

FRANCE MEDIUM LED TO DISCOVERY OF MURDERERS

Woman of Thirty-Five and Her Son Are Sentenced to Prison Largely Through the Instrumentality of Spiritualistic Directions.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 10.—Nebraska spiritualists assert that it is due to the revelations of a trance medium that two murderers are now within the walls of the state penitentiary. The prisoners are Charles Hutchinson, aged nineteen, and his mother, aged thirty-five. The boy is sentenced to twelve years imprisonment and the woman to ten years for the murder of Eli Fessel, an old man and their employer.

Eli Fessel lived on a farm about eight miles from Superior and later Hutchinson was sent to the housekeeper. Charles did the bulk of the farm work. Harley Fessel, a nephew of the old man, was a frequent visitor at the farm house, drawn there, it is said, by the attractions of Mrs. Hutchinson, with whom he soon became in love.

The elder Fessel also had eyes for the charms of his housekeeper and objected to the attentions paid the woman by his nephew. Nevertheless, it is asserted that the two were engaged to be married, and that they did not care whether the old man gave his consent or not. In the meantime Mrs. Hutchinson was snatching Mrs. Hutchinson with his love making. This angered her son Charles, who at one time said to have threatened his employer with dire vengeance if his mother was not let alone. The rivalry between uncle and nephew as a housekeeper on a farm near Nelson and the son getting work near Guide Rock.

Trance Medium Called. One of the neighbors of the missing man assembled a trance medium about the affair and was told that the body of Eli Fessel would be found buried in an outhouse on the Fessel farm. This caused considerable discussion and a party decided to investigate. No body was found in the building, but a hole was there that looked as if it might have contained a body, and in it was a rusty wrench with spots on it, which chemists declared was blood. The medium was again consulted, and this time said that the body had been buried in the hole and buried in a field. Vague directions were given as to the locality of the field, and amateur detectives dug up the most of the Fessel farm without result.

Seven months afterward a human hand and a coat containing in a pocket an empty whiskey flask was ploughed up on the Stanley farm near Guide Rock. The Stanley farm adjoins the farm on which young Hutchinson was working. Only the day before the discovery was made Hutchinson had quit work, saying that he was ill and would have to go to town. He appeared that night at a livery stable in Red Cloud and obtained a buggy and team, which he did not return until six o'clock the next morning. The horses were almost exhausted.

Hutchinson was arrested a few days later for the second time, as were also Harley Fessel and Mrs. Hutchinson. Testimony showed that a body was buried in the place where the hand and the coat were found. It was evident that the ground had been recently dug up, and a man's and a woman's footprints were visible around the spot. There were tracks in the snow and a buggy. One of the horses had a "trailed" shoe. So did one of the horses taken that night from Red Cloud. Young Hutchinson was unable to tell of his movements the night he took the team from Red Cloud, May 1, 1904, or the night of Oct. 1, 1904, after he left Superior. Slowly the links of evidence were forged, all circumstantial, but damning.

Harley Fessel was able to prove an alibi and was discharged, but Charles Hutchinson and his mother were found guilty and sentenced to imprisonment. Both insist on their innocence and deny all knowledge as to Eli Fessel's disappearance. It is supposed that the old man, who was often ugly when drunk, became especially so after imbibing the contents of the flask bought in Superior. He may have made some advances toward Mrs. Hutchinson, and her son may have killed Fessel in defence of his mother. The supposition is that mother and son together buried the body in the outhouse. When the tumor of the spiritualist's revelation came to their ears they moved the body to the field near Guide Rock, and the boy obtained employment near that place to guard against the discovery of the secret. When he saw that the body must be discovered, he obtained the team and buggy from Red Cloud, and, assisted by his mother, moved the evidence of their crime. In their haste the coat and the hand were left behind.

The trance medium was consulted for the third time and declared that the body had been moved from the field and thrown into a river. All the streams in the vicinity were dragged, but nothing was found.

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We want every woman in St. John to know that this is entirely a Women's Store. And for this reason, we believe, we are able to supply the wants of all women to a greater degree and with better satisfaction. At this season, when the cold weather is setting in, we are especially thoughtful about those garments which best repel the cold.

To-night we want to call your attention to a few of the things we have in stock that are especially needed by all women just now.

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of the latest styles and cuts in a variety of colors and materials. Blue and Brown Fries, filled back, full sleeve at elbow, cut stitched, collar and cuffs piped in red, also piped straps on back. Navy Blue and Black, very heavy Fries, with fine Black Sateen lining, shoulder capes and platted back, with or without velvet collar. Black and Oxford