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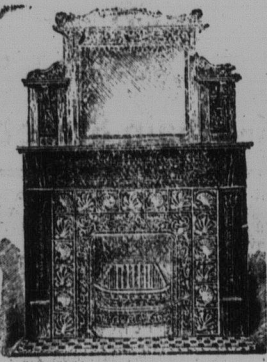
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## LOOKS LIKE MURDER.

A Suspicious Character Around Oulton's Place For Several Days.

Arranged to Rent a Room--Skulked Around at Night--Then Disappeared--The Instrument of Death.

Last night I. O. Oulton, commonly referred to as a miser and a rag picker by occupation, was found dead in the house in which he has lived for years on Douglas avenue. His head is covered with bruises, while considerable blood is congealed about his mouth and chin. Shortly after the discovery of the body, and while no one was supposed to be in the house, fire broke out, part of the bed on which the body lay was burned, with portions of the old man's clothing. These are the peculiar facts that the police have been called upon to investigate.

Since the death of his wife, which occurred some few years ago, Oulton has lived alone, and while he has considerable property and a good bank account, continued to frequent garbage dumps. In one of his houses, number 50 Elm street, lives Thomas Gillespie, an axe helper in Campbell's axe factory. Gillespie for several years has cared for the old man when ill and looked after some of his business for him. Oulton got his meals at Gillespie's when the weather was fine enough for him to go out, while during the winter and wet weather the old man's meals were taken to him. He kept his house closely barred and it was next to impossible for any one to get in without using force. With Gillespie, however, he had a set of signals. Tuesday night Oulton had his supper at Gillespie's. Breakfast and dinner time passed yesterday and the old man did not put in an appearance, so when Gillespie returned from work and had finished his own supper he went at once to Oulton's house, taking some supper with him. He found the door closed as usual, and after waiting several minutes, his signals not being answered, went home for a light. Going back he took his son, Thomas Gillespie, a lad of twelve or fourteen, and Wm. Marshall, a lad of about his son's age. After some little difficulty he succeeded in getting in, and went at once to the corner where the old man slept. The old man was lying face down, his body resting on the bed, his feet on the floor. Gillespie lifted one leg on a chair, and seeing that the man was dead went out, fastened the door and went to look for a policeman. He finally went to Dr. Roberts', and after asking him if he was a coroner told the doctor that he had "found a dead man." The doctor questioned him closely, and he told the story as above. It was just five minutes of ten when Gillespie first spoke to the doctor. He said he had spent quite a little while looking for a policeman, and thought it was about 9:30 o'clock when he left the house where the dead man was.

Coroner Roberts immediately telephoned the North End police station. Shortly afterwards an alarm was rung in for a fire in the Oulton house. A crowd quickly collected and many tried to force their way into the house. On a bed inside were found the remains of Mr. Oulton. The body was removed to Chamberlain's undertaking establishment. An examination there brought out some startling developments. On the top of the head is a deep indentation, discolored, and with a slight abrasion of the skin. Nearer the temple is another almost similar mark. The left cheekbone and eye are terribly swollen and blackened and slightly out. The little finger of the left hand bears peculiar marks. From a portion of the finger the skin is missing, while the flesh is scarred as if gnawed by rats. If, as is suspected by many, foul play caused the old man's death, the hand might have been injured when being used as a guard.

The chief of police was at once communicated with and his officers took the case in hand. Dr. Scammell was likewise called and he decided to hold a post mortem examination. He expressed the opinion at the time that the man had been dead some time. The origin of the fire in the Oulton house is a mystery. It was discovered by Mrs. Gillespie, who went to that place to see what was detaining her husband. Isaac G. Oulton was a person well known in the North End, and was reported to be exceedingly well-to-do. He was generally believed that he carried a large sum of money on his person all the time. When searched at the undertaking establishment his pockets were empty. He was over eighty years of age and daily could be seen on the dumps picking over and carting off everything of any value.

