### THE KENNEL MURDER CASE

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CHAPTER IX

Vance rose early that morning. I myself was around at nine o'clock and was surprised to find him in street clothes and on the point of

"Till be back in half an hour.
Van," he said, as he went out, but

was carrying the Scotch terrier bitch in his arms. There was a dressing on her head held in place dressing on her head held in place lection, showed a keen interest in sisters. by adhesive tape, but othewise she seemed alert and well.

"Morning, Markham," Vance greeted the district attorney. "Really, y' know, I didn't expect you so early. I've just toddled over to Doctor Blamey's to see how the little Scotch lassie was getting along."

the dog and went over her carefully. But he could not remember the show at which he had officiated. He said he would have been sure to have remembered her because of her outstanding qualities; but he was unstanding qualities;

dog?"
"It's our only hope," Vance told to call on Mr. Megargee.

too many contradictions. I am sure that you, as a prosecuting attorney, could pin the various crimes on any one of three or four people. But until I have tread to identify the dog as having been to identify the dog as having been to identify the dog as having been that you, as a prosecuting attorney, could pin the various crimes on any one of three or four people. But until I have tread to identify the dog as having been of clock in the morning, dressed in sports clothes. When Heath had asked her where she was going. on any one of three or four people. But until I have traced the ownership and peregrinations of this Scottie, I shan't be satisfied."

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conditioned by an expert, and it seems pretty certain that she's been entered in some show recently. My guess is, from her condition, that she's been shown within the last month. And it's simple enough to find what shows have been held within a reasonable radius of New York during that period."

He went into the library and re-turned with his file of Popular Dogs. Sitting down in his easy chair he began running his finger down the calendar of official dog

"During the past month there has been held around New York the show at Syracuse—make a note of these, will you, Van? Then came the Cornwall show; and after that, Tuxedo. And a week later was the Camden show, which was followed by Westbury, and also the Englewood show. . . . That brings us pretty well up to date, and they are all possibilities. This dog is too young to have won any important blue ribbons, and therefore my guess would be that her entries would have been in the puppy and novice classes. . . . It's not an im-portant matter, although it limits

bandaged Scottie. "The more I see of her, Mark-ham, the more I'm convinced that there are only about five men in this part of the country who could

York, although they are certainly He knelt down and ran his hand

over the contour of the dog's neck and lifted the hair along the spine. Then he stood up.
"William Prentice! That's the

the back has been achieved by a master hand, and there's no greater master at that in this country than Prentice. Furthermore, he's only a short distance from New York. . . . I think I'll try him first. If he did trim this dog he may be able to give us some information as

As soon as Markham had left us that morning, we drove to Mr. Prentice's famous Barlae kennels one look at the dog in Vance's that there had been no develop-

"How d' ye do, Mr. Vance," was Grassi had returned to the Coe his greeting. (Vance had known him for years.) "A good one, yon hitch." You know her, then?" asked night. He had wished to go to a

Vance eagerly. "Ay."
"And you trimmed her?"

"And about how long ago migh

"I couldna say exactly, but it was after the first of September." "Whose bitch is it?" That I couldna say. A lady and a gentleman drove up one after-noon and asked me if I could trim the dog at once. I said 'ay,' and I trimmed it."

Vance seemed disappointed.
"What sort of man brought the dog to you? Could you describe him?"

"Ay. He was a large man, around fifty, and he had little enough to "And the woman?"

"She was young and not difficult to look at." "A blonde?"

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Mr. Stinemetz shook his head. "No, I never saw her before-

she must be a newcomer. I didn't

there were no postmortems at the judge's table after the show."

see a catalogue of the show and

Vance left Mr. Stinemetz's ken-

nels in a much happier frame of

home through the gathering dusk, "we will know the owner's name."

Immediately upon our arrival in New York, Vance telephoned to Markham at his home, and learned

for his experience of the previous

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"His daughter, perhaps?"
A shrewd twinkle came into the tsman's eyes. "I hae me doots," was all he

uchsafed.

rould have been.

Vance seemed in better spirits.

"In any event, Van," he said, "we can now go ahead with a certain assurance of success. If only Prenform U. S. Navy from U. S. Navy

Meet July 18

tice had taken the owner's name and address, how simple everything (By Mrs. Hugh Burdette) ORENCO—Friendly Circle club will meet with Mrs. C. P. Beck Returning to his apartment, he telephoned to the American Ken-July 18. club and obtained the names the Scottish terrier judges in

Orenco Circle

Karns on Furlough

the six shows he had selected as floyd Karns Jr., who is on a the most likely ones where the furlough from the U. S. S. Simpthe most likely ones where the bitch might have been exhibited. The six judges turned out to be Marguerite Kirmse, Karl B. Smith, Edwin Megargee, William MacBain, Morgan Stinemetz, and Robert D. Hartshorne. Vence glanced down the list of Mrs. S. L. Carlyle and grandson. Vance glanced down the list of Mrs. S. L. Carlyle and grandso "Now, let us see what we can Tuesday and Wednesday in ind out."

