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AUNT ANNALS SECRET

CHAPTER VIII. At ten o'clock a carriage drew up before the residence of the late banker, and from it descended Sheriff Cobb, Deputy Lanning and Spears and their prisoner. The coroner and his jury of six chosen men were already convened in the library, and to that room the officers at once repaired with the prisoner.

I know, gentlemen, said the coroner, "what you desire to question the servants." "Of what use?" said Sellers; "their statements would not be evidence. Here is Uncle Duke. He had been in bed two hours, and he knows nothing about the matter that has not already been told. Adam sleeps in the barn. Hannah did not even know Robert Campbell was in the house."

CHAPTER IX. The prisoner's sister and a number of other ladies were on the floor above with the bereaved daughter of the murdered man. Sheriff Cobb stationed Lanning at the front door of the residence, with orders to admit no one else to the house without his approval.

CHAPTER X. When all was in readiness the sheriff threw open the door leading to the chamber of the murdered man and the jury viewed the remains.

CHAPTER XI. The coroner administered the oath, and as Herman Craven's name was merely a repetition of the words he used on the night of the murder, in the presence of the sheriff, Dr. Norcum and Detective Dobbis, it is useless to chronicle it fully here.

CHAPTER XII. "Are you certain, Mr. Craven," asked Arthur Dobbis, "that the cries you heard emanated from the lips of your uncle?" "Absolutely certain," was the reply. "It is impossible that I could be mistaken there. And those two words I supposed indicated that he had been seized with a sudden attack of acute pain from which he sometimes suffered. His rheumatism was of the inflammatory order. When my cousin and I entered the room he was gasping for life. His murderer stood by our heads with that bloody knife that Coroner Field has, clutched in his hand."

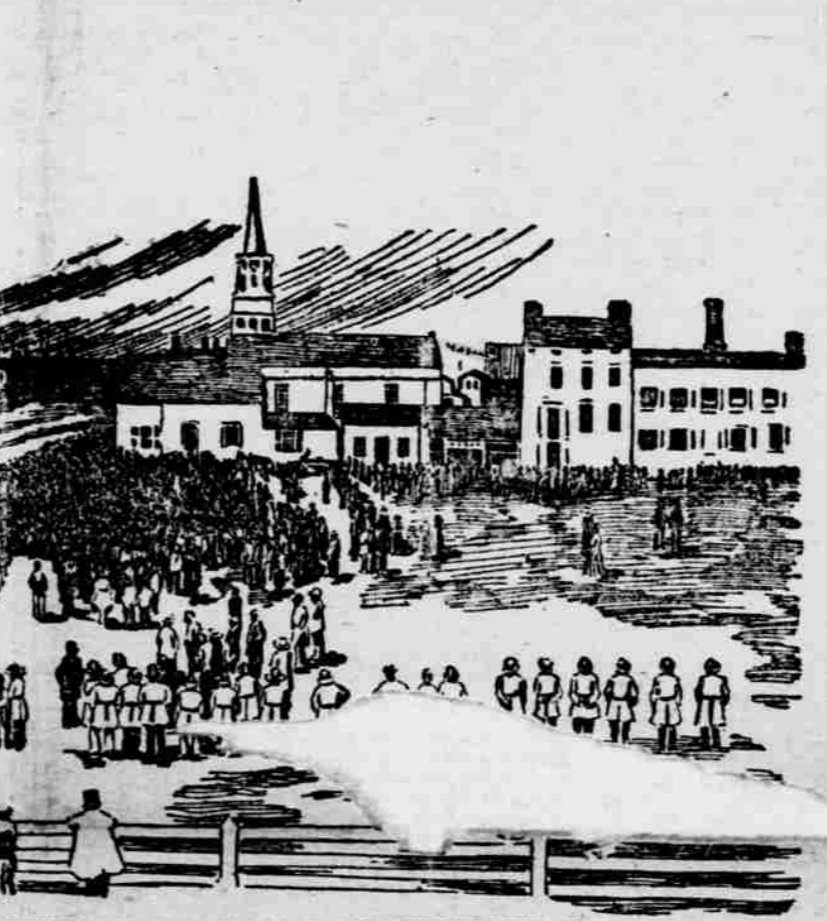
CHAPTER XIII. "Did you not see your uncle informed you that he was expecting him, and with money with which to take up a certain note?" "He had not."

CHAPTER XIV. "What do you know of a bag of coin, that the prisoner has informed me he brought with him to redeem this note?" "Nothing, sir; nothing whatever. I know that after the murder he had possession of that note, and that the note bore the indorsement, 'Paid this eighteenth of August, 1899, by the late Herman Craven, to whom my uncle's signature was attached. I know not how he obtained it.'"

CHAPTER XV. "Did not some other hand have thrust that blood-stained note into your uncle's chamber, you say, were raised?" "They were, my uncle, presumably, had left them so to admit the breeze."

