

KABER CASE WONDER MURDER REVELATION

Indictment Paves Way to
Baring of Mystery.

SORCERY, POISON IN PLOT

For Two Years Ten Persons, Men
and Women, Carried Secret,
Only to Have Veil Lifted.

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CLEVELAND, O., June 18.—(Spe-
cial.)—Murder will out.

For two years, at least, ten per-
sons, men and women, have gone
about their daily work with some
knowledge, and in many cases guilty
knowledge, of the killing of Dan F.
Kaber, wealthy publisher of Lake-
wood, O.

For two years they kept the se-
cret, of the parts they knew of it.
For two years the slaying of
Kaber remained a mystery. To
Lakewood police it was a closed
book. Another volume laid upon the
dusty shelf of unsolved crimes.

But now the mystery is a mystery
no longer. Like a mountain torrent
held by a dam, whose banks were
weakened by rushing waters, the
secret has burst its bounds and
leaped into the fields of public
knowledge. Confession has followed
confession, tales of plotting have
followed upon the heels of other tales
of plotting, statement after state-
ment has come of poison rings, of
murder syndicates, of faith healing,
of super-naturalism, of quackery,
of dark arts of the middle ages, of
mother love. All these and more
have been tossed together in a case
that within two weeks has become
the most amazing murder revelation
that has confronted police authorities
in years.

In this kaleidoscopic drama of
plots and counter plots, poisonings
and knifings and dread silence, have
moved these figures, dramatic per-
sonae in a tragedy of life.

Dan F. Kaber, the victim, whose
life was snuffed out on July 18, 1919.
He was found with 24 stabs in his
abdomen. Kaber had been a helpless
invalid for weeks. A chemical analy-
sis of his stomach contents disclosed
enough arsenic to kill three men.

Widow Is Accused

Mrs. Eva Catherine Kaber, 45
widow of the slain man accused of the
crime. Her denial and her tale of
a trip that day to Cedar Point, a
summer resort, 50 miles away from
the big house on Lake avenue seem-
ingly formed an alibi the police
could not dispute.

Mrs. Mary Brickel, 69, mother of
Mrs. Kaber, who occupied a room
near that of Kaber the night of the
murder. Confession has led to her
indictment also for first-degree mur-
der.

Marian McArdle, 29, ex-student at
Smith college, daughter of Mrs.
Kaber by a former marriage to
Thomas McArdle, Chicago oil pro-
moter. She, too, with mother and
grandmother, is in the county jail,
awaiting trial.

Mrs. Ernesta Colavito, 45, an Italian
woman of the typical old coun-
try type. Police declare her to be a
"poison queen" who practiced "black
art" of the middle ages and low lay
half a dozen other old murders at
her door.

Salvatore Catala, an Italian, accord-
ing to his own confession, one of
the two men who actually rank the
dagger into Kaber's abdomen.

Vittorio Viselli, another Italian, al-
leged to be the other of the paid as-
sassin.

Fortune Teller Involved.
Mrs. Mary J. Wade, a fortune teller,
questioned, but not placed under ar-
rest. She says she was asked by Mrs.
Kaber to kill Dan.

Mrs. Ethel Berman, a woman detec-
tive.

Moses Kaber, father of the dead
man, Nemesis of the mystery.

Madame "X," mystery woman of
police records who had made
some astounding discoveries on the
case.

Edward Stanton, county prosecutor,
who pushed the case to its present
stage.

With these in, the drama has
moved apace, though for two years
it was dormant.

The motive:
"I loved McArdle, my first hus-
band," Mrs. Kaber is quoted as say-
ing. "I wanted money; Dan hadn't
any." Mrs. Kaber is said to have
fallen in love with a Smith college
professor and wanted to marry him.

Prosecutor Stanton's theory is that
of the new love.

"That July night, Kaber had been
fixed comfortably for the night by
his male nurse, F. W. Utterback, now
in Pittsburg. At 11:15 o'clock Utter-
back said he heard a scream. He
rushed to his patient and found Kab-
er groaning upon the floor, stabbed
24 times.

Dying Man Speaks.
He leaned over the dying man and
heard:
"Mrs. Kaber had this done. The
man with the cap did it."

But Mrs. Kaber had gone to Cedar
Point, miles away, that morning. A
few days of seemingly fruitless in-
vestigation and Dan Kaber's murder
was shelved.

But here Moses Kaber stepped in.
His father heart called for revenge.
His money employed private detec-
tives, who gained Mrs. Kaber's con-
fidence. Mrs. Berman, the detective,
said she found Mrs. Kaber seemingly
pleased over the death of Kaber.

Mrs. Berman related, Mrs. Kaber sat
laid him out with a dirty shirt on.
Mrs. Berman quoted Mrs. Kaber as
saying: "Later, in a Pittsburg hotel,
Mrs. Berman related, Mrs. Kaber sat
in bed one night and screamed: "I
did it! I did it!"

