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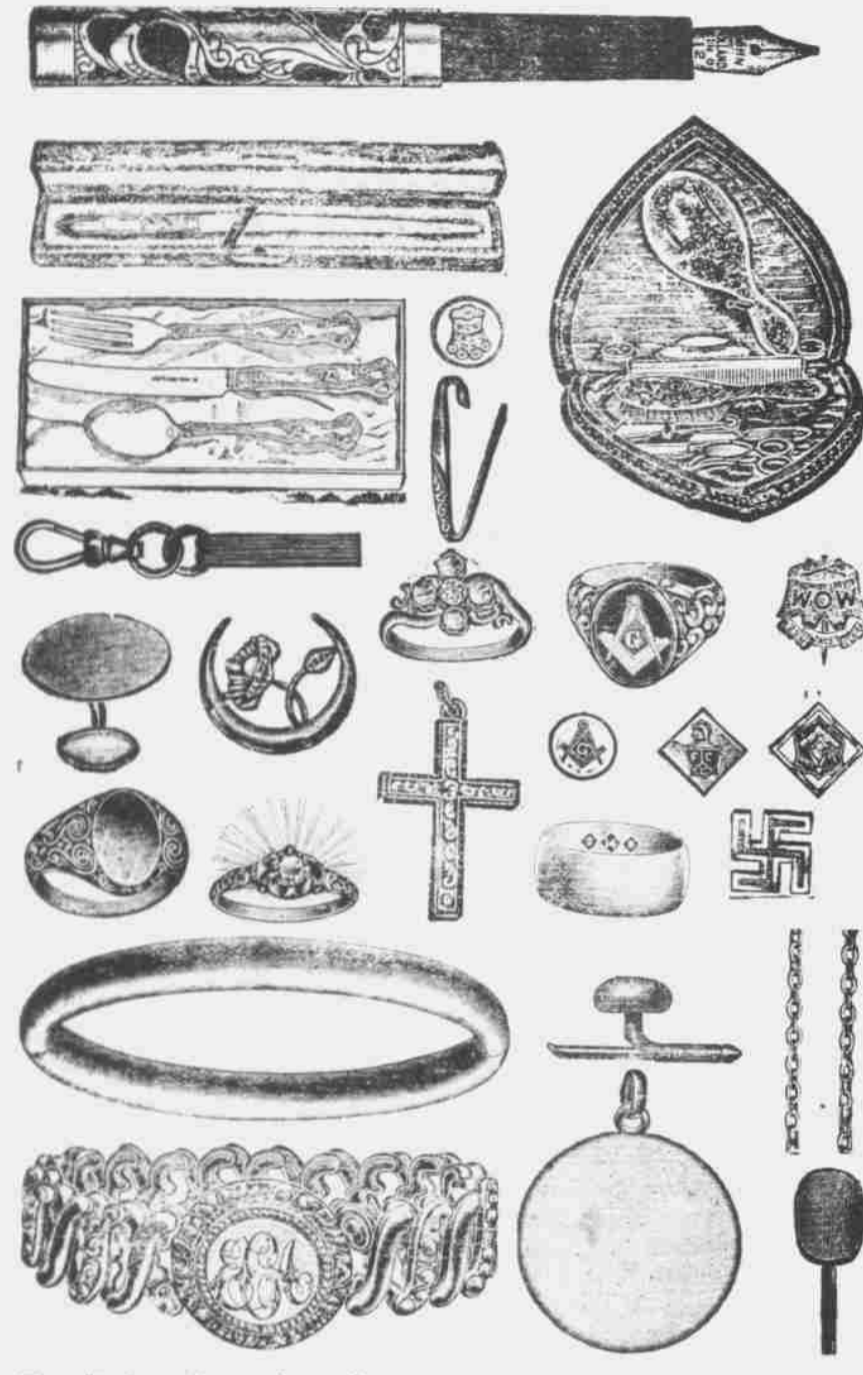
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## STRANGE CASE OF HARLEY HAYES.

Man Whose Death by Drowning was Absolutely Proven by Circumstantial Evidence Reappears After Four Months—No Explanation Offered of a Very Strange Case.

