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## PRESIDENTS WHO HAVE BECOME THE VICTIMS OF ASSASSINS.

The Killing of Abraham Lincoln by Booth 36 Years Ago, and the Slaying of James A. Garfield by Guiteau a Score of Years Back.

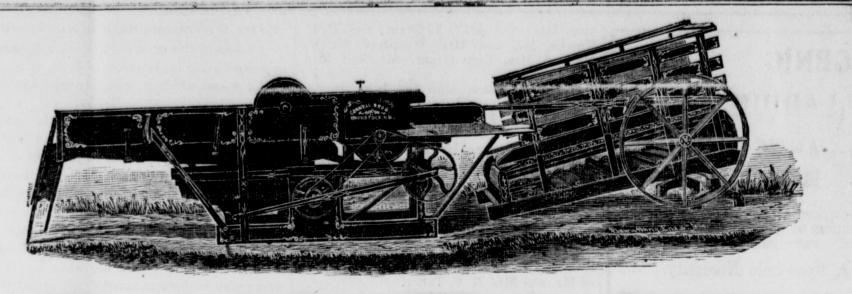
The first assassination of a President of the United States, and by far the most dramatic, was that of Abraham Lincoln, which occurred on the evening of April 14, 1865. News of the surrender of Lee had elevated the entire loyal element of the country from a state of gloom into a condition of wildest joy. Washington, filled with troops, statesmen, polititicians, and visitors, was a frenzy of victorious elation.

General Grant was in the city during the day, and the people were almost crazy with eagerness to see him and President Lincoln. The latter reluctantly consented to be present in a private box at Ford's Theatre, in Tenth street, above Pennsylvania avenue, that the people might have their desired opportunity to greet him. Grant was compelled to leave the city.

About 8 o'clock the President and Mrs. Lincoln entered a carriage and drove to the house of Senator Harris, and there were flight doubtless experienced the utmost joined by Miss Harris and Major Rathbone, a son of Mrs. Harris, who accompanied them to the theatre. Shortly before 9 o'clock, when the party entered the President's box, the entire audience arose, and for some time

there ensued a scene of wildest cheering. As the play, "Our American Cousin," was proceeding in the third act, and when only one actor, Harry Hawk, was upon the stage, the report of a pistol was heard in the direction of the President's box. The audience saw the President's head fall forward upon following the assassination, and set his his breast, and that a struggle of some nature broken leg, was sent for life to the Dry was in progress in the box. Before the first Tortugas. It was found that the conspiracy sensation of horror had passed a man appeared at the front of the President's box, leaped Grant and Vice-President Johnson, and over the rail, caught his heel in the flag that probably others. draped the box, and fell hard upon the front of the stage.

to the audience, shouted "Sic semper tyran- Washington for a brief escape from the siege nis!" and then rushed through the wings to of office-seekers.



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was found that Booth had broken his leg in his fall at the theatre, and had during his agong.

For several days Lincoln's body lay in state at the capital. On its way west to Springfield, Ill., the funeral train was everywhere met with demonstrations of deepest grief.

Apprehension of all the conspirators was a labor of a short time, and three men, Payne, Herold and Atzerodt, and one woman, Mrs. Surratt, were hanged on July 7. Dr. Mudd, of Maryland, who harbored Booth the day contemplated the assassination of General

THE MURDER OF GARFIELD.

The assassination of President James A. When he sprang to his feet more than one Garfield, the second President to die at the person in the audience recognized John hands of a murderer, occurred shortly before Wilkes Booth, a familiar figure at Washing- noon July 2, 1881, when he was shot by ton, and one of the family of great actors of Charles Guiteau at the station of the Pennthat name. Erect upon his feet, Booth turned sylvania Railroad as he was about to leave

features which surrounded the murder of Lincoln. War antagonisms played no part ple with him, but Booth tore away, reached in that murder, one of the most mexcusable the exit without further opposition, sprang and cowardly ever perpetrated. Guiteau was upon a horse waiting there for him and gal- a Chicago man, eccentric in character and loped across the bridge of the eastern branch in speech, a member of an eccentric family. of the Potomac into the open country of He went to Washington at the time of Garfield's inauguration, March 4, 1881, and immediately began a series of annoyances in his demands for office. His manner was sufficient to lead to the bring barred from the Harassed by office seekers, more harassed by the feud which had sprung up between party, which resulted in the resignation of the New York senator, occasioned first by the elevation of James G. Blaine to the office of Secretary of State, and then by the appointment of William H. Robertson to the collectorship of the port of New York, Presistarted amid the cheers of an assembled crowd, upon a first brief vacation. Cheering crowds lined the avenue on the way from the White House to the station. Arriving at the station, the President alighted from his carriage, and arm and arm with Secretary of State Blaine started through the ladies' room toward theigateway leading to the waiting Midway in this room Guiteau suddenly stepped in front of the two and holding a revolver close to the President shot the latter through the body. Secretary Blaine caught the President as he was falling. Physicians were summoned. The wound was pronounced very serious, if not fatal. The bullet could not be located, and experts could at the moment make no diagnosis of the case. The complish by assassination what war had failed President was brought back to the White House and there lay in agony, sometimes giving hope of recovery, at other times seeming to be at the point of dissolution. The most expert medical and surgical aid in the country was summoned, but at no time was

