CHAPTER XI—Continued

-13-"Have this filled at once. A teaspoonful every two hours until Mrs. Garden falls asleep." over his mother.

Floyd Garden stepped forward and took the prescription.

"I'll phone the pharmacy," he said. "It'll take them only a few minutes to send it over." And he you? Telephoning for the prescripwent out of the room.

As we passed the den door, we ness. But don't think you're pull- hallway. could hear Floyd Garden telephon-

"I think Mrs. Garden will quiet down now," Doctor Siefert remarked to Vance when we reached the drawing-room. "As I told you, you mustn't take her remarks seriously when she's in this condition. She will probably have forgotten about it by tomorrow."

"Her bitterness, however, did not seem entirely devoid of rationality," Vance returned

Siefert frowned but made no comment on Vance's statement. Instead he said in his quiet, wellmodulated voice, as he sat down leisurely in the nearest chair: "This whole affair is very shocking. Floyd Garden gave me but a few details when I arrived. Would you care to enlighten me further?"

Vance readily complied. He briefly went over the entire case, beginning with the anonymous telephone message he had received the night before. (Not by the slightest sign did the doctor indicate any previous knowledge of that telephone call. He sat looking at Vance with serene attentiveness, like a specialist listening to the case history of a patient.) Vance withheld no important detail from him.

"And the rest," Vance concluded, "you yourself have witnessed." Siefert nodded very slowly two or three times.

"A very serious situation," he commented gravely, as if making a luctantly sat down. "And please diagnosis. "Some of the things you have told me seem highly signifi-went on. "It has a delightfully subcant. A shrewdly conceived murder-and a vicious one. Especially the hiding of the revolver in Miss Beeton's coat and the attempt on her life with the bromin gas in the vault."

"I seriously doubt," said Vance. "that the revolver was put in Miss Beeton's coat pocket with any intention of incriminating her. I imagine it was to have been taken out of the house at the first opportunity. But I agree with you that the bromin episode is highly mystifvin'." Vance, without appearing to do so, was watching the doctor closely. "When you asked to see me on your arrival here this afternoon," he went on, "I was hoping that you might have some suggestion which, coming from one who is familiar with the domestic situation here, might put us on the track to a solution."

Siefert solemnly shook his head several times.

"No, no. I am sorry, but I am completely at a loss myself. When I asked to speak to you and Mr. Markham it was because I was naturally deeply interested in the situation here and anxious to hear what you might have to say about it." He paused, shifted slightly in his chair, and then asked: "Have you formed any opinion from what you have been able to learn?"

"Yes. Oh, yes. Frankly, however, I detest my opinion. I'd hate phoned him shortly after eight this to be right about it. A sinister, un- morning-it was she who made the natural conclusion is forcing itself discovery when she took Mrs. Garupon me. It's sheer horror." He den's breakfast in. Siefert hastened spoke with unwonted intensity.

Siefert was silent, and Vance and probing round a bit called me. turned to him again.

"I say, doctor, are you particu- events, he didn't wish to go ahead larly worried about Mrs. Garden's until we got there." condition?"

snapped Markham, standing up. A cloud overspread Siefert's countenance, and he did not answer at once.

"It's a queer case," he said at length, with an obvious attempt at can't elude us. And Siefert won't 'equanimity' did not escape me. I evasion. "As I recently told you, desert the ship." it has me deeply puzzled. I'm bringing Kattelbaum up tomorrow."

'Yes. As you say. Kattelbaum.' Vance looked at the doctor dreamily. "My anonymous telephone mes- geant just after I phoned you. He's However, there were some deeper sage last night mentioned radioactive sodium. But equanimity is essential. Yes. By all means. Not fella, Heath. Amazin' industry. But a nice case, doctor-not at all a quite futile." nice case . . . And now I think we'll be toddlin'." Vance rose and Siefert also got up.

"If there is anything whatever that I can do for you . . ." he began.

"We may call on you later," Vance returned, and walked toward the archway.

Siefert did not follow us, but turned and moved slowly toward Garden, and his son were awaiting one of the front windows, where he us. stood looking out, with his hands the hallway and found Sneed wait- forward. ing to help us with our coats.

tion-all attention and loving kind-

ing the wool over my eyes. It

won't make any difference. Tomor-

row I change my will! Tomorrow

We continued on our way out,

Shortly after nine o'clock the next

morning there was a telephone call

from Doctor Siefert. Vance was still

abed when the telephone rang, and

I answered it. The doctor's voice

was urgent and troubled when he

asked that I summon Vance imme-

diately. Vance slipped into his Chi-

nese robe and sandals and went into

It was nearly ten minutes before

"Mrs. Garden was found dead in

her bed this morning," he drawled.

