

DEEDS DONE BY HOLMES.

BRIEF RECORD OF THE LIFE OF A
CLEVER CRIMINAL.It Reads Like a Chapter from a Blood and
Thunder Work of Fiction, but It Covers
Only what is Really Known—There May
Be Much More Not Known.The story of the life of H. H. Holmes
is a marvelous one. From the time when
he assumed the name of Holmes—his real
one being Mudgett—to the date of arrest
is one long list of criminal acts, it one-half
that has been laid at his door is justly at-
tributed to him.His residence in Chicago, the building
of the "castle" at Sixty-Third and Wallace
streets, which were afterward used by him
as the police believe, as a charnel-house,
tend to deepen the interest felt in the
action of the jury, and although the case
has been allowed to rest quietly by the
Chicago police and press, yet daily people
visit the castle where this man carried on
his operations and recall the story of his
movements.The following is a chronological resume
of the principal developments of the in-
vestigation of this man's doings.Herman P. Mudgett, Alias H. H.
Holmes, Harry Gordon, Pratt, and How-
ard was born in Gilmerton, N. H., in
1860. At the age of 15 years he taught
school and in 1878 he entered his wonder-
ful matrimonial career by marrying Clara
Lovering at London, N. H. In 1879 he
began the study of medicine, while a clerk
in the drug store at East Concord, N. H.,
and the following year he matriculated in
the University of Michigan as a medical
student. He completed his medical course
of study in 1881.The following year, 1882, Mudgett as-
sumed the name of H. H. Holmes and
appeared for the first time as a criminal in
the role of an insurance swindler. By his
cleverness in this line he succeeded in beat-
ing an insurance company out of \$12,500
by substituting a cadaver and making false
proofs of death, to the life insurance com-
pany, of a mythical person on whom he
had had a policy written.In 1887 Holmes took up his residence in
Chicago and became a clerk in a drug
store at No. 700 Sixty-Third near the site
of the "castle."In 1888 Holmes bought the drug store
and also the property of Sixty-Third and
Wallace streets and commenced the erec-
tion of the building known as the "castle."
During this year he married Miss Myrtle
Belknap, of Wilmette, under the name of
Henry H. Holmes.In 1889 I. L. Conner applied to Holmes
for a position as a jeweler and was placed
in charge of that department of Holmes'
store. Conner, his wife, Julia L. Conner,
and a daughter, little Pearl, went to the
"castle" to live, occupying a flat on the top
or third floor, the building at that time be-
ing but three stories in height.In 1890 the fourth story was added to
the castle and the first trouble between
Conner and Holmes began.In 1891 Conner bought the drug store
from Holmes and the trouble between them
over Mrs. Julia Conner resulted in March
in a separation of Conner and his wife.
Holmes immediately installed Mrs. Con-
ner as his bookkeeper, and she became too
inquisitive, and Christmas she and little
Pearl disappeared suddenly, leaving the
breakfast table uncleaned and the room
disarranged. Holmes tells the story that
she was called to Davenport to the bedside
of a dying sister.Early in 1882 Minnie Williams, a young
lady from Fort Worth, Texas, joined a
stock company, leasing the old Fifteenth
Street Theatre in Denver, and met Holmes
under the name of Harry Gordon.In May 1893, Emeline Cigrand, an em-
ployee of the Keeley Institute at Dwight,
came to Chicago and accepted a position
as Holmes' stenographer and bookkeeper
and in December disappeared. A few
days later cards were issued announcing
her marriage to Henry E. Phelps, whose
identity is not known, but who is supposed
to have been a spy.In 1893 Minnie Williams came to Chi-
cago and became Holmes' private sec-
retary. In 1894 Nannie came to Chicago
and visited Minnie Williams and Holmes
at No. 1520 Wrightwood avenue, where
they were living.On June 30 Minnie Williams sent her
trunk to the Peik street depot and left for
Milwaukee. Nannie kept house for
Holmes during her sister's absence.July 4 she wrote a aunt at Marshall,
Texas, that Holmes had promised her a
tour of Europe. July 5 Minnie and Nan-
nie Williams were seen on Seminary ave-
nue for the last time. Holmes claimed
that Minnie returned home and in a fit of
jealousy killed her sister with a stone and
that he threw the body into the lake at the
foot of Diversey street.Aside from John Oker there is no trace
of Minnie Williams after June 30, and he
is not positive as to the exact day he saw
them on Seminary avenue, and that it
might have been June 30 or July 1.July 1 Holmes wrote a letter to John
Oker giving up the flat at No. 1220
Wrightwood avenue, the letter being re-
ceived the following day. On July 6 a
trunk was taken from that flat and late
in the day a trunk with a portion of a
female body was delivered to G. M. Chap-
pell for articulation.In November Holmes' "Castle" Building
was damaged by fire.In December he went to Indianapolis to
secure the release of B. F. Pitzel from jail,
where the latter was charged with swind-
ling, and while there had the property of
Minnie Williams, in Fort Worth, Texas,
transferred to Pitzel under the name of
Benton T. Lyman. Holmes met Miss
Georgiana Yokes and married her at
Franklin, Ind., under the name of Howard.In 1894, Holmes and Pitzel appeared at
Fort Worth under the names of O. C. Pratt
and Benton T. Lyman and operated ex-
tensively, being run out for horse stealing.
In July an insurance policy was issued
by the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance As-
sociation of Philadelphia in favor of Holmes
as trustee for the children on the life of B.
F. Pitzel. Holmes appeared in St. Louis
under the name of Howard.In September the charred remains of a
man were found in the house at No. 1316
Callowhill street, Philadelphia, rented by
Pitzel under the name of Barry. The body
was afterward identified as Pitzel and the
\$10,000 insurance paid. Later that year
Holmes took Alice Nellie, and Howard Pit-
zel from their mother to put them in school.
He was at Chicago, Indianapolis, Cincin-
nati, and finally Toronto, Canada.On Nov. 17 Holmes was arrested in
Boston on the charge of conspiracy to
defraud the Mutual Insurance Association,
of Philadelphia.July 15, 1895, Detective Geyer and the
police found the bodies of Alice and Nellie
Pitzel in the cottage cellar at No. 16 St.
Vincent street, Toronto.July 19 Mrs. Pitzel identified the bodies
as those of her children.July 22-23 blood-stained garments were
found in the house in Chicago, and a war-
rant sworn out for Holmes by Andrew
Manier charging him with the murder of
Julia Conner.On July 24 Holmes was found guilty of
the murder of Alice Pitzel at Toronto by a
coroner's jury.On July 24 part of a child's skeleton,
supposed to be that of Pearl Conner, was
unearthed at the "Castle" in this city.On July 27 C. M. Chappel threw the
police into high glee by coming to the front
with a story of articulating a skeleton sup-
posed to be that of either Nannie or Min-
nie Williams, and also that of Julia Con-
ner.In August the remain of the body of
Howard Pitzel were unearthed in the house
occupied by Holmes in Irvington, a suburb
of Indianapolis. Holmes' movements
were traced during his stay in
Indianapolis, and several damaging pieces
of evidence were discovered in connection
with the murder of Howard Pitzel.