One of the strangest and most complete cases on record of circumstantial evidence which was knocked into a cocked hat as just come to light at Fair Bluff. A chain of circumstantial evidence that proved absolutely that a man was dead was built up, and the only thing the matter with it was that the man was not dead at all and he turned up just in time to stop the suits against the insurance companies, which had resisted payment of death claims, preparations for which suits had about been completed.

The man who was supposed to be dead was Harley Hayes, who, about the first of last April, moved from Marion county, S. C., to Fair Bluff, Columbus county, just across the line from Robeson county. The story of his disappearance, proof of his death and his recent reappearance is as follows:

While living at Fair Bluff Hayes was engaged chiefly in fishing in Lumber river. He has a wife and two or three small children. About the latter part of July he went fishing with a companion about one mile below Fair Bluff and fished until about 11 o'clock at night. The other man suggested that they go home, but Mr. Hayes said he wanted to try his luck lower down, so he rowed down the river 50 or 75 yards. After waiting a while the other man called, but received no answer, and after waiting 15 or 20 minutes longer he called again, louder, but still received no answer. Becoming alarmed, he went to town and told Mrs. Hayes that he feared her husband had been drowned. At daylight a party went to the river to search and Hayes' boat was found shoved up to the bank, with its chain around a stump, and on the paddle in the boat was found Hayes' hat. Search was continued all that day—which was Sunday—and for several days thereafter, but no further trace of the missing man was found.

About three weeks later, after a freshet, about one mile below where Hayes was supposed to have been drowned, a man saw a body floating on the river. He went back to town and reported to the coroner, with the wife and father of the deceased and a jury composed of some of the most prominent citizens of Fair Bluff, went to the river to investigate. The body was only a trunk—the head, arms and legs were gone, and there was every indication that the missing member had been nibbled off by fishes. Thorough investigation seemed to prove conclusively that the body was that of Hayes. The coat, buttoned tight around the body, was identified as the coat worn by Hayes on the night he disappeared and his wife produced from her home among her husband's effects the vest to match the coat; the belt and watch chain, trousers and shirt were all positively identified as belonging to the missing Hayes; and if any doubts remained after these evidences, they were all dispelled when the coat was unbuttoned and a search was made of the pockets, where tax receipts; a bank-deposit book showing drafts and checks—receipts for sales of cotton—all belonging to Hayes—and a memorandum book, with many entries in Hayes' hand, were found. The body appeared to have been in the river several weeks.

The coroner's jury returned for its verdict that the body was that of Harley Hayes and that he came to his death by accidental drowning in Lumber river, and the father carried the body to his old home in South Carolina, where a funeral was held and the body interred, and Harley Hayes was mourned as dead. Now Hayes' life was insured in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York and the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, three policies, aggregating \$5,000. In due time proofs of Hayes' death were fixed up and forwarded to the insurance companies, but they refused to pay on the ground that they did not believe Hayes to be dead. They were criticised severely by citizens of Fair Bluff for treating a widow and orphans in such a manner and friends advised Mrs. Hayes to employ counsel, which she did, and just as the attorneys were getting ready to bring suit Hayes turned up at the home of his father, Mr. J. B. Hayes, who lives near Page's Mills, S. C.

Mr. Hayes senior was in Lumberton Saturday, but he would offer no explanation of his son's disappearance, of where he was scoured during the time he was

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## FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS.

New Secondary School Conditions in North Carolina to be Met—What the New Plan is.

The Wilson correspondent of The Charlotte Observer sent the following to that paper under date of the 12th inst.:

The most important question which came before the Baptist State Convention was settled at the session to-day. During the past five years the problem of the Baptist secondary schools has been constantly before the denomination. The State school system, with its rapid growth and the establishment of county high schools, has resulted in injury to many of the denominational high schools. Some of these institutions have passed out of existence. In the convention at Wilmington a year ago a committee was appointed to consider the conditions and formulate a plan to be adopted by the Convention. Many were in favor of aggressive movements, and there were those who were opposed to the State high school system.

The committee, through C. M. Beach, chairman, reported this morning. The report, after reciting the conditions, proposed a system of federation. Its recommendations were adopted by the Convention after considerable discussion.

Mr. J. W. Bailey, in a masterly address, clearly stated the condition and endorsed the plan proposed. At the request of The Observer's correspondent Mr. Bailey gives this statement of his position and it represents the views of the leadership of the Baptist denomination in this State on this question.