Thatcher district with Mr. and Mrs.

He turned to the telephone and C. M. Alexander and family. They Van," he said, as he went out, gave no further explanation.

Fifteen minutes later Markham arrived, and he had waited but ten minutes when Vance came in. He minutes when Vance came in. He come, Van, our itiner'ry become, Van, our itiner'ry become from Caldwell, Idaho, who came over for a ten days' visit. Mrs. A.

> lection, showed a keen interest in sisters. the dog and went over her care-Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Mills of

tor Blamey's to see how the little Scotch lassie was getting along—and here she is."

Markham looked at him skep-tically.

"You stil" think you can trace the person we want through that Wrede had remained indoors all

dog?"
"It's our only hope," Vance told him seriously. "The case is far too complicated as it stands—there are complicated as it stands—there are to identify the dog as having been shown under him; so we went to call on Mr. Megargee.

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this Scottie, I shan't be satisfied."

Markham frowned. "Just how do you intend to go about it?"

"As I told you, Markham, this little bitch is in perfect show condition. She's been trimmed and conditioned by an event with the conditioned by an event with the satisfied winter studio of Mrs. Markham frowned. "Just how do guarite Kirmse Cole. But to no avail. Mrs. Cole was positive the dog had not been an entry under her judgeship.

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MacBain's Diehard kennels in Closter, N. J. Mr. MacBain showed an "The case ter, N. J. Mr. MacBain showed an intense interest in the dog that Vance had brought to him, but was unable to identify her. Vance had drawn another blank in his investigation of the wounded dog's ownership.

The case has me bogged," Marking the complained sadly at dinner that night. "I see no way out of the situation. Even if we knew who committed the crimes, we couldn't show how they were accomplished—unless the guilty are complished—unless the guilty are complished to the complex that night. gation of the wounded dog's ownership.

He had succeeded in locating the New York office of Mr. Stinemetz, but, on phoning, learned that he was not in the city that day but could undoubtedly be found at his country home.

"This is almost our last chance," "Vance observed dejectedly "—un, are enough people who might have spent the sound of the property of the week.

Couldn't show how they were accomplished—unless the guilty per.

Alfred Shaw of Portland spent word.

Mrs. Anna Wilfert and sons Anton and Frank spent the Fourth with the Ernest Wilfert family.

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the first time how much he had counted on this stray Scottish terrier to help him in the solution of the crime which was perplexing him. But it was just at the moment when things seemed darkest that a ray of light was introduced I'm hopin' for the best. You might that a ray of light was introduced I'm hopin for the best. You might into the situation. It was Mr. Stine-

consulted—who gave Vance the information he was seeking.

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Vance showed him the little lost had asked him if he had somewhat.

"It sounds like shooting into the dark." Markham was far from convinced.

"You're right, to a certain ex
"Y "You're right, to a certain extent," Vance agreed. "But there's a simpler way of determining the dog's ownership—and I shall try dog's ownership—and I shall try Vance stood looking down at the vance was tast report to me was that the gentleman had gone to bed. North Bonneville, Miss Elnora The lock on his door, by the way, Sandford and Glen Sandford went has been fixed; so he'll probably it to Manzanita Beach the evening of live the night through. Wiss Lake weeks ago at Englewood. She won

Vance looked up quickly.
"I say, that's most interestin'."

fault. There's many a champion drama—and interviews with alder-with a much worse mouth."

Vance thanked him for his help and added: "Do you happen to fessed. "What would you have sugknow what bitch this is, or who gested?' "Real

"Really, Markham, I hadn't a suggestion today." Vance leaned day. back in his chair. "But tomorrow—" "You're so helpful and satisfy-Markham snapped. (To be continued)

Starred in Victor Hugo Film



Frederick March and Charles Laughton, who head an all-star cast for "Les Miserables" at the Venetian theatre Sunday, Monday and

Mrs. W. H. Ring. Miss Mason is a West Union Local Meets teacher in the high school at Mason City. She visited in Vancouver and Victoria, B. C., before coming to Oregon. This is her first trip west and she is greatly elated over the beautiful scenery of Oregon and the Pacific coast.

Mrs. Frank E. Kenyon and little grandson Frankie of Portland spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs.

