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With the marriage the cobbler's hab-

What was that?" asked the villager. "I've just willed all I own to my wife." was the reply.

nocent remark.

by suggesting that he take to himself to the buggy and Kuhn told him to take a wife. The old man did begin to think the reins and drive as fast as he could of marrying. Two years ago he asked to the doctor's, because he'd been poihis nearest friend to find him a wife. "What else did he say?" said the and the friend he asked was the broadshouldered young farmer, Andrew county prosecutor, "Well," said the witness, "I hesitated The request came at a time when about taking the reins. His wife said Smith was growing tired of Sarah she didn't know what was the matter Crane. He thought over it and finally with him, but he'd been drinking beer promised to help the old man to a and eating bologna, so I climbed into wife. A month later be told him that the buggy and drove toward the doc-Crane. He thought over it and finally with him, but he'd been drinking beer wife. A month later he told him that the buggy and drove toward the doche had found him a girl and at a tor's. When we got pretty well down Fourth of July celebration at Delta, to the place where you turn I asked Schmale, bookseller and newsdealer, home, and his wife said it would be orders solicited, better to take him home. Then he

KUHN AND HIS WIFE AND THE FATED RIG.

he was past middle age the wags of his house Mrs. Kuhn was crying "Come the district often amused themselves quick, my husband is dying." He came



near where the cobbler lived, he introwas in jail.

its changed. He bought his wife everything she asked for and her neighbors began to say that she had not done so badly after all. The only thing that troubled her crippled husband seemed to be the fear that she might leave him. One day she lightly threatened to do so. He sought his friends and asked them what more they thought he could do for Sarah. The next day a villager met him coming out of a lawyer's office in Sigour-

"Not guilty" Isu't necessarily an in-

polsoned me!' I thought not, and told him so, and she said: 'What makes you talk so, Charley? What will people think of you talking that way? He kept saying: 'She poisoned me, Snyder, she did.' Then she would say again that she had not, and for a while he wouldn't say anything. One time during the drive he turned to her and asked: 'Why did you do it?" The doctor was not at home and the cripple, still crying that he had been

potsoned, died in the buggy on the way to his cottage. An autopsy revealed traces of strychnine in his stomach and in the beer left in the bottle in the roadway was found enough strychnine to kill a dozen men. On the roadway over which the couple was driven there was discovered a small glass phial half filled with strychnine. It bore the name of a New York firm. On the trial it was brought out that this was found on the side of the roadway on which the wife had driven. No evidence of a purchase of poison by either husband or wife was discovered.

cried, 'No, take me to Dr. Busby's; she's

The prosecution argued that the woman, tired of her crippled husband, poisoned the beer in the wagon in the few moments when she was left alone by him in the village. The defense showed that she had no means of uncorking the bottle and argued that Kuhn himself, fearing that his wife would carry out her threat to leave him, had bought the strychnine contemplating murder and suicide on his way home. It was urged that Kuhn's dying declaration was an opinion rather than a statement of fact, and therefore inadmissible. The jury, composed of solid farmers, however, regarded it as the essential feature of the testimony. To the last the wife protested her innocence.

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