

THE POISONED BOOTS

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SUSPECTED Louise Carey from the first; but in that I was no different from the farmer's neighbors...

John Carey was rich, and Louise Brand had been a poor girl in the city when the elderly man, making a business trip there, saw her working as a stenographer in the lawyer's office.

John Carey had been a close-fisted man, but a good neighbor and had been generally esteemed. He fell under the rule of his young wife. His sons resented the stranger's presence in the home.

The motive for murdering John Carey? Fear lest he should change his will again. Three days later Carey came in from the field, where he had been binding, in high spirits.

It was like snake poison; the experts said the condition of the body resembled that of a man who had been struck by a rattler. But there was no rattler in the house, though they were plentiful in the field.

John Carey was buried, and the few whippers on the part of the neighbors died away. Jim and Frank had left the house at the time of the quarrel. They started suit, alleging undue influence.

It was just a month later that the second death occurred. Jim Carey had gone to the stepmother's house to talk things over with her.

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the circus with Leonard, and had been seen to speak to the man.

This looked bad. After all, if it was snake poison, Mrs. Carey was the only person with a motive to kill.

I had actually invested \$200 in an option on the property. This gave me plenty of opportunity to visit there.

"Why, that's all right, mom," he answered. "They'll come in handy out in the field. Why, mom, I've had those on for nearly two hours, and if there was poison in them I guess I'd have felt it before now."

"Take them off!" screamed Mrs. Carey. And yet, agitated though she was, there was no sound of guilty knowledge in her voice, only of fear.

"I wish I'd buried the things," she sobbed wildly. "If it hadn't been for your father and brother having worn them, folks wouldn't accuse me of having killed them."

Leonard ran to her and put his arms about her. "Why, mom, folks are flars, that's all," he said. He clenched his fists. "Just let me see the man who says you are a murderess!" he cried.

"And, mom," he added, "I'll take them off right away."

I saw the tension on Mrs. Carey's face. Presently Leonard came back, wearing a pair of ordinary boots. He looked very sober and paler than before.

"I don't feel well, mom," he gasped, and fell at her feet. Mrs. Carey screamed wildly, and I carried the boy into the house and called the doctor.

The doctor arrived in half an hour and diagnosed the case as hopeless. By that time Leonard's legs were swollen to three times their size, and he was black below the waist.

Mrs. Carey and I worked over him all that day. It was a desperate effort to keep him awake, and we could not walk him on his swollen feet.

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The next day was a critical one, but by nightfall Leonard was able to go to sleep, and by the next morning the swelling had gone down a little and he was on the way to recovery.

The story had spread through the village, and warrant for Mrs. Carey's arrest had already been issued. It was I who confronted the constable at the door with my evidence.

In the left boot was nothing. But in the right boot, set near the ankle, was a tiny snake fang, with a portion of the venom sack attached to it.

It was set downward at such an angle that it would not abrade the skin when the boot was put on, but must inevitably do so when it was pulled off.

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PASTORS' CHILDREN TO HONOR PARENTS

Memorial Takes Form of Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Chicago.—"Silver keys to golden memories." In these five words are epitomized a national movement, with its headquarters here, which has as its objectives:

Creation of a sunshiny, life and health-giving memorial to the spirits of thousands of America's best-loved men and women, and

A lasting and complete refutation of the old theory that the majority of ministers' children are ne'er-do-wells.

The "golden memories" are those which all of us treasure of the kindly ministrations, the heart-felt sympathies and the helping hands extended to us in times of stress by pastors or our acquaintances.

The "silver keys" are the dollars that are pouring into the Methodist Ministers' Sons' and Daughters' association, for the memorial which that organization has planned and on which construction is expected early this year.

Plan Great Sanatorium.

That memorial is to be the Methodist Ministers' Memorial sanatorium at Colorado Springs, Colo. It is planned as the principal unit of the National Methodist Episcopal Sanatorium for Tuberculosis—a project embracing almost a million dollars in buildings and equipment.