"The Baptists must recognize that the State has entered upon a progressive policy of secondary education. We cannot compete with the State's public high schools and it is folly to undertake to do so. It is the part of wisdom to give these our support, to vote the necessary local taxes and in every way heartily support the State's policy. On the other hand we have the opportunity to establish in twelve or fifteen well-selected communities a series of secondary institutions. We should not offer them as means of mere denominational education; we offer them only as making for our mission of establishing the kingdom of God on earth. Our question now is, Shall we undertake to do this or shall we abandon the secondary field altogether? I am for accepting this last chance to round out our Baptist system of schools."

The recommendations of the committee were as follows: "First, that this Convention appoint a committee consisting of one representative each from six Baptist secondary schools, Wake Forest College, the Baptist University for Women, the secretary of Sunday schools, the secretary of mountain schools, and the editor of The Recorder, which shall be known as the Baptist secondary school board of North Carolina; Second, that this board shall as soon as practicable select such secondary Baptist schools as may be deemed wise, which schools shall be made centres of Baptist effort to equip, and as soon as possible to endow them so far as necessary to secure permanence and general usefulness; Third, that in the selection of these schools the board shall endeavor to distribute so as to cover all sections of the State and to locate where expenses will be as low as is consistent with the grade of work required; Fourth, that the following requirements be made of the schools before selections:

(1), The schools to be perpetually owned and controlled by a board of trustees, who shall report annually to the general board; (2), that the principal of each of said schools shall be a member of a Baptist church, and the faculty as far as practicable; (3), that the schools shall agree to a uniform curriculum to be determined by the board; (4), that each school shall agree to canvass

supposed to be dead, or of his return. It was the strongest circumstantial proof you ever saw, and himself is about the only thing that could have kept a jury from deciding against the insurance companies if suit had been brought and the case had been tried. More than four months elapsed between the supposed drowning of Hayes and his reappearance. Where he spent the intervening time, how the body found in the river happened to have on the clothes Hayes wore when he disappeared, with his tax receipts, etc., in his pockets—these things have not been learned.

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## NOT GUILTY, MY LORD!

"Was She to Blame?" Witnessed by a Large Audience Which Went Away Immensely Pleased With the Performance.

"Was she to Blame?" the attraction at the Opera House Tuesday evening, was witnessed by a large crowd that enjoyed the play immensely. All the characters took their parts well, with the single exception of the man who acted Bruno Severn, one of the principal characters. He was very much of a stick. But all the same, the play on the whole was very good.

There were no programmes, which left the audience to pick its way through, which didn't really matter, except to let one know who was who, and why. Briefly, the story, which is full of human interest, is this: Diana Balfour, orphan daughter of an artist, is left the ward of Bruno Severn, whose life Diana's father at one time saved. Diana lives for a year after her father's death with her aunt, a simple-minded, frivolous old maid who is very much bent upon marriage. Bye and bye Bruno Severn comes to take Diana to his home, falls in love with her—or pretends that he does—and asks her to marry him. Diana, a simple, pure child of nature, refuses to accept and finally consents, in her simplicity and pure-heartedness having no conception of the real meaning of the relation, and the performance of the marriage ceremony by Elam (accent on the lam, please) Washington Panecake, J. P., justice of the peace, closes the first act. An interval of a year elapses and the second act reveals Diana in her new home, tyrannized over by her husband and his sister, both cold-blooded, unpeppable wretches who make her life a hell and deny her even the care of her infant son. Their cruelty and heartlessness drive Diana to self-assertion, and when she has reason to believe that her husband's sister has killed her child with an overdose of medicine she denounces them both and leaves, vowing never to return. After the lapse of 17 years the third act reveals Diana as the happy wife of Lord Curzon, surrounded by every luxury. She had fought her own way in the world and finally married under the belief that her husband was dead. Lord Curzon sends for a young artist to paint his wife's picture, and the young artist proves to be Diana's son. Fast upon the heels of the son's appearance come the father, who pursues his wife with the fiendish purpose of wrecking her happiness. He goes to London to see his son, discovers Diana, claims her as his wife. Diana denies all knowledge of him, he denounces her to Lord Curzon, who demands proof. In the fourth act the proof is furnished, Severn dies suddenly in his blind hatred, Lord Curzon's devotion wins the day, he takes Diana to his heart again—and all ends happily.

