, "It might not have been Brisbane at all. The fact that the pins and he string were in his overcoat pocket means little. . . . and yet

"If you want my opinion," put in Heath, "it was that Chink. China-men are full of tricks. Look at the puzzles those yellow babies think At this moment one of the de-

tectives that had been sent out to check Miss Lake's and Grassi's alibis returned to report. His re-port verified Grassi's alibi, but left

Heath made a grimace at Mark- birthday on June 14.

After a few minutes conversation he hung up the receiver and paced up and down.

That phone call to Grassi," he murmured, "-very strange. Doc. form Montrose says it upset Grassterribly. 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 bore tested bitterly against the message he received—called it an outrage he received—called it an outrage he received—called it an outrage her eceived—called it mean? And who could have called him and upset in the hall made strongly that he would take steps. . . Steps—now what could that mean? And who could have called him and upset in the part of the design of powers and intimated strongly that he would take steps. . . Steps—now what could have called him and upset in the first sample of the Stars and Stripes, not and Stripes, which was almost it today.

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The Italian was ushered in by voice.

Grassi neither moved nor spoke.

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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 with their regimental colors. Below: The Rattlesnake and Grand Union Flags, forerunners of Old Glory.

Waving triumphantly through the mother country, which the colon-stituted for the crosses of St. ort verified Grassi's alibi, but left three-hour period unaccounted reached another milestone in its sever.

Star Spangled Banner ists were as yet unwilling to George and St. Andrew.

The committee was of the opinhistory with the observance of its When stars replaced the British

have surrounded our flag since its adoption 158 years ago, clouding its origin in a web of circumstances as the years passed and state that bidgeting the surrounded and a certain mystery on its career as our national embedding. Story goes, showed how a five-him. Story goes, showed how a five-him. Enrorigin in a web of circumstances as the years passed and state that bidgeting the surrounded our flag since its blem. At first there were only one snip of her scissors, and her least

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."

"It was a personal matter—in own affair."

"It was Mr. Archer Coe who phoned you, was it not, Mr. Grassi?" came Vance's flat and unemotional

STATION

straight to the point.

Vance sat down and inhaled deep of his cigarette.

"Archer—yes, it could have been.

"Sergeant, suppose you fetch he signor."

Heath went from the room, and went from the room, and signor."

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It is sergeant, and straight to the point.

"Gain he had made with you," Vance asked dispirited occiput and down his slightly accontinued. "Perhaps he decided to continued. "Perhaps he decided to over alone with his treasures.

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"Brisbane?" Vance asked dispirited ly. "And why the revolver? And why the bolted door? And especially why the bolted door? And especially why the Scottie?"

"That don't mean he don't like you, "Vance asked dispirited down on his haunches, trembling."

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"You were counting a great batting the dog on the head. "He's daughters Gladys and Ethel motor-

emotion broke forth.

"I had every right to threaten him!" he burst forth, the blood wreshing 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 a lead grunt.

He stepped to the telephone. A moment later he was talking with "Oh, I entered him once—Corn-wall. But he wouldn"t show. Lay down in the ring and whimpered. D—n shame, too, for the two fellows that went over him lacked quality."

Bert Heesacker's new barn is "Oh, I entered him once—Corn-wall. But he wouldn"t show. Lay down in the ring and whimpered. D—n shame, too, for the two fellows that went over him lacked quality."

To be continued. ed an understanding. He puts it in writing, and I cable to Italy announcing my success. Then he renouncing my success. Then he reasked.

(To be continued)

Why should you be concerned with Wrede's former pets?" he asked. jects the agreement; he tells me asked. he will not sell—that he has "I'm

Coe didn't smash the vase, Mr. Grassi. That desecration was achieved—inadvertently—by the person who killed him. Most unfortunate what?"

"Well, what and you wrede's dog?"

"Nothing staggerin'. He had the Doberman only a few months—bought him at a show in West-phoster. When he moved from the

or; and he threatens Coe. Then he all tired and confused, and there disappears for three hours, saying were no leads to follow. Vance sug-he took the wrong train; and this gested a complete cessation until

"I'm sure I don't know," Vance changed his mind. He insults me admitted frankly. "Some vague as-over the telephone: he says I have sociation perhaps. But Wrede and 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 mirthless 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 descration was small that the control his irritation.

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"Well, what did you learn about of arrangements. Vance got to his feet wearily. chester. When he moved from the "That will be all for the pres- house in Greenwich Village to his

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### he could make an inquiry into the ownership of the wounded Scottie. His sanguine attitude toward the presence of the dog in the house Groups Picnic struck me as extravagant; and I knew Markham felt the same way about it. But since there was lit-tle more that could be done at the

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when he had reached the lower hall, "to let the various members of the household go about their business. I can assure you, Mark-Gambie was told to proceed with o'clock.

dambie was told to proceed with his duties, as usual; and Miss Lake and Grassi were informed that they were free to go and come as they chose, provided they were avail-Mr. and Mrs. Louis Zuercher and Rev. E. Scheidt and Billie Haffner of this section and Mr. and Mrs. Mr. and Mrs. Tony Kemper and sons Warren and Merlin and Miss Herbert Scheidt and Lorene Scheidt Frances VanLoo of Forest Grove of Orenco attended the North Date of Symplex and Janton Beach, Symplex Symplex (1997).

on anyone entering or leaving the

Vance, Markham and I went out into the chill air. It had been a day of horror, and the cool breeze from the park was invigorating. When we were entering the district attorney's car, Markham asked:

"Were you serious, Vance, about

moment walking the dog in the

moment, he gave in hopefully to Vance's suggestions.