MURKIN MAKES MONEY.

The Pedlar Editor makes a Disclosure of
His Financial Position.Shall we or shall we not have a new over-
coat this winter? The old overcoat pur-
chased from Samuel Owen in the winter of
1891 is getting worn threadbare and is
scarcely fit to stand the blasts of the ap-
proaching winter, and we find it impossi-
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keep up an office, and a household, buy
clothing and pay taxes and debts, and then
wonder that we are ragged.—Butler's Jour-
nal.

NEARLY READY FOR GOODS.

New Freight Shed of the International
Railway at Halifax.HALIFAX, Nov. 14.—The new brick
freight shed of the International railway is
800 feet long, and will be completed in
about two weeks more. It will accommo-
date the business formerly carried on at
Richmond for the D. A. R. and at the
deep water terminus. The whole Halifax
freight business is to be concentrated at
the new terminus at the foot of Cornwallis
street. It is the intention of the I. C. R. to
handle all the D. A. R. freight busi-
ness here and charge them a com-
mission for the works as is done
at St. John by the I. C. R. with the
C. P. R. It is understood the D. A.
K. would prefer to have the use of the
present freight shed at North street, when
it is vacated by the I. C. R., and handle
their own freight as they have hitherto
done at Richibucto. The I. C. R. have
the matter in their own hands, however,
and will probably centralize the entire
freight business at Halifax, under their
own direct management.As Paris' water supply gave out last
summer, it is proposed to obtain 420,000,
000 gallons a day for the city from the
Lake of Geneva. Engineers think that the
necessary works could be built in six years.
The peacock and swan were famous old

THEY HAD A BIG FIGHT.

