

THE TORN GLOVE.

On the 4th of January, 1866, a startling rumor prevailed in the city of York, that a young man, named Mr. Stephen Meredith, a respectable merchant and citizen, had been found assassinated in his bed. His house, which was situated in Canal Street, was immediately surrounded by a mob of thousands of people, who, without any authority from the authorities, were demolishing the house, and had destroyed the body of the deceased. The most outrageous rumors were spread, and nothing definite could be learned.

At this period I was engaged as a regular detective officer, and Mr. Meredith's partner called on me to investigate the matter, as the authorities had failed to do so.

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