A FIENDISH CRIME.

A Recently Married Couple Horribly Butchered in Their Humble Home near St. Louis, Mo.—The Crime Shrouded in Mystery—The Generally Accepted Theory of the Tragedy.

ST. LOUIS, MO., Jan. 24.

About five o'clock yesterday afternoon Justice Lippeman, residing in the vicinity of Trenton, Mo., walked hastily into Chief Harrigan's office and reported that a newly married couple named Bodicker had been murdered in their bed in a log cabin four miles south of Fenton, in Jefferson county, Mo. In December last Bodicker married a young girl in this city named Josephine Glatt, who lived at 1304 Hickory street.

The young couple immediately moved to a log cabin on the High Ridge road, a few miles south of Fenton, where her husband had rented land, which he intended to cultivate in the spring. They were esteemed by their neighbors, and to all outward appearances the honeymoon in the log cabin was as happy as the young folks could desire. Both were industrious, and were in a fair way to gain the better things of the world in the future.

Yesterday morning a resident of the neighborhood, named Thomas Harrington, had occasion to pass along the High Ridge road, which runs past the threshold of the humble cabin. On reaching the home of the young couple he noticed the gate, which opened on a pathway leading to the door, wide open. There was a suspicious silence about the house which caused him to stop, and on looking at the gate more closely he noticed some bloody marks which seemed to have been imprinted with a wounded or bloody hand. A second glance at the cabin showed the front door open. He halloed to the occupants, but there was no answer. Fearing that something unusual had happened, he determined to investigate matters. The cabin was divided by a partition into two rooms—a kitchen and bedroom. The kitchen door, which was ajar, was on the north side of the cabin. On entering Harrington was horrified to find the dead body of Bodicker lying on the kitchen floor literally chopped to pieces. He shuddered at the sight and ran to a neighbor's named Mrs. Ford, where he reported his bloody discovery. A man named Stock, who was present, volunteered to go with him and make a further examination of the cabin. The two men entered the cabin and found Bodicker lying in a frozen pool of blood.

His head was so mutilated and hacked that it was barely recognizable. The floor of the cabin was a mass of congealed blood and brains. He was lying on his back with his head toward the door and his feet directly under the stove, which stood near the center of the kitchen. The body was robed only in night clothes, and life had left it several hours before. The men pushed open the door leading into the bed-room and their horror was increased two-fold by the sight that presented itself to their view. Lying on the floor beside the bed, was the body of Mrs. Bodicker, bathed in blood from head to foot.

Her throat had been cut from ear to ear and the head only hung to the body by a strip of flesh. The body was hacked and chopped in a frightful manner, and a ghastlier looking object than her dead body clothed only in night garments whose whiteness could be seen only here and there in the blood-soaked garment, could hardly be imagined. The bed-clothing was saturated with blood, and the walls blotched and stained with brains. The men attempted to place the body in the bed and found that it was frozen to the floor, the hair and limbs being meshed in blood. Turning away from the sickening sight Harrington noticed a bloody trail leading from the room across the kitchen and out toward the road.

He followed it until he reached a spot in the middle of the highway, which gave every evidence that a deadly struggle had taken place. A portion of the woman's bloody night garment was found on the ground, and the ruts and cavities of the country road were stained and filled with blood. The trail again turned and led back toward the house, but the back track was of a different character. The ground looked as if a body had been dragged over it. On further examination the men found that Mrs. Bodicker's body was covered with earth, showing that she had been dragged from the road back into the house. The next discovery made was that a trunk which stood in one corner of the room had been forced open by some bloody implement and rifled. Bloody finger-marks were imprinted on the cover, and what was left of the contents of the trunk were flecked with gore. The shirt which the assassin wore when he committed the deed was found rolled up in one corner of the kitchen. The sleeves and breast were saturated with blood and the murderer, after washing, evidently put on one of Mr. Bodicker's shirts which he found in the trunk.

Outside in the yard a blood-covered ax was found with which the terrible crime was committed. It was sharp and deadly and an examination showed pieces of flesh and hair still adhering to the blade. The tracks of the murderer were plainly discernible around the cabin, as the ground was soft and muddy Tuesday night and did not begin to freeze until early yesterday morning.