Several Animals Took Part and they all
Got Badly Mixed Up.On the farm of Edward Paxton, at the
top of Saurland Mountain, New Jersey oc-
curred last week probably the fiercest and
strangest battle ever fought between bird,
beast, and reptile. The participants were
a gray eagle, a land turtle, a dog, two cats,
and a rooster; and the result of the battle
is two dead, two dying, and one a cripple
for life. The land turtle alone came out of
the fray unscratched. It is a thirty-five
pounder, and is kept chained to a stake
just inside the wire-circled summer yard
set apart for new broods of incubator
chickens. Its presence there is supposed to
protect the chickens from weasels, the
turtle has developed something of a tem-
per like his "snapper" brother since being
chained.Just out of the reach of Mr. Turtle one
of Paxton's black cats was lying last Sat-
urday, with a litter of kittens around her.
Beside the mother cat and old Tom lay
sunning himself. Tom has killed eight
chicken hawks in his time, Farmer Paxton
says.Suddenly there was a flapping of wings
and over the wire screen flew a big gray
eagle. The bird was evidently after an old
rooster that was in the yard; but miscal-
culating his distance, he alighted upon the
ground in the smaller, coop-like yard.
When the bird came down it struck the
mother cat's tail and instinctively closed his
talons down on it.In the twinkling of an eye the fight was
on. The cat screamed and then jumped
for the eagle's throat, which she couldn't
reach. The feathers flew, strong wings
beat the plucky cat and the screaming and
screaming were deafening. Paxton and
Joe Clendening, his hired man, rushed to
the coop. The big tomcat, the hawk-kill-
er, jumped into the fray and attempted to
seize the eagle by the throat. For his
pains he received a dig from the eagle's
beak, which tore off two inches of skin.The eagle released the mother cat and at-
tempted to get out of the pen-like coop,
but the half roof prevented his escape, and
as it again lit on the ground both cats made
for it. Nearly all the feathers were
scratched on the bird's noble breast and he
was bleeding freely. Old Tom was torn in
several places and so was the mother cat.Suddenly the eagle caught old Tom in
his talons and, as he did so, again attempt-
ed to make off. Just at this point the old
rooster was struck by the tips of the eagle's
talons, and like a gamecock, he rushed at the
eagle, who pecked him just back of the
neck, tearing open the flesh and nearly
severing the neck. Then the mother cat,
almost covered with her own blood and
that of Tom, was fighting with the eagle
single-handed. With a "Sic 'em, Pete!"
Clendening succeeded in inducing an old
dog to enter the coop. The dog joined
the battle against the eagle.During the melee the innocent turtle,
chained to the stake, had several times been
attacked upon, but apparently took no of-
fense. When Pete, the dog, joined the
fight he forced the eagle again to the turtle's
side of the coop, and still holding to the
tomcat, the bird's free leg several times
struck the turtle's head.Suddenly the head shot forth, and the
next instant the eagle's leg was seized be-
tween the bony jaws of the turtle.With a scream the bird released Tom
and turned his attention to the turtle, dis-
regarding entirely the actions of the dog
and the cat. His look made no impression
on the turtle's shell, and the latter retained
his hold on the eagle's leg. Once the
eagle rose a couple of feet in the air and
lifted the turtle clear of the ground.The bird returned to his attack on the
dog, with the result that the cur went
jumping into a far corner. Then, making
a supreme effort, the eagle broke from the
turtle, escaped from the pen, and soared
slowly and laboriously over the mountain.The fight lasted perhaps five minutes, all
told Paxton says. On entering the coop he
found the old rooster was dead, and so
was the tomcat. The mother cat was skinned
alive, and is dying. Pete, the dog, has
apparently lost an eye, and he is hor-
ribly lacerated. Paxton says that he can-
not live.The coop was strewn with eagle's
feathers and blood, and, on going near to
where the big land turtle was chained,
Paxton picked up what can be nothing else
than the foot and about an inch and a half of
leg of the eagle, which had been bitten off
by the turtle.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE TROUBLE AT ST. GRACE'S.

Account of the Cause of the Disbanding of
the Advanced "Quire."The trouble in St. Grace's choir was not
due to the soprano or the contralto, but to
a man. St. Grace's was a country church,
and so high that the congregation pre-
ferred to consider their singers as composing
a "quire," rather than a "choir;" and
every Churchman—no, every Church-
woman—knows that from "quire" to
"Rome" is but a step, and feels a delicious
thrill at the idea of danger. The quire at
St. Grace's, before the trouble began, was
composed of men and boys, and was vest-
ed; and it sang well.It sang very well except for one man.
He was a tall man, with a clean-shaven,
latter-awed face, known to the quire boys
as "Ham-and-Eggs." Why he received
this title, no one knew; but he had it, and
as no one ever called him by it to his face,
it served quite well as a name for him.
Ham-and-Eggs was rated as a basso, and
sometimes he sang as a basso. But quite
often, in the middle of a hymn or a chant,
it would occur to him to sing falsetto, andhe would sing falsetto. Once, even, in the
middle of a solo, the spirit moved him to
sing falsetto—"and he done so."Now that sort of thing would raise hob,
even in an evangelical choir; in a high
church vested quire it raised much more
than hob. The rector himself tried to per-
suade Ham-and-Eggs to settle on one voice
or another; but without avail. Then he
tried diplomacy and compromise."We've too many bases now," he urged.
"They overpower the rest of the choir. Now
what—do—you—say—to—singing—tenor?
Hey?" and he looked inquiringly yet en-
couragingly at Mr. and Mrs. Ham-and-
Eggs."Mr. H. and E. spoke first, in his deeper
base.""I will sing only with the voice God gave
me," was what he said; and his stout better
half remarked angrily:

"The mere suggestion is an insult."

