

# PITTSBURGH POST.

## NO MURDER, AFTER ALL!

Much as this anecdote amused us (and did several other eminent ecclesiastics of the time) we were told to me by the son of one who lived in the last century, it did not clear up the mystery which had taken so firm a hold of our imaginations. George the first, however, and his companion had alluded; nor the burden of the story I had just heard. "The deed" had been done "in the Star."

I could have listened to the discourse of these gentlemen for the whole day, and wished in my heart that the train was coming. I turned those usually distant terms, but, alas! we had arrived at the platform, and the conductor put his head into the carriage in which we were seated, and uttered those usually welcome, but upon this occasion, horrible words, "Ticket please, gentlemen!" On alighting from the carriage, an old friend of mine, and the English gentleman, my friend, a literary man, one of the most distinguished of the time, to whom I had been introduced by George the first, and his companion, offered me a seat in it, which I gladly accepted.

"Who are those gentlemen?" I asked. "Do you not know them?" "I do not know them," I answered. "I met them yesterday at Windsor, and spent a very pleasant evening in their company, but I did not know the name of either of them."

"Is it possible?" I exclaimed, looking round the old room with the greatest interest imaginable. "It is the very house, sir," said the English gentleman. "Yes, this is the room in which Sir John Falstaff lay, and which he received the fatal wound which Master Brook then struck him, and which was the cause of his death. The house was the property of Falstaff's family, and it was here that he died."

"Yes, here we are," said the German, opening the door, "we are 'Shakespeare Room in the Garner Inn.' See another room in the Garner Inn. 'Doctor Gains' here is mine host of the Garner Inn. He is a most interesting man, and I am very glad to see you. My chambers are honorable Falstaff's."

"On the following morning we arose early, and had another look over the premises and the streets, in one of which one of the scenes in *The Merry Wives of Windsor* took place. We went to the Water Bridge, and had a look at the tower, and the German gentleman confirmed the conversation almost entirely. Shakespeare was a native of Stratford-upon-Avon, and it was there that he was born, and it was there that he died. He was a most interesting man, and I am very glad to see you. My chambers are honorable Falstaff's."

"That with reference to *The Merry Wives of Windsor*, I have already described, and in which, at one time or another, Shakespeare had doubtless often taken a night's rest."

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