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OUR STORY TELLER.

FROM THE AMERICAN UNION.

MURDERESS.

BY A YOUNG PHYSICIAN.

It was decided that Carlos Dupont, one
of our circle should tell us the next story
and after clearing his throat with a glass
of *ane de vie* he proceeded:

"One evening, the *prefet de police* was
waited upon by a gentleman, in great ag-
itation, who informed him that he had
lost his son, a young man of twenty
three; who without any assignable cause
had been absent for five days, from his
home."

"His friends had searched for him in all
the places which he had been accustomed
to visit, but not a trace could be found of
him. Finally he had become alarmed,
and now wished to invoke the assistance
of the police."

"After the gentleman had finished his
account, the *prefet* asked him a few ques-
tions, the answers to which were copied
by a clerk into a large book. The ques-
tions, which were few and simple, were as
follows:

'Your name?
'Emile Ledoux.
'Your age?
'Fifty.
'Where do you reside?
'No. 65 Rue Blanc.
'Your son's name?
'Emile.
'His age?
'Twenty three.
'His height?
'Five feet eight inches.
'Hair?
'Dark.
'Long or short?
'Short.
'Eyes?
'Hazel.
'Nose?
'Roman.
'Mouth?
'Small.
'Teeth?
'Good.
'How many filled?
'Two—in front.
'Beard?
'None.
'Moustaches?
'Yes.
'Large or small?
'Small.
'Color?
'Brown.
'Broad or narrow shouldered?
'Broad.
'Straight or stooping?
'Very straight.
'Left home when?
'Five days ago.
'Married or single?
'Single.
'How dressed?
'Complete suit of grey.
'Is sufficient; we will find your son.
The gentleman departed, much eased
in mind for the promise of Vidocq was
almost equal to a certainty of the return
of his son.

The whole machinery of the Paris Po-
lice was immediately brought to bear up-
on the recovery of the missing man.
Three days rolled by, and the father cal-
led upon the *prefet* to inquire in regard to
his success.

"We have not yet found him," was the
reply of Vidocq, in reply to the father's
question.
'Alas, I fear you never will.'
'Give us but time and we will restore
him to you.
'If money is wanting it shall be forth-
coming.'
'It is not necessary, but it may be useful
to us.'

"Offer then to your agents a reward of
five thousand francs for his return—he be
dead or alive.

"It may accelerate matters—good mor-
ning sir."

"Good morning."
Vidocq laid before his secret agents the
promised reward.

We will find him they said.
The next day the father called again to
inquire—

"Have you any news of my son?"
'He is in Paris.
'How do you know?

"It matters not—we have information
that he has not left the city—please call
again to-morrow."

That evening the *prefet* was announced
that the body of a man answering the dis-
cription of the missing person had been
found in the chamber of a house in the
Rue Noire. The inmates of the house were
immediately placed under surveillance, and
the next day a preliminary examination
was made.

The first person questioned was the la-
dy who occupied the house. She testified
that she was fifty two years of age; a wid-
ow, and the mother of one child, a daugh-
ter, whose age was twenty five. Her hus-
band who had been a grocer, had died ten
years before leaving her a sufficient sum
upon which to live comfortably.

"Herself—her daughter, and a young
man—an artist, who occupied rooms in
her house, were the only inhabitants until
twelve days before. Fifteen days ago she
had concluded to rent another chamber
and had placed a notice to that effect in
her window. Three days after a young
girl called upon her, and after examining
the room, engaged it at the rate of twen-
ty francs a month, paying the first in-
stallment in advance. She took posses-
sion the same day. She was well but not
expensively dressed, and professed to be a
dress-maker.

She was rather above the medium
height; quite modest and unassuming.
Four days after taking the room, she had
stated her intention of going into the coun-
try to be absent about a week. Up to the
present time she had not returned. For
three or four days an unpleasant smell had
pervaded the house, gradually growing
stronger.