A SUSPICIOUS CHARACTER. This morning Mrs. Thomas Gillespie gave the Star information which seems to throw some light, in fact the only light, on the cause of Oulton's death.

She says that on Friday last a well dressed man applied to Oulton for a room in his house. This he was unable to obtain, as there were no rooms to be let in that house, but in the Gillespie house, in which Oulton spent the greater part of the time there was a room which could be rented. The man applied to Mrs. Gillespie for this, and having inspected the room declared himself satisfied with it. He told Mrs. Gillespie that his name was George Kendrick, that he belonged to a place four miles out of Fredericton, and that he was moving to St. John. He also stated that he came to the city on Wednesday, April 16th with his wife and family, and had gone to the Grand Union.

Upon arranging for the lease of the room the man had gone, promising to return on Saturday. In the meantime Mrs. Gillespie, feeling somewhat suspicious, had communicated the facts to her husband. She believed that there must be some underlying motive when a man so well dressed and apparently so prosperous should seek lodgings in such a miserable place. On Saturday afternoon Kendrick, as he called himself, appeared again and made further arrangements with Oulton and Mr. and Mrs. Gillespie concerning the room. Mr. Oulton agreed to have it cleaned, painted and papered, and that it would be ready for occupation on Wednesday. The man made many enquiries which, being received with hidden interest, further excited the suspicion of Mrs. Gillespie, and she paid particular attention to his personal appearance, taking note of every detail of his clothing even down to the rings on his finger. She feels positive that she could identify the man anywhere. Kendrick was observed by others than Mrs. Gillespie, and was seen to be sizing up the house and its surroundings. He promised to return on Monday afternoon to have a look at the room and see how the work was getting along.

On Monday Kendrick did not show up, but after six o'clock in the evening, while Mr. Gillespie was standing in the gateway leading to the rear of the house, he passed. He was wearing a long overcoat, which reached below the knees, and he had the collar turned up around his head. Upon seeing Mr. Gillespie he suddenly started, and turned his face away, as if to avoid being seen.

At two o'clock on Tuesday morning some of the neighbors returning home, met Kendrick in the gateway, wearing the same long coat and having his face partly hidden. He said nothing, but passed out of the gateway and walked away.

On Monday night the houses of William Newman, on Simonds street, and Edward Harrington, on Portland street, were broken into. This fact led Mrs. Gillespie to make further enquiries and as Kendrick did not return to occupy the room he had engaged, she began to put two and two together, with the result that she is satisfied in her own mind that the man who broke into the Newman and Harrington houses, and the one who applied for the room in her house, are one and the same.

Enquiry at the Grand Union hotel today revealed the fact that no person by the name of George Kendrick has stayed there since the first of the year, nor is any such person known to the proprietor or any of the staff.

OUTLTON'S AFFAIRS.

In speaking of Mr. Oulton, Mrs. Gillespie told the Star that her husband had for four years done all the collecting of rents for the old man. He had squared everything up to last Saturday night, and had entered it all on his book, after having paid over the money. For this work, which occupied considerable time, Oulton had repeatedly promised to pay Mr. Gillespie. He had also promised to pay Mrs. Gillespie for the food and lodging she had given him during the past few years. His promises, however, were the only things they ever got from him, but as Oulton stated that he intended leaving property to Mrs. Gillespie and money to her husband when he died, they did not press any claims against him.

WHERE HE LIVED.

From the Gillespie house the Star reporter went to the hovel on Douglas Avenue occupied by Oulton, and by means of an order obtained from Dr. Roberts, secured admission. Guided by a lantern, and after stumbling knee deep through heaps of all kinds of rubbish, the room where the body was found, and where the fire originated, was reached. Between the heaps of filth there was scarcely space to stand, and few signs remained of the supposed murder.

WAS THIS THE WEAPON?

