

Shot Dead by His Wife.

A Hagerstown, Md., despatch says: The fact that a young wife had deliberately shot her husband at Sharpsburg yesterday became known here this morning by the arrival of the lady, Mrs. Ida Estelle Benner, in custody of constable J. R. Poffenberger, and her lodgement in jail. A coroner's jury yesterday found that her husband came to his death by a gunshot wound produced with a gun in her hands.

The scene of the tragedy was the lodge-keeper's residence at the Antietam National Cemetery, which is located on the celebrated battle field, just outside the town of Sharpsburg, twelve miles from here. Here Mrs. Benner and her deceased husband, Thomas H. Benner, who was employed in assisting to keeping the cemetery in order, resided with the keeper, Lieutenant Geo. A. Haverfield, as their boarder. Several times recently Benner, who was of a very jealous disposition, has quarrelled with his wife about the Lieutenant, and she in consequence avoided his society as much as possible.

On Saturday night Benner came with the Lieutenant shortly before twelve o'clock and went to the room where his wife was sleeping. He did not, however, go to bed, for when his wife came down in the morning, between half-past seven and eight o'clock, she found him lying on the floor in the back room, with all the doors open. He at once commenced quarrelling with her, accusing her of being unfaithful to him with the Lieutenant, saying that he would make her confess, and if she would not he would kill her. He then went out into the kitchen and returned with a sharpened case-knife and a piece of wood about two and a-half feet long.

With the knife uplifted he advanced on his wife, threatening again to kill her. She denied having anything to tell and retreated to a corner in which there was a carbine, loaded by Benner a short time previously for the purpose of killing a dog. Picking this up she warned him to go away as she would defend herself, and as he continued to advance she discharged the gun. The load entered his left breast, above the heart, making a large hole, the skin being burnt by the powder and one of the arteries leading to the heart being severed. Benner turned at once, with the blood streaming from him, and stumbled through the doorways until near the front door, where he fell dead.

After the coroner's inquest Mrs. Benner was taken into custody, but on account of her delicate situation was not brought to Hagerstown until this morning. She and her late husband were married on the 1st of December last, having run away from home on account of the opposition of her parents to her union with him. He was about twenty-four years of age and she is about eighteen. An effort was made this morning, after her arrival here, to have her released on bail. Her counsel, Colonel H. Kyd Douglas, obtained a writ of habeas corpus and she was brought before Judge Motter, but the State's attorney, Mr. Edward Stake, not having learned anything of the matter until this morning, the examination was deferred until two o'clock on Wednesday, to enable him to ascertain the facts in regard to the shooting and summon witnesses.

Mrs. Benner in the meantime has been given by the sheriff a room in his dwelling at the jail, and is very calm. She has put on mourning for her husband, who was buried this afternoon at Sharpsburg, and says she loved him devotedly, but could not sacrifice her life to his jealous hate.

A Battle With a Circus.

The Indianapolis News says: At Leesville, Orange county, the Transatlantic circus had a performance not on the bills. Some sharpers got hold of a man by the name of Dare and tied to beat him out of his money with games, but finding that he would not gamble, snatched his money from him. Next a woman with the company stole a watch from a man and also a revolver. Then a shot was fired into the canvas, after which the showmen caught three citizens, dragged them inside the tent, lashed them to a wagon, and beat them nearly to death, and then stamped upon them. By this time the citizens raised, and arming themselves with shot guns and revolvers, soon succeeded in releasing the men from the hands of the showmen. Now the battle commenced in earnest. Over one hundred shots were fired, resulting in mortally wounding four showmen and severely wounding several others. One citizen was dangerously shot.

A Knowing Dog.