Se ren was made for its origin, and it
was finally found to proceed from the
room before mentioned; the door was for-
ced, and the body before spoken of was
discovered in an advanced stage of de-
composition. How it came there she did
not know.

The next witness was the daughter, who
substantiated the story of her mother, and
added to it the fact, that on the night be-
fore the young lady had set out upon her
journey, two young men had entered the
house about eleven o'clock, he had met
at the door three men, apparently
young, one of whom passed on down the
street and two entered the house.

"He had not noticed them particularly,
but though he could recognize them if he
should see them again. He saw the lady
when she left the house the next morning,
but had not seen her since. He was not in
the house when the body was discov-
ered."

The next one questioned was the po-
lice-officer who had been called in by the
widow lady, after she had discovered the
body of a young man lying upon a sofa.
He had apparently been dead a week.—
He was well dressed and quite well built.
By comparing notes, he discovered that
the body agreed in description with those
given by the missing M. Ledoux.

He appeared to have been strangled, for
his face was livid, and around his neck was
a beautifully embroidered handkerchief,
evidently the property of a lady, since in
one corner was marked the name Marie.
There were no scratches upon the body,
nor any disorder in the room.

"Nothing belonging to the former oc-
cupant was in the room without the ex-
ception of this handkerchief about the
neck, and a small white kid glove upon
the floor, the watch of the deceased and
ten louis d'or were found upon him. The
handkerchief was tied in a common square
knot."

Here ended his story.
At this juncture the *prefet* was inform-
ed, that admittance was desired by a young
man, a friend of the deceased who was with
him, upon the night when he was last
seen alive.

His story was as follows:
Eight nights ago himself and his friend
Emile had been at a gambling house in the
Palais Royal. While there they had
formed the acquaintance of a young man,
who was very successful, and had won a
large amount. They left at half past
ten, and all three walked along togeth-

er. The name also of Marie was found in
the corner. This assassination happened
in the house of the Rue Livette, occupied
by a boot maker and his wife. It appear-
ed that having more room than they need-
ed, they had determined to let one of
them.

"A young man of very pleasing address
became the occupant. He professed to
be a clerk in the large establishment in
the Boulevard du Temple. According to
the statement of the boot maker's wife
he appeared to be about twenty years of
age, very slightly or rather delicately built
and of an exceedingly modest and retiring
disposition. He always returned quite ear-
ly in the evening and went away at a good
hour in the morning."

"One day upon entering his room to ar-
range it, she was horror-stricken at ob-
serving a man lying upon the floor with
a handkerchief bound tight about his neck.
She ran to the body to see if he was dead
when she discovered that instead of being
her lodger as she of course had at first pre-
sumed, it was an unknown man, of about
the same age, but much stouter and more
strongly built. She instantly ran for the
nearest police officer, who took charge of
the room, and at the same time, immedi-
ately looking upon the handkerchief about
the neck of the deceased, she perceived that
she had been lodging the murderer of the late
Emile Ledoux."

"The poor woman was horribly frighten-
ed, but protested that such could not be
any possibility be the case, for he did not
look nor appear like a murderer; he was a
gentle, innocent young man, who was a
sister, she could vouch, do a wrong act to
save his life; she knew that he would
return, at night, and be as much hor-
ror-stricken as she was at the awful deed; but
at the same time she inwardly prayed that
he might not come back, lest he should be
tried and hung for an offence of which
she would willingly take her oath, that he
must be innocent."

Her prayer was answered, for the mod-
est young clerk was never seen again, and
she was forced, much against her will to
give up her idea that murderers were
blood thirsty, savage look men, with vi-
olence written in their countenances, and to
adopt the one that they were generally mod-
est, unassuming clerks, who cajoled their
victims to the houses of honest people and
then treacherously put them out of exis-
tence."

"Here then were two murders, following
close upon each other, and evidently per-
petrated by the same hand, for although
the ostensible cause had in one case been
a woman, and in the other a man, yet all
things pointed them out as being one and
the same person."

