

DREAMS AS EVIDENCE.

THRILLING MURDER TALES RECORDED IN THE OLD LAW BOOKS.

Peculiar Actions of a Disinterred Corpse. One Man Dreams of a Crime Before It Is Committed—A Mother Sees Her Son Killed and Avenges His Death.

Law reports of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries contain numerous references to supernatural occurrences in connection with the scaffold. One of the most remarkable records of this kind is connected with a murder trial which took place in England early in the reign of the first Charles. Sir John Maynard, one of the first lawyers of the century, is the authority for the supernatural events of the trial and in his quaint preface to his notes he says he thought good to report the evidence which was given, which many did hear, that the memory thereof might not be lost by miscarriage of papers or otherwise.

One Johan Nerlett, a farmer's wife, had died, and at the coroner's inquest evidence was given proving that the woman's throat had been cut from ear to ear. At first the jury favored a verdict of felony de se, and the body was interred; but rumors became general pointing to foul play, and the body was exhumed. Ten days after the death the jury assembled before the body, and four suspected persons were brought in. The only evidence against the prisoners was that they slept in an adjoining room, and that no one had passed that room "therefore, if she did not murder herself, they must be the murderers."

What took place at the remarkable post mortem inquiry may best be described in the words of a witness at the subsequent trial, who was described as "an ancient and grave person, minister to the parish where this murder was committed." "The estimable gentleman," says the witness, "did touch the dead body wherever upon the brow of the dead, which was before a livid and carion color, began to have a dew or gentle sweat arise upon it, which increased by degrees till the sweat ran down in drops upon the face, the brow turned and changed to a lively color, and the dead eyelids opened and shut it again, which she did three several times. She likewise thrust out the tongue or raised her finger three times, and pulsed it in again, and the finger dropped blood on the floor."

Naturally enough such remarkable evidence as this received with some suspicion by the court, although the witness, to again quote Sir John Maynard, "was a reverend person about 60 years of age, as could be guessed. His testimony was delivered gravely and temperately, but to the great admiration of the auditory." Ample confirmation of an obscure, but a parish character, was, however, forthcoming, and the "admiration" turned to horror, so much so that the prisoners were convicted, and two of them suffered death at the hand of the common hangman. Neither the victims, one of whom was an aged woman, nor the accused, upon whom to confess any suspicion in the crime.

SAV THE CRIME IS A MURDER. In 1871 an Irish murderer was convicted largely upon dream evidence. A Waterford publican named Rogers dreamed one night that he saw a man murder another man on a green spot on the summit of an adjoining mountain. He was able next day to describe both men with perfect accuracy, and did so to many of his friends. One of the men was exceptionally strong, the other weak and puny; but to the latter was, in the vision, committed the murder. Rogers pursued the parish priest to compel him to let him see the spot, which he found without difficulty, but where there seemed to be no traces of a murder or a struggle. Hence Rogers got rather laughed at. Next day, however, two men entered the public house and Mrs. Rogers at once recognized them from her husband's description as the heroes in the vision. Much alarmed she fetched her husband, who was also certain they were the two men.

When they rose to leave Rogers begged the one he expected to be Rogers to remain, but without avail. He nearly fainted with fright when the man left, and finally persuaded a neighbor to accompany him to the green spot on the hill, where, sure enough, the tragedy of the dream had taken place in reality. The murderer was tracked and caught, and Rogers was the principal witness. His recital of his dream was so vivid that the prisoner at his own confessed, adding that he killed his victim exactly as foretold in the dream. The weapon used was a knife, and as eight stabs were seen by Rogers in his dream, the murderer admitted that he drew his knife up to the handle in his companion's body exactly that number of times.

A woman named Kraeme appeared before a Frankfurt justice and asked to be sworn, as she had valuable information about a crime committed in a remote village in Russia, many days' journey from her German home. The story she told the justice was this: Ten years before her own son had left home. She heard nothing of him, and had no idea at all where he was living until the night before, when his spirit appeared to her and told her what she now hastened to relate. The revelation was that after leaving home the young man had wandered about Europe till he had finally found permanent work in the village of Klaf, in Russia. Here he had fallen in love with a girl's daughter who had a Russian beau. On the preceding night this latter had inveigled the young Teuton into the country, where he had stabbed him and then concealed the body in a cave off the highway.

The justice knew that his informant was poor and had never been outside of her native town, and he was so struck with the vividness of her description, of victim, assailant and location that he forwarded it to a notary in Klaf. Mountain Carl Kraeme had been missed, and on the receipt of the dream, after the police hunted for the cave, found it exactly as located, and also found the body with a wound corresponding with that described in the vision. The murderer was at once arrested, and the Widow Kraeme undertook the long journey to avvenge her son's death. Her recital in court was vivid in the extreme, and she screamed with fright when she first saw the prisoner, whom she identified and picked out from among a crowd of men in a dimly lighted cell. She also identified the woman who was at the bottom of the trouble.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Hints for Parlor Eloquence. Commence by reading aloud. "To do this well is in itself worth a good deal of effort, and you need never be without an audience. Read the paper to father in the half hour just before tea when he has come home "all tired out." Read to mother while she sews; she will be glad to hear anything good, and you will perhaps find in her what every young elocutionist needs—a just but kindly critic. And while you read think. Be sure you are bringing out the author's thoughts correctly. If not quite satisfied with the way you have read a passage put a mark on the margin, and when you reach the end look back and try it again till you are sure of it.

