

BLACK ART TRAGEDY.

A Murderer Claims to Be the Victim of Heathenish Voodooism.

HIS QUEER STORY OF A CHARM

That Was to Send an Objectionable Wife Into the Spirit World.

TRACES OF THE EXPERIMENT FOUND

(SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.) NEW YORK, May 4.—James L. Hamilton, of Flushing, the negro who is charged with the murder of his wife, Anne, on Sunday night, at Winfield, L. I., was seen by a reporter this morning in his cell. The story Hamilton told was like a romance. He expressed his belief that his wife was killed for \$15 by practitioners and believers in black art. He told his story in a straightforward manner, using good English and a few words as possible. He made the following statement:

"I first heard of the woman who was murdered on Sunday, and who was my wife, some four or five years ago. I was then a student at the Lincoln University, studying to become a minister. In the class with me was a young colored man named Mahoney. I met Annie Brooks through Mahoney, and married her. About a year ago I decided to try to get a divorce."

A Victim of Voodooism. Here Hamilton stopped for a minute. "It sounds strange to you, sir," he went on, "but you have heard of black art. My parents brought me up to disbelieve all that sort of stuff, but among the colored people on Long Island there are thousands and thousands who believe in it, and dozens who are known as doctors or men who heal by black art. In Great Neck there is one man who is known all the country over as a great man in black art. He, it is said, can do almost anything, and there negroes believe him a great friend of the devil one."

"After my bill for separation fell through this man came to me, and he said to me: 'Why don't you send your wife away? Don't you want to send her away?' I replied that I did, and had tried to get her out of her. He laughed, and said: 'Oh, there are other ways of sending her away than by divorcing her.'

"Yes, by killing her," I answered. "Oh, I don't mean such a thing as murder," he replied. "But there are other ways of sending her far away as a bird can fly."

"He then said in a peculiar voice: 'Do you dare do it?'"

"What?" I said I.

The Formula for Working a Miracle. "Take an ax," he said, with his eyes closed, "go to the east side of a black oak tree, cut a chip about three inches long out of the bark, draw on the bare space thus made the figure of a female as near as you can. Take a nail and put it where the heart is. Tap it lightly, and every morning for nine days tap it again on the head. On the ninth morning drive the nail up to the head. Then make a wish with your face toward the rising sun, wish that your wife was far away and she will disappear."

"I laughed at the man and he went away, but still after he was gone I decided to try it anyhow. I did as he told me. I drew the picture of a woman with a lead pencil, and it is there now on the black oak tree near my fence, just below the house. But she did not disappear."

"A few days later the doctor came to me again as I was standing with my head out of my dogging box. He asked me if she had left me. I told him that she had not. I told him I had no faith in his cure. He then said: 'Let me do it. I told him to go ahead and I told him he could get her away I would give him \$15. Mind, though, I had no idea he meant murder. He then said again that he would send her away as far as the coast of Africa. I asked him how he would do it, and he said he would tie a note with a string to a bird's body and set the bird free and then my wife would go too. I asked him when he would get her away and he said: 'Oh, by May, at the latest.'

Not a Blood Stain Found. "I kind of laughed at him again, but told him I would give him \$15 if he did it. He came to me again and wanted to borrow \$10 on account, but I would not let him have it. I told him to send her away and he would get the money."

"I believe this man killed my wife for the \$15."

The fact that the woman's blood was not to be seen is explained now. It Hamilton's story is true. The black art doctors, the negroes say, often cut animals' throats to get every drop of blood in their bodies to use it in their spells, without spilling one drop of it."

A nail was found driven up to the head in a tree near Hamilton's house. It was driven in a place which looked as if it had been cut out with an axe within the last six months. The man, Hamilton says, who offered to do away with the wife for \$15 by means of the black art, is a man known as Dr. Johnson, who lives in a cottage in the woods near Little Neck."

Dr. Johnson's wife was seen this afternoon. She said that she and her husband knew Hamilton and his wife, and that as far as she knew her husband did not know anything about black art. She says that her husband was at home sick in bed all Sunday afternoon and evening. It was apparent from what was said by several natives at Great Neck this afternoon that they heard that Johnson was suspected of having something to do with the murder. Johnson himself left his home early this morning to go to Flushing, saying that he expected to return on the 12 o'clock train, but at 4 o'clock he had not returned to his home. Johnson's wife does not know how he got the title of doctor, and he is known about the country and among the colored people as a queer man."

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LATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

—Famine exists on the northern coast of Newfoundland.

—The Spanish Premier feasted United States Minister Grubb yesterday.

—Smallpox has broken out in Chicago, and citizens are resorting to wholesale vaccination.

—A flood threatens Marseilles, Ill., and the existence of every manufacturing plant in the place.

—President Palacio, of Venezuela, has assumed the offensive by sending an army against the rebels.

—Indians in the newly-opened Oklahoma lands are so ugly that troops have been dispatched to protect settlers.

—Bombs were thrown at the mail train running from Peish to Temevar, Tuesday, and three passengers were injured.

