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| v A MURDERER WAS ACQUITTED BY A WRONG ALMANAC. <br> The career of Abrabam Lincoln as a |  |
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| criminal lawyer furnisbes more than |  |
| instance which might with great propriety |  |
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| curiosities of cifiniual jurispradence. For many years he was leading counsel in almost |  |
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| every noted criminal case in the State of |  |
| Hinois, and his eloquence in pleading, his keenness in retort, and seaching examina |  |
| tion of the witnesses, were famous throughout the West long before either he or his |  |
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| fiiends began to dream of the presidency as among the possibilities of his fature. <br> One of his most decided triumphs was |  |
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| won in the case of Wm. D. Armstrong, who was tried at Beardstown, Cass county, III., in 185s, charged with the crime of marder. |  |
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| poor, homeless, almost friendess boy, he |  |
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| formed the acquaintance of a family named Aımstrong, Join, lis wife Hannab, and a |  |
| babe a few months old, to whom Lincoln, by permission, gave the name of Wm. D., in honor of one of his best loved friends, |  |
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| The Armstrongs were hospitable and |  |
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| kind, almost filling the place of parents to their guest, and he in time grew very fond |  |
| of the chilif, whieh he rocked, carried, petted and fondied, day after day, for weeks and months, while he was waiting for emnloyment. |  |
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| but warm and tried friends watched with pleasare and pride every step of his progiess up the ladder of fame. The babe he hadao fondly carred for grew to manhood, and so fondly cared for grew to manhood, and |  |
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| although a brave, generons youth, the crade pioneer civilization ander which he grew up unfortunately developed a love for |  |
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| the excitements of the cup, and a taste for the rougher spurts peculiar to the somew hat primitive society in which be was trained. |  |
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| primitive society in which he was trained. In the summer of 1857 there was a Meth- |  |
| orlist camp meeting in Mason county, attended by not a few of the riotous element, and every night some ontrage was commit- |  |
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| and every night some ontrage was committed which filied the decent portion of the community with indiguation. A patrolwas organized for the preservation of order, was organized for the preser vation of order, |  |
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| which was one nightattacked by the rioters, and a leading citizen named Mitzar most brutally mardered. |  |
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| strong were indicted for the cirme. Seperate trials were demanded, and Norris was |  |
| first on the docket. He was spedfily eonvicted andseutetced to a long term in the State Penitentiary. The feeling against |  |
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| Armstrong was very bitter, and hix cuunsel |  |
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| to Cass county, and Bendtown in 185s |  |
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| Hammah Armstrong, the mother of the accused, was in great distress. Her bus- |  |
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| accused, was iu band, Jack, had been dead for some years. |  |
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| old friends, and now a shameful death or a lingering imprisonment threatened her |  |
| son. In this emergeney she bethought |  |
| herself of the poor youth to whom she had once given a home, and who had so often played with the boy that now stood in such immiuent peril. |  |
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| For many years Mr. Lincoln hrknown as mostsucessfun lawyera |  |
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| that if he wond but undertake her son's ease he would be saved. <br> She therefore wite to limat Spingold |  |
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| begging his assistance. Though pressed by clients on every side, Mr. Lincoln imme- |  |
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| diately responded that the memories of past kindnesses were yet green, and their obli |  |
| $k$ indnesses were gation sacred, and Providence permitting he would undertake the defense of her son, if he didn't try another case that season. |  |
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| Upon examination he found the case to | The aged and venerabie maternal repre- |
| be a most desperate one. A jury had already passed upon an alleged accomplice, |  |
| and rendered a verdiet of guilty. The same evidence would have to be confronted |  |
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| in the coming trial, and only by a miracle could a similar result be avoided. The only hope was to blot out the record of the previons trial, refute the senses of witnesses and cause the jury to furget both their daty and their oaths. | Wended her way to the small apartment ordinarily devoted to the starage of creck ery, and such portions of the family provisions as were lefldial meal. |
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|  | dial meal. <br> To obtain for the gratification of her fiverite bat emaciated specimen of the genns |
| At length the day of trial arrived, and the prosecution brought forward their array |  |
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| of witnesses. As one after another came upon the stand and gave their evidence, |  |
