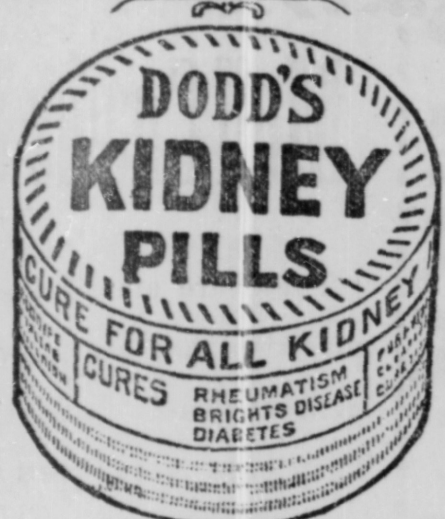


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Arnold nodded, and the professor went on: "To walk from the hotel to the boat, go back to the spot where the keys were lost, make the search for



"I will ask you, Mr. Sheriff, to place Mr. Arnold under arrest."

them, return to the boat and cross the river, would consume much more than half an hour. We know, however, that Burke did not leave the hotel till 10 o'clock, and the meteorite was observed to fall at approximately 10:30. Therefore if after leaving Dobson at 10 o'clock Burke traversed two-thirds of the distance between the pier and the hotel twice, as the footprints prove, he could not have been on the path at the ridge and in the way of destruction by this fragment of rock at the time the meteorite fell. At that moment he must have been on the west side of the river. How then did his death occur?

"Well, in fancy I entered the boat with Burke and crossed to the east pier and for the time being left him there. Then in fancy also I went from the observatory with Mr. Arnold in search of the meteorite, which we suspected had fallen somewhere near the pier. No one saw Arnold when he returned that night, but the next day he reported his search to have been fruitless. No trace of the meteorite had been found—that is, he said so. Well, as I say, I went forth with him in fancy, and, it is true, we did not find the meteorite, but we did find (in my fancy, please still bear in mind) a splintered piece of rock, a fragment that the meteorite had broken from the solid rock a few minutes before. Arnold picked it up, at first thinking it might be an aerolite, but a hasty examination showed him that it was not. This should be some 20 minutes after the meteorite fell and about 50 minutes after Burke left the hotel. Fifty minutes would be about the time required for Burke after going back and searching for the keys to reach the east pier. Arnold heard the approach of the boat and knew who was in it. In his hands he held the instrument that we

have practically proved made the wound on Burke's head."

Here Arnold interrupted, saying "Professor Gilman, you have no right to say that. The imaginings of your mind cannot be used as evidence against me. What you have surmised you cannot prove to be facts."

The professor did not heed the interruption, but said: "Here was a juxtaposition of men and instruments highly suggestive and worthy, I believed, of further study. Pursuing my investigations on this line, my first object was to discover if Arnold had any motive for killing Burke. He wanted Burke's position at the observatory, but that of itself seemed a wholly inadequate motive for murdering him. Almost by accident I discovered that there was another and much more powerful motive for his wishing Burke out of the way. The proof of this motive I can produce if necessary, but out of regard for Arnold's family, for Arnold himself and another person whose name I will not mention I do not wish to do so if it is not necessary. Arnold knows what I refer to, and he would be the last to wish me to expose to the public what must be exposed if his motive is explained. I repeat, however, in the presence of the murderer that I can produce the evidence, and if in the interests of justice it is necessary I shall do so. It rests with Arnold whether the exposure shall be made or not."

At this point Arnold broke into a convulsive sob. "Do not expose me, Professor Gilman. I beg of you. It will not be necessary. I confess the crime. When searching for the meteorite that night, I picked up the piece of rock, as Professor Gilman has surmised. When Burke came up the path, I was concealed by a portion of the rocky wall. From my concealment I sprang upon him, impelled by some mad demon, and struck his head with the rock. He toppled over, and without a cry fell into the water. I threw the rock in after him, believing it would never be seen again. But man may not murder his fellow being and escape discovery. Sheriff, I am your prisoner."

Later the detective asked Professor Gilman if he would not tell him what Arnold's motive was. The professor shook his head. "You must not ask me," he said. Then, smiling half sadly, he added, "But your experience must tell you that in nearly every tragedy there's a woman in the case."

His Case Continued.
They are the following in connection with John Allison, the well known Manitoba lawyer: John is very much of a wag, and on one occasion, even when death was staring him in the face, he could not repress his disposition to be funny. He became ill at his home in Greenville with what was supposed to be heart disease, and a physician was hastily summoned. When he arrived, John was gasping for breath, and his friends expected him to die at any minute. When the doctor asked him what was the matter, he coolly replied, "Doc, I have an intimation that my case is about to be called, and, if possible, I want to get a continuance." The doctor went to work with him, and, contrary to everybody's expectation, did get John a continuance, and he is still alive and practicing law in Greenville, Madisonville (Ky.) Hustler.

The Colored of It.
Dorothy had heard some one singing that classical production, the "Little Alabama Coon," on the street. Presently she came to her mother and asked: "Mamma, what does 'swat' mean?" "What do you think that it means?" "Well, I don't know, mamma, but I s'pose that 'swat' is colored for spank."—Harper's Bazar.

A "Big Die."
The average southern negro looks upon a funeral as a function to be enjoyed and one at which all the fine feathers of the women and the loud clothing of the men should be shown. In this city today there are hundreds of negroes and negroesses who each month pay their pittance to their "s'cieties," and the "s'cieties" in return bury them with great pomp when they die. Not long since a very largely attended funeral was passing along a prominent street. An old negro, impressed by the number of carriages and wishing to express his admiration, exclaimed: "Lawdy! Lawdy! Dat sho' is er big die!"—Memphis Scimitar.

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"Do you know another?" asked the king.
"Yes—Frederick VI."
"What great act did he perform?" The girl hung her head and stammered out, "I don't know."
"Be comforted, my child," said the king. "I don't know either."

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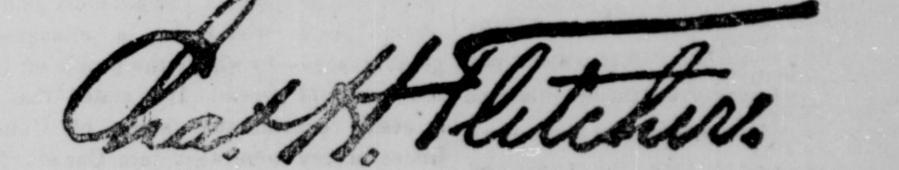
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