"Poison of some kind. I've phoned

Garden apartment as soon as he

comes. A bad business, Van-very

Markham arrived within half an

hour. In the meantime Vance had

dressed and was finishing his second

ham demanded irritably, as he

came into the library. "Perhaps

now that I'm here, you'll be good

enough to forego your cryptic air."

sit down and have a cup of coffee

while I enjoy this cigarette. Really,

y'know, it's deuced hard to be lu-

cid on the telephone." He poured

Markham, frowning defiantly, put

"Why am I here?" he growled.

chair. "Siefert phoned me this

morning, just before I called you.

Explained he didn't know your pri-

vate number at home and asked me

to apologize to you for not notifying

"Notifying me?" Markham set

"About Mrs. Garden. She's dead.

"Yes, quite. Not a nice situation.

No. The lady died some time during

the night-exact hour unknown as

yet. Siefert says it might have

been caused by an overdose of the

sleeping medicine he prescribed for

her. It's all gone. And he says

there was enough of it to do the

trick. On the other hand, he ad-

mits it might have been something

CHAPTER XII

Markham pushed his cup aside

"Where's Siefert now?" he asked.

"At the Gardens'. Very correct.

with a clatter and lighted a cigar.

Standing by, and all that. The nurse

over and after viewing the remains

Said that, in view of yesterday's

from his chair.

suggested Markham.

which he returned.

Vance." she said.

"Well, why don't we get along?"

"Hadn't we better notify Heath?"

"Yes-quite," returned Vance, as

"I'm beginning to think this

nightmare will never end, Mr.

went on into the drawing-room

"I'm glad you've come, gentle-

we went out. "I called the ser-

Found so this morning in bed. Prob-

you direct."

else.'

down his cup.

ably murdered."

"Good God!"

Vance drew deeply on his ciga-

three lumps of sugar in the cup.

to spoil it with saccharine."

'What's the trouble now?" Mark-

and heard no more.

the antercom.

cup of coffee.

he came out again.

"Yes, yes," he said in a low, bid about it." We had just reached the door leading out of the apartment when out, "it's up to you to find out the lent climax of some kind-especial-

the strident tones of Mrs. Garden's truth. I'm on the spot-what with ly as Floyd told me only a few voice assailed us again. Floyd Gar- my going out of the room with days ago that his cousin intended den was in the bedroom, leaning Woody yesterday, my failure to to stake his entire remaining funds "Your solicitude won't do you cusation, and that damned will of terday. So overpowering was my any good, Floyd," Mrs. Garden hers, and the medicine. You've got feeling in regard to the whole situacried. "Being kind to me now, are to find out who's guilty . . ."

had left him the night before.

Vance went to Garden and, put- my subterfuge.' ting a hand on the man's shoulder, 'Come, buck up," he said; "we'll volved I am?" Garden protested

"You're not the only one in- phoned me Friday night?" volved." Vance returned calmly. He turned to Siefert. "I think, doctor, sibly we can get the matter of your of explosion was imminent." patient's death straightened out a bit. Suppose we go upstairs to the

study, what?" In the study Vance went directly about this morning?" to the point.

"Doctor, the time has come when we must be perfectly frank with each other. The usual conventional



"I Called the Sergeant Just After I Phoned You."

considerations of your profession must be temporarily put aside. I shall be altogether candid with you and trust that you can see your way to being equally candid with me." Siefert, who had taken a chair near the door, looked at Vance a trifle uneasily.

"I regret that I do not understand what you mean," he said in his suavest manner.

"I merely mean," replied Vance coolly, "that I am fully aware that | radium preparations for her." it was you who sent me the anonymous telephone message Friday night."

Siefert raised his eyebrows slight-

"Assuming, for the sake of argument," he said with deliberation, "that it was I who phoned you Friday night, what then?"

Vance watched the man with a faint smile.

