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MYSTERIOUS MURDER.

A Hollander Accused of Killing His Wife.

Hypnotism to be Tested as a Means to Obtain Information Concerning Crime.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 9.

The Handelsblad, of this city, says that the officials who are trying to unravel the mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. De Jong have, after conferring with several eminent physicians, decided to place De Jong, the woman's husband, under hypnotic influence and thus endeavor to obtain information that will clear up the mystery.

It may be pointed out, however, that even should De Jong confess that he killed his wife, as is strongly suspected, he could not be convicted upon a confession obtained in this manner. It has been decided that two eminent physicians will try the experiment.

The story of Mrs. De Jong's disappearance has excited general interest, not only in Holland, but in England. Prior to her marriage she was a Miss Sarah Ann Juet, and her home was at Maidenhead, Berkshire. The following romantic details of her courtship, marriage and disappearance only serve to add to the deep mystery surrounding her.

Last November a young Dutchman named De Jong, who was steward on a vessel trading between the Holland ports and Middlesborough, got into trouble on board in connection, it is said, with smuggling cigars, and was sentenced to a term of imprisonment. While in confinement he became very ill and had to be removed to the infirmary at Middlesborough, where he had for his attendant Miss Juet, who, though her parents were well to do, was acting as nurse.

She was very good looking and about twenty-five years of age. She at once attracted the attention of her patient and the young pair were soon apparently in love with each other. A few days later De Jong proposed marriage and was accepted.

On leaving the hospital at the end of November he went to Holland, and the young lady did not see him again until last April, although correspondence passed between them. He then explained to her that he intended at once to marry her, and some time in May he put in an appearance at Maidenhead, when he was introduced to the girl's parents. His general behavior gave rise to no suspicion on the part of any one, but, although he indicated that he had plenty of money and that he owned a hotel in Holland, he was always mislaying or losing his purse and borrowing money from the girl's father and others. On June 15 last the young couple were married at St. Luke's church, North Town of Maidenhead.

The young man had secured a license granted by the Bishop of Oxford, but even this fact, together with the fact that he refused to invite any of his friends, created only a passing surprise. After the ceremony and just as the newly married couple were starting for the honeymoon, De Jong discovered that he had lost his purse. His bride at once gave £5 and her father wrote a check on a local bank for £20. As they drove away from the parental home the girl called out to her father that the money would be returned in a day or two, but since that time De Jong has denied ever having had the money. The young couple took a train to Paddington and stayed at the Devonshire Hotel, Bishopsgate street, London, embarking on the following day for Holland. It is known that they stopped for some days at the Sluis Hotel at Arnheim.

They were seen at other places in Holland subsequently. While they were away the parents of the girl could get no answers to letters or telegrams, and early in August the girl disappeared. The man was at Amsterdam on August 1, and there stayed in lodgings, where he speedily made the acquaintance of his hostess and her sister, Miss Maria Sybilla Schmitz. With the latter De Jong became very intimate and soon persuaded her to marry him. This is on the testimony of Miss Schmitz's sister. The pair visited London, and it is supposed that while Miss Schmitz was in London her sol-distant husband took the opportunity of running down to Maidenhead. To the consternation of everyone, De Jong walked into the Juet home. Before he could say anything the anxious mother expressed the greatest surprise that he was alone, and asked where her daughter was. De Jong who spoke English imperfectly, said: She has run away from me, and has gone off with the big American.

Consolated by his Family.

So great was his assumed grief that he was the recipient of the family's consolation, his conduct lending veracity to his tale. On August 21 a couple calling themselves Mr. and Mrs. De Jong were back in Amsterdam, where they stayed in several hotels. On August 31 De Jong and Miss Schmitz left Amsterdam for Bussum a village some distance off, and then occurs a blank. The woman has not been seen or heard of since.

