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MURDERED FOR HIS MONEY.

The little town of Matamoras, Ohio, thirty-five miles below Wheeling, W. Va., has just experienced a singular and unparalleled sensation. In 1864 a New York syndicate sent a man, whose name cannot now be recalled, to Matamoras to prospect for oil land. He came with a fine team and had about him \$50,000 in Greenbacks. He went from Matamoras to Archer's Fork, a short distance above, and stopped with a man named Ward, whom he took into his employ. He and Ward prospected about the country for a time, when suddenly he disappeared. His team remained at Ward's, but that individual said he had absconded with his employer's funds and had left him the team in payment for his services. The story was scouted, but there was no evidence of other facts, and it therefore had to be accepted. Soon afterward Ward's circumstances underwent a great change. He was a poor man and owned a small and sterile farm, which he disposed of and moved to Matamoras, where he purchased a valuable hotel property, and branched out amazingly. About three years ago Ward, while walking into the yard from the house, threw his hands up, and exclaiming, "Oh! my God!" dropped dead. With his death all talk of the disappearance of the New Yorker ended, until it was brought back in a thrilling way recently. James West, a good-for-naught about Matamoras, who had suddenly come into possession of money a long time ago, was taken down with an illness that proved to be fatal. Finding his end approaching, he said: "I have a terrible disclosure to make; send for a minister." The minister came, and West poured out the long-hidden mystery concerning the stranger. Ward had come to West and told him of the prospector's money, and how easily they might obtain it. The two men decided to murder him, and took into their confidence a man named Kirkbride, a butcher in Matamoras. The three waylaid the stranger one dark night at Archer's Forks, and, while Ward and West held him, Kirkbride cut his throat with a butcher knife. They then robbed him of his jewelry and about \$30,000 in money. On one finger was a gold ring which fitted so tightly that they could not remove it, and they therefore decided to allow it to remain. They buried the body under a manure pile for a few days, then dragged it up and threw it in a well on Ward's place and filled up the well. Ward gave out that the well had caved in in order to cover up the crime. The three divided the money equally and kept their mouths shut. West said, in conclusion, they might find the skeleton in the well, and could identify it by the gold ring. Shortly after making his confession West gave up the ghost. The disclosure created the most intense consternation and excitement in Matamoras, though no prompt measures were taken to institute the search suggested. Kirkbride was there and ridiculed and denied the story; but after some little time had passed, the filled-up well was looked for, found and searched, and the excavation brought to light a skeleton with a gold ring clinging to the bony finger. At this the town went wild, and Kirkbride was placed under arrest to answer the charge.

Retribution.

The death of John Gilham, the central figure of the Ku-Kluxers in South Carolina, recalls the doings of that secret body of night raiders. In 1869 Gilham, who was a man of good family and some property, took a prominent part in the clan of which he was a member. One night two negroes were murdered in the most brutal manner by a band of Ku-Klux, and the evidence of Gilham's complicity was so strong that a warrant was issued for his arrest, to avoid which he fled from home and found refuge with T. G. Gay,

who lives in this county. Here he has lived for fourteen years, avoiding human beings, two large pistols buckled around him, and living in constant dread of arrest. Mr. Gray lives just between the swamps of Keg and Line creeks, and in these swamps Gilham passed the greater part of his time. He was a terror to all the negroes who knew him, who related fearful stories they had in some way learned of his past life. Though he had lived more than fourteen years in this county not more than fifty white people knew of his existence. For a long time Gilham had been subject to cramps. One day last week he was in the swamp alone when one of these cramps attacked him, rendering him utterly helpless. A negro man passing by in a little while was requested by the sick man to inform Mr. Gray's family of his condition, but this he refused to do, thus inflicting retribution for the crime inflicted upon two of his race fourteen years before. For four hours he lay in the swamp suffering untold pain, when he was rescued by a seining party, but too late to save him, for he soon died.

Special to the Globe-Democrat.

An Old Inventor in His Garret.

Captain John Ericsson is now eighty years old, and is hard at work on an important invention, occupying a dingy chamber in New York. Captain Ericsson gave the marine screw to commerce and through it revolutionized the carrying trade of the world. He worked a long time on his hot air engine, by which he hoped to create another important revolution. He put one into the ship *Ericsson*, but it was not a success. The machinery was removed and the craft was converted into a sailing vessel which has frequently been in these waters. The hot air engine is slowly working its way, but it does not promise to supplant other motors. At a later date Ericsson invented the *Motitor*. That invention has revolutionized the armed navies of the world. The torpedo in some shape had been known for a century. It was long ago applied to small craft, or sunk in channel ways for the purpose of blowing up ships. But the most formidable torpedo boat ever constructed, and on essentially a new plan, was that produced by Ericsson.

And now it is said the old man has just completed a steam engine to be driven by solar heat. It is a small motor designed for pumping water on the plains. During the last decade much attention has been given by scientific men to the practicability of collecting solar rays to be used as a motor. Steam engines have been driven in that way. Ericsson proposed to construct a cheap motor which could be used when a small power was wanted; and this was nowhere more needed than on the hot, dry plains between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast, and just where little or no fuel could be procured. The sun would be an endless source of heat. There are hundreds of miles on these deserts where there is neither wood nor coal. Water is found at a depth of from one hundred to three hundred feet. Perhaps the latest invention of Ericsson will turn out to be one of the most important he has ever made. Perhaps the sun which scorches and burns in the desert, creating a terrible aridity, can be employed through this invention to make the desert blossom as the rose. The first successful demonstration of the sun-motor applied to raising water on the deserts, will go a long way to convince many skeptics of the practicability of such an invention.

And this Yankee country has to import steel for the two 24-ton guns being made at the Washington navy yard. Nobody here ever wanted such masses of steel before, and so there is no machinery to manufacture them with.

Speaking English.

"The fact is," said Dr. Weston, chatting with the Jester a few days ago, "that we speak better English and more of it in America than they do in England. In America, wherever you go, from Maine to Texas and California, wherever you find an American, you can converse with him, readily, without the least difficulty in understanding him. He may use slang freely, often too freely; he may speak with an utter disregard of grammatical construction, but you know what he says and what he means, and a graduate of Harvard and a miner in the mountains can carry on a conversation without difficulty. The miner may have some difficulty at times in understanding some of the collegian's sentences, but the graduate has no trouble, and he can talk down to his comrade's comprehension, if he will. But in England, an Englishman may go into certain localities, where he neither understands the English spoken by Englishmen, native born like himself, nor can he make himself understood by them. We have nothing in America to correspond with certain unintelligible dialects spoken in England by Englishmen. So I say that, as a nation, the Americans speak better English than do the English people."—*Burlington Hawkeye.*

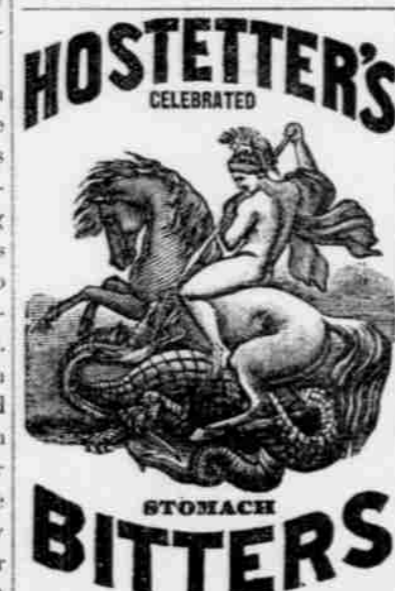


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