"It might be, don't y' know," he said, "that you were cognizant of the situation here, and that you had a suspicion-or let us say, a fearthat something tragic was impending." Vance took out his cigarette sisted, and before long some very case and lighted a cigarette. "I unpleasant possibilities began to fully understood the import of that force themselves upon me." message, doctor-as you intended. That is why I happened to be here Vance sighed and rose slowly yesterday afternoon. The significance of your reference to the "There's really no rush. The lady Aeneid and the inclusion of the word must say, however, that your advice to investigate radio-active sodium was not entirely clear-although I think I now have a fairly lucid idea as to the implication. been up half the night working on implications in your message, and the usual police routine. Stout this is the time, d' ye see, when in fact, it was I who had sent her we should face this thing together

with complete honesty." Siefert brought his eyes back to Miss Beeton admitted us to the Garden apartment. She looked Vance in a long appraising glance, bowed with formal brusqueness. drawn and worried, but she gave and then shifted them to the window Vance a faint smile of greeting again.

sage. I realize that nothing can be gained now by not being frank with you . . . The situation in this house-Vance nodded sombrely, and we hold has bothered me for a long time, and lately I've had a sense of where Doctor Siefert, Professor imminent disaster.'

"How long have you felt this premonition?" asked Vance.

"For the past three months, clasped behind him. We re-entered men," Siefert greeted us, coming should say. Although I have acted Decatur in the fierce campaign of as the Gardens' physician for many 1815 that ended the pirate terror-Professor Garden sat at one end | years, it was not until last fall that | ism along the Barbary coast.

of the long davenport, his elbows Mrs. Garden's changing condition resting on his knees, his face in came to my notice. I thought little his hands. He barely acknowledged of it at first, but, as it grew worse our presence. Floyd Garden got to and I found myself unable to diaghis feet and nodded abstractedly in | nose it satisfactorily, a curious susour direction. A terrible change picion forced itself on me that the seemed to have come over him. He change was not entirely natural. I looked years older than when we began coming here much more frequently than had been my custom, "What a hell of a situation!" he and during the last couple of mumbled, focusing watery eyes on months I had felt many subtle un-Vance. "The mater accuses me last dercurrents in the various relationnight of putting Woody out of the ships of the household, which I had way, and then threatens to cut me never sensed before. Of course, I off in her will. And now she's knew that Floyd and Swift never dead! And it was I who took charge got along particularly well - that of the prescription. The doc says it there was some deep animosity and could have been the medicine that jealousy between them. I also knew the conditions of Mrs. Garden's will. Vance looked at the man sharply.

Seifert paused with a frown. "As I say, it has been only resympathetic tone. "I thought of all cently that I have felt something that, too, don't y' know. But it deeper and more significant in all certainly won't help you to be mor- this interplay of temperaments; and this feeling grew to such propor-"For God's sake," Garden burst tions that I actually feared a vioplace his bet, then the mater's ac- on Equanimity in the big race yestion here that I decided to do some-As he was talking the door bell thing about it, if I could manage it had rung, and Heath came up the without divulging any professional confidences. But you saw through

Vance nodded. "I appreciate your urged him back into his chair, scruples in the matter, doctor. I only regret that I was unable to need your help, and if you work up forestall these tragedies. That, as a case of jitters you'll be useless." it happened, was beyond human "But don't you see how deeply in- power." Vance looked up quickly. "By the by, doctor, did you have any definite suspicions when you

Siefert shook his head with emphasis. "No. Frankly, I was bafwe should have a little chat. Pos- fled. I merely felt that some sort

Vance smoked a while in silence. "And now, doctor, will you be so good as to give us the full details

Siefert drew himself up in his

"There's practically nothing to add to the information I gave you over the phone. Miss Beeton called me a little after eight o'clock and informed me that Mrs. Garden had died some time during the night. She asked for instructions, and I told her that I would come at once. I was here half an hour or so later. could find no determinable cause for Mrs. Garden's death, and assumed it might have been her heart until Miss Beeton called my attention to the fact that the bottle of medicine sent by the druggist was

"By the by, doctor, what was the prescription you made out for your patient last night?" "A simple barbital solution."

"And I believe you told me on the telephone that there was sufficient barbital in the prescription to have caused death."

"Yes." Doctor Siefert nodded. "If taken at one time."

"And Mrs. Garden's death was consistent with barbital poisoning?" "There was nothing to contradict such a conclusion," Siefert answered. "And there was nothing to indicate any other cause."

"When did the nurse discover the empty bottle?"

"Not until after she had phoned me, I believe."

Vance, smoking lazily, was watching Siefert from under speculative eyelids.

"Tell me something of Mrs. Garden's illness, doctor, and why radioactive sodium should have suggested itself to you."

Siefert brought his eyes sharply back to Vance.

"The symptoms of her ailment have been very much like those accompanying radium poisoning. But I have never prescribed any of the He cleared his throat before con-

tinuing.

