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While waiting for the verdict the prisoner appeared somewhat nervous, the color coming and going in his face by turns. His attorneys, Messrs. Clough and Myers, showed even more nervousness than Johnson himself. They fidgeted about in their chairs, and their whole frames trembled with suppressed anxiety. When the question was asked, “Gentlemen of the Jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?” A deathlike silence fell upon the immense throng and even the rustle of the important paper was distinctly heard in the most remote corner of the room. It was a critical moment and every man fairly held his breath, but the moment the decisive words were spoken a perfect pedlam reigned Johnson's expression at the announcement of his good fortune is indescribable unless the word “pleased” would cover all. Mr. Clough's upper jaw kept time with his chin in the quiver that followed the good news, while Attorney Myers almost tied himself into a knot in trying to shake hands with everybody at once. The prisoner's family were present, and their satisfaction was not exceeded even by that of the unfortunate man himself. Take all in all the verdict gave general satisfaction, and this time Judge Mayer discharged the Jury with the thanks of the Court.

As soon as the crowd had dispersed sufficiently to permit, Sheriff Leahy returned his prisoner to jail, where he will remain until after the other indictment has been disposed of. It will be remembered that Johnson was tried only for the murder of Isaiah Colby, and that the indictment charging him with the killing of Nora yet hangs over him. It may be that the attorneys for the Commonwealth will insist on having “another whack” at this man, but it is not likely that the people will submit to it, when it is taken into consideration that the Colby murder has already cost Clinton county about \$9,000.

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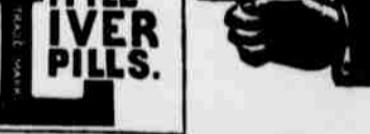
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