

OLD CRIME RECALLED

KILLING OF MARY SCHADER AT HODGENVILLE IN 1859.

BLOOD STAINS 40 YEARS OLD ON A CABIN'S WALL.

A Pretty Young Woman Brutally Murdered by a Negro Hired to Do the Atrocious Deed—Heirs Suing for the Property.



SUIT is now pending in the Circuit court at Hodgenville, Ky., that will excite a great deal of interest. The litigants are Messrs. Warner and William Wright of Indiana, and the heirs of Ben Pickereil. The former are suing for a piece of land lying in the "Level Woods" in Larne county, upon which is situated a dilapidated log cabin, the blood-stained walls of which, were they gifted with the power of speech, could tell of a midnight assassination, the atrocity of which stands almost without an equal in the annals of crime.

A short time before the outbreak of the Civil war, there lived at one of the little towns adjacent to Hodgenville, a lovely girl, just budding into womanhood, named Mary Schader. Her father was a German grocer. In the same square with the Schaders lived Dr. Alfred Hines, a physician of note, and a man who stood high with all classes of the community. He was advanced in years, quite wealthy, and the father of a large and interesting family. He was the Schaders' family physician, and an intimacy sprung up between him and Mary. When the truth was discovered her father arranged with Ben Pickereil and wife of Larne county, to take the girl and care for her until she recovered from her approaching illness. They were to receive sufficient remuneration for their trouble, and Hines, it is said, footed the bill.

The "Level Woods" is about eight miles from Hodgenville, and is an almost unbroken forest. It is hard to imagine a more forbidding and desolate place. In the heart of this dreary wilderness was the home of Ben Pickereil. Here Mary Schader was taken, and, after a few months a boy was born.

Old Pickereil was rather well-to-do, owning a large farm and a number of slaves. His family consisted of his wife and several children, among whom was a grown son.

After Mary Schader recovered, she decided to remain with the Pickereils in the capacity of a servant, and she and her child were installed in a log cabin some distance from the family residence. Her baby thrived and grew to be a fine healthy boy, and Mary herself was more charming and prettier than ever. She was quiet and unobtrusive and made friends readily, and she and her baby became favorites of almost the entire neighborhood. There was one who was particularly attentive to Mary. This was Pickereil's son, a handsome young fellow, just arrived at manhood's estate. That Mary reciprocated his tender feelings was evident to all; but this attachment was looked upon with great distavor by the young man's mother. Love recognizes no discipline, however, and the old lady's opposition only increased the affection between the couple. In the meantime Mary Schader had made it known that she intended to institute suit against Doctor Hines, and that gentleman was greatly worried about it. Thus Miss Schader's existence had become exceedingly obnoxious to two persons. Mrs. Pickereil had repeatedly urged her son to cease his attentions to the "wanton," as she styled her, and had also spoken to Mary about the matter in no mild terms, but the lovers persisted in their determination to marry. After a time Mrs. Pickereil

est ever committed within the boundaries of the state. The alarm was given and soon an excited crowd surged around the little log cabin, striving to get a view of the awful spectacle it contained. Investigation showed that in the struggle for her life the girl had torn a bunch of hair from the head of her assailant. This she still grasped in her stiffened fingers, and when examined proved to be negro wool. This, together with other evidence, led to the arrest of Cundiff, one of Pickereil's slaves. He was lodged in jail at Hodgenville, pending trial. Mrs. Pickereil's brother, a lawyer of ability, volunteered to defend him, but the negro became conscience-stricken, broke down and made a startling confession.

In it he stated that he was the assassin; that Mrs. Pickereil and Dr. Hines had hired him to commit the foul deed, promising him \$300 in money and immunity from punishment by law in case he was suspected. He said Mrs. Pickereil's brother was to defend him, and as compensation for the lawyer's services he was to become his property. Shortly after this the negro was hanged at Hodgenville. His statements were generally believed and created a great sensation, and public indignation against the parties implicated was intense.

Old Ben Pickereil, his wife and Doctor Hines have long been dead. The latter's family is scattered far and wide. The baby, the innocent cause of the bloody tragedy, was raised to manhood at an orphan asylum and is now an honored citizen of Nelson county. The old log cabin in which the terrible deed was committed is still standing and the blood stains on the walls and floor have never been effaced.

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MEXICAN STATISTICS. There are ten volcanoes in Mexico. Mexico has a coast line of over 6,000 miles. Mexico has vast deposits of onyx and marble. Slavery was fully abolished in Mexico in 1867. The army of Mexico comprises about 40,000 men. The area of Mexico is about 750,000 square miles. Coahuila coal is exported to the United States. Mexico is about ten times larger than Great Britain. Cotton factories in Mexico employ over 25,000 people. There are only 463 square miles in the federal district. The "valley" of Mexico is 7,500 feet above sea level. The traveler in Mexico is seldom out of sight of mountains. The rainy season generally lasts from May till September. The average orange tree of Mexico raises 1,000 oranges a year. There are probably 300,000 men employed in the mines of Mexico. Mexico is the richest mineral country in the world, not excepting Peru. Pearl fisheries still furnish employment for many men on the gulf coast. The largest state is Oahuahua, with an area of nearly 90,000 square miles. The tax upon pulque in the city of Mexico alone amounts to over \$100,000 a year. Great quantities of sulphur are mined in the craters of several extinct volcanoes. It is said that no country in the world shows so great a variety of plant life as Mexico. The new banking law of Mexico places the minimum capital stock of banks at \$500,000. Mexico has a maximum length of 1,990 miles and is 540 miles across at the widest point. Slight earthquakes are frequently felt in southern Mexico, but they are very seldom severe. There are upwards of forty tribes of Indians in Mexico, who speak as many different languages. The waters of the Atlantic and Pacific are only 140 miles apart at the Isthmus of Tehuantepec. Twenty-seven states, two territories and a federal district comprise the political division of Mexico. From an estimate after the election in Mexico in July, there are about 14,000,000 people in the Republic. The active volcano Popocatepetl is 17,798 feet high. The extinct volcano Orizaba has an altitude of 18,314 feet. Mexico has expended over \$500,000,000 in public improvements within the last fifteen years, besides meeting other obligations.