"Beside the fact that the murders had
both been committed by the same means,
that the victims in both cases had been
young men, and that the murderers had
in both cases been either a young man or
a young woman, another strange thing
could not be overlooked, and this was that,
in neither case was there any appearance
that robbery of the body was intended, for
in each case the watch, rings and money
of the deceased had been left intact. What
then, could have been the aim of the mur-
derer? Admitting the possibility that the
first one might have fallen a victim to pri-
vate animosity, it could scarcely be ex-
pected that the second, unacquainted and un-
connected with the first, could have given
an offence which should meet with the
same punishment; either, then, the mur-
derer must have been of an unusually
vindictive character, or some strange rea-
son must have been the cause."

"Once more the police force silently and
secretly went to work to ferret out the au-
thor of the murders; but all their sagacity
and keenness was at fault. No clue could
be obtained of the perpetrators of the hor-
rid deeds."

"It was reserved for myself and a fellow
student to discover their author, but not
however, until one of our own number had
fallen a victim to the ruthless hand of the
destroyer. He was a German, named Got-

lieb Krausman, a great student, a firm friend
and companion whose wit and humor were
never exhausted. He was a member of a
society to which I also belonged, and there-
fore his loss was much more deeply felt.
I will begin at the beginning, and tell you
all about the matter."

One evening Gottlieb came to my room
and inquired if I did not want to accom-
pany him to the theatre. At first I agreed
to do so, but after I was dressed, the idea
struck me that I had an engagement to
fulfil, and therefore, I was obliged to de-
cline. Accordingly, he went alone. I was
punctual to my engagement, but the other
party was not, and after waiting a reason-
able time, I concluded that I would go
to the theatre, in pursuit of Gottlieb."

"On looking around, I observed Gottlieb
at the further side of the theatre, in con-
versation with a young woman dressed in
black. I looked at her very closely, but
did not remember of having seen her be-
fore. Her countenance was regular and of
a strongly Grecian cast; she was quite
pale, and possessed a most ravishingly vo-
luptuous air. While I was looking at her,
she smiled several times, disclosing a beau-
tiful set of pearly teeth."

"She was very, very beautiful, and the
more I gazed at her, the handsomer she
appeared. I did not remember to have
seen her before, or to have heard Gottlieb
speak of her, and so I concluded that she
must be some lady whose acquaintance he
had but lately made."

"Neither he nor the lady observed me
but I took very many glances at her, until
I was certain that I should recognize her
should I ever meet her again."

"The next day Gottlieb called at my
room, and I began to quiz him a little, in
regard to his companion of the previous
evening."

"Earth has turned to heaven; eh Got-
lieb."
'What?'
'Some angels on it.'
'You understand me.'
'Of course not. Pretty wasn't she.'
'Who?'
'Who?'
'Yes who? What do you mean.'
'Black dress—voluptuous eyes—pearly
teeth, et cetera, et cetera.'
'What you know it?'
'Of course.'
'How?'
'I saw you.'
'Last night.'
'Where?'
'Theatre.'
'But I thought you could not go?'
'I did have an engagement, but my friend
was not punctual, and so I thought to my-
self I will go and meet Gottlieb at the the-
atre. Went—looked around—saw you—
busy—angel dressed in black—fine
teeth—beautiful features—soul stirring eyes
—ah! Gottlieb what does it mean."

"I am discovered, I may as well confess,
said Gottlieb. Last night when I left you
I went around to the rooms of several of
my friends, but none of them wished to go
to the theatre. One had to study—one
was sick—one had an engagement—one
didn't want to go. The consequence was,
that I was forced to go alone. I went; by
and bye a young lady, very beautiful, dressed
in black, came and took her seat next to
me. I thought it strange that a lady in
so deep mourning, should attend the the-
atre, but these French are a queer people and
so I supposed it was all right."

