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CHAPTER VI-Continued

was very thin, he possessed a firmure of the physical power that had temperament for a professional caobviously been his in youth. There was benevolence in the somewhat shrewdness in his gaze; and the contour of his mouth indicated a latent hardness.

He bowed to us with an old-fashioned graciousness and took a few steps into the study.

"My son has just informed me," "of the tragedy that has occurred here this afternoon. I'm sorry that away." I did not return home earlier, as is "There's one more question," ly have kept an eye on my nephew. sition of the estate?" In any event, no one could then have | "I couldn't say. It's quite possigot possession of my revolver."

it appears at first glance."

Professor Garden sat down in a tightly, leaned forward.

"Yes, yes. So I understand. And small ray of light." I want to hear more about this affair." The tension in his voice was death had all the appearance of sui- the passageway to the study. cide, but that you do not accept that conclusion. Would it be asking in this respect?"

"There can be no doubt, sir," Vance returned quietly, "that your nephew was murdered. There are too many indications that contrawould be inadvisable, as well as come up." unnecess'ry, to go into details at the moment. Our investigation has and went out. just begun. By the by, doctor, may I ask what detained you this afterbefore this time on Saturdays."

"Of course, you may," the man periment I'm making; and I thought | with it as usual." today would be an excellent time to do it, since I close the 'aboratory day afternoons."

"And where were you, doctor," Vance went on, "between the time telephone company." you left the laborat'ry and the time of your arrival here?"

Garden answered, "I left the unipublic library where I remained until half an hour ago. Then I took a cab and came directly home."

"You went to the library alone?" asked Vance.

"Naturally I went alone," the professor answered tartly. "I don't take assistants with me when I have research work to do."

"My dear doctor!" said Vance it is essential that we know-as a tool kit. matter of routine—the whereabouts ation."

"I see what you mean."

difficulties," Vance said, "and I the buzzer behind the desk." trust you will be equally considyour nephew?"

against the broad sill.

"We were very close," he answered without hesitation or resentment. "Both my wife and I have regarded Woode almost as a son, since his parents died. He was not needed both spiritual and material down and looked at the box. assistance. Perhaps because of this fundamental weakness in his na- what?" he remarked. ture, we have been more lenient with him than with our own son."

CHAPTER VII

Vance nodded with understanding. disconnected?" asked Vance. "That being the case, I presume

vided for young Swift in your wills." "That is true." Professor Garden answered after a slight pause. they been pulled out." 'We have, as a matter of fact, made Woode and our son equal

beneficiaries."

"any income of his own?" "None whatever," the professor told him. "He has made a little

sports-but he is entirely dependent on the allowance my wife and I He was a tall man, despite his give him. It's a very liberal onestooped shoulders; and, though he too liberal, perhaps, judged by conventional standards. But I see no ness of bearing which made one feel reason not to indulge the boy. It that he had retained a great meas- isn't his fault that he hasn't the

reer, and has no flair for business." "A very liberal attitude, Doctor," haggard face, but there was also Vance murmured: "especially for ly devoted to the more serious den, seckoning to us to follow. things of life as you are . . . But what of Swift: did he have an in-

dependent income?" "His father." the professor explained, "left him a very comforthe said in a slightly querulous voice, able amount; but I imagine he squandered it or gambled most of it

my wont on Saturdays, for in that Vance continued, "that I'd like to event the tragedy might have been ask you in connection with your averted. I myself would have been will and Mrs. Garden's: were your in the study here and would probab- son and nephew aware of the dispo-

ble they were. Neither Mrs. Gar-"I am not at all sure, Doctor Gar- den nor I have regarded the subject den," Vance returned grimly, "that as a secret . . . But what, may I your presence here this afternoon ask," - Professor Garden gave would have averted the tragedy. It Vance a puzzled look-"has this to is not nearly so simple a matter as | do with the present terrible situation?"

"I'm sure I haven't the remotest chair of antique workmanship near | idea," Vance admitted frankly. the door and, clasping his hands "I'm merely probin' round in the dark, in the hope of findin' some

Hennessey, the detective whom Heath had ordered to remain on patent. "Floyd told me that Woode's guard below, came lumbering up

"There's a guy downstairs, Sergeant," he reported, "who says he's too much if I requested further de- from the telephone company and tails with regard to your attitude has got to fix a bell or somethin'. He's fussed around downstairs and couldn't find anything wrong there." Heath shrugged and looked in-

"It's quite all right, Hennessey," dict the theory of suicide. But it Vance told the detective. "Let him

quiringly at Vance.