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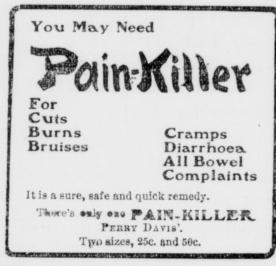
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to a cottage on the seashore at Elberon, N. The undersigned has been appointed J. Certain evidences of blood poisoning appeared on the 15th and at about 10 o'clock of the night of the 19th he died.

The body was on the 21st by special train brought to Washington, there it lay in state at the Capitol for two days, and then was taken by special funeral train to Cleveland, the exit of the theatre, with which he was The assassination had none of the dramatic where a magnificent catafalque had been





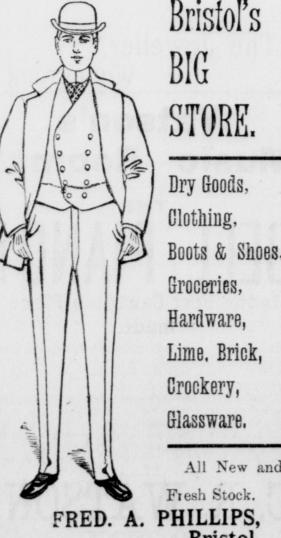
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at the base of the brain and they at once pronounced the wound fatal. The dying President was carried on a stretcher directly across the street to a pri-

vate house. in a chamber of which he died at about 7 o'clock on the morning of the 15th. Simultaneously with the tragedy at Ford's dent Garfield, on the morning of July 2, another was being enacted at the house of Secretary of State Seward, on Lafayettesquare, within a stone's throw of the White House. Seward was ill in bed, when Payne, one of Booth's circle of conspirators, penetrated to his chamber, stabbed Frederick Seward, who attempted to stop him, and plunged his knife several times into the body of the Secretary, who saved his life only train. by rolling to the floor, at the opposite side of

the bed. Payne then brushed aside young Seward and half a dozen panic-stricken servants, rushed down the stairs, took to his horse and followed Booth's tracks to Maryland.

Washington was in a panic of terror. The murder of Lincoln and the attempt upon the life of Seward suggested a conspiracy to acto gain. A cordon of military police was thrown about the city. Every man and woman upon whom a tinge of suspicion could rest was apprehended or put under close surveillance.

It was soon discovered that the plot had been elaborately hatched in the boarding house in H street, kept by Mrs. Surratt, and there were many clues secured. Booth had left the Surratt house a few minutes before the assassination, had ridden to the theatre, only three or four blocks away, tied his horse, entered the theatre unopposed, as he was well known to all the attendants, made his way to the President's box, entered, brushed aside Major Rathbone, who attempted to stop him and fired the fatal shot.

A military party was soon hot upon Booth's track, and after many thrilling incidents ran the assassin across the Potomac, and corralled him in a barn upon the Virginia side. Booth refused to come out and surrender. The barn was set on fire. Booth finally appeared, and at once was shot dead

there real hope of the patient's recovery. On Sept. 6, the President, showing some improvement, and the weather being very warm, it was determined to take the patient

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erected in the centre of Monument square. There the last rites were performed, all the members of the cabinec. a majority of Congress, all high official life at the capitol and tens of thousands of visitors being present. The body was placed in Lake View Cemetery at Cleveland, and over it is a splendid monument. One of the finest monuments at Washington is that in memory of General Garfield, erected by his old companions in arms, and situated at the foot of the Capital terrace at the foot of Maryland Avenue.

Guiteau was tried, convicted and hanged in the jail at Washington. The plea of insanity was made, the cause being alleged to be his own disappointment and the animosities engendered by the Conkling-Platt affair. Those who knew Guiteau best were convinced that the main inspiration of the assassin was a morbid, insane desire to do something which would impress his name upon history, no matter how infamous the deed. Guiteau was twice shot at during the trial, once when riding in the van to the court house and once through the jail window, both bullets missing him by a very narrow margin.

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