Now Ham-and-Eggs had three sons,
known as "Bacon-and-Eggses" (Bacon is
not so big as Ham), and to avenge the in-
sult he and they absented themselves from
the final rehearsal of the Easter carols.
The poor parson was in a phase. Were
they coming on Easter to sing or were they
not? He could learn nothing from the
Skillet, as the boys had named Ham-and-
Eggs's house, because the family was out.
So he decided on a bold plan; he would
ask some ladies to sing the soprano parts,
and let the base get along without Ham-
and-Eggs."We'll put a screen in the chancel," he
explained, and the three Miss Blossoms
can sit behind it."The three Miss Blossoms were willing,
and at midnight the parson gave them
their parts of the carols and chants, and
they sat up the rest of the night learning
them. On Easter Sunday the choir was
very weak; most of the boys had gone
home for their vacation. But Ham and
Bacon-and-Eggs were there, after all. The
three Miss Blossoms were smuggled into
the chancel and tucked away behind the
screen without any of the choir knowing;
and everything was prepared for the 11
o'clock service.In time the processional began and the
quire entered. The quire consisted of two
basses, Ham-and-Eggs one of them, one
tenor, the three Bacon-and-Eggs, and no
altos. But the three Miss Blossoms hadn't
been warned to: to sing until the male
quire was seated; so at the first notes of the
processional they began. The quire, pre-
pared to sing, found some one out of sight
singing away bravely, and was astonished
and stopped—or most of it did; for Ham-
and-Eggs kept on, first in bass, then in
falsetto, trying to carry the song through.After that, though, everything went
smoothly; and having been warned by the
rector during the service, the three Miss
Blossoms did not do all of the recessional,
but executed a vocal tour de force by sing-
ing with less and less voice as the quire de-
parted, and succeeded in producing an
effect quite like the Turkish reveille as one
of them explained later to the rector, Mr.
Partridge.But the next day Ham-and-Eggs re-
signed."I don't mind what you said," he wrote,
"I will sing only with the voice God gave
me, and that voice I will take care of.
There was too much echo yester-
day in church; it injured my voice ap-
preciably. So I beg to resign."The Bacon-and-Eggs went with their
father, and so St. Grace's quire came to
grief.

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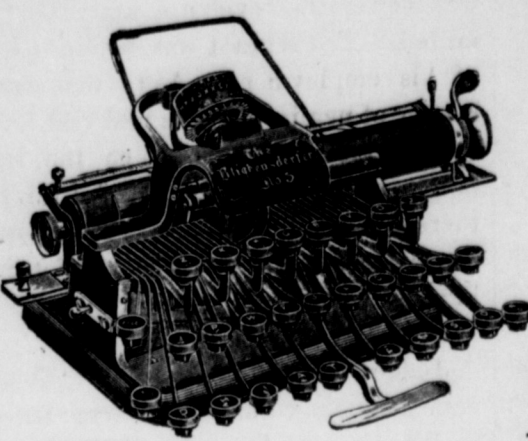
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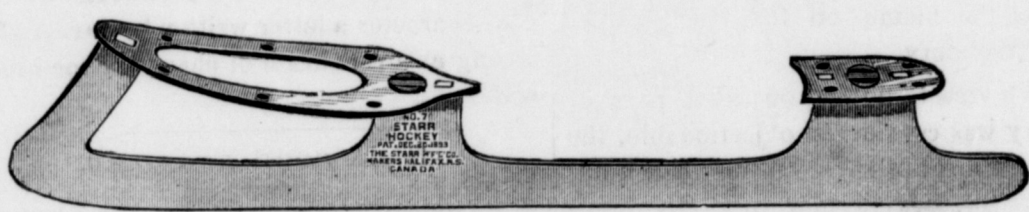
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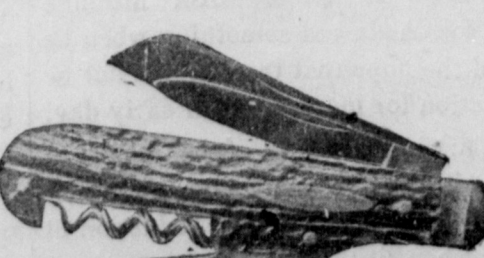


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