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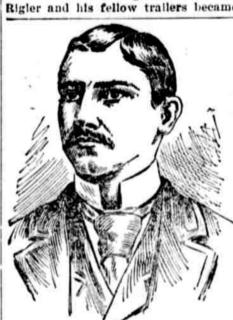
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According to Rigler, a man was carried into his cabin last fall in a critical condition. The stranger, believing that he was going to die, said that his name was Tascott and that he was a fugitive from justice for the murder of Amos J. Snell. He told of several circumstances connected with the crime, mentioning the fact that \$50,000 had been offered for his capture. Instead of dying, the stranger recovered and then mysteriously disappeared. Rigler and his partners at once took the trail and sent word to all the near-by mining camps, but could get no trace of the missing man. It was plain he had not taken refuge in any of the mining settlements along the coast or in the nearby interior. Cape Nome is on the seacoast, and after a long, fruitiess search Rigler and his fellow trailers became



WILLIE TASCOTT. As he appeared at the time of the murder eleven years ago.)

convinced that Tascott had made his Jose Maria Martin; the flowers will way out to sea in a small boat and not bloom for you, Jose Maria Martin; boarded some passing whaler or trad- the birds will not carol for you, Jose ing vessel bound for the Arctic. He Maria Martin. When these things would hardly run the risk of remaining in Alaska, when his story was known all over the country.

Amos J. Snell, for whose murder Tascott is wanted, was a rich man, well advanced in years, who lived in an old-fashioned mansion at the corner of Ada street and Washington boulevard, Chicago. He was a large owner of real estate in the immediate vicinity, the renting of which was conducted in an office in the basement of his house. One night in the early part of February, 1888, three men broke into the Snell residence by boring a hole through a panel in the rear door of the lower floor, and then slipping the bolts. Their first move was to break open and rifle a small safe in the office, in which It was supposed Mr. Snell-had considerable money taken in for rentals. Next they went upstairs to the parlor floor, where, in moving around, they were heard by Mr. Snell. The latter, a brave, daring old man, came down from his bedroom in his nightrobe, pistol in hand, and cried out:

"Who's there? Ah, you d-d scoundrel."

As he spoke Mr. Snell fired a shot in the direction of the back parlor, which was answered almost in the same flash by two discharges from the burglars' pistols. Suell dropped dead with two bullets in his body.

The murder created the most intense

excitement all over the West The reward of \$50,000 stimulated the police to unusual effort, but for two weeks not the slightest clue to the murderer was obtained. Then the keeper of a lodging house on West Madison street discovered in the stove in a room lately occupied by a man called T. A. Scott the end of a charred check bearing the signature of A. J. Snell. A quantity of stolen silverware was also discovered. "Scott" had disappeared. but it took little work to identify him as Willie Tascott, the son of a reputable paint dealer. Young Tascott was a wild lad, well known about town. He never did any regular work but always had plenty of money. Burglaries had been frequent on the West Side and it was an easy matter, in view of developments, to trace most of them to Tascott.

Search was immediately begun for the murderer, but although circulars descriptive of him were sent to every city and hamlet in the country and to Europe, Asia, Africa, Canada and Central and South America and no less than \$25,000 was expended he was never apprehended. He was seen twice after the crime, but the second time mysteriously disappeared and until the miner's return was not heard of again. Fully 2,000 men were arrested on suspicion in various parts of the world. Where Tascott is now is untnown, but search will be resumed and hopes are entertained of ultimate cap-

The Interruptions Ceased. A clergyman who had been greatly annoyed by the continued interruption is one who keep on her kid gloves at

the delivery of his sermon, stopped abruptly, and looking round at the congregation, spoke as follows:

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lowing language: "Jose Maria Martin, stand up. Jose Maria Martin, you have been indicted, tried and convicted by a jury of your countrymen of the crime of murder, and the court is now about to pass upon you the dread sentence of the law. As a usual thing, Jose Maria Martin, it is a painful duty for the judge of a court of justice to pronounce upon a human being the sentence of death. There is something horrible about it, and the mind of the court naturally revolts from the performance of such a duty. Happily, however, your case is relieved of all such unpleasant features, and the court takes positive delight in sentencing you to death.

"You are a young man, Jose Maria Martin, apparently of good physical constitution and robust health. Ordinarily you might have looked forward to many years of life, and the court h: s no doubt you have, and have expected to die at a green old age; but you are about to be cut off in consequence of your own act. Jose Maria Martin, it is now the springtime; in a little while the grass will be springing up green in those beautiful valleys, and upon those broad mesas and mountain sides flowers will be blooming; birds will be singing their sweet carols, and Nature will be putting on her most gorgeous and most attractive robes, and life will be pleasant, and men will want to stay, but none of this for you, come to gladden the senses of men you will be occupying a space about six by two beneath the sod, and the green grass and those beautiful flowers will THE NORTHROP & STURGIS CO. be growing above your lowly head.

"The sentence of the court is that you be taken from this place to the county jail; that you be there kept safely and securely confined in the custody of the sheriff until the day appointed for your execution. Be very careful, Mr. Sheriff, that he have no opportunity to escape and that you have him at the appointed place and at the appointed time. That you be so kept, Jose Maria Martin, until-Mr. Clerk, on what day of the month does Friday, about two weeks from this time come? ('March 22, your honor')-very well, until Friday, the 22d day of March, when you will be taken by the sheriff from your place of confinement to some safe and convenient spot within the county; this is within your discretion, Mr. Sheriffyou are only confined to the limits of the county; and that you be there hanged by the neck until you are dead, and-the court was about to add, Jose Maria Martin, May God have mercy on your soul, but the court will not assume the responsibility of asking an All-Wise Providence to do that which a jury of your peers has refused to do. The Lord couldn't have mercy on your soul. However, if you belong to any religious organization, it might be well enough for you to send for your priest, or your minister, and get from himwell-such consolation as you can, but the court advises you to place no reliance upon anything of that kind. Mr. Sheriff, remove the prisoner."

It is a pleasant sequel to this dreadful sentence that Jose Maria Martin escaped from jail and died peacefully several years ago by falling out of a wagon and breaking his neck .- American Bar.

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already, und I haf walked all ofer und

"Vell," returned the man. "I zee nodings. "Don't you see the falls?" "Vot! Dot vater falling? Iss dot vat I cum all dis vays to zee, a liddle vater

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