Hennessey saluted half-heartedly

"You know, Markham," Vance said, "I wish this infernal buzzer noon?-I gathered from your son hadn't gone out of order at just that you usually return home long this time. I abominate coincidences-"

"Do you mean," Professor Garreplied with seeming frankness; but den interrupted, "that inter-commuthere was a startled look in his nicating buzzer between here and eyes as he gazed at Vance. "I the den downstairs? . . . It was had some obscure data to look up working all right this morningbefore I could continue with an ex- Sneed summoned me to breakfast

"Yes, yes," nodded Vance. "That's just it. It evidently ceased and let my assistants go on Satur- functioning after you had gone out. The nurse discovered it and reported it to Sneed who called up the

"It's not of any importance," the professor returned with a lacka-"To be quite specific," Professor daisical gesture of his hand. "It's a convenience, however, and saves "We may as well let the man

attend to it, since he's here. It won't disturb us." Vance stood up. here?" "And I say, doctor, would you mind joining the others downstairs? We'll be down presently, too."

The professor inclined his head in silent acquiescence and, without a word, went from the room.

placatingly. "A serious crime has man appeared at the door to the terrace." been committed in your home, and study. He carried a small black "I was sent here to look over a route?"

of the various persons in any way buzzer," he announced with surly connected with the unfortunate situ- indifference. "I didn't find the trouble downstairs."

"Maybe the difficult, is at this "I am glad you appreciate our end," suggested Vance. "There's have shot poor Woody."

The man went over to it, opened erate when I ask you just what was his case of tools and, taking out a the relationship between you and flashlight and a small screw-driver, removed the outer shell of the box. I've known for a long time that The man turned slowly and leaned | Fingering the connecting wires for a | Cecil would kill him sooner or later. moment, he looked up at Vance with an expression of contempt.

work when the wires ain't connected," he commented.

a strong person morally, and he ed. Adjusting his monorle, he knelt out."

"They're both disconnected-eh,

"Sure they are," the man grumbled. "And it don't look to me like they worked themselves loose, either.'

"Well, it looks that way,"

"That's most interestin'." Vance stood up, and returned the monocle to his pocket meditatively. "It might cital called for, nor the cynicism and Romans. Pots of it were found "Has your son," asked Vance, be, of course. But I can't see why which I knew he felt.

anyone should have done it . . . Sorry for your trouble." "Oh, that's all in the day's work," up and her eyes flashed. money here and there, on various the man muttered, readjusting the

er a few moments he stood up. of justice!" 'Let's see if the buzzer will work

answer if I press this?" "I'll take care of that," Heath interposed, and turned to Snitkin. sist, don't y' know, that you return hear the buzzer down there, ring others. And you will be so good as

Snitkin hurried out, and a few down the apartment stairs." moments later, when the button was pressed, there came two short answering signals.

man said, packing up his tools and followed his indicating finger. going toward the door. "So long." And he disappeared down the passageway.

Vance smoked for a moment in silence, looking down at the floor. "I don't know, Markham. It's dashed mystifyin'. But I have a notion that the same person who fired the shot we heard disconnected those wires . . ."

Suddenly he stepped to one side behind the draperies and crouched down, his eyes peering out cautiously into the garden. He raised a rette case. "Definite statements, warning hand to us to keep back out of sight.

"Deuced queer," he said tensely. 'That gate in the far end of the fence is slowly opening . . . Oh, my aunt!" And he swung swiftly into one who is himself so wholehearted- the passageway leading to the gar-



His Eyes Peering Cautiously Into the Garden.

I gave orders that everyone was to remain downstairs."

arrival here early in the afternoon "I had a right to come here!" she returned, drawing herself up with almost regal dignity.

"Ah!" murmured Vance. "Yes, of course. It might be, don't y' know. But would you mind explainin'?"

"Not at all. I wished to ascertain if he could have done it."

mysterious 'he'?"