| they were sabjected to a rigid cross examination, bnt without any very satisfactory rcsilts. The testimony seemed conct |  |
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| of ceath. <br> death. <br> When the prosecution had finished their |  |
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| When the prosecution bad fnished their ease, it appeared that onty one wituess haddirectly connected the accused with the crime. He swore that he saw the affray, that Norris pounded the deceased with a eln'3 from behind, while Armstrong assailed bim in front with a slung-shot, and the doctors testified that the wounis inflicted by either would have produced death. He explained that he was enabled to see so distinetiy, owing to the light of the moon, which was nearly at its full, nnd at the time of the occurrence, eleven $\sigma$ elock, standing in the heavens about where the suy would be at ten o'clock in the moruing. |  |
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| jumping a bear or a deer, I 've had the <br> rs light on trees above ' em and sing out: |  |
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| ws light on trees above 'em and sing out: <br> ere he is, old math, down below here : <br> for him !" And if I shot and missed |  |
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| er and saying, 'Oh, he's an old hombre - he don't know how toshoot.' Bat if I brought down the game, they'd serean and bounce |  |
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| lower end of the lake. Last year me aud a fellow ramed Crowell were dewia there |  |
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| the mahognoy beam, and stole the choice steaks that we were saving for ourselves. |  |
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| of dack-shot. He had |  |
| barrel. You never kee such a siyht. If itlad ben raining crows the beach couldn't |  |
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| had been raining crows the beach couldn't have been blacker. Yousce, this was in |  |
| moning. Well, for several heurs the afternoon they took their clannes onceend were aromid thicker than ever. |  |
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|  | the sky like feathar beds of a culor, and a terrible scene was acted in the aunt's baek kitchen. |
| shells and the entraik, but they gave the steaks a wide berth. They were smart enough to know what the shooting was for "Well, among the flock we noticed a |  |
|  | acted in the annt's back kitehen. "Aceept the dark eyed stranger |
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| had come ont from under Crowell's battery |  |
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| with one leg gone. He was a bard sight. When we first saw him his wing was a |  |
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| When we first saw him his wing was a dropping, and he was a limying along and |  |
| a skirmishing around for something to eat, with the rest of them. We felt sorry for |  |
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| him. If yon'd seen him you couldn't heip but feel sorry for him too. Yousee, the |  |
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| He would have starved to death if we hadn't sympathized with bim, and seen |  |
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| that he got his share. We fed him the nicest chmuks of turle, ave lie got so tame | Stank would make me wed |
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| that he'd limp up within'two or three fiet, and almost eat out of our hauds. We used to call him Santa Anna, because you see he |  |
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| had lost his leg. <br> "Well," contin'zed Morre, "for some |  |
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| time Santa Soma turned up regruarly fhis rations. Ho seemed to be growing |  |
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| veak in spite of all the building up we gavehim. One day we mised him. Crowrll |  |
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| the ground. Some snake has got him, and | diately disappeared beh |
| that's the last of him.' You see the bird had got to be a great favorite. If felt as bad about itas Crowell, and no mixtake. Down | thame, |
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| about itas Crowell, and no mistake. Down bere in the wilderness, where you don't | M |
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| all that day the crows kept a comi ripping away at the lights and I poor Santa never turned up. | a dead faiut. Putting bis hand into 1 pocket, he pulled ont a bandful of sha |
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|  | stand at her back kitchen dioor surroun |
| Santa dman again, as sure as you re boon? | by inume |
| and sure enough there was the littie biack cuss a hopping along on one foot over the |  |
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| est pait of the turtle and fed him. Well, good Lord, yon'd ought to have seen that |  |
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| ell out like a rubber ball. The other sows stood off about 20 feet watehing him. he little hombre got all he wanted, and en started off. He limped awfolly for out 15 feet, and I heard Crowell say oor little devil! I'mafraid he'll never get ell.' Just then the crow stopper, and ind a shook up his wing. Then, as I'm ve and asinner, he dropped another iittle ack foot, and walked off on two legs as and as a dollar. The other crows set up mighty cawing, and all of them tlew away ether," | *Yes, ole gal, plenty o'slavin' THE EXD. THEN |
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|  | fireside, with happy childron sitingit, haven't yon?" said the Judee. sir," said Mr. Thompann, who thong't saw a way out of the diffecuity. "Wesuid the J.wikeat the happy chidren around the echeerfal fire until yon retar they will stay there just 43 days, as 1 dia have to send you up for that itme." |
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