By HELEN TRAUBEL

Editor's Note: Just for fun, Helen Traubel, the Metropolitan opera soprano, recently wrote a short "who-dunit" as a present for her friends. Chief figure in the yarn, oddly enough, is an opera soprano who wants to write mystery stories. And now, just for the amusement of both mystery story and opera fains, we are reprinting the unausal story as a short serial, starting today.

Chapter 1

On the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House, Brunhilde Wagner, the celebrated dramatic soprano, was a stately figure commanding the rapt attention of an audience that literally bulked the walls of that ancient structure.

From the orchestra pit the music of "Die Walkure" rose in will and savage splendor as Otto Furst's baton quivered in the air. Tonight's baton quivered in the since the supers backstage were enthralled. Never before had they heard Madame Wagner sing so miss into the air. Even the musicians into the gupers backstage were enthralled. Never before had they heard Madame Wagner sing so miss inficently. From that golden throat poured notes of such voluptuous beauty as to make the senses reel. High in the galleries vocal students felt like tearing up their voice teachers.

And yet no one, not one single person in that vast auditorium, so much as auspected that a great frustation burned like an unholy fire in the breast of the famous prima donna.

It was a frustration of long standing, and one to be carefully considered in the light of subsequent events.

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Brunhilde cut loose with her battle cry, "Ho, yo, to ho." The orchestral accompaniment swelled with the turbulence of a storm tossed sea and she galloped off to the fray.

Two people were waiting for her in the wing. Her husband, Bill Wagner, and her friend, Lily Furst, the conductor's ex-wife.

"You were wonderful, darling, breathed Lily.

Others closed in for congratulations, but Bill shooed them off, "You have a few minutes for your next cue," he said, "You need some relaxation. Here—" and he thrust a book into her hands.

Brunhide lowered herself into a chair. At once her interest was septured by the title of the book.

EMBALMER'S HOLIDAY. The jacket design showed a female siting on a gravestone combing her hair.

Avidly Brunhilde turned to page

ealed, "Ready, Mme. Wagner, your ene."
From the stage, Fricka's summons shook the rafters.
Handing the book back to her hasband, Brunhilde opened her mouth, got wired for sound, turned up the volume, and strode back on to the stage.
She took her cue from the music, trying to avoid the conductor's syres. They were not on good terms. Otto Furst, a tall, not un-handsome man, with baleful eyes and a disordered crop of hair, had many female admirers. Only a few days go a wealthy oldwidow in White Plains had died, willing him her

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And then, while she sang, something else swam into the line of Burnhilde's vision.

Faces in the front row—familiar faces—she had seen them before. But where? And then she remembered. They were faces she had seen on the backs of many book jackets.

Brunhilde blinked, unable to believe her own eyes. It couldn't be possible. It must be some trick of lighting, or wishful thinking, or something conjured by her imagination.

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(Why is Brunhilde, accustomed to adulation and the public, so thrilled at the prospect of meeting a bunch of writers? What goes on after the performance? Read tomorrow's thrilling installment, written about an opera star by an opera star who knows music and musiclans the way her writing audience knows cops and corpses.)

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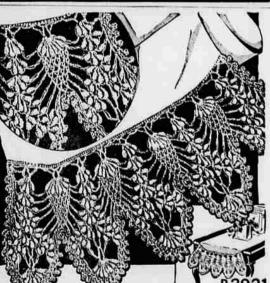
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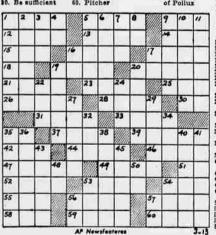
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