In reading, the voice should be pitched moderately low, but every word must be enunciated distinctly. Unless you are on your feet while reading, keep your feet on your chair and keep the back straight, which will enable you to breathe slowly and deeply. In reading and elocution, as in singing, it is important to take breath in such places and in such quantities that the voice will remain full and round until the sense is complete. No gasps must occur in the middle of a sentence, and there should be no hurrying toward the end because the breath is nearly out. As to where one should take breaths while reading there is no rule but the infallible rule of common sense; your hearers should never know just when you do it.

Choose for public reading or speaking pieces suited to your voice and ability. Many a young elocutionist has come to grief and failure merely on account of a mistaken ambition. It may be in your power to keep an audience raptling with delight when you would be a disaster as a portrayer of deep passion and high tragedy. It is far better to do simple things well than to sow disappointment for yourself by attempting selections to which you cannot do justice.—Edna Warwick in Ladies' Home Journal.

American Title Hunting. Our professional genealogists have found out that it is far easier to establish a connection with some foreign family of repute and to appropriate their honors and insignia than to manufacture outright. Thus our Maggins has been successfully styled on to the English family of De Murga, our Taylors to Taylours, our Seamers to Seymours and St. Maurs, and our Mallins to De Moullins. In general these transformations and affiliations have been effected without exciting comment or criticism, but not always. An American family bearing a name famous in English history and exalted in one branch by a dual title concluded that similarity of surname gave them an equal right to the heraldic belongings of the family, and assumed the escutcheon, supporters and all.

Why Indians Don't Farm. It seems that no amount of explaining will ever suppress that inevitable question of "Why do the Indians not farm?" But, to treat the thing seriously, I will explain that a part of the Indian territory in the farming country, and is inhabited by the remnants of the eastern tribes, who do farm to some extent. The Cherokees, Comanches, Kiowas and Arapahoes live west of the river belt, and it is exceptional when a crop can be raised in four years. That seems to be reason enough to deter white men from farming there, and it ought to be at least account for the Indians' lack of success.

These parts of Kansas and Texas lying north and south of these reservations are not regarded as farming countries. On certain parts of the Sioux reserve crops might be raised, but on the greater area of it no results can be attained without irrigation. The northern Cherokees could not farm for the same reason, though the Crozes are more fortunate situated, as in the bottom of the Little Big Horn can be irrigated at a trifling expense.—F. Remington in Harper's Monthly.

The Government's Credit. A most beautiful crucifix of solid gold rests in a carmelian case. It was found in one of the southern postholes at the close of the war, and was marked "Uncle Sam." It had been sent, probably by some patriotic mother to her son who perished on the field of battle or in the hospital. There was no name attached, and nothing to tell the story. Near it, partially concealed in a little envelope, is a lock of dark brown hair. An inscription in a person's hand reads: "This contains my hair. Charles G. Guitman." It was put into the mails by the murderer of President Garfield, with out any address, just as it appears in the cabinet.—Washington Cur, St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Sympathetic Organs. Nature often shows her kind helpfulness by bringing healthy organs to the relief of diseased ones.

If one kidney loses its functional power, the other will enlarge and do the work of both. If the liver is weak or less efficient, the vessels of the skin may refer to their aid, and pour out on the surface what would otherwise cause fatal blood poisoning. On the other hand, when the pores are stopped by a chill the kidneys come to the rescue and do a large part of the skin's work. This explains why it is so dangerous for the sufferer from diseased kidneys to take cold.—Youth's Companion.

Discovery of Electro Gilding. The art of electro gilding was discovered in 1805 by Brugnatelli, a pupil of the illustrious Volta; and only superseded the old unwholesome method of gilding by mercury, but placed the use of gold within the reach of the poorer classes. The extremely small quantity of gold which can thus be made to cover uniformly a large surface of some other metal to which it adheres firmly and resists ordinary friction gives to the gilt object the external appearance and the properties of pure gold.—Chambers' Journal.

Furrows on the Finger Nails. Nearly twenty years ago Dr. Wilks directed attention to the curious fact that a transverse furrow always appears on the nails after a serious illness. Medical men ignored what they called the visionary opinions of Dr. Wilks, giving the matter but little attention in their medical works. Recently a new interest in the subject has been revived and pathological societies have begun an investigation. One remarkable case shows nail furrows caused by "new dyes" sickness.—St. Louis Republic.

UNCLE WILLIAM'S PICTURE. Uncle William, last July, Had his picture took, "I have it done, of course," says I, "Just the way you look!"

"All dressed up, he was, for the occasion on a jubilee, The Old Gilters he took— Look! he had it done!"

"I do wish I could and begged and plead, Beneath her mother's hand, 'Do he a' cough and shake his head At all argument; 'What you'll think and say, 'What my illness meant to, hey, Now, with mother came away, From us, like she went!"

"But we'd a pocket round, tell us 'Gilt is figured down, 'We'd get it him, Lile and me, 'Bring it home; 'Dragged how well it looked, and dashed Up around the face, and treated With the morning air, and treated 'His coat collar down."

All so presidential, Why, Now he's dead and gone, Picture pears so life-like I, 'Want to start him on 'Thou old take he just to tell And old talks, so social, And old songs he sung so well 'To his wife was gone!"

"Face is sad to Lile, and they's 'Borrow in the eyes— 'Kisses it sometimes, and lays 'I away and cries 'I smooth down his hair, and 'Tow 'Is it happy, say now— 'Beh's with mother now— 'Smile and wipe my eyes. —James Whitcomb Riley in Century.

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