The investigation went on; then, as
the second anniversary of his son's
death came near, Moses Kaber went
to Prosecutor Stanton and said:
"Indict Mrs. Kaber. She knows all
about it. If you indict her the whole
thing will come out."

Indictments are dangerous boom-
erangs to fool with. But, adding his
own knowledge to the apparent cer-
tainty of the conviction of the aged
father, Stanton acted and the indict-
ment was voted. And the "whole
thing" has come out.

It was the indictment of Mrs.
Brickel, mother of Mrs. Kaber and
grandmother of Miss McArdle, that
told the police they were in the right.
Mrs. Brickel, to save her son, who
on a chance was arrested, declared
Mrs. Kaber said to her, several days
before the murder:
"I am going to have Dan killed."

Marian, the aged woman said,
strewed silverware about the floor to
make it appear as if burglars had
done the work.
On the strength of this statement
Marian was indicted.

Then, little by little, the story of
the crime began to seep out. Thus
the tragedy closed. One more sus-
pect is still to be arrested.

PRINCIPAL FIGURES IN OHIO MURDER MYSTERY.



ABOVE—(LEFT) MRS. EVA CATHERINE KABER; (RIGHT) MRS. MARY BRICKEL. BELOW—(LEFT) MISS
MARIAN MCARDLE; (RIGHT) DANIEL F. KABER.

Daniel F. Kaber, wealthy Cleveland publisher, ill in bed, was stabbed to death in his luxurious home in Lake-
wood, a suburb of Cleveland, two years ago. His wife and her mother and daughter have been indicted. Numerous
other persons are suspected. Mrs. Kaber vigorously denies that her daughter knew of the crime, but is alleged to
have confessed that she instigated and paid for the crime, hiring assassins through the agency of a fortune-teller
and a midwife. A confession also is alleged to have been obtained by police from Mrs. Mary Brickel, 69, Mrs.
Kaber's mother.

Police further declare that a midwife, whom they arrested in Sandusky several days ago, has confessed that
she was paid a \$500 bill to pass on to the assassins.

ARGUING HELD USELESS

MR. EGG SAVES DISCUSSION BY
WRITING GOODBYE.

Liquor at Village Tea and Row
Over Unsanitary Schools Are
Greenwich Scandals.

BY JESSIE HENDERSON.

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NEW YORK, June 18.—(Special.)—
More time is wasted by the average
man in argument than it would take
to cross the Atlantic in a 50-foot
launch. Once your mind is made up
on a subject, why worry the wife
with the details? Leave a note
where she will find it, incase your
will, and by the time she gets over
her surprise you will be out of ear-
shot. The method saves discussion.

It is Egg's method. Egg runs a
shop in Greenwich Village when he
isn't busy expressing his untram-
meled soul. This, however, is open
season for soul expression, which is
how it happens that when Egg's wife
entered the shop after a few days'
vacation she found a newly made will
and a note.

The note said Egg had left with
two friends in a 50-foot boat for a
trip to the Isle of Wight, and hoped
to be back in a couple of months.
Egg wins the village gold and batik
medal for nonchalance.

As a matter of fact, nonchalance
has been scarce in Greenwich Vil-
lage these days. Somebody started
a rumor that various tea rooms were
awful. A poster had been dis-

played that—well, really—and in one
cellar restaurant the waiters went
round with knives in their teeth.
Besides, there was an anti-Volstead
aroma—a suspicion of something—in
the tea.

Mayor Hylan accordingly made a
personal investigation in resplendent
hat and frock coat, an inconspicuous
disguise in a section where the silk
hat is rare as the manicured nail and
the boiled short as the bank account.
The result of his investigation has
thrown the village into an uproar of
indignation. For his honor says the
poster was merely a reproduction of
an art museum painting; the wait-
ers never used their knives for stab-
bing; and the tea had nothing in it
stronger than lemon. It's a tough
world where folks won't believe you
when you admit you're wicked.

It is possible this is fine weather
to hop on a sight-seeing albus and
get a nice aerial view of the town.
The flying boats rise from the Hud-
son river at Eighty-second street
and each carries four passen-
gers, besides a pilot and me-
chanic. But the altitude reached
by sight-seers in flying boats
is nothing compared with the height
to which four women's civic organi-
zations have gone up in the air
after a sightseeing tour round the
public schools. They declared 40

**NEWLY ELECTED GRAND
ARMY HEAD HAS EXTEN-
SIVE RECORD.**



Commander C. A. Williams.

C. A. Williams, elected com-
mander of the department of
Oregon, Grand Army of the Re-
public, at the recent encamp-
ment at Pendleton, holds a rec-
ord in the western United States
for continuous service as a de-
partment official. For the past
14 years he has been appointed
adjutant-general of the depart-
ment of Oregon each successive
year by the newly elected com-
manders.

General Williams was born in
Theford, Vt., in 1844. He served
during the civil war in com-
pany I, 9th Vermont infantry,
attached to the 18th army corps.
He joined the Grand Army
shortly after it was formed, be-
coming a member in 1868. He
has lived in Oregon since 1890
and is a member of Sumner
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