A probable solution of the mysterious crime has been accepted by nearly all the neighbors. Tuesday evening, it is supposed, a tramp came to the cabin and asked for lodging, and a pallet was prepared for him in the kitchen. During the evening his eye rested on the trunk and learning the habits of the young people believed that it contained money and valuables. After the couple retired he concocted his devilish plan of double murder. After being assured that husband and wife were sleeping soundly, he rose from his impromptu bed and searched around until he found the ax. He then stole into the bed-room of the sleeping couple and dealt a crushing blow on the head of the man. The noise awakened the young wife and she started up in affright. The murderer then struck the woman, but she partially evaded the blow, receiving it on the shoulder, and leaping up grappled with the assassin, and in the struggle reached the door, where she broke away and ran into the road.

The murderer pursued and finally overtook his victim in the public road. There he struck her a second blow, knocking her bleeding to the earth. She continued to struggle, and while on her knees he almost decapitated her with a blow on the neck. He then dragged the body into the house and threw it beside the bed. Bodicker, still showing signs of life, had walked toward the door that led into the yard, when the murderer met him and dispatched him with a couple of blows. He then forced the trunk, taking what valuables he could find. He next procured some water and washed himself, taking off his bloody shirt and putting on one that belonged to his victim and left. Harrington and Stock spread the news in the neighborhood and all yesterday afternoon the cabin was surrounded by a horrified crowd of country people. Two or three parties were organized and started out to search the woods in the vicinity. Chief of Police Harrigan ordered a couple of mounted men to the scene.

The Legal Status of Telegraph Messages.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23.

During the trial of James H. Melville for alleged embezzlement in the Criminal Court before Judge Howes yesterday, the prosecution desired to prove that part of the money was sent to Melville through the Western Union Telegraph Company. The money order clerk of the telegraph company declined to produce the original message on the ground that a message could not be made public property. The court ruled that telegraph communications could not be considered more confidential than any others and that no communication could be excluded when the cause of justice renders its production necessary.

West Indian Duels.

Dueling in the West Indies, except upon Hayti and the islands under Spanish rule, used to prevail to a great extent, although the custom has pretty nearly died out; and "pistols and coffee" are not called for at the present day, either by quarrelsome youth or "old stagers," with that same reckless demeanor they used to be in days of yore. Upon the small French islands, particularly, the "code of honor" was held in high esteem, both by foreigners and "estated gentlemen," some thirty, forty and fifty years ago; and it was no uncommon thing, in those times, to witness two or more duels a month, on an average—only a few of which, however, were attended by fatal consequences. Many a hostile meeting has been precipitated by the wine-cup at the "Cirque," the famous club-house of Bassetere (the capital of Guadaloupe), a resort of French army and navy officers, and by resident planters and merchants of wealth and respectability. There was then no law in force against dueling; so the custom was practiced without municipal restraint or fear of legal consequences. It was generally understood throughout select society upon St. Martin that every gentleman must have emphasized his polite breeding either by having been "called out," or of having challenged his man, unless his social life and business transactions had been phenomenally serene and satisfactory. There was an air of perfect refinement and absence of cruelty, however, in the deportment of St. Martin duelists; and the bowie-knife rifle, or doubled barreled shot-gun was seldom ever used as a weapon—the invitations were generally "pistols and coffee," and the terms "ten paces and balls thirty-two to the pound."

Among the various methods resorted to in different countries for the suppression of dueling, none has, perhaps, been so decisive as that of Christophe, the black sovereign of Hayti; for in the criminal code which was formed during his reign, and to which the name of "Code Henri" was given in honor of him, "the King particularly forbids, under any pretense whatever, the officers of the army, and other individuals belonging to it, to make use of sword, sabre, pistol, or other arms, against each other, wherever they may be quartered; and every officer, or other individual of the army, or belonging to it, who shall be convicted of having fought a duel, shall be shot as a rebel against the King, a violator of justice, and a disturber of the public peace; and any officer, or other person, who shall be convicted of having acted as a second or even third person in a duel, and to have repaired to the place appointed for that purpose, in order to assist or sanction a duel, shall be considered as those already designated, and shall be shot accordingly." In consequence of the severity of this law, duels, which were very frequent prior to its taking effect, were never known during the reign of Christophe.

