

#### CHAPTER VI-Continued

He was a tall man, despite his stooped shoulders; and, though he was very thin, he possessed a firmness of bearing which made one feel reason not to indulge the boy. It that he had retained a great measure of the physical power that had obviously been his in youth. There reer, and has no flair for business." was benevolence in the somewhat haggard face, but there was also shrewdness in his gaze; and the contour of his mouth indicated a latent ly devoted to the more serious den, seckoning to us to follow.

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

"My son has just informed me," he said in a slightly querulous voice, able amount; but I imagine he "of the tragedy that has occurred squandered it or gambled most of it here this afternoon. I'm sorry that away." I did not return home earlier, as is 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 probably have kept an eye on my nephew. sition of the estate?" In any event, no one could then have got possession of my revolver."

"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 situait appears at first glance."

Professor Garden sat down in a chair of antique workmanship near idea," Vance admitted frankly. the door and, clasping his hands "I'm merely probin' round in the 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 | Heath had ordered to remain on patent. "Floyd told me that Woode's guard below, came lumbering up 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 geant," he reported, "who says he's too much if I requested further de- from the telephone company and tails with regard to your attitude in this respect?"

"There can be no doubt, sir," Vance returned quietly, "that your nephew was murdered. There are too many indications that contradict the theory of suicide. But it Vance told the detective. "Let him would be inadvisable as well as unnecess'ry, to go into details at the moment. Our investigation has just begun. By the by, doctor, may I ask what detained you this after- 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 coincibefore this time on Saturdays."

dences-" "Of course, you may," the man replied 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 periment I'm making; and I thought today would be an excellent time to do it, since I close the 'aboratory and let my assistants go on Saturday 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?"

"To be quite specific," Professor Garden answered, "I left the university at about two and went to the public 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 placatingly. "A serious crime has been committed in your home, and study. He carried a small black it is essential that we know-as a tool kit. matter of routine—the whereabouts of the various persons in any way ation."

"I see what you mean."

"I am glad you appreciate our end," suggested Vance. "There's have shot poor Woody." difficulties," Vance said, "and I the buzzer behind the desk." trust you will be equally considerate 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, your nephew?"

The man turned slowly and leaned 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, ed," he commented. since his parents died. He was not a strong person morally, and he needed both spiritual and material down and looked at the box. assistance. Perhaps because of this fundamental weakness in his nature, 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 that you and Mrs. Garden have pro-

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

"Has your son," asked Vance, be, of course. But I can't see why which I knew he felt.

"any income of his own?" "None whatever," the professor ry for your trouble." told him. "He has made a little money here and there, on various the man muttered, readjusting the

sports-but he is entirely dependent

on the allowance my wife and I

give him. It's a very liberal one-

too liberal, perhaps, judged by con-

ventional standards. But I see no

isn't his fault that he hasn't the

"A very liberal attitude, Doctor,"

what of Swift: did he have an in-

"His father," the professor ex-

"There's one more question,"

son and nephew aware of the dispo-

"I couldn't say. It's quite possi-

"I'm sure I haven't the remotest

"There's a guy downstairs, Ser-

has got to fix a bell or somethin'.

couldn't find anything wrong there."

Heath shrugged and looked in

"It's quite all right, Hennessey,"

Hennessey saluted half-heartedly

"You know, Markham," Vance

"Do you mean." Professor Gar-

"Yes, yes," nodded Vance.

"It's not of any importance," the

professor returned with a lacka-

daisical gesture of his hand. "It's

a convenience, however, and saves

"We may as well let the man

"And I say, doctor, would you mind

joining the others downstairs? We'll

The professor inclined his head in

silent acquiescence and, without a

buzzer," he announced with surly

The man went over to it, opened

work when the wires ain't connect-

ed. Adjusting his monocle, he knelt

"They're both disconnected-eh,

"Sure they are," the man grum-

bled. "And it don't look to me

like they worked themselves loose,

"Well, it looks that way."

"You think they were deliberately

"That's most interestin'." Vance

anyone should have done it . . . Sor-

an expression of contempt.

what?" he remarked.

be down presently, too."

ble downstairs."

word, went from the room.

quiringly at Vance.

come up.

and went out.

with it as usual."

ble they were. Neither Mrs. Gar-

dependent income?"

tion?"

back." Snitkin hurried out, and a few down the apartment stairs." moments later, when the button

answer if I press this?"

answering signals. "It's all right now," the repair

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. amateur theatricals." "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 cautious- type." Vance took out his cigaly into the garden. He raised a warning hand to us to keep back out "Deuced queer," he said tensely.

temperament for a professional ca-'That gate in the far end of the fence is slowly opening . . . Oh, my Vance murmured: "especially for aunt!" And he swung swiftly into one who is himself so wholehearted- the passageway leading to the gar- ham!" Vance shook his head sadly.

things of life as you are . . . But plained, "left him a very comfort-



His Eyes Peering Cautiously Into the Garden.

I gave orders that everyone was to remain downstairs."

"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 "That's just it. It evidently ceased if he could have done it."

functioning after you had gone out. The nurse discovered it and reportmysterious 'he'?" ed it to Sneed who called up the

Cecil Kroon!'

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. attend to it, since he's here. It won't disturb us." Vance stood up. here?"

"That was very simple. I prewent out through the pantry door into the public hallway, came inquiries." Presently a tall, pale, youthful up the main stairs, and out on this man appeared at the door to the terrace."

route?"

