

CITY BULLETIN.

HORRIBLE BUTCHERY.

A MAN MURDERS HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN.

HE THEN DROWNS HIMSELF.

DETAILS OF THE FRIGHTFUL TRAGEDY.

In a late edition of the BULLETIN of yesterday it was briefly announced that a woman and two children had been found murdered at a house, No. 815 Judson street, in the Fifteenth ward.

The victims of this horrible affair were Mrs. Isabella E. Blackstone, wife of James L. Blackstone, and her two children, Lee and Catherine Blackstone. Mr. Blackstone was a member of the firm of Funston & Blackstone, picture-frame manufacturers, doing business at No. 912 Market street.

Mr. Funston received the following despatch from Selah Lee, father of Mrs. Blackstone, who resides at Madison, Connecticut: "I have received a letter from James that his wife and children are killed. Telegraph immediately."

Mr. Funston immediately went to the house, No. 815 Judson street, a small thoroughfare running north from Brown street, west of Twenty-third. The front was entirely closed up.

Several rings at the door-bell failed to get a response. Mr. Funston then proceeded to the Ninth District Police Station House, at Twenty-third and Brown streets, and exhibited his despatch to Sergeant Atkinson. Policeman Eli F. Newman was detailed to investigate the affair.

The shutters of the kitchen window were found bowed. The officer opened them and looked in. He then saw the murdered family lying upon the floor. The body of Mrs. Blackstone was lying about two feet from the range, her head to the south and her feet to the north, the body being straight, one leg drawn up, as were her dress and skirts.

Behind the head was a triangular wound, made by the corner of the blunt part of the axe; the bone was depressed and fractured; on the right cheek there was also a slight contused wound.

The body of the child was next examined. On the upper part of the right side of the forehead a blow had been given with the head of the axe that had broken through the skin, and driven one piece through the skin on the left side of the forehead; on the other side of the front part of the head was another contused wound of a similar character.

After the tragedy was enacted, Blackstone did not seek in any manner to cover up the terrible crime. He stepped back into the kitchen, however, and after placing the bodies in the positions in which they were found, he went to the sink, took a small rag, and, with the aid of his fingers, cleaned his hands of their red stains.

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Dr. Shapleigh, the Coroner's Surgeon, was soon present at the house, and first made an examination of the body of Mrs. Blackstone. The wounds were found to have been made by the sharp part of an axe; there was a gash through the middle of the chin, extending to the right and downwards four inches, and 2 1/2 inches deep, severing the root of the tongue, jaw-bone, &c.

VIOLENT ASSAULT.—Philip Maguire, residing at No. 970 North Delaware Avenue, was before Alderman Toland this morning, upon the charge of having assaulted his nephew in a brutal manner.

A DOUBLE ASSAULT.—William Anderson, Thomas McOully and George Miller went to the house of Patrick Murphy, No. 1812 Wood street, last night. While there they raised a disturbance, and it is alleged, beat Murphy and his wife.

BROKEN HER LEG.—Ellen McCabe, aged fifty years, fell down stairs at her residence, No. 611 South Front street, last evening, and broke her leg. She was taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital.

OPENING OF THOS. KENNEDY & BROS.' NEW STORE.—We have already predicted in these columns that the completion of Messrs. Thos. Kennedy & Bros.' new marble store, No. 729 Chestnut street, would introduce a new era in Philadelphia business of Philadelphia, and today our prediction in this regard is to be fully realized.

THE KEY-NOTE of the Spring trade at Oak Hall is struck in the advertisement which has been in our columns this week. It is to be a "lively and successful sale."

IMPORTANT DECISION.—By reference to a card in our advertising columns of to-day, it will be seen that the Examiner at the Patent Office at Washington has decided that the Boston and Philadelphia Salt Fish Company have the exclusive right to manufacture desiccated codfish under the Patent pending.

FINE ARTS.—The extraordinary art sale of American oil paintings and crystal medallions belonging to the American Art Gallery, N. Y., will commence this evening, continuing tomorrow and Friday evenings, at Scott's Art Gallery, 1029 Chestnut, by B. Scott, Jr., Auctioneer.

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KID GLOVES! KID GLOVES! At their ONE-PRICE DEPT. A. & J. B. NORTON BROS., No. 23 North Eighth street, Goods and Notions, have received this week, direct from Paris, 4,000 dozen Kid Gloves, manufactured expressly for them in Paris. They offer special inducements.

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DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS AND CATARRH.—J. J. MANN, D. Professor of the Eye and Ear, treats all diseases appertaining to the above members with the utmost success. Testimonials from the most reliable sources in the city can be seen at his office, No. 608 Arch street. The medical faculty are invited to accompany their patients, as he has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted. No charge made for examination.

SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS and druggists' sundries. SHOWN & BROTHERS, 23 South Eighth street.

BUCHU.

[From Dispensatory of the United States.]

BIOFORMA CRENATA—BUCHU LEAVES.

PROPERTIES.—Their odor is strong, diffusible and

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MEDICAL PROPERTIES AND USES.—Buchu leaves are gently stimulant, with a peculiar tendency to the Urinary Organs.

They are given in complaints of the Urinary Organs, such as Gravel, Chronic Catarrh of the Bladder, Morbid Irritation of the Bladder and Urethra, Disease of the Prostate Gland, and Retention or Incontinence of Urine, from a loss of tone in the parts concerned in its evacuation.

It is especially true of the most complete and graceful ornaments to the mercantile architecture of our city. Yesterday we visited the various departments of the building, and were charmed, not only with the superb finish and arrangement of the building, but with the elegant stock of Bonnets, Hats, and Millinery Materials that he therein displayed.

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