"Our unit," says Rev. J. W. Irish, D. D., executive secretary of the association, "will cost about \$300,000 and will afford us—the sons and daughters of Methodist ministers—an opportunity not only to honor our fathers and mothers, but also to assist in caring for the more than a million persons in America who are afflicted with this dread disease. The service will be non-sectarian and will be provided without cost to those who are unable to pay the cost of their fight for health."

Doctor Irish added that probably no movement in the history of Methodism ever has struck such a popular chord of appeal and that the success of the venture is assured. In his offices at 740 Rush street, he already has the names and addresses of 10,000 sons and daughters of Methodist ministers.

"Our greatest concern now," he continued, "is that of obtaining as nearly as possible a complete list of the sons and daughters of Methodist ministers and their wives. The opportunity which our association affords these folks of memorializing their parents is such that we have issued a general appeal to the public everywhere to send us names and addresses of any known sons or daughters of our pastors."

"So great is the interest in our activity that the Chamber of Commerce of Colorado Springs donated 26 acres of land within the city limits for the location of our buildings. The site affords that of both a General hospital, nationally known for its achievements in surgical and general medical treatment."

"The site of our sanatorium, a heating plant and laundry large enough to provide for future expansion, already have been erected on our site."

Ministers' Sons Rank High.

Development of the hospital memorial to children of preachers, has brought to light an almost startling array of prominent personages who were the sons or daughters of ministers.

John Hancock, first signer of the Declaration of Independence, was a preacher's son, as were eight others who signed that document. One of every nine of the Presidents of the United States have been ministers' sons, while in one of every four administrations, America's Presidents had daughters of ministers as the nation's best help.

One of every five persons in the Hall of Fame in New York city is the son or daughter of a preacher.

In the industrial field, in science, invention, literature and the arts, many of the outstanding names are those of ministers' sons.

Stephen Edwin Holt Hughes of Chicago is president of the association; Rev. Marie N. English, D. D., of Oak Park, Ill., is vice president. Other officers, besides Doctor Irish, the executive secretary, include L. O. Jones, Lafayette, Neb., secretary, and Dr. C. S. Woods, Cleveland, Ohio, treasurer.

Snapshots of Cruiser Emden Stir Germans

Wilhelmshaven, Germany.—There was excitement among members of the German navy when the cruiser Emden departed on a world tour. For sailors on board a British tank ship were observed to be photographing the German naval vessel as she steamed out of port.

With rumors began to circulate in this harbor, describing the network of a big English espionage system.

But these stirring stories were quickly dispelled by the Frankfurter Zeitung, which wrote: "Nowadays there are few jobs for foreign spies. The plans of the Emden are known to members of the international military control commission better than they are to the builders in Wilhelmshaven."

Dentist Cheaper

Moscow, U. S. S. R.—American toothpaste boats docked in Russia. Six tubes to be mailed to an American newspaper man here were held up at the soviet post office for minute examination and then the correspondent was assessed a duty of \$11 a tube.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon For the County of Columbia

Alma Urie, (Plaintiff,

SUMMONS

vs.

Charles H. Urie, Defendant.

To Charles H. Urie: In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 12th day of March, 1927, and if you fail to answer or otherwise appear, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit: for the

dissolution of the bonds of matrimony between plaintiff and defendant, and for such other and further relief as to the Court may seem just and meet.

Service of this summons is made upon you by publication thereof in pursuance of an order of the Honorable J. E. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court, made, dated and entered on the 25th day of January, 1927, ordering such publication in the Vernonia Eagle once each week for six successive weeks, the first publication there-

of being on the 27th day of January, 1927, and the last publication on the 10th day of March, 1927.

J. Mason Dillard, Attorney for plaintiff.—Postoffice address 404 Failing Bldg., Portland, Oregon. F24A7

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