Cecil Kroon!" Vance's eyelids drooped, and he studied the woman narrowly for a He turned to Heath. "Send the chap-

versity at about two and went to the many trips up and down the stairs." brief moment. Then he said lightly: pie up, will you, Sergeant?" "Most interestin'. But let that wait a moment. How did you get up | the door. "That was very simple. I pre-

tended to be faint and told your minion I was going into the butler's door into the public hallway, came inquiries." Presently a tall, pale, youthful up the main stairs, and out on this

could reach the garden by this

"I didn't know." She smiled enigmatically. "I was merely reconnoitering. I was anxious to prove to myself that Cecil Kroon could

"And are you satisfied that he could have?" asked Vance quietly. "Oh, yes," the woman replied cold anger: with bitterness. "Beyond a doubt. And I was quite certain when you said that Woody had been murdered "You can't expect the buzzer to that Cecil had done it. But I did not understand how he could have gotten up here, after leaving us this able to tell you who shot Woody." Vance became suddenly interest- afternoon. So I endeavored to find

Vance, "would Mr. Kroon desire to dispose of Swift?"

The woman clasped her hands theatrically against her breast.

"Cecil was jealous - frightfully jealous. He's madly in love with "You think they were deliberately me. He has tortured me with his attentions . . ." One of her hands went to her forehead ir a gesture of that you and Mrs. Garden have pro- man was busy reconnecting the desperation. "There has been nothwires. "Both screws are loose, and ing I could do. And when he learned the wires aren't bent-they look like | that I cared for Woody, he became desperate. He threatened me."

> Vance's keen regard showed neither the sympathy her pompous re-

"Sad-very sad," he mumbled.

enterprises-largely connected with cover of the box. "I wish all my possible that Cecil could have done | Egyptians from an ancient time.

jobs were as easy as this one." Aft- this thing. I came up in the cause

now. Any one downstairs who'll manner had suddenly changed. 'We're most appreciative, and all that sort of thing. But I must in-'Hop down to the den, and if you downstairs and wait there with the to come through the garden and go

He was brutally matter-of-fact as he drew the gate shut and directed the woman to the passageway door. "It's all right now," the repair She hesitated a moment and then When we were back in the study

Vance sank into a chair and yawned. "My word!" he complained. "The case is difficult enough without these amateur theatricals." Markham, I could see, had been

both impressed and puzzled by the incident. "Maybe it's not all dramatics," he suggested. "The woman made

some very definite statements." "Oh, yes. She would. She's the type." Vance took out his cigayes. And misleadin'. Really, y'know, I don't for a moment believe she regards Kroon as the culprit."

"But she certainly has something on her mind," protested Markham. "Oh, Markham-my dear Markham!" Vance shook his head sadly. "However . . . As you say. There Vance ran past the covered body is something back of the lady's his- cell. of Swift on the settee, and crossed trionics. She has ideas. But she's to the garden gate. As he reached circuitous. And she wants us to be it he was confronted by the haughty like those Chinese gods who can't and majestic figure of Madge Weath- proceed except in a straight line. erby. Evidently her intention was Sad. But let's try makin' a turn. The to step into the garden, but she situation is something like this: An drew back abruptly when she saw unhappy lady slips out through the if he or she has the will power to us. Our presence, however, seemed butler's pantry and presents herself neither to surprise nor to embarrass on the roof-garden, hopin' to attract fats, starches, and liquids. our attention. Having succeeded, "Charmin' of you to come up, she informs us that she has proved Miss Weatherby," said Vance. "But | conclusively that a certain Mr. | foods usually liked most. Also it is Kroon has done away with Swift be- discouraging to cut down on foods cause of amorous jealousy. The la- for a week or two and not see much dy herself, let us assume, is the reduction (if any) in weight. spurned and not the spurner. She resents it. She has a temper and weight after "starving" themselves is vengeful-and she comes to the one or two weeks has confused and roof here for the sole purpose of discouraged many overweights who convincing us that Kroon is guilty." have faithfully followed the reduc-

> have done it. And your psychologi- the body weight constant or at cal theory regarding the woman's the same level when the individual motives eliminates him entirely." It merely tends to involve the lady in a rather unpleasant bit of chican-

ery. The fact is, her little drama here on the roof may prove most illuminatin'." Vance stretched his legs out before him and sank deeper into his

chair. "Curious situation. 'Y' know, about fifteen or twenty minutes beuntil after I had phoned you. Assumed immediately that Swift had shot himself. Doubt inspired me to converse with the elevator boy. I learned that Kroon had not gone

"What's that!" Markham exclaimed. "That's more than suspicious-taken with what we have just heard from this Miss Weather-

down or up in the elevator since his

by." "I dare say." Vance was unimpressed. "The legal mind at work. "And who," asked Vance, "is this But from my gropin' amateur point of view, I'd want more-oh, much "Who?" she repeated, throwing more. However,"-Vance rose and her head back sarcastically. "Why, meditated a moment-"I'll admit that a bit of lovin' communion with Mr. Kroon is definitely indicated."

