

SOLVED AT LAST.

THE ST. THOMAS MYSTERY SOLVED ON NEW YEAR'S DAY.

THE BODY OF AGGIE FUKU DISCOVERED IN YARWOOD'S POND YESTERDAY—DOMESTIC INFELICITY—THE INQUEST.

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of Mrs. Aggie Fuku, which has been agitating the residents of St. Thomas and vicinity for some time, has at length been solved, her body having been discovered yesterday in the pond, in which she was at first supposed to have thrown herself. The circumstances of the woman's leaving home will be remembered, having been previously published in these columns. One night, about two months ago, after a quarrel with her husband, she left, or, as her sister who had been stopping with her asserts, was pushed out of the house by Fuku, and proceeding in the direction of Yarwood's Pond, or, as it is sometimes called, "Lake Pinafore," threatened to never come back again. She did not return on the following day, but her husband made no endeavors to discover her whereabouts. On the second day the engineer of the Michigan Central waterworks, which is situated at the pond, discovered a hat on the banks of the lake, and upon being shown to her sister it was recognized as the one Mrs. Fuku wore when she left the house. The husband then, with a gang of men, proceeded to drag the pond, but to no avail, and the search in that direction was given up as fruitless. The majority of the inhabitants have lately been of the opinion that she had been hiding at one of her relatives' houses, but the allegations have been stoutly denied by them, and the subsequent events go to show they spoke the truth. About one o'clock yesterday a number of young men were skating on the pond when they detected a black spot under the ice near the waterworks. They notified the engineer, and with his assistance cut around the spot, when they were horrified to discover the body of a woman, whom they at once surmised to be the missing Mrs. Fuku. Fuku was notified of the discovery and at once recognized the body as being that of his wife. The body remained in the condition in which it was found until Coroner Gustin was informed of the discovery, and at his direction it was conveyed by Mr. W. J. Kerr to Strong & Co.'s undertaking establishment. The unfortunate woman was a daughter of John Flanagan of Big Rapids, Mich., and was married to George Fuku, who is at present employed in the car department of the M. C. B., about a year ago. The life of the couple was anything but a happy one, and domestic broils were of daily occurrence. As stated on the night she left home they had been quarreling over a very trivial circumstance. Fuku was unable to find his collar-button, and began to abuse his wife, who at length left the house as stated. She was about nineteen years of age. Mrs. Cleve Boughner, of Simcoe, and Mrs. W. F. Boomer, of St. Thomas, were her sisters. The Fukus resided on the corner of Ross and Chestnut streets, St. Thomas. At the time they were married Fuku was assistant secretary of the St. Thomas Y. M. C. A., and the woman's relatives have described him as a "milk and water Christian."

Coroner Gustin empaneled a jury last night, and the investigation began at Strong & Co.'s undertaking establishment at 8 o'clock. The husband of the woman was present, and manifested the keenest interest in the proceedings. At the pond during the afternoon persons who were there say he wept like a child.

WHIPPING A REFRACTORY PUPIL.

A YOUNG MAN HELPS A TEACHER CHASTISE A GIRL OF EIGHTEEN.

Auburn, Ill., Dec. 29.—Miss Eunice Christopher, daughter of J. M. Christopher, a farmer, has been teaching what is known as the Finley school, a short distance east of Auburn. Attending this school were the son and daughter of James R. Lewis, a relative of the Christophers. A bitter feud had existed between the two families for some time. This feeling was intensified a few days ago when Miss Christopher, after vainly trying to chastise Miss Lewis, who is about eighteen years of age, called a young man, a pupil, to her assistance, and administered a severe beating to the unruly pupil. The young woman's parents were almost frantic with rage, and the mother, it is said, went to the school-room with a revolver, and would doubtless have caused bloodshed but for the timely interference of the pupils. The result was the arrest of the teacher and pu-

pil who assisted in punishing Miss Lewis. The first trial resulted in a disagreement by the jury. The second trial occurred in Auburn and resulted in a small fine being imposed on Miss Christopher and her assistant of the affair. Both sides were represented by able counsel.

A stooping figure is not only a familiar expression of weakness or old age, but it is, when caused by careless habits, a direct cause of contracted chest and defective breathing. Unless you rid yourself of this crook while at school you will probably go bent to your grave. There is one good way to cure it. Shoulder braces will not help. One needs, not an artificial substitute, but some means to develop the muscles whose duty it is to hold the head and shoulders erect. There is but one bull's-eye shot. It is to carry a weight on the head. A sheepskin or other strong bag filled with 20 to 30 pounds of sand is good weight. When engaged in your morning studies, either before or after breakfast, put this bag of sand on your head, hold your head erect, draw your chin close to your neck, and walk slowly about the room, coming back, if you please, every minute or two to your book, or carrying the book as you walk. The muscles whose duty it is to hold the head and shoulders erect are hit, not with scattering shot, but with a rifle ball. The bones of the spine and the intervertebral substance will soon accommodate themselves to the new attitude. One year of daily practice with the bag, half an hour morning and evening, will give you a noble carriage, without interfering with your studies.

Evil of City Cemeteries.

A careful consideration of all the facts can not fail to convince any one of the danger of cherishing longer in crowded communities the enormous evil of city cemeteries. It is not the great pestilences alone which are promoted and intensified by them. The testimony shows that our ordinary epidemics, scarlet fever, diphtheria, and the minor diseases of children, become epidemic and widely fatal by the same influences. Our law-makers do not recognize as they should the dangers of the inhumation of human bodies, dead from malignant disease with its specific germs—germs which float in the air we breathe and the water we drink, germs which neither boiling nor freezing can destroy; germs which, after being buried in the earth for centuries, when brought to the surface by excavations, bring forth fruit, each after its kind, and have power to produce a pestilence.

The new year was inaugurated Friday in Detroit by the most costly conflagration in the history of that city by which the entire square bounded Randolph, Brush, Lafayette and Croghan street, containing Ferry's immense seed store and the Music Hall Block, was laid in ashes. The loss is estimated at a million dollars and a half. One fireman was killed and three dangerously injured by the collapse of a wall.

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