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Murder of Mehitable White in Braintree.

For cold islood and frightful brutality the murder of Miss Mehitable White in Braintree, Mass., not long ago, has scarcely ever been equaled in the Bay state, and barring some sensational particulars has scarcely been excelled anywhere. The main facts of this sensational murder are here recounted, though they may be somewhat familiar to some readers.

Miss White was 64 years of age. She lived alone in a small but comfortable bouse in Braintree, She had, about a week before her murder, engaged a hired man named John Thompson. He is a tall, lank, evil looking man, a native of Scotland, 50 years old, and there are those who hold him guilty of the crime, together with an accomplice. When Thompson went to Braintree he had a mained at the station until the following day, when a smooth faced man came for it with Miss White's carriage. This man took the trunk in the wagon and drove away, presumably to Miss White's. The day of



THE WHITE HOMESTEAD,

Thompson's arrival at Miss White's the three individuals were seen to enter her carriage and drive toward Randolph. Thompson and Miss White returned with the team, and the smooth faced man was not seen again until the night of the murder.

Then both the smooth faced man and

Thompson disappeared. The day after they disappeared, Ernest W. Dennets, a nephew of the old lady, called at the farm house, and receiving no answer to his knock, crossed the street to the house of a neighbor to see if his aunt was there. She had not been there since the night before, and the people remarked to the young man that it seemed strange that a light should be burning in the house, as was the case, at such a late hour in the day. Young Denuett went home and soon returned with his father and a few neighbors. They found the doors of the house all locked and were obliged to break in. Everything about the house was in confusion, and it was evident that the rooms had been ransacked. Neither the old lady nor the hired man could be found. The searchers went to the barn near by, the doors of which were also locked. They burst in the doors, and after a careful inspection a human hand was seen protruding from a pile of hay. The cover was quickly thrown off, and the horribly mutilated body of Miss White was brought to light. The body was lying face downward, the feet and hands were bound with hay ropes, the throat



was cut from ear to ear, and there was an

ngly wound on the head behind the right ear.

THE BARN.

signed for the commission of the awful deed, and it is more than probable that John Thompson, the hired man, is at least one of the guilty parties.

THE DEATH OF EVA MITCHELL. Not less puzzling was the recent violent death of Eva Mitchell, a young woman in

One recent Saturday night a young girl was discovered on the Grand Boulevard, in the southern part of the city, insensible, and bleeding from a frightful wound in the back of the head. , She was taken up and removed to a hospital, when it was discovered that she had received a compound fracture of the skull, doubtless having been struck with some blunt instrument. She died soon after. The body was finally identified as that of Eva Mitchell, who lived with ber brother, Oliver Mitchell, a street car conductor.

Eva removed from Washington, Ia., to Chicago about three years ago. She went to live with her grandmother, and between the two there sprang up a deep affection. The girl, who was but 19, was a devout member of the Methodist church and a regular attendant at Sunday school. Soon after her arrival in Chicago the grandmother died, and Eva was thrown out upon the cold world. She went to work as a servant at a boarding house frequented by car drivers and conductors. While here she made the acquaintance of a flagman with a wooden leg, Thomas

Masterton. Upon leaving her place Eva went to live with her step brother, Oliver Mitchell, and worked at the factory of an extract company,



WHERE THE BODY WAS FOUND. She and a friend, Maud Lewis, did all the corking and labeling of the firm. She had the acquaintance of two young men besides the flagman, Neil O. Gray and Walter J. Sturgis, the latter being one of the clerks of

the millionaire Armour. On the last evening of her life Eva left the factory with Miss Lewis, but the two soon



SHANTY WHERE MASTERSON WORKED. Thomas Masterton, the flagman, was the last person to see her after she left the boarding house. He said that Eva called at his shanty about 6 o'clock and told him that she was going buggy riding. She didn't tell him who was going to take her. He claims

to have seen her in a ranshackle buggy soon after or about 7 o'clock with a man, and says she cried out to him, "Good-by; I'm going to elope. You will not see me any more" Masterton was arrested, but afterward re-A number of theories have been broached

as to the cause of the girl's death, but they are all theories. One is that the girl was not murdered at all, but came to her death by being run over.