Meanwhile suspicions were excited in England, and the Dutch police received a request from Scotland Yard to make enquiries as to the whereabouts of De Jong, and to place him under arrest. After a great deal of correspondence between the Dutch and English authorities, and the suspicion about his wife being strengthened by the disappearance of Miss Schmitz the Dutch police effected the arrest of De

Jong, who was encountered in a cafe.

De Jong, it is said, was well known in Holland before his escapade in England. No trace of either his wife or Miss Schmitz has been found though the police have exhausted their resources in hunting for them.

The physicians who will try the hypnotic experiment on the prisoner are Dr. Rongerthem of Amsterdam and Dr. De Jong of The Hague. The latter, though bearing the same name as the prisoner, is not related to him.

SHOES SHINED BY ELECTRICITY.

A New Style of Footblacking Introduced in a Brooklyn Shop.

On the plate glass window of a modest looking shop, about a block up from the bridge entrance, in Washington street, Brooklyn is enameled the sign, "Electric Shine 5c."

Now step up and have your shoes shined by electricity, electrocuted; as it were, shouted a vigorous-looking young man who stood beside a curious box-like arrangement. The box was four feet or so high, the same number of feet wide and a foot in width across the top. Two large oval holes were in the middle of the front of the box, and there were two others, somewhat smaller, directly under them. Iron levers were attached to the side of the structure. On the wall above the box were iron boxes supplied with cranks on which was the advice, "Pull the knob this way."

"No one seemed to have a desire to try the new-fangled machine. Finally a large red-faced man with side whiskers pushed his way through the curious crowd and sat in the arm chair placed before the apertures. Stick your boots in the large holes, advised the man in charge. With some difficulty this was done. Then the man in charge pulled the knob, and from behind a screen which reached from the box to the rear of the shop came a buzzing sound. The man pulled his feet out. Evidently there was something strange in the box.

That's all right; nothing'll hurt you, exclaimed the man in charge. Put 'em back. Soon the man took his feet out and placed them in the smaller holes. When he next took them out the shoes were highly polished, and he paid his nickel and departed amid the cheers of the crowd.

Took just a minute and a half. Any one else? said the operator. A reporter tried to push his feet into the large holes. Something pushed them back. This reporter's feet were not heavy enough to withstand the shock which they received. Put 'em in the hole again and grasp that handle, said the operator, and I'll regulate the speed a bit. The reporter braced himself and felt something swishing about his shoes.

This something was an oval brush. Inside of it is a revolving wheel. The brush first cleans the shoes. Then from a tin box within the structure liquid blacking drops down upon the shoes. The brush again comes into service and polishes the shoes. Only the sides of the shoes are polished, however. Sticking the shoes into the lower and smaller holes the toes are cleaned and polished.

Before the reporter left the store the machine was doing a rushing business. N. Y. Sun.

BLAMELESS AND BRAVE.

Report on the Dorcas-Stewart Disaster—General Notes.

Capt. W. H. Smith, of Halifax, N. S. the commissioner appointed by the Minister of Marine and Fisheries to conduct the enquiry into the loss of the steamer Dorcas and the barge Etta Stewart, has forwarded his report to the department. The wreck occurred on the Nova Scotia coast August 22nd. The report of the commissioner states that the gale was one of the most terrific that ever swept the North Atlantic. The Etta Stewart was in tow of the steamer Dorcas, and the captain of the latter seems to have held on till the very last, when by severing the tow rope he might have saved the steamer and all on board. The report of the commissioner says:—

"Had Capt. Ferguson, however, acted in such a manner and been successful in saving the steamer with those on board, he would have forever been branded as a coward when he reached the land and laid himself over to the serious charge of deliberately and wilfully sacrificing the lives of many human beings for the sake of his own. To a brave man this would have been intolerable, and it must be acknowledged that in acting as he did he displayed the genuine characteristics of a noble seaman, when, amidst the dangers of such a hurricane and wild sea, he met death at the post of duty. * * * Taking into consideration that the master of the Dorcas sacrificed his own life in his endeavor to save those on board the two vessels, due credit must be given to the actions of a courageous seaman, who displayed such heroic fortitude at the time of a most terrible emergency.—Ex.