Hot-blooded as are the inhabitants of Cuba believed to be, and as quarrelsome, certainly, as any other class of Spanish, they are known to be; still, there has been comparatively but few individual differences settled at the point of the sword durihg the present century upon the island, which state of things is, of course, almost entirely due to the existing Governmental restrictions upon dueling in all its forms, and to the frowning majesty of a place of confinement adjacent to the Cuban capital known as Moro. As a lesson to gentlemen of wounded sensibilities, the Captain General of Cuba, in 1854, sentenced Senor Sartorius, the then postmaster of Havana, and Senor Gomuiso, an officer of the customs at the Cuban capital, to terms of imprisonment in Moro Castle and suspension from duties of their respective offices for their participation as principals in a duel, although both were severely wounded (the weapons used being swords).—*Alta California.*

MR. PETER MALLEN, 212 W. Twenty fourth St., N. Y., says that he suffered six years with rheumatism and found no relief until St. Jacobs Oil, the sovereign remedy, was applied, which cured him completely.

A PATENT has been granted in Washington for a "hen's nest." The only wonder is that somebody has not got a patent on the hen.—*Philadelphia Call.*

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Native Heifers	3 00	@	4 00
Native Cows	3 00	@	4 00
Butchers' Steers	4 00	@	5 10
HOGS—Good to choice heavy	4 35	@	6 40
Light	4 00	@	4 60
WHEAT—No. 1	90	@	91
No. 2	81	@	81¼
No. 3	70	@	73½
CORN—No. 2	42½	@	43
OATS—No. 2	29	@	30
RYE—No. 2	49	@	49½
FLOUR—Fancy, per sack	2 05	@	2 15
HAY—Car lots, bright	7 00	@	7 50
BUTTER—Choice dairy	20	@	25
CHEESE—Kansas, new	09	@	10
EGGS—Choice	18	@	19
PORK—Hams	13	@	14
Shoulders	6½	@	7
Sides	8½	@	9
LARD	9	@	9½
WOOL—Missouri, unwashed	18	@	19
POTATOES—Per bushel	45	@	50
ST. LOUIS.			
CATTLE—Shipping Steers	5 50	@	6 25
Butchers' Steers	4 00	@	5 25
HOGS—Good to choice	5 50	@	6 25
SHEEP—Fair to choice	3 75	@	4 00
FLOUR—XXX to choice	3 30	@	4 00
WHEAT—No. 2 Winter	1 04	@	1 05
No. 3	99	@	99½
CORN—No. 2 mixed	47½	@	48
OATS—No. 2	32	@	33
RYE—No. 2	54	@	54¼
PORK	15 50	@	16 00
COTTON—Middling	9½	@	9¾
TOBACCO—New Lugs	4 40	@	4 75
Medium new leaf	6 25	@	5 75
CHICAGO.			
CATTLE—Good shipping	5 40	@	6 20
HOGS—Good to choice	5 80	@	6 70
SHEEP—Fair to choice	2 75	@	5 00
FLOUR—Common to choice	5 00	@	5 75
WHEAT—No. 2 red	92	@	92¾
No. 3	78	@	80
No. 2 Spring	92	@	92¾
CORN—No. 2	53	@	53½
OATS—No. 2	32	@	33
RYE	57	@	57½
PORK—New Mess	15 40	@	15 45
NEW YORK.			
CATTLE—Exports	5 25	@	7 25
HOGS—Good to choice	5 75	@	6 50
COTTON—Middling	10¼	@	10½
FLOUR—Good to choice	4 50	@	6 50
WHEAT—No. 2 red	1 07	@	1 07¼
No. 2 Spring	1 01	@	1 02
CORN—No. 2	62	@	62¼
OATS—Western mixed	40	@	41
PORK—Standard Mess	15 00	@	15 25

OUT OF THE DEPTHS.

Our Correspondent's Researches and a Remarkable Occurrence He Describes.

ST. ALBANS, VT., Jan. 10, 1884.

