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**CHARLES COLBY SHOOT
WIFE AND SELF IN NIGHT**

**Man, Demented by Thoughts and
Memories, Commits Act of
Horror in His Home.**

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the Colby's had gone, no further thought had been given the af-
fair until the return of the sher-
iff Saturday night when J. Frank
Stroud hailed him on a west-
bound train. The sheriff pro-
ceeded to Hillsboro and return-
ing in his car, went to the Colby
farm, accompanied by Mr. Stroud
and some of the neighbors. An
attempt to arouse the Colby's
failing to bring any response,
a lantern was held up to one of
the bedroom windows and the
investigators saw a man's feet
protruding from the bed. The
sheriff then opened the door and
the full horror of the tragedy
was apparent. Mrs. Colby lay
in the bed, her head on a blood-
soaked pillow and a bullet hole in
her head near the left ear. She
had apparently died without a
struggle, as the bed coverings
were undisturbed. Beside her,
but on top of the covers, lay
Colby, his gun beside him, a bul-
let hole through his head and
his arms folded over his breast.
A hole in the wall showed the
course the latter bullet had tak-
en after it ended his life.

On a table in the room adjoin-
ing was a letter addressed to J.
Frank Stroud. On one corner
of the envelope was noted: "It is
2:15 A. M. 1-18-19."

They tore the letter open and
this is what they found:

Jan. 18, 1919, 2 A. M. My dear
Frank This undoubtedly will
shock you to the limit of your
foundation.

I only too well know the mag-
nitude of this action And it is
with the greatest reluctance that
I am saying anything at all but
My Dear Boy there is no way
you can understand.

I have killed three men in my
time and thought no more of it
than killing a coyote (one of the
most destructible animals alive)
when the Cause Justified But
when it comes to killing a woman
one that I not only loved but
worshiped, That takes the nerve
of an Iron Man.

I only wish that I could have
been Drafted My God if I hadn't
got many a German it wouldn't
have been that I was a poor shot.

Telegraph to Mrs. Clara Wil-
son 606 Main St Richmond, Cal.
Goodbye Frank and God bless
you. CHAS W. COLBY. By all
means don't let Mable Dant have
any of Cora's trinkets. CHAS.
W. COLBY.

The letter to Mr. Kennedy had
been dated Jan. 17 and Mr. Jam-

ieson say that at about 10 o'clock
Friday night his dogs barked as
if someone had come by the mail
boxes.

The sheriff telephoned to the
coroner who notified W. E. Pegg
to take charge of the bodies. An
inquest was held Monday morn-
ing and a jury composed of L. R.
Dean, W. E. Evans, A. Rossi, H.
G. Vincent, G. W. Tefft and F.
W. Cady brought in a report to
the effect that the woman came
to her death from a gunshot
wound inflicted by Colby and he
had died by his own hand.

Colby has no known relatives.
He was born in Sacramento and
his mother died when he was a
baby. His father, a Sacramento
River steamboat captain, raised
him on the boats until he was 11
years of age when the father
died, leaving him an orphan on
the San Francisco waterfront.

There he spent his youth and
learned that self-reliance that
stood him well in hand in later
years. But there he accumulat-
ed the temper and the experien-
ces that proved his undoing. He
went from there to the plains of
the West and after a varied ca-
reer of which he told only parts,
he became a sheepman in East-
ern Oregon. At Prineville he be-
came acquainted with the Stroud
family and it was this acquaint-
ance that led him to locate here
when his fortunes failed in the
sheep industry. He had been
married before but little is known
here of his first wife. In 1909
he married Miss Cora Emmaline
Miner of Richmond, Calif. They
were married in Oakland and
went at once to the Seattle Ex-
position. They had met but
twice before their marriage, but
had kept up a correspondence.

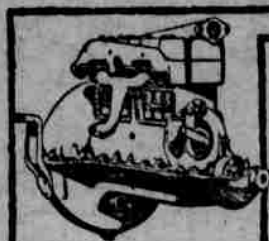
They owned a twenty-acre
farm on the new Pacific High-
way and it had been their cher-
ished hope to pay off the indebt-
edness on this farm and have it
clear as their home. To this end
they had both been working at
different places and Mrs. Colby
was home only for he one night
and had sent he trunk to the
depot, expecting to go to work
Saturday morning. While they
were somewhat in debt for the
home which they had purchased
cleared and built, their financial
condition was not such as to give
worry to a man of Colby's ability
and a motive for the deed is hard
to find. He was known to have
a violent temper, but aside from
the temporary bursts of anger,
he seemed to worship his wife.

The evidence surrounding this
act is such as to lead to the be-
lief that he had deliberately and
cunningly planned it with all the
detail of an insane man.

The home which they had was
comfortable and well fitted up.
A. M. Hocken built it for them in
1914.

Mrs. Colby was 33 years of
age; Colby was 67 as nearly as
can be ascertained. Mrs. Colby
is survived by her parents in
Richmond, Calif., by three sis-
ters, Mrs. Wilson of Richmond,
Mrs. C. E. Dant of 344 1/2 Mont-
gomery St., Portland, and by an
unmarried sister in Richmond.

Mrs. Colby's body was shipped
to Richmond for burial while the
body of Colby will be buried here
upon the appointment of his ad-
ministrator.



The Ford automo-
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