Woodward. Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Woodward and son Kenneth and Robert Mc-Culloch spent the Fourth of July at

Mr. and Mrs. James Hanes, Mrs. P. Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Art Taylor and daughter, Mrs. Ellen Luster, Mrs. Paul Maxwell and

Bonnie and Mrs. John Kerr of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. W. we H. Ring during the week.
ac- Alfred Shaw of Portland spent

Vance observed dejectedly, "—unless the dog has been shown in New England or the South But if that were the case, why is she here in New York now?"

He was downcast; I realized for Here are enough motives for a dozen murders."

"Sad . . sad," sighed Vance. "My heart bleeds for you, don't y' here's some simple the first time how much be here enough motives for a dozen murders."

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## Married July 3rd

metz—the last of the judges we consulted—who gave Vance the information he was seeking.

of Coe domicile tonight."

and Miss Etta Young surprised their friends last Wednesday by ham told him acerbitously. "Heath going to Vancouver to be married."

Merritt Jackson and Clark Inkley "That's about all," Markham con- of Portland spent Sunday fishing on the Wilson river.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Walters attended the rodeo at Molalla Sun-

West Union local of the Farmers' Union will meet at the K. P. hall, beautiful scenery of Oregon and the Pacific coast.

Miss Pearl Lowe of Reedville sisted Rose Marie Bella Sunday.

Mrs. Frank F. Kenyan and Mrs. Fr

### Roy

(By Miss Martha Vanderzanden) Miss Rena Duyck left Sunday for ceanside, where she will be emloyed for the summer Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vanderzanden, July 6, a boy. Miss Mary Moore, who is em-ployed in Portland, spent the weeknd visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moore.

Miss Ethel Soderwal of Portland and Mrs. William Hemsworth spent Sunday in McMinnville. Mr. and Mrs. William Hemsworth spent the week-end visiting rel-atives in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Karlich and family of Walla Walla, Wash., spent the week-end visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Vanderzanden. Miles Purdin of Portland visited Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Taylor Monday. Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Vanderzanden.
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the puppy bitch class, and I would have given her a first instead of a second in the novice class, if she had shown properly. But, as I re
Vance looked up quickly.

"I say that's most interestin'"

daughter of Nehalem spent the Fourth and the week-end with his sister, Mrs. J. R. Sandford, and family and other relatives in this vicinity.

ham, the more I'm convinced that there are only about five men in this part of the country who could have done such a perfect job of trimming. William Prentice could have done it; and George Wimberly, and Jimmy McNab, and Ellery Burke, and Steve Parton."

Vance walked round the dog several times, studying her.

"Wimberly is in Boston, so we may eliminate him on the grounds of distance. McNab is working in a private capacity for a kennel on Long Island, and I hardly think he would qualify. Both Burke and Parton are fairly distant from New York, although they are certainly

had shown properly. But, as I remember, some young woman with little or no experience brought her member, some young woman with little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could have done such a perfect job of trimming. William Prentice could have done such a perfect job of trimming. William Prentice could have done such a perfect job of trimming. William Prentice could have done it; and George Wimber, some young woman with little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or no experience brought her into the ring. Naturally, she could little or

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Her parents, Josiah and Mary came to Oregon by ox team Missouri in 1852 and established themselves with their four children, Luther, John, Alfred and Mary, on a donation land claim at Cedar Mill, seven miles west of Portland, the same year. They left Missouri April 27 and arrived at Fort Hall July 3 and at Portland July 30. Her parents lived, until their death, at Cedar Mill, both dying in 1886. Mrs. Reeves was the last mem-

per of the family. Four of her children survive her: George M. of Salem, Burton B. of Cedar Mill, Frank H. of Portland and Rose R. Young of Portland. Her sickness was brief, she hav

ing been about her home as usual until June 22. She was stricken North Plains Tonight
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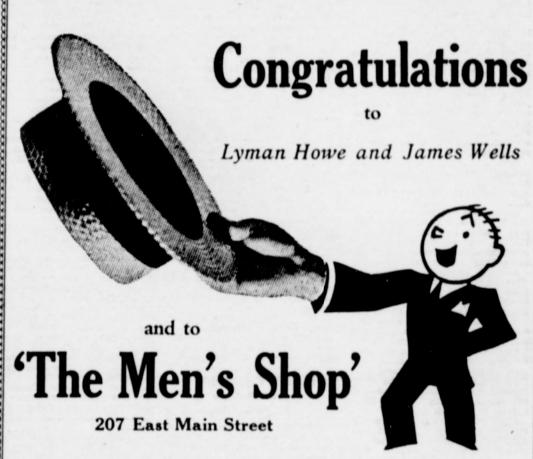
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