A STRANGE FATALITY.

Every Man She Became Engaged To Proceeded to Die.

A few gossips of the southern end of St. Louis are just now discussing the strange romance of a young woman who has for something over a year been a resident among them. The story, as told by The Globe-Democrat, was told by a clergyman of the Episcopal church, who has been a sufferer from the lady's strange fate. The lady in question is but a visitor to America, whence she came to try and shake off the spell of which she firmly believes she is the victim. A few years previous to her leaving historia Caledonia she returned from the patrimonial estates of the family, nine and one-half miles from the Holyrood palace, in Edinburgh, to Aberdeen. By the death of her father, since her arrival in this country, she has become the heiress to a large estate. She is refined, graceful and handsome, but the fatality attaching to her makes her life an unhappy one.

When but 17 years old she became strongly attached to a nephew of the bishop of Carlyle. One day, while riding across the heath in his company, she had a presentiment that he would propose that night and that she accepted. She saw him, in a momentary vision, lying, pale and cold, by the roadside. Bewildered, she involuntarily stopped her horse, and in another moment fell in a swoon. He bore her to a cottager's near by, and on her recovery the bashful young man's love had been so intensified by anxiety that, in a moment of mutual tenderness, they were betrothed. After escorting her home he had to pass the same spot to return to his domicile. The next morning they found him dead near where she had fallen. His horse had evidently thrown him, and he had been killed by the consequent injury to his head.

The lady recovered, and eighteen months afterward she was betrothed to an English naval officer who was suddenly ordered to the West Indies to join II. M. S. schoolship Eurydice. The next spring, on the return of the ship home, she was wrecked, and all on board but two were lost. The young lover was not one of the saved.

Time healed the lady's wounded heart, and her affections were won by an English army officer, who was drowned shortly after the betrothal. The night he was drowned she was attending a ball, and, according to her statement, was seized with a sudden attack of dizziness and fainted. On recovering she said she had seen, in a vision, the ball room suddenly transformed into a submarine cavern, containing nothing but the corpse of her accepted lieutenant. She could never be induced to dance again.

It took a good deal of persuasion to induce her to become a fiancee again. But the persistence of an American sea captain conquered her reluctance and she accepted him. He returned to Philadelphia with his ship for the purpose of putting his affairs in shape for the wedding. While his ship was at anchor off the Delaware Break water he was also drowned. The bride elect came to the Quaker City ofterward, and, having relatives in Carondelet, resolved to make a long visit

The clergyman who furnished the facts above related met and loved the lady, and she apparently reciprocated, but when be proposed she replied by telling him herstory, and all his eloquence failed to change her resolution never to marry. His attentions to her had been a matter of society gossip, so that there was something of a sensation when there appeared in the society columns of The Globe-Demecrat an item stating she had gone to visit friends in the interior of the state, and would soon return to her home in Scotland to reside permanently.

Joaquin Miller and His Daughter.

Here is a story of Joaquin Miller and his daughter. She went to Washington as the star of a troupe of barn storming actors, who were producing his favorite play, the "Forty-niners," The play was produced at the Dime museum, now extinct, but at that time one of the cheapest halls in the city. One night, while Mand Miller was going through her part as the herome of the play in a perfunctory manner, stimulated by numerous libations at the shrine of Bacchus, she was suddenly seen to stop, with her gaze fixed in a pitiful stare toward the small audience before her.

The division bummers and peanut venders who comprised it turned to hunt for the cause of her embarrassment, and saw standing near the door a sorrow stricken old man, whose whitened locks crowned a face pitiful to behold. "My God! my father!" cried Maud, and then bursting into tears sprang off the stage. The curtain was immediately rung down, but when attention was once more directed toward the place where Joaquin had stood be had vanished. Shortly after he sold out a part of his property, disposing of his cabin and the ground it occupied to a Washington admirer. He has since declared his intention of never returning to Washington, and on Thursday disposed of the last two lots be possessed in this city, the lots named being the ground directly in the rear of his cabin on Meridian hill -Baltimore American.

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