While looking about the room one of the reporters suggested that a search should be made for the blunt instrument with which the wounds might have been inflicted.

A heavy iron spike, eight inches long and weighing about a pound and a half was seen lying against the stove-door and upon examination the heavy, ragged end of this was found to be covered with what looked like human hair and spots which looked like blood. Closer examination revealed the fact that the smaller end of the spike was entirely free from dust as though it

had been cleaned by being clasped in a hand, while the other end was, like everything else in the room, quite filthy.

The spike was carefully taken to Dr. Roberts and this afternoon he is making a microscopic examination of the spots and hairs found on it. He gives as his opinion upon first examination that what was noticed on the spike is really hair and blood and regards the article as a most important piece of evidence.

Thomas Gillespie, who is being detained in the North End police station told the Star today that Oulton had been feeling unwell for some time. He often complained of weak spells and was liable to fall at any moment. In regard to the statements made by his wife concerning the collecting of the rents Gillespie told the same story.

ORIGIN OF THE FIRE.

The origin of the fire is still a mystery but he gives one clue which may account for it. Over the bed on which Oulton's body was found was a clothesline, hanging low and fastened at one end to the frame of the door just beside the bed, and at the other to the opposite corner of the room. When Mr. Gillespie holding the lighted lamp leaned over the bed it is quite possible that the dry frayed rope caught. Upon examination in the house today a charred spot was found on the frame of the door, just where the burning end of the rope would be likely to touch. Below this there was no sign of fire and it is evident that the blaze in this part of the room did not come from beneath the bed.

The other end of the rope would fall directly on the bed and quite near to where the body of Oulton was lying. It would, if this theory should prove correct, set fire to the clothes on the left side of the man's body, and it was his left side which was partially burned. No other explanation of the fire can be given either by members of the fire department or by Mrs. Gillespie.

POST-MORTEM.

This forenoon Dr. J. H. Scammell visited John Chamberlain's undertaking rooms, where Oulton's body is lying, and made a post-mortem examination. Part of the skull was removed, the organs of the body were examined, and the results obtained were practically as stated with the exception that no fracture of the skull was found. Dr. Scammell will make his report to the coroner's jury this evening. He will not make any definite statement until then.

THE INQUEST.

Coroner W. F. Roberts this forenoon impanelled the following jury: Joseph Thurt, foreman; Charles Colwell, E. M. Sprague, Albert McArthur, J. V. Russell, Fred, A. Young and William Searle. The jury met at John Chamberlain's rooms at half past eleven o'clock and after viewing the body, adjourned to meet in the North End police station at eight o'clock this evening.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

BALMORAL, Transvaal, Wednesday, April 23.—Secretary of State Reitz, of the Transvaal; General Lucas Meyer, commander-in-chief of the Orange Free State forces, and other members of the party, have concluded their conferences with the burghers composing General Lucas Meyer's commando. Nothing has leaked out regarding the result. Secretary Reitz returned here yesterday and proceeded to Pietersburg to meet Commandant Beyers.

OSTRICHES TRAVEL AT GREAT SPEED.

"If the running record is to be lowered much below the present figure," said Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, at Washington the other day, "I think the new record will be established by ostriches. I witnessed some marvelous exhibitions last week at Jacksonville, Fla., where I visited a big ostrich farm, which covers a vast area; in fact, it is the largest ostrich farm in the world. The superintendent hitched the birds to light sulkeys and the way they got over the ground was wonderful. It takes three fast horses working in relays to keep up with the two-legged flyers when the latter get under way. The ostrich sprinters weigh over 300 pounds each and a strong bird can carry a man on his back without difficulty. The industry is a thriving one, and it is only a question of time before we will be exporting fine ostrich feathers instead of buying them from abroad. Eggs are hatched in incubators at Jacksonville, as the female refuse to sit on their eggs unless they can retire to some wooded spot out of the range of sightseers. A good ostrich is worth \$1,000."

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