"One evening while reading the reports of the researches made in California on radioactive sodium, or what might be called artificial radium, which has been heralded as a possible medium of cure for cancer, I suddenly realized that Professor Garden himself was actively interested in this particular line of research and had done some very creditable work in the field. The realization was purely a matter of association, and I gave it little thought at first. But the idea per-

Again the doctor paused, a trou-

bled look on his face. "About two months ago I suggested to Doctor Garden that, if it were at all feasible, he put Miss Beeton on his wife's case. I had already come to the conclusion that Mrs. Garden required more constant attention and supervision than I could afford her, and Miss Beeton, who is a registered nurse, had, for the past year or so, been working with Doctor Garden in his laboratoryto him when he mentioned his need of a laboratory assistant. I was particularly anxious to have her take Mrs. Garden's case, rather than some other nurse, for I felt that from her observations some "Yes, I did send you that mes- helpful suggestions might result."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

Perry's Naval Experience By the time he was twenty-eight years old, Oliver H. Perry, immortalized for his victory on Lake Erie, not only had fourteen years of naval service to his credit but I | had been with Commodore Stephen

Blisters and Pimples on Feet. FROM time to time you hear the old saying that the best specialty in medicine is that of the skin specialist because "his patients never die and never get better"-no worry and a regular income. Added to this is the fact that if he calls every skin ailment eczema he will be right in more than half his cases because eczema comprises at least half of all the cases

with skin ailments. Lately there has been much in newspaper and magazine advertisements regarding what is called "athlete's foot," where the skin on and between the toes becomes reddish white and little pimples or blisters are present.

Dr. Barton It has been shown to be contagious and in golf, athletic and other organizations fresh straw slippers are provided so that the feet may not come in contact

after washing, and the use of various ointments containing mercury, salicylic acid and other substances.

From Tonsils and Teeth.

In some cases when there is present on the feet a type of little pustules-pimples containing pus very similar to ringworm on the hands and feet, Drs. G. C. Andrews and G. F. Machacek in Archives of Dermatology, Chicago, state that some of these eruptions persist despite treatment because of infection. The infections are located chiefly in the tonsils but also in abscessed teeth. Conditions such as ulcer of the first or upper part of the small intestine, chronic inflammation of the large intestine and rheumatism (arthritis) often

Of a total of twenty-four patients, nine have been entirely cured by the removal of the tonsils. Three others were greatly improved after removal of the tonsils but there were slight traces of "scaliness" or scales on the hands and feet which, however, caused no inconvenience.

One case of interest was where there was some doubt as to the tonsils being the cause; but suction of the tonsils (pumping them out after each suction the skin condition improved: when suction was stopped the eruption became worse. Two weeks after the tonsils were removed there was a complete cure which has lasted two years.

In this type of infection it is not usually the toes and in between the toes that are affected, as is the case with athlete's foot or ringworm.

Barbital Drugs.

It would seem that almost every all of which are spoken of as "safe" because they contain no morphine or other drug containing opium.

epsy it is the greatest boon yet it can easily be found. discovered for this distressing ail-

ment. However, like other powerful drugs it may be obtained by anybody, anytime, anywhere, and the results in many cases have been disastrous. Just as morphine and other dangerous drugs must be obtained by a physician's prescription, so also should the barbital drugs be obtained. Mental institutions, public and private, now have barbital addicts to treat.

Sir William Willcox, in the Journal of the American Medical Association taken from the British Lancet, repeats his warning that the "barbiturates" have a powerful action on the nervous system and that care is required in their daily use. Even in the usual doses symptoms such as mental depression, drowsiness, "visions", dizziness, unsteady gait, indistinct speech, squint, sideways movements of the eyes, and paralysis of the limbs are common

'habit' is increasing is shown by the United States. The general type is figures of the hospitals in Budapest. somewhat like the Crevecoeur; the From 1909 to 1914, 35 cases of bar- plumage color is also solid black. bital poisoning were admitted, while On the other hand, the La Fleche in 1932 one hospital alone admitted has no crest or beard but has a 87 cases of barbital poisoning and in V-shaped comb which is larger than addition 80 cases of poisoning from that of either the Houdan or the pheno barbital.

tablets some physicians have pow- cockerel, 71/2; and pullet, 61/2. ders made up containing ipecae and sugar of milk in addition to the barbital. The ipecac produces vomit ing if too much be taken.

The treatment of barbital poisoning consists in washing out the stomach, using enemas, food by the stomach tube every six hours, and full doses of strychnine.

To help fight off the barbital "habit," the withdrawal of the drug, confinement in an institution and the use of strychnine has brought about recovery in a number of cases.

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AIR-CONDITIONING BRINGS MORE EGGS

Protection From Cold Aids in Production.