Messrs. Editors: The upper portion of Vermont is one of the pleasantest regions in America during the summer and one of the bleakest during the winter. It affords ample opportunity for the tourist, providing he chooses the proper season, but the present time is not that season. Still there are men and women here who not only endure the climate, but praise it unstintingly, and that, too, in the face of physical hardships the most intense. The writer heard of a striking illustration of this a few day's since which is given herewith:

Mr. Joseph Jacques is connected with the Vermont Central Railroad in the capacity of Master Mason. He is well advanced in years, with a ruddy complexion and hale appearance, while his general bearing is such as to instantly impress one with his strict honor and integrity. Several years ago he became afflicted with most distressing troubles, which prevented the prosecution of his duties. He was languid, and yet restless, while at times a dizziness would come over him which seemed almost blinding. His will power was strong, and he determined not to give way to the mysterious influence which seemed undermining his life. But the pain and annoying symptoms were stronger than his will, and he kept growing gradually worse. About that time he began to notice a difficulty in drawing on his boots, and it was by the greatest effort that he was able to force his feet into them. In this manner several weeks passed by, until finally one night, while in great agony, he discovered that his feet had, in a short while, swollen to enormous proportions. The balance of the narrative can best be described in his own words. He said:

"When my wife discovered the fact that I was so bloated, she sent for the doctor immediately. He made a most careful examination and pronounced me in a very serious condition. Notwithstanding his care, I grew worse, and the swelling of my feet gradually extended upward in my body. The top of my head pained me terribly; indeed, so badly that at times it seemed almost as if it would burst. My feet were painfully cold, and even when surrounded with hot flannels and irons felt as if a strong wind were blowing on them. Next my right leg became paralyzed. This gave me no pain, but it was exceedingly annoying. About this time I began to spit blood most freely, although my lungs were in perfect condition, and I knew it did not come from them. My physicians were careful and untiring in their attentions, but unable to relieve my sufferings. My neighbors and friends thought I was dying and many called to see me, fully twenty-five on a single Sunday that I now recall. At last my agony seemed to culminate in the most intense, sharp pains I have ever known or heard of. If red hot knives sharpened to the highest degree had been run through my body constantly they could not have hurt me worse. I would spring up in bed, sometimes as much as three feet, cry out in my agony and long for death. One night the misery was so intense that I arose and attempted to go into the next room, but was unable to lift my swollen feet above the little threshold that obstructed them. I fell back upon the bed and gasped in my agony, but felt unable even to breathe. It seemed like death.

"Several years ago Rev. Dr. J. E. Rankin, now of Washington, was stationed here as pastor of the Congregational Church. We all admired and respected him, and my wife remembered seeing somewhere that he had spoken in the highest terms of a preparation which had cured some of his intimate friends. We determined to try this remedy, accordingly sent for it, and, to make a long story short, it completely restored my health, brought me back from the grave, and I owe all I have in the way of health and strength to Warner's Safe Cure, better known as Warner's Safe Kidney and Liver Cure. I am positive that if I had taken this medicine when I felt the first symptoms above described, I might have avoided all the agony I afterward endured, to say nothing of the narrow escape I had from death."

In order that all possible facts bearing upon the subject might be known, I called on Dr. Oscar F. Fassett, who was for nineteen years United States Examining Surgeon and who attended Mr. Jacques during his sickness. He stated that Mr. Jacques had a most pronounced case of Albuminuria or Bright's disease of the kidneys. That an analysis showed the presence of albumen and casts in great abundance and that he was in a condition where few, if any, ever recover. His recovery was due to Warner's Safe Cure.

Mr. John W. Hobart, General Manager of the Vermont Central Railroad, stated that Mr. Jacques was one of the best and most faithful of his employes, that his sickness had been an exceedingly severe one and the company were not only glad to again have his services, but grateful to the remedy that had cured so valuable a man.

Mr. James M. Foss, Assistant Superintendent and Master Mechanic of the Vermont Central Railroad, is also able to confirm this.

I do not claim to be a great discoverer, but I do think I have found in the above a most remarkable case and knowing the unusual increase of Bright's disease feel that the public should have the benefit of it. It seems to me a remedy that can accomplish so much in the last stages ought to do even more for the first approach of this deceptive yet terrible trouble. F. B.

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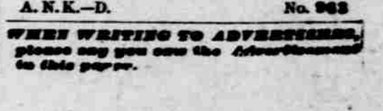

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