Heath nodded and started toward "And Sergeant," Vance halted

him; "you might question the elevator boy and find out if there is any one else in the building whom pantry to get a drink of water. Kroon is in the habit of calling on. If I went out through the pantry so, follow it up with a few discreet

Heath vanished down the stairs, and a minute or so later Kroon saun-"But how did you know that you tered into the study with the air of a man who is bored and not a little annoyed.

"I suppose I'm in for some more tricky questions," he commented. After glancing about him, Kroon sat down leisurely at one end of the davenport. The man's manner, I could see, infuriated Markham, who leaned forward and asked in is that because a food disagrees

"Have you any urgent reasons for not a good food. There is nothing objecting to give us what assistance wrong with the food but there is you can in our investigation of this something wrong with the individual. murder?"

Kroon raised his eyebrows.

"That's most interestin'," murmured Vance, studying the man in-"And why, may I ask," said differently. "But we'd much rath- and intestine disturbances due to er find out for ourselves, don't y'

know.' Kroon shrugged maliciously and said nothing.

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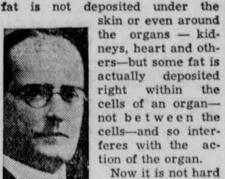
Earliest Paints It is unknown who first mixed and

used paints since paint has been employed from a very early period. White lead was mentioned by Theophrastus, Pliny and Vitruvius, who described its manufacture from lead and vinegar. Yellow ochre was used b; the ancient Egyptians, Greeks in Pompeii. Naples yellow has been found in the yellow enamel of Baby-Miss Weatherby jerked her head lonian bricks. Verdigris was familiar to the Romans. Indigo has been "I came up here to see if it were employed by the East Indians and for them.

"Very accommodatin'." Vance's manner had suddenly changed. 'We're most appreciative, and all hat sort of thing. But I must insist, don't y' know, that you return

Getting Rid of Fat. TT IS hard for some of our overweight friends to understand why fat can cause any harm to the body. To them it is simply a layer of fat lying under the skin which gives the body a nice roundness instead of having bony parts stand out too

prominently. What they forget is that all the



to understand that

if fat tissue-which does no work-gets into the cell substance it is bound to interfere with the work of the

So if overweights want to keep young in appearance and feeling they would be wise to cut down gradually on their food intake, because every overweight can get rid of some weight (fat and water) cut down on certain kinds of food-

It isn't easy to cut down on fat building foods because they are the

This failing to greatly reduce "But her story is plausible ing diet prescribed by their physienough," said Markham aggressive- cian. However, "careful studies ly. "Why try to find hidden mean- have established that water may be ings in obvious facts? Kroon could retained to an extent that will keep has cut down his food intake by as "It doesn't eliminate him at all, much as one-third to one-half for as long as sixteen days."

The Water Balance.

Weight, day by day, will give no sign that reduction is being accomplished. This is because what is called the water balance must be established. At the end of the sixteen day period the individual may suddenly lose sufficient water to Markham, Kroon deserted the party reduce his weight by the amount expected as judged by the amount of fore the big race—legal matters to | food eaten. Thus instead of losing attend to for a maiden aunt, he ex- 2 to 3 pounds each week — the usual plained—and he didn't appear again rate of loss — there is no loss for sixteen days and then 5 to 7 pounds is lost within a few hours.

Others will cut down on all kinds of foods, fail to eat enough meat or eggs to sustain their strength, and will feel so weak in a few days that they give up the reducing diet

in despair. There are others who would like to try "short cuts" to reduce weight -dinitrophenol, thyroid extract, pituitary extract-which if not taken under proper supervision, often bring misery and ill health. The proper method is to be examined by the family physician and if pronounced "fit" to undergo the diet outlined, then follow it faithfully, reporting at regular intervals to the

physician. Whether it is because "misery loves company" or that seeing others as fat or fatter than oneself faithfully following rules and regulations, it is a fact that in sanitariums, spas, or "watering places" many overweights get better results than can be obtained by themselves.

