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### THE SURRETT MYSTERY.

A despatch from Washington to the *Advertiser*.

It is the opinion of persons high in authority and influence here that the trial of John H. Surrett will be ultimately abandoned. The impression is that there is a general conviction prevailing in official quarters that the unfortunate Mrs. Surrett was not guilty of the crime for which she was executed, and that the trial of her son would only result in more clearly establishing that fact. Such a development, of course, would not be relished by the Administration, and others concerned in the trial and condemnation of the mother. There is another cause, however, not very creditable, assigned why the President would not wish the trial to occur; but, as it would cast a deep slur upon the reputation of one who lately has been sleeping on a bed of roses, I refrain from giving it publicity. It might only be creating another sensation, and, perhaps, without justification, for the gratification of scandal-mongers. However this may be, it is now believed that the evidence in possession of the Government will warrant the trial of John H. Surrett.

We think it time to say that the many mysteries surrounding this Surrett case should cease. Since the assassination of President Lincoln, we have had endless surmises, and maddening, and tricks, in reference to the crime and those accused. In the first place, we had the Government proclamations accusing Davis, and Sanders and Thompson of the assassination. Then we had the trials, in which these persons were solemnly arraigned as participants in that crime. There are few things that our children will less care to read than that said some trial, with its wayward and rude justice. Then came the swift execution of Mr. Surrett, although Payne, an assassin by his own confession, asserted his innocence. We had the escape of Surrett—his wanderings under government espionage—the fact that it was known where he was, and no effort made to arrest him until Mr. Boutwell, speaking the public opinion of the nation, compelled his arrest. We have also had the imprisonment of Davis as an assassin—if there is any value in the judgment of the Commission that tried Payne and his companions. His continued imprisonment, without trial or the pretence of a trial, is in itself a mystery and a shame. Then came General Butler's famous speech, showing that the diary of Booth had been suppressed, on the conspiracy trial, and the declaration of a great lawyer that Mrs. Surrett had been innocently hanged. Immediately came an announcement that the War Department would print the Booth diary so soon as something or other occurred. Well, time enough has passed for twenty things to happen, and nothing is heard of the Booth diary! Finally, we have the most provoking delays about the trial of Surrett, with an announcement that he is not to be tried, because the trial might establish the fact that Mrs. Surrett was not guilty at all!

It is time that this juggling should cease, and especially as the Surrett case is only a part of the juggling that has been permitted since the death of Mr. Lincoln. That tragedy is one of the most mysterious in the annals of crime. There is something hidden that we crave to know. What it is we cannot say; but the records of the trial, the continued imprisonment of Mr. Davis, and especially the shuffling of the Government, compel distrust and suspicion. Why has General Butler's famous speech, showing that the diary of Booth had been suppressed, on the conspiracy trial, and the declaration of a great lawyer that Mrs. Surrett had been innocently hanged. Immediately came an announcement that the War Department would print the Booth diary so soon as something or other occurred. Well, time enough has passed for twenty things to happen, and nothing is heard of the Booth diary! Finally, we have the most provoking delays about the trial of Surrett, with an announcement that he is not to be tried, because the trial might establish the fact that Mrs. Surrett was not guilty at all!

From the New York World.

**THE MORAL OF A TRAGEDY.**  
The recent trial and conviction of C. C. Williams, of Norwich, Connecticut, for "assault with intent to kill his daughter by starvation," brings to light a case similar in character to that of Joel Lindsey, who whipped his little son to death, but infinitely more abominable in its details. It appears from the reports of the evidence, which we print elsewhere, that this man Williams was an ardent spiritualist, and, by the direction of the spirit, endeavored to curb what he deemed the uncontrollable will of his daughter Elmie, a bright little girl of thirteen years. In this purpose he was aided by Miss Sarah A. Mano, a niece of the late Horace Mann, and apparently the housekeeper for Williams, who had transferred his wife from his house to a lunatic asylum. The story of little Elmie's torture is told in the evidence given in the case; but the moral of her fate—her conduct appears only as the reader may choose to draw it for himself. Yet it is a noticeable fact that both Lindsey and Williams—the one a Puritan in belief, and the other a spiritualist—embraced the same infernal dogmatism which so characterizes such men as Blodgett and Miss Mann, who aided and abetted Williams in all his acts of cruelty to his daughter, inherited most naturally the spirit of intolerance of opposition, however slight, which was so marked in the public career of her uncle, Horace Mann, of Massachusetts. The ascription of a leading Tennessee Unionist that Radicalism was a species of insanity, finds confirmation in the conduct of these people. Each was a Radical to the core; each claimed to be acting from conscientious motives, and each sacrificed all the holier feelings of human nature under pretence of upholding the will of a little child.

It is a stretch of the fancy to trace, in the treatment of the infant by its parents, the workings of the same spirit which would murder its relatives to gratify a certain self-will. And when Senator Williams gave his vote in favor of the bill in the Southern States which lifted to his bar engines that he entertained only kindly feelings towards those who were held in arms against the Government, the reports of his oft-repeated invectives against Southern men and women, and the attitude that he would be sure to assume in case of the slightest show of opposition to the tyrannical will of the party which controls the national legislature of which he is an acknowledged leader, clearly prove that there courses in his veins and in the veins of his adherents, the same spirit which led Lindsey and Williams to kill their children on the principle of insubordination; and from all such "bold Lord, deliver us."

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