"After a time she asked me in the sweet-
est tone imaginable, if I would be kind
enough to allow her the use of my opera-
glass for a second. Of course, nothing
could afford me greater pleasure. She
took it, and while looking at the perform-
ers, she asked me the name of one of them
I told her, and added a few remarks, which
not being offensive to her I was induced
to continue them, and thus we started in-
to conversation."

"I should think so, for when I saw you,
you appeared to be so familiar with her as
though you had known her for a long
while."

"I must admit that we made rapid strides
in each other's acquaintance; but she seem-
ed to be a perfect lady and used excel-
lent language. When the performance
was finished, I offered to escort her home
which offer she very thankfully received."

"When we reached her house which
was No. 65 Rue Blacquer, she invited me
to enter and rest myself. I was ob-
liged to decline, however, for it was more
than half past eleven o'clock, and I
had agreed to meet a friend at my
room at that time, and so I was obliged
to bid her good bye; but she made me
promise to call on her to night at eight
o'clock, at which time she said she would
be all alone; she even told me her room
that I might enter without disturbing the
people of the house—left hand corner, third
story, front—that was the direction she
gave me. I am sure I do not know who
or what she is, nor do I care, for she was
an extremely agreeable woman, and I don't
mean to lose the chance of being better
acquainted with her, so to-night I shall go
to No. 65 and see what will come of it."

"Will you call in to-morrow, and let
me know your success?"
Certainly; and now good bye.
'Till to-morrow.'

[TO BE CONTINUED.]
From the Wilmington Journal.
WHITE HALL, Feb. 17th.
Messrs. Editors: An awful hearten-
ing scene is presented here this even-
ing.

On last night (Thursday, the 16th inst.)
at 12 o'clock the steamer Magnolia, Capt
Stedman, while delivering passengers and
freight at this place, exploded her boiler,
scattering wreck, ruin and death around.
I have only time to state a few of the par-
ticulars.

Among the whites we have found,
Captain John Stedman, killed.
Thomas J. Tyson, of Cumberland, killed.
James O. West, of Bladen, on the boat
not found.
Susan E. Larry, (or Leary), formerly of
Marion C. H. S. C., late of Norfolk, Va.
on the boat, not found.
A small boy named Andrew Bell, on the
boat, not found.

Negrees—Five dead bodies found.
It is thought that from five to ten others,
white and black, are lost.
Badly Hurt.—T. S. Lutterloh, arm
broken, doing well; Geo. Paman, Wil-
mington, badly scaled and otherwise in-
jured; Archibald McKee, son of John
McKee, very badly burned
together with several others.

The boat is a total ruin. Parts of her
hull, machinery, and apparel cover the
shore for two hundred yards around.
Harrison Driver, the mate, after being
blown overboard into the river, swam to
the flat boat lying at the landing, and
was instantly active and efficient in ren-
dering relief. Driver's conduct merits
much praise. The sufferers are being
well attended to.

Those of the whites, not here named
who were known to have been on boat,
are saved.
The most melancholy and pitiable
sights presented here. Frightful and hor-
ribly distorted corpses lie scattered a-
round.

Yours in great haste
BLADEN.
Dr. Hawks Lecture.
Rev. Dr. Hawks' repeated in Niblo's
Theatre, last evening by request, his
lecture recently delivered in the lecture
room of the Historical Society, entitled
'Old America's Message to Young A-
merica.' It was listened to by a large
audience, who manifested their satisfac-
tion by continued applause. The lec-
ture assumed for its theme Washington's
Farewell Address, and was, it is need-
less to say, instructive, brilliant and elo-
quent. It occupied two hours and a
quarter.

New York Times.
BISHOP ATKINSON'S APPOINT-
MENTS.
Clinton, March 12.
Goldsboro, " 14. Sunday
St. Mark's Deep R. " 16.
Pittsboro, " 18. and 19.
Chapel Hill, " 21. Sunday,
Hillsboro, " 22, & 23 p. m.
St. Mary, Orange, " 23, a. m.
Graham, " 24, p. m.
Greensboro, " 25, p. m.
Lexington, " 26, p. m.
Salisbury, " 28. p. m.
Mocksville, " 30.
St. Andrew's, Rowan " 31.
Christ church, Rowan April 1,
St. John's, Fredell, " 2, Good Friday
Charlotte, " 4, Easter Sunday,
St. Mary's Raleigh " 5, p. m.