The thought then is that when the overweight has difficulty working alone, finds it hard to "stick" to the reduced diet, feels very weak at times, going to a spa or similar institution and seeing others courageously fighting their battle may give him or her the needed courage to fight their battle also. Because it is a battle.

Foods That Cause Distress.

One of the points one suffering with indigestion must remember with him it doesn't mean that it is

Dr. Albert H. Rowe, San Francisco, in Southern Medical Journal "None whatever," he said with reports an analysis of 2,000 students calm superiority. "I might even be at University of California, and also his results in private patients during a period of fifteen years.

Of 270 patients showing stomach certain foods, 30 per cent were male and 70 per cent female. Of this 270 cases, 232, more than 85 per cent, had food dislikes or diagreements, 80 per cent had stomach disturbances, 60 per cent had pain or soreness and 43 per cent had constipation.

To find out what foods are causing the disturbances may take months or even years and much patience on the part of the physician and the patient. By gradually leaving out these disturbing foods, and getting the patient free from symptoms, the foods known to be the cause are gradually eaten again in very small amounts so that the patient develops a tolerance (ability to eat them without disturbance)

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manages to fill an "age 4."

frock is for Miss Four - To- pocket. Twelve. Its easy lines, flaring skirt, and pretty sleeves are per- ing Circle Pattern Dept., Room haps second only to its thru'-the- 1020, 211 W. Wacker Dr., Chicago, machine-aptness, so far as the Ill. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in woman who sews is concerned But this is all too obvious to mention. Better cut this pattern twice for all 'round practical reasons. It's intriguing in taffeta-a winner in gingham and linen. It comes in sizes 4, 6, 8, 10, and 12 years. Size 6 requires 1% yards of 39 inch material plus 3/8 yard contrasting.

Pattern 1211- It is a smart frock like this that will turn the most immune young lady into an ardent seamstress almost over night. And rightly so, for it's plain to see how becoming are its princess lines, how flattering the wide shoulders and slim waist, yes, and how spicy the swing skirt. A pretty and colorful motif can be had in the use of velvet for the buttons and belt. Monotone broadcloth, black or royal blue, with the collar and cuffs of white linen, is a startlingly chic material for this model. It is available in sizes 12 to 20 (30 to 40 bust). Size 14 requires 23/4 yards of 54 inch fabric plus 3/4 yard of 39 inch contrasting.

Pattern 1210- Which would you have, Madam, an artistic smock or a glamorous house coat? This pattern allows you to make this interesting choice and it has what you'll need to make either of the models illustrated here. The house coat has become womankind's most desired "at home"

Wipe and core apples. Put in baking dish and fill centers with sugar. Add small quantity boil- BYERS BROS & CO. ing water. Cover and bake three hours in slow oven, basting frequently and adding more water if necessary.

Chilled, diced oranges mixed with pineapple and sprinkled with coconut make a delicious dessert.

Fish is sometimes broken through overboiling. If this happens, remove all skin and bone and flake it. Mix it with a sauce, and sprinkle it with chopped parsley, chopped hard-boiled egg, or breadcrumbs and cheese, and serve in fireproof glass dishes.

A simple way to freshen white washing silk which has become yellow through constant washing is to add milk to the rinsing water and allow it to soak for a few minutes before squeezing out.

The best way to ventilate a room is to open a window at the top and bottom or one window at the top and another at the other side of the room at the bottom. Associated Newspapers .- WNU Service,

HE modern woman who sews attire; so rather than be among is really an enviable person. the minority, why not turn your She has at her finger-tips an end- talents to this princess modelless array of fashions from which you'll have it complete in a mere to choose for her own and her few hours and think of the countdaughters' wardrobes. Today's less days it will stand you in trio affords her new opportunities good stead as a really good lookin several size ranges; in fact, ing wardrobe asset. It is designed there's something here for the in sizes 14 to 20 (32 to 42 bust). mature figure, size 42, right on Size 16 (in full length) requires down to the tiny tot who just 5% yards of 39 inch material plus 31/4 yards of bias piping and 1/4 Pattern 1987- This diminutive yard contrasting material for Send your order to The Sew-

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