POPULAR SCIENCE. Generally speaking, we say that the curvature of the earth amounts to about seven inches to the statute mile; it is exactly 6.99 inches, or 7.962 inches for a geographical mile. Lightning is zigzag because, as it condenses the air in the immediate advance of its path it flies from side to side in order to pass where there is the least resistance to its progress. Scientists say that no negro has ever tamed an elephant or any wild animal, though negroes frequently perform with wild animals after they have been cowed into submission by white men. Snow appears white because it is an aggregation of an infinite number of minute crystals, each reflecting all the colors of the rainbow; these colors, uniting before they reach the eye, cause it to appear white to every normal eye. A sun dial made for London would be useless for either Paris or Edinburgh. The altitude of the pole star varies with the latitude, and hence is greater at Edinburgh, and less at Paris than at London; and as the stylus must always point to the polar star, the angle it makes with the dial-plate must vary with the latitude. Dr. Burton Ward, according to the Medical Age, declares that there "is one infallible symptom indicating whether one is sane or not. Let a person speak ever so rationally and act ever so sedately, if his or her thumbs remain inactive there is no doubt of insanity. Lunatics seldom make use of their thumbs when writing, drawing or saluting."

ORANGE BLOSSOMS. In the latter country it had long obtained, and it is said to be Moorish origin. There is, however, an old Spanish legend which gives a different account of its introduction. The custom of wearing orange blossoms at weddings is of comparatively recent date with us. It came to us, like most other fashions in dress, from the French, who in their turn derived it from Spain. The gardener's daughter was aware of this and in order to provide herself with the necessary dowry to enable her to marry her lover, she obtained a slip, which she sold to the ambassador at a high price. On the occasion of her wedding, in recognition of her gratitude to the plant which had procured her happiness, she bound in her hair a wreath of orange blossoms, and thus inaugurated the fashion which has become universal. According to this, soon after the importation of the orange tree by the Moors, one of the Spanish kings had a specimen of which he was very proud and of which the French ambassador was extremely desirous to obtain an ashoot.



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A PROBLEM SOLVED.

The Bevel on a Curbstone Finally Accounted For.

There is a beveled edge, perhaps a foot in extent, on the curbstone in Fulton street, says the New York Mail and Express. The meditative reporter, who walks with his head down, because of a preponderance of frontal brain, discovered this beveled edge some months ago, and the discovery troubled him. He saw it every morning and evening on his way to and from the ferry. He could not account for it nor divide the cause. The line of the curbstone elsewhere in the block presented a right-angle edge. Examination showed it to be from no fault in the stone sawing and from no flaw in the stone. It could not have been caused by friction from wagon wheels. His geology could not account for it, and the meditative reporter was perplexed. The other morning, as he approached the place of his perplexity, a man without coat or vest, with his sleeves rolled up above his elbows and carrying in his hand an 18-inch butcher knife, hastened from a doorway to the curb, stooped low and began to whet his knife along that beveled edge on the stone. "Aha!" exclaimed the reporter to the man, "this accounts for it." "Accounts for what?" said the man, looking up under his arm. "Why, for that worn edge on the curbstone. You've been whetting your knife there." "Course I have. What of it? I've been whetting my knife here for years, and it's the best whetstone I ever had. You see, I used to be always breaking my whetstone, and when I wasn't breaking it I was losing it, but I've got one here I can't break, and I always know where to find it. Good scheme, don't you think?"

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A SOLDIER'S LESSON.

His Officer Taught Him That He Had No Right to Be Afraid.

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"Afraid!" cried the captain. "Afraid! A Russian soldier afraid! Wait a minute. I will drive the fear out of you. Come with me."

The captain led the way to the rampart, mounted it and there with the bullets raining round him began putting the man through some military exercises. The lookers-on in the fort held their breath. If a hat was put on a bayonet and lifted above the walls the bullets came that way on the instant. Not many seconds elapsed before a bullet struck the captain in the arm. He did not wince, but kept on with the drill, while the blood dripped down his hand to the wall. Next a bullet went through the tail of the soldier's coat and another through his knapsack. Then suddenly the firing ceased. The soldier begged for grace and promised to go wherever he was sent. Still the captain continued his drill. When the captain thought the lesson had been learned, or, perhaps, when his arm grew too painful, he dismissed the soldier and went himself to the surgeon and had his wound dressed. The French explained afterward that they ceased firing out of sheer astonishment at the sight of the two men exposing themselves so recklessly.

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