FIREMEN IN THE '40S.

THE CHICAGO FORCE IN OLD VOLUNTEER DAYS. First of the Hand Engines Parade on the 1st of June in the Hall of the Year 1844-Old Signs in the Pioneer Times.



CHICAGO'S FIRST FIRE DEPARTMENT PARADE, SEPTEMBER, 1844. Scene is at Washington and Clark streets on the present site of the city and county buildings--Universalist Church on the left and Baptist in the middle background.

pairs of muscular arms the water was drawn rapidly into the box from the stream and thrown with great force through the hose. Strife between the various companies for the honor of throwing the highest stream was ever hot and bitter. The men of the Chicago Fire Department were not only men of high character, but they were also men of high courage and high ability. They were men of high courage and high ability. They were men of high courage and high ability.

Department Parade in 1844. It was to celebrate the arrival of one of these old-fashioned engines, the first real fire fighting machine to be used in Chicago, that the department was called out for parade and inspection in 1844. Nobody seems to remember the exact date, but the review probably took place some time early in the fall. The department then consisted of three companies. One of these was the Fire King, No. 1, to which was assigned the custody and use of the engine.

Track and Turf. John D. Gillett, of Adams, N. Y., has bought for J. H. H. Outwalt, Jr., a male foal of year-old mare for a sum of \$1,000. The well-known trainer and driver John Kinney, has engaged with Penn State University, Harrisburg, Pa., to train and drive the horse owned by Edward Winters.

Modern Solomon's Judgment. The Modern Solomon's Judgment, at Aleppo has been called upon to decide a case which strongly recalls Solomon's famous judgment. By a strange coincidence a woman and her husband both gave birth to a female child at the same time. But the babies got mixed, and as one of them was ugly and the other pretty and healthy, both mothers claimed the latter. The elder woman maintained that, as all her other children were handsome, the ugly child could not be hers, while the daughter claimed that, being young, handsome and strong, she could not be the mother of a weak and ugly babe.

Scene on Courthouse Square. This parade was held on the court house square, the site of the present city and county building. It was held on the 1st of June in the Hall of the Year 1844-Old Signs in the Pioneer Times.

SERMON BY Rev. Dr. Caimage

Subject: Small Announcements--We should strive to be cheerful and contented in our lives--With the Help of God's Grace Petty Grievances Become Blessings. (Copyright, Louis Knecht, 1899.)

Wanderer, D. C.--This sermon by Dr. Caimage deals with a subject which appeals to all classes and conditions of men. It is a sermon which is full of wisdom and which will do much to lift the soul of the hearer. It is a sermon which is full of wisdom and which will do much to lift the soul of the hearer.

Swindled Forty Lawyers. Everybody is laughing in New York at the success of a rogue in swindling forty lawyers. His mode of operating was to retain lawyers to prosecute a broad company for fictitious injuries, agreeing to divide the proceeds on the strength of such retainer or borrow small sums of money. Cheating a lawyer is regarded as a remarkable feat of ingenuity, much as the Yorkshire waggoner regarded the feat of Nicholas Nickleby, when a scholar, in thrashing a schoolmaster who was famous for flogging his pupils. The honest waggoner gave Nicholas a guinea

HOME FOR INEBRIATE WOMEN. Lady Somerset Makes New Departure at Duxhurst Retreat. In her home for inebriate women at Duxhurst, England, Lady Henry Somerset has put into operation several new plans which are expected to assist in the cure of those whom she calls her "patients." In the summer-time a number of occupations have been provided which will keep the patients employed out of doors. The farm

ETRAVAGANT DRESS IN ENGLAND. Members of the nobility in England make a great deal of pocket money by writing for the papers and magazines. One of these writers is Lady Violet Grenville, and according to her, the American women are responsible for the extravagance of English women today. Ten or fifteen years ago, she says, the American women, "fragile, beautiful creatures, appeared in England, unbecomingly dressed, and beautifully coiffured, and society succumbed to them. That was the end of dinner dresses that lasted for years and trousseau gowns that were worn for a lifetime. Then was the beginning of the modern dress, and the English woman was patriotic--that was the way Lady Violet puts it--and was not to be outdone by the Yankee millionaires, and she took to good gowns.

Rev. Self-Denial. Arthur--Miss Sweetest came mighty near accepting me last night. Harry--That so? Arthur--I asked her if she cared enough to marry me, and she said yes, indeed, but there were times when she would practice self-denial--Boston Transcript.

New York is said to have 7,500 barber shops and 25,000 barbers. A whole of average size yields about 2,000 gallons of water a day. Use temperance times and desire eternal life. The true moment at which to call upon one's self to take any new step in virtue is at the fainting point, when it would seem so easy to drop all and give up all; when, if you do not, you make of yourself a power.

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