"I was sent here to look over a "I didn't know." She smiled enigconnected with the unfortunate situ- indifference. "I didn't and the trou- matically. "I was merely recon- tricky questions," he commented. noitering. I was anxious to prove "Maybe the difficult, is at this to myself that Cecil Kroon could

> could have?" asked Vance quietly. who leaned forward and asked in "Oh, yes," the woman replied cold anger: with bitterness. "Beyond a doubt. removed the outer shell of the box. I've known for a long time that Fingering the connecting wires for a | Cecil would kill him sooner or later. | you can in our investigation of this | something wrong with the individual. moment, he looked up at Vance with 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 Vance became suddenly interest- afternoon. So I endeavored to find

out. "And why, may I ask," said differently. "But we'd much rath-Vance, "would Mr. Kroon desire to er find out for ourselves, don't y' dispose of Swift?"

The woman clasped her hands theatrically against her breast.

"Cecil was jealous - frightfully jealous. He's madly in love with me. He has tortured me with his attentions . . ." One of her hands went to her forehead ir a gesture of used paints since paint has been man was busy reconnecting the desperation. "There has been nothwires. "Both screws are loose, and ing I could do. And when he learned "That is true," Professor Gar- the wires aren't bent-they look like that I cared for Woody, he became ophrastus, Pliny and Vitruvius, who desperate. He threatened me."

Vance's keen regard showed nei-

"Sad-very sad," he mumbled.

"Oh, that's all in the day's work," up and her eyes flashed.

jobs were as easy as this one." Aft- this thing. I came up in the cause er a few moments he stood up. of justice!" "Let's see if the buzzer will work

"Very accommodatin'." Vance's now. Any one downstairs who'll manner had suddenly changed. "We're most appreciative, and all "I'll take care of that," Heath in- that sort of thing. But I must interposed, and turned to Snitkin. sist, don't y' know, that you return "Hop down to the den, and if you downstairs and wait there with the hear the buzzer down there, ring others. And you will be so good as to come through the garden and go

He was brutally matter-of-fact as was pressed, there came two short he drew the gate shut and directed the woman to the passageway door. 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

> incident. "Maybe it's not all dramatics," he suggested. "The woman made some very definite statements."

> both impressed and puzzled by the

Markham, I could see, had been

"Oh, yes. She would. She's the rette case. "Definite statements, yes. 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 Mark-"However . . . As you say. There Vance ran past the covered body is something back of the lady's hisof 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 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. 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

motives eliminates him entirely."

It merely tends to involve the lady as long as sixteen days." in a rather unpleasant bit of chicanery. 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

ore the big race—legal matters to until 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 down or up in the elevator since his arrival here early in the afternoon

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

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

Heath nodded and started toward

"And Sergeant," Vance halted him; "you might question the eletended to be faint and told your min- vator boy and find out if there is ion I was going into the butler's any one else in the building whom pantry to get a drink of water. Kroon is in the habit of calling on. If 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 could reach the garden by this a man who is bored and not a little annoved.

"I suppose I'm in for some more

After glancing about him, Kroon sat down leisurely at one end of the davenport. The man's manner, "And are you satisfied that he I could see, infuriated Markham,

murder?"

Kroon raised his eyebrows.

calm superiority. "I might even be able to tell you who shot Woody." "That's most interestin'," mur- ing a period of fifteen years. mured Vance, studying the man in-

know.' said nothing.

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Earliest Paints

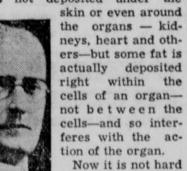
It is unknown who first mixed and employed from a very early period. White lead was mentioned by Thedescribed its manufacture from lead and vinegar. Yellow ochre was used stood up, and returned the monocle ther the sympathy her pompous re- b; the ancient Egyptians, Greeks to his pocket meditatively. "It might | cital called for, nor the cynicism | and Romans. Pots of it were found 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 enterprises-largely connected with cover of the box. "I wish all my possible that Cecil could have done | Egyptians from an ancient time.

# HOW ARE YOU TODAY DR. JAMES W. BARTON

Getting Rid of Fat.

T 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 fat is not deposited under the



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

to understand that

if fat tissue—which

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) if he or she has the will power to cut down on certain kinds of food-

It isn't easy to cut down on fat building foods because they are the foods usually liked most. Also it is

This failing to greatly reduce 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-"But her story is plausible ing diet prescribed by their physienough," said Markham aggressive- cian. However, "careful studies "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 have done it. And your psychologi- the body weight constant or at cal theory regarding the woman's the same level when the individual has cut down his food intake by as "It doesn't eliminate him at all. much as one-third to one-half for

#### 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 "Curious situation. 'Y' know, suddenly lose sufficient water to Markham, Kroon deserted the party reduce his weight by the amount exabout fifteen or twenty minutes be- pected as judged by the amount of 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 is that because a food disagrees with him it doesn't mean that it is "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

Dr. Albert H. Rowe, San Francisco, in Southern Medical Journal "None whatever," he said with reports an analysis of 2,000 students at University of California, and also his results in private patients dur-

Of 270 patients showing stomach and intestine disturbances due to certain foods, 30 per cent were male and 70 per cent female. Of this Kroon shrugged maliciously and 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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# Offers New Opportunities



THE modern woman who sews attire; so rather than be among 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

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 III. Price of patterns, 15 cents (in woman who sews is concerned, coins) each. 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.

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Wipe and core apples. Put in baking dish and fill centers with sugar. Add small quantity boiling 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.

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