The following instance of canine instinct is related by the Oglethorpe, Ga., "Echo." Several months since some person shot and fearfully mangled the leg of Ponto, a fine dog belonging to Judge Upton, and a general favorite in town. The perpetrator of the deed could never be discovered, but this week a clue was furnished by the dog. Monday Ponto hobbled down town and began to renew his acquaintance with the boys and other dogs. He evinced every manifestation of joy, and would wag his tail and look at the maimed limb when any one would condescend to him. At last a young lawyer walked up and attempted

some familiarity. The dog cast upon him a look of withering scorn, gave a sudden snap and started for home as fast as his three sound legs could carry him. This unheard of performance on the part of Ponto aroused the suspicions of the spectators—they smelt a good sized rat, and accused the attorney of doing the shooting. The evidence was too convincing. He owned up like a man, and stated that it was not he, however, who fired the unprovoked shot, but another young man with whom he was walking.

A Frightful Accident.

A terrible accident occurred at the Rod Mill, at Johnstown, Cambria county, on the 19th ult., which resulted in the horrible death of a promising young man. The victim's name was Richard O. Jones, and he lived with his step-father, Wm. S. Jones, on Market street, between Main and Vine. The accident happened at the Rod Mill, where he was employed as "sticker-in" at the finishing rolls, his work being to catch the end of the wire-rolls as they came through the rolls and guide them through the last pass before they are wound upon the spindle at the north end of the building. At quarter after 5 o'clock Saturday morning, only fifteen minutes before the usual quitting time, one of the long red-hot rods, whose end he had just inserted in his part of the rolls, became twisted as it was guided along the iron floor behind him by a boy named James Bingham. The rolls were running at the rate of four hundred and fifty revolutions per minute, and the twist caused the wire to curvet through the air, one of the loops falling over young Jones' body, just below the ribs, and drawing him down on his knees with his back against the rolls, through which the wire sped with lightning rapidity. A fellow-workman named John Devine was standing within a few feet of the victim, but was powerless to render any assistance. John Rowley seized an ax and with one blow severed the wire, but not before it had cut and burned its way through the body of the victim. The left arm was severed between the elbow and shoulder, the right between the elbow and wrist, and a portion of the back-bone was all that held the mutilated body together. His bowels were cut into small pieces and fell out in a mass on the floor. Death is supposed to have resulted almost instantaneously. There was a slight quivering of the muscles half a minute afterward, but that was all.

A few days ago the town of Greenfield, Ohio, was thrown into a state of unusual excitement by the report that the house of Squire Knuckles, for many years treasurer of Pike county, had been broken into by burglars, his nineteen year old daughter, Vina, overpowered, and the house robbed of a large sum of money.—The burglars escaped, but Miss Knuckles furnished Detective Prizer with a fair description of them, and Mr. Knuckles, unknown his daughter, gave the detective certain marks by which the stolen bills could be recognized. The detectives were completely in the dark until last Friday, when Miss Knuckles presented at the village store a bill that had been taken from the treasurer's safe. Prizer had an interview with the young woman, in the midst of which she broke down, and confessed that, actuated by a want of pocket money, and encouraged by evil companions, she had opened the safe, scattered the books and papers about the floor, and having secured the money, gave the alarm of robbery. Most of the stolen money was recovered, but the father's distress at his daughter's crime was pitiable.

In the middle of divine service at the Lancaster Presbyterian Church, on Sunday a week, the pastor asked, to the surprise of the congregation, if Philo R. Newton and Fannie M. Irving would step forward. This they did, and were made man and wife. At a church fair held in Lancaster last winter, Mr. Newton took a chance at a cake containing a wedding-ring, and was so fortunate as to obtain the prize. A few weeks ago he visited Ham-monton, New Jersey, and gave it as a pledge of his love to Miss Irving a sweet girl of eighteen years. Mr. Newton is a widower of fifty, from New York. This last capture is his fourth bride, and from the third wife he obtained a divorce in the Lancaster county courts not more than three weeks ago, the New York courts having refused to grant it.

James Shepler, alias John Brown, was arrested on the 25th ult., by a Secret Service operative at Danville, Ill., charged with having personated a revenue officer.—As such, he collected large sums of money from various persons in Illinois, Missouri and Indiana. He was tried, convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$500 and to imprisonment for two years.

At a recent wedding in California the officiating minister was a woman, the guests were all women, and the only man in sight was the groom. A female contributor to the Syracuse "Herald" looks forward to the time when these ceremonies may take place without the disturbing element at all.

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