The Ptomaine Canary

By HELEN TRAUBEL



Detective story writer Helen Traubel at home, making like a soprano and bird-lover. The bird is normally on a Traubel

(SYNOPSIS) The Met's brightest star, Soprano BRUNHILDE WAGNER, is an avid detective-story reader, so her manager-husband BILL WAGNER, invites all the nation's top mystery story writers to hear her sing and then have supper at the Wagner apartiment. Present too are OTTO FURST, Met conductor, and his former wife, LiLY, Brunhilde has been feuding with Otto. At the supper party, excited and gay, she treats each of her favorite writers to an enthusiastic analysis of his work.)

Chapter 3

Her next target was a woman Brunhilde spoke in a voice that carried firm conviction.

"Understand, dear, I like my stories occasionally leavened with romance, because I am myself a romantic. But why must your herolines go stumbling into dark attics and cellars just because they hear suspicious sounds? That's very silly, especially after six or seven murders have already been committed." The aution addressed managed a polite smile. Then her face reddened, for Brunhilde was quoting a passage from her last book.

"Had I but known, on that fateful night as we sat around the camplire on Angler's Island what ghastly horrors were in store for all of us, especially Casper, and hus I knowled and with Lucy's lovely throat."

She stopped and left the rest of the hanging unspoken.

"Can you do better, Madame"

"Can what I mean?"

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"Can be textive twings and made a perfect three point landing. This was admined by every one except Otto Furst and the French poodle.

With her free hand, Brunhilde was tracted as eed and offered it to Galli-Curci. Taking the seed in its between his lips.

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Thus encouraged, each accepted one of Gall's seeds.

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She stopped and left the rest of it hanging unapoken. "Know what I meen?" "Can you do better, Madame Wagner?" "Yes," said Brunhilde. "As a matter of fact I already have." She was instantly the built's eye for a barrage of inquiry. "You mean you wrote a mystery?" demanded Ellery Queen, the detective novelist and editior, sniffing out material for his magazine. "Yes," Brunhilde was placid. "What's It about?" asked John Dickson Carr.
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"How many murders?"
"Twelve."
"All done the same way?"
"Nope. All done differently."
The assembled authors were now suffering from an acute attack of curlosity. Twelve different murder methods. It seemed impossible. Hanging, drowning, shooting, poisoning, strangling, stabbing, bashing—what else was there?
But Brunhilde was adamant. She refused to tell. Some day, perhaps, they would see her story in print. "Can you tell us the title?" Sine just smilled. "Please." Agatha Christle was pleading.
"All right," said Brunhilde. "It's

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called; "Murder at the Met."
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"Excellent," said Rex Stout.
That seemed to be the consensus
of opinion.
Then Agatha Christie pointed at
the bird cage and said, "That is the
singingist canary I ever heard. What
do you feed her?"
"Italian Coloraturas."
Everyone Joined into her roar
of laughter. As issual, there were
some moments before she had her
breath back.
"And not only does the canary
sing," she said, "but her repertoire
contains a very unisual trick."
"Oh no," groaned Otto Furst
making a sour mouth, "Not again,"
"Oh yes." Brunhilde was firm, "I
want them to see how clever Galli
is."

"Galli?" Erle Stanley Gardner looked puzzled.
"That's the canary's name. Galli-Curci. She doesn't have quite the same range, but she loves singing every bit as much as her name-sake."
"What is this trick?" asked Ellery
Onen.

Queen. "You shall see." Brunhilde arose. "You shall see." Brunhilde arose. Wou shall see." Brunhilde arose.
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wet to a highboy, pulled open a drawer, and found a small box of birdseed. Then she went over to the cage, slid the door back, and the cage, slid the door back, and (adaptable to any head) and bag, by yd. 54-in.

(Gracious! What goes with Otto Furst? Why is Brunhilde so de-termined to show off her canary's trick? Can she have a Motive? Read tomorrow's installment and see for yourself what happens when separanos become rabid de-tective fans).

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Stan Off.

Lebanon Merchants Offer Spring Opening entertainment.

Lebanon - Street entertain-

Lebanon — Street entertainment will be part of the spring opening celebration planned for Lebanon on Friday night, March 17, when the new styles and fashions for 1950 will be unveiled in local display windows.

The Lebanon — street entertainment will feature by Durlam's bakery will feature the champion of last year, 14-year-old Lester La mbert, who will defend his title. The traditional treasure hunt will take place again. Hundreds The Lebanon concert band are expected to participate in will present a street concert search for hidden items in the that evening on a platform to be store's spring windows.

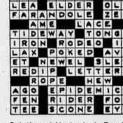
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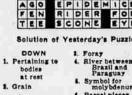
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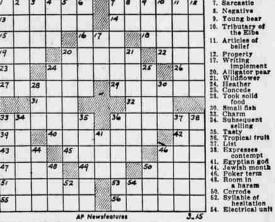
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be scheduled for a full evening's

A pie-eating contest again



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ROOM AND BOARD

By Gene Ahern