—The tornado which struck Northwestern Missouri Tuesday was attended by loss of life. Many persons saved themselves by taking refuge in cellars and cyclone caves.

—The Viceroy of Wu Chang, China, has received a secret edict ordering him to send an expedition to arrest the author of the anti-republican placard, the notorious Tao Tai Ghuban, the guiding spirit of the anti-foreign movement.

—The steamer Robert Lawson struck a snag at Breeden's Landing, Ark., Monday night and sank in 18 feet of water. She had aboard 10,000 bushels of corn and 100 bales of cotton, all of which was lost. A negro fireman was drowned.

—Two hundred and fifty guests of the Hotel Thorndike, Boston, were aroused from their beds and were considerably excited at an early hour yesterday morning by a fire in a store under the hotel, which filled the hotel rooms with smoke.

—The Conservative and Republican organs of Paris are urging a modification of the French press laws that will enable the Government to prevent the publication of articles inciting to crime. The revolutionary press has indignantly rejected the proposition.

—The sub-committee of the Joint House and Senate Committee on Immigration was to have held a session yesterday morning in the Federal building, New York City. After a few members of the committee got together they decided to hold no session, but adjourned to meet in Washington on Friday.

—The police of Brussels Tuesday searched the lodgings of a suspect named Beaulieu, and found cartridges and a quantity of dynamite. Beaulieu then made a confession and incriminated a number of other anarchists, who were arrested yesterday. The police have discovered evidence of a formidable conspiracy, the headquarters of which is in Liege.

—A battle occurred near Stillwater, Okla., Tuesday between nine horse thieves and a posse of citizens from Okfusko. A heavy storm came up, under cover of which the thieves escaped. One member of the posse, named Sturmer, was shot and killed, and the thieves left one man wounded on the field and one dead horse. The posse is still on the trail and news of another battle is expected.

—The designer of the presiding officer's chair for the Republican National Convention Hall is W. C. Corner, of West Superior, Wis. The chair will be of oak, with rich and elaborate carvings. The national cost-arms will be upholstered in leather on the back, surmounted by a shield having a view of St. Anthony's Falls. The shield will be supported by an intricate piece of carving representing kernels of wheat.

—The report of the World's Fair Committee on Legislation recites that Chicago has done her duty in subscribing \$10,000,000, providing a site for the Fair and doing everything possible to advance the work. The whole matter now rests with Congress. Eight millions of dollars are necessary to complete the work. The board guarantees that Chicago will subscribe \$3,000,000, if necessary, of this amount, and Congress ought to make an appropriation to cover the balance.

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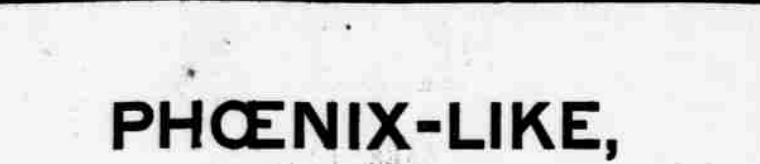
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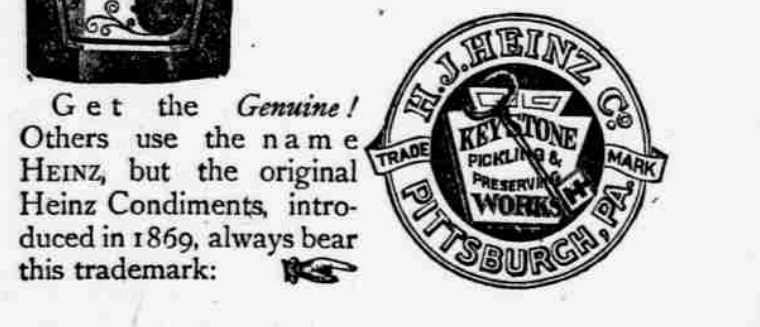


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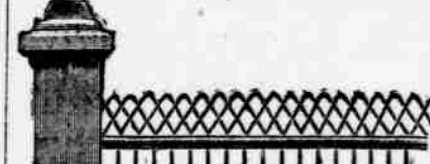
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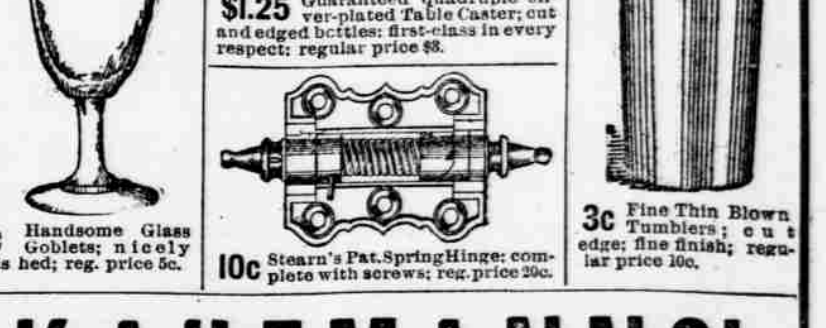
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