By H. H. Alp, Extension Poultryman, College of Agriculture.—University of Illinois.—WNU Service,

Whether the poultry house is modernistic or futuristic in its design matters little to the average hen, but she does appreciate "air-conditioning" in the cold winter months and shows her appreciation by keeping on laying.

Housing of poultry for winter is a different problem from housing other farm live stock. The amount of heat developed by the birds is so insignificant from the standpoint of affecting room temperatures that those housing facilities are best of fresh air and at the same time protect them against extremely low temperatures.

Nearly every flock owner has seen egg production drop off after a severe cold spell. On the other hand with the floors used by those al- experimental evidence indicates that ready suffering with this ailment. heated houses with temperatures of The usual treatment is to keep the 69 degrees Fahrenheit adversely affeet clean, dry the feet thoroughly fect the health, body, weight and egg-size of the birds.

In preventing slumps in egg production following cold spells, the use of heat to maintain an average temperature of about 40 to 50 degrees Fahrenheit has been found effective. For many flock owners, temporary heat during cold periods can be provided by the use of brooder stoves or some other common type of room heater.

The kind of heating unit used will vary with the availability and price of fuel. In the event of a cheap source of fuel, regular heating units might well be installed, such as hot water pipes laid in the floor or hung on one of the walls. If heat is to be used profitably

in poultry houses it is necessary that it be low in cost of operation and not represent a big investment. To consider it more than a possible supplementary aid in getting winter eggs is a mistake.

Lighting the Hen House

Encourages Laying Flock Putting on all-night lights will usually make the most stubborn flock lay. However, this is not recommended except for well-fed and well-housed birds. All the light there with a special pump) showed that is will not make a hen lay an egg if she does not have the proper feed from which to manufacture the egg, asserts an authority in Hoard's Dairyman.

The easiest way to light a chicken house is to hang a 15 watt bulb about 12 inches above the mash hopper, turning it on every night before dark and off in the morning. Those who do not have electricity may use an ordinary lantern instead.

It takes about two weeks of lighting to show beneficial results. Once week a new drug to ease pain or to lighting is started it should be concause sleep appears on the market, | tinued until spring; if the lights are discontinued it will throw the birds off production. When a small light is used, the chickens go to sleep One of the most helpful drugs to at night about the usual time. Later ease pain, quiet restlessness, and in the night, when their crops are induce or bring on sleep is what empty, they will get off the roost is known as barbital. It is used a one or two at a time and get a lunch great deal in mental institutions; and a drink. Clean water should be and as a means of preventing epil- kept near the feed and light where

Selecting New Flock Poultrymen who are selecting

their new breeding flock, if they are planning on raising their own baby chicks next spring, says D. D. Moyer, of the Missouri station, should retain only those hens which are healthy. Hens which have laid well certainly should be included. Satisfactory future breeders are also indicated by thoroughly bleached skin in the case of yellow skinned breeds, and an old, dry coat of feathers, a sign of late molting. Pullets to be used should have large, rugged bodies, well covered with muscle and fat. They should show early sexual maturity by well developed comb and wattles, and a large, pliable abdomen with flexible pin bones that are spread apart.

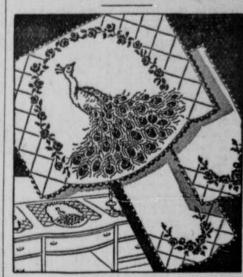
La Fleche, French Breed

The La Fleche is a breed of French origin and, like the Creve-Some idea of the way the barbital coeur, is not very popular in the Crevecoeur. The standard weights To prevent the overuse of barbital in pounds, are: Cock, 81/2 hen, 71/2;

Trapnesting There is nothing more interesting

in the poultry business than trapnesting. All cannot do it because of other duties, but when it is at all possible, every flock should be trap-nested for at least six months of the year. The most important months are in winter. If a hen has proven herself to be a good, consistent producer, without too long a pause in her laying during the cold months, she will undoubtedly be a profitable layer.

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Official State Trees

Five states have state trees. but only four of them have been officially adopted. The state tree of Rhode Island is the maple; of Illinois, the native oak; of Texas, the pecan; of Indiana, the tulip tree, and of Pennsylvania, the hemlock. The public school children of Rhode Island selected the tree for that state; others listed were chosen by the state legisla-

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Steps in Life

Think well over your important steps in life; and, having made up your mind, never look behind. -Thomas Hughes.

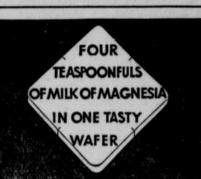
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