

Then came the scaling. Then came the plea of the insufficlency of circumstantial evidence and the efforts of influential relatives. These so worked upon the court that the judge delayed the sentence of death until the prisoner should be inhety-nine years old. It was ordered that the culprit

It was ordered that the culprit should be released on his own recognizance and that, pending the final excention of his sentence, he should keep

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a hangman's noose about his beek and show himself before the judges of Catskill once a year to prove that he wore his badge of infamy and kept his crime in mind. It was a more cruel decision than the sentence of immediate death would have been, but it was no doubt in harmony with the spirit of the times.

Thus Ralph Sutherland Ilved. He always lived alone. He seldom spoke. His rough, imperious manner had gone. Years followed years. At each session of the court the broken man came before the bar of justice and silently showed the noose that circled his neck.

At last his ninety-ninth year came, the time when the court had ordered executed. For the last time the man tottered before the judge's benc... t new judges had arisen in the land new laws had been maile, old crimes had been forgotten or .iven, and there was none who w ad accuse him or execute sentence. acced the him or execute sentence. acced the awful restriction that had boy this life so intimately to the ergartica of his crime was now legally removed. But the spirit of self punishment continued, and when Sutherland, after he had passed his hundredth year, was discovered dead, alone in his house, his found to be encircled by throat was the rope which had been placed there nearly three-quarters of a century be-

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