BLOWN FROM A CANNON.

Eleven Sepoy Mutineers Killed for Murdering their Assistant Commander.

LONDON, Oct. 11.—The Calcutta correspondent of The Times says: Lahore advices state that there was a serious disturbance in Cabul before the arrival of the British Mission under Sir H. M. Durand on Monday. Malik Jan Khan, Assistant Commander-in-Chief of the army, abused a Sepoy belonging to the Herati regiment, whereupon the Sepoy's company fired a volley, killing Malik. The mutineers fled but were caught the same day. Eleven of them were blown from the cannon's mouth. All the troops were then sworn on the Koran to strict obedience of their commanders.

KESWICK MURDER.

The Investigation before Police Magistrate Marsh not yet Finished

No Damaging Evidence has yet been Produced against the Prisoner.

The preliminary examination of Edward Wheary was resumed before Col. Marsh shortly after eleven o'clock Tuesday morning. The interest in this horrible affair is unabated and the court room was again packed to its utmost capacity by a crowd that drank in everything that was said and done with a breathless anxiety. The prisoner sat very quietly in his place and gave strict attention to Prof. Woodbridge, who told him in the mute language everything that the witness and the court said. He sat, holding a handkerchief in his left hand with his head resting upon it, and watched attentively, with now and then a nod of approval to the professor. The only witness examined in the morning was

Conn. Wm. Kinghorn.

Conn. Kinghorn deposed as follows: I reside in Douglas. I do not know the prisoner, I know his father, Joseph Wheary, who lives at Keswick, York County. I was at the residence of Joseph Wheary on 27th, September last. I was driving past and, hearing that murder had been committed there, I drove to the house. In the yard I met Hedley Wheary, Mrs. Carlisle and another woman, whose name I did not know, and two children. After talking with Hedley a few minutes, he took me to the shed door. He opened the door and we went in. This was about 4.30 in the afternoon. In the shed I saw, Mrs. Hedley Wheary lying dead. She lay on her back, the head turned to the left, the feet about two and a half feet apart at the very least. Her face was covered with blood and I wanted to see where the blood came from and pulled the dress down from the neck. The dress collar had been driven in where the wound was made. When the dress was removed it showed a very deep wound cut on the neck. The cut ran across the back of the neck and on the right side a pool of blood lay on the floor near her head and also one at her feet, and there was blood on the outside of the door. The door opened to the inside and when opened would be near the feet of the woman. I do not think the pool of blood at the feet, ran from that at the head. The face was covered with blood. The blood had been there some little time. I did not examine the face for any wound. The coroner had been sent for and Hedley Wheary, John Howard and myself looked around to see if we could find any weapon with which the wound could have been made, but found nothing. I left just as the coroner arrived and about an hour after returned to the place again and found that Joseph Wheary, his wife and daughter had returned home, I left again before the inquest was held, and after attending to some business I drove to Fredericton and sent the Police Officers up to Keswick:

Zopher Dunphy

of Keswick, was the only witness examined Wednesday forenoon. He stated the events of the day as far as he was concerned, and told of his journey to the coroner and for the father of the prisoner. On the night after the inquest was held he and Henry Tucker made a search of the Wheary premises to see if they could find any weapon with which the murder had been committed. After considerable search they discovered an axe hid in the woodshed belonging to Joseph Wheary's apartments. The axe was behind some boards in the shed, and had apparently been hidden there, for a board was stood up in front of it. There was blood on the blade and on the handle where it goes through the eye, and also in small dents that were in the pole of the axe. The axe was wet, as he supposed, with water and had been put there in that state, for it was a dry place where they found it. The witness identified the axe produced in court as the one found by him and Tucker in the woodshed. He also said he saw the prisoner and Hedley's little

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