"It's quite safe," Vance told him

ham, no one will run away.

able for questioning.

Romance and a certain mystery harm.

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

"He was settlement eleven eight and eleven."

"He was suttling to and fro over our complicated transportation system—according to his tale," smiled Vance. Then he turned to the detective. "I say, did Doctor Montrose give you any tithist of goosp regarding Grassi's give you any tithist of goosp regarding Grassi's give you any tithist of goosp regarding Grassi's give you any the them and white; that the union be thirden stars, white in a blue field, where went to the detective had gone when the detective had gone when the detective had gone when the detective had gone and called Doctor Montrose give you any on the phone called Doctor Montrose give you any the particular distribution of the detective and gone when the detective and gone and called Doctor Montrose give you any the presented has been the detective and gone when the particular distribution and the presentation of the particular distribution and the presentation of the detective and gone when the particular distribution and the presentation of the particular distribution and the presentation of the particular distribution and the presentation of the statements that the whole each with the star gives, showed how a five-decimal than the private center of the statements the proposed with the star gives and the presentation of the statements that the was cordial and talkative, he particularly the particular distribution of the statements that the was cordial and talkative, he particularly the particular distribution of the particular distribution of the statements that the union the first of the detec

cision so you would not talk of the transaction to Doctor Montrose.

"You were counting a great deal on the dog this morning," Markham observed.

"Yes, yes—the dog." Vance lapsed into silence for a while, his eyes into silence for a while, his eyes into silence for a while dogs—no one but Wrede. Funny he should give his pet away. ... 'Vance's as though he were thinking out of the bargain had been made and you held Mr. Coe's letter of confirmation. But really, y' know, 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 brown ment later he was talking with the scription of the telephone. The normal ment in the don't like you. Mr. vance, Enright explained, you, Mr. Vance, Enright explained, the head. "He's patting the dog on the head. "He's shy as the devil. Distrustful of strangers. Gad! You should have trawled under a big settee in the den and wouldn't come out for two one but Wrede. Funny he should give his pet away. ... 'Vance's as the devil. Distrustful of strangers. Gad! You should have trawled under a big settee in the den and wouldn't come out for two days—not even to eat. Had to drag him out twice a day and put him out twice

# FOREST GROVE-Funeral serv

ices for Jeff Mayo Hayden, 66, who died at the local hospital June 12 were held at the graveside in Forest View cemetery with Rev. C. P. Sabin officiating. Forest Grove Undertaking company was in charge

Mr. Hayden was born in Jackson county, Mo., September 22, 1869, and was married April 2, 1899 to Rhoda Lousignont at old Greenville. Residence had been at Glenwood for Vance got to his feet wearily.

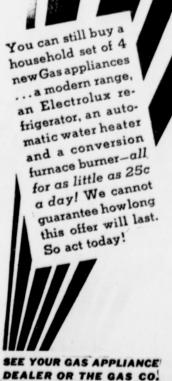
"That will be all for the present," he said.

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. Grassi is refused the collection, on which he has obviously set his heart and staked his honor; and he threatens Coe. Then he all tired and confused, and there."

Chester. When he moved from the house in Greenwich Village to his present apartment he gave the dog to some friends of his." He pointed to some friends of his." He pointed to some friends of his." He pointed to the phone pad. "I have their name. Think I'll drop by and see them. Y' know, Markham, I'm of Los Angeles, Cal., and two brothers, Robert Hayden of Gales Creek and J. P. Hayden of Strassel, also survive.



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# Sunday School

Helvetia Reformed churches will hold their annual Sunday school Eli Poe of Forest Grove spent Sunday beginning at 10 few days last week with his s

"Keep a man in Coe's bedroom, however," Vance admonished the sergeant; "and it would also be well to have a man outside to check visit kota picnic at Jantzen Beach Sun- mayer Sunday

Mr. and Mrs. John Gutschmidt U. S. Issues Fraud visited at the Charlie Zimmerman home in Portland Friday. Mr. and Mrs. William Luethe

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

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Walter Brooks Funeral Sunday A large group attended the fun-Entering the park, we sat down eral of Walter Brooks of Brooks mother country, which the colonists were as yet unwilling to sever.

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and sons visited at the Bob Brown home Sunday evening at Banks.

Their son, Robert Vanderzanden, who has been working at the barreling plant in Banks, came home with them.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Kline and (By Mrs. Frank Pesoldt)

ROCK CREEK—The Phillips and Helvetia Reformed churches will

Fred Poe, and family of Nort

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

"Were you serious, Vance, about seeing those people to whom Wrede gave the Doberman Pinscher?"

"Oh, quite. . . It will take only a few minutes."

The name of the people was Enright; and they lived in a penthouse in one of the new apartment buildings on Central Park West. The butler informed us that Mrs. Enright was out of the city, and that Mr. Enright was at that moment walking the dog in the work of the city.

"Melson of Linnton spent two days last week at the Jack Radke home. Service instruction of Philadelphia, Service on May 17.

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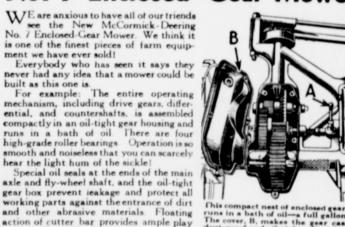
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