Elam Washington Panecake, Ephraim and Martha Ann Hopson supplied plenty of comedy. Elam was a whole show in himself. Diana was good, so was Lord Curzon, so also was the maiden aunt; and when the selfsame woman who acted the part of the maiden aunt appeared in the role of the sister of Severn she was so hatefully perfect in the part that one wanted to wring her neck. As observed in the outset, Bruno Severn was a stick, and the actor, who said his lines like a machine that was wound up, and he looked all the while like he just hated to be so devilish and like he wanted the audience to know for sure that he wasn't really that way at all, that he hated to do it but he had to play the part.

But that criticism aside, the show was all to the good and one of the largest audiences that ever witnessed a play at the Opera House went away immensely pleased with the performance. And everybody went away prepared to swear, too, that she was not to blame at all, except for doing so much unnecessary lying when a simple explanation would have saved the day—but that, to use Kipling's famous phrase, is another story.

A male infant less than a day old was abandoned on the porch of the residence of Mrs. Martha Howard in Wilmington Wednesday night. It was discovered after midnight and taken in and cared for, but it died as a result of exposure to the cold Thursday morning. No clue as to its identity has been found.

**Marked for Death.**  
"Three years ago I was marked for death. A grave-yard cough was tearing my lungs to pieces. Doctors failed to help me, and long and thro' I was put to bed, when my husband got Dr. King's New Discovery," says Mrs. A. C. Williams, of Bancroft, Ky. "The first dose helped me and improvement kept on until I had gained 58 pounds in weight and my health was fully restored." This medicine holds the world's healing record for coughs and colds and lung and thro' diseases. It prevents pneumonia. Sold under guarantee at all drug stores. 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottle free.

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## A Bill for Construction of Levees on Cape Fear.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14—Representatives Godwin and Thomas introduced Saturday a bill in the House of Representatives, appropriating \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to construct a levee or levees at Kelly's Cove, on the Cape Fear river, in Bladen county.

The bill provides for the levees to be constructed under the direction of the War Department. It will be remembered that during the floods of last August and September the water in the Cape Fear river rose to the highest point known and a considerable portion of the country lying between the Cape Fear river and the Black river was entirely flooded by an escape of water from the Cape Fear river at a low point near Kelly's Cove. The water passing from there across the country to Black river completely flooded French's Creek township in Bladen county and Kentuck in Pender county.

The bill will have the hearty co-operation of both Representatives Godwin and Thomas, as great benefits will be derived from the construction of this levee, by the people of Bladen in Mr. Godwin's district and the people of Pender in Mr. Thomas' district.

**Judge W. J. Adams—Will Hold Robeson Court in February.**  
Judge W. J. Adams, of Carthage, who, as mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, was appointed Saturday by Gov. Glenn as judge of the eighth judicial district to succeed Judge Walter H. Neal, who resigned last week, is a lawyer of recognized ability. He is a son of the late Rev. S. D. Adams, who for many years was a presiding elder in the North Carolina Conference. He was graduated at Trinity College, studied law at Chapel Hill and obtained license to practice law in 1880, locating at Carthage, where for many years he was associated with the late J. C. Black.

Judge Adams will preside at the first term of Robeson Superior Court for the first six months of next year. When he presides at the criminal term of court in February he will be the first judge to hold court in Robeson county's new court house.

A. W. Robertson, brakeman on a Coast Line train, was instantly killed at the Neuse river bridge near Smithfield Monday morning. While leaning out of the engine looking down the line of cars for a hot box he was struck on the back of the head by a beam of the bridge.

Representative H. L. Godwin introduced a bill in the House Thursday to appropriate \$100,000 for persons who suffered from the floods on the Cape Fear river last fall. No money is ever paid in such cases by the government, but the War Department is ordered to furnish quarter-master supplies for the needy.

Assistant Attorney General Hayden Clement, who is now in charge of that department, will, in his annual report to the Legislature, recommend that all executions of criminals take place in the penitentiary and that as soon as a prisoner is convicted of a capital crime he shall be removed to the penitentiary and in case there is appeal shall be held there pending it.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system.—They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O., Sold by all Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

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