When does a man rob his wife? When
he 'hooks' her dresses.
The Virginia Senate, has passed a bill
appropriating, \$100,000 to the Univer-
sity of Virginia, in four annual instal-
ments of \$25,000.

Many people are like a steamer; it takes
hot water to start them.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

ARRIVAL OF THE
BAL TIC.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.
The Collins steamship Baltic, reached
Sandy Hook yesterday evening. Her dates
are to Feb. 3.

GREAT BRITAIN.
The Leviathan has at last been suc-
cessfully launched. She floated for the first
time on the 31st ult.

A frightful colliery explosion had oc-
curred at Ashton, England. One hundred
men were in the pit, but only forty had
been taken out. It was feared many had
been killed.

The Submarine Telegraph Company
have published a report to the stockhold-
ers, requiring additional capital to com-
plete seven hundred miles more of cable.
They are now making very hopeful suc-
cess. The report eulogizes Cyrus W. Field Esq.,
and that gentleman has been appointed
general manager of the company.

Prince William Frederick and his bloo-
ming bride, the Princess, embarked on the
2nd inst. for the continent.

INDIA AND CHINA.
There is nothing later from India or
China, but there are unfavorable rumors of
affairs in Punjab.

The Afghans are said to be threaten-
ing the northern part of India.

FRANCE.
The Empress Eugenie is to be declared
Regent of France in the event of any fatal
calamity befalling Louis Napoleon.

The Americans in Paris have held a
meeting, which was numerously attended.
They adopted a congratulatory address to
the Emperor on his recent escape.

The project of a new 'repressive law,'
has been read in the French Legislature
Chambers. It empowers the Executive
to remove from Paris, or imprison persons
attempting to disturb the public peace.

It is said that other sovereigns, includ-
ing the pope of Rome, and the Kings of
Sardinia and Naples, were, to have suffer-
ed assassination at the same time with Na-
poleon. There is nothing else of interest
politically.

LIVERPOOL, FEB. 3.
Commercial.—Sales of Cotton for the
three days, 18,000 bales. Speculators
took 3000 bales, and exporters 1000. The
market closed with an advancing tenden-
cy. A despatch received subsequent to
the foregoing, says, Cotton unchanged.
Advances from Manchester favorable—hol-
ders demanding an advance.

Flour and wheat dull and nominal.—
Corn quiet and steady.
Provisions quiet. Sugar and coffee firm.
Carolina rice active. Turpentine and ros-
in steady.

BELGIUM.
The Belgian Government had not as was
intimated in the Monitor, any intention of
altering its laws in respect to foreign refugees,
but would continue to prosecute the
two newspapers, "Le Drapeau" and "Le Croc-
odile."

Col. Charras, who was ordered by the Bel-
gian Government to quit Belgium, was a-
bout to sail for the United States.

INDIA.
The further details of the Indian news brot
out by the Arabian, contains some matters of
interest.
Sir James Outram remained at Alambagh
with 4,000 men. It was said that the rebels
were threatening to attack his position.
Sir Colin Campbell was going to Futtah-
tala.

The insurgents at Katia, in great force, are
said to have deposed the Rajah.
The rebels defeated at Cawnpore, had fled
to Bithoor and Calpee.
The Ghosek columns of over 5,000 men un-
der Jung Bahadur, had left Nepal, for service
in the British territories.

CHINA.
The Paris correspondent of the Times says
that besides the screw steamer Sams, which is
preparing to sail for China with troops to the
number of 700, on the 15th of February, or-
ders have been given to prepare two more
transports for the same destination.

Gen. Commonfort, the Dictator, of Mexi-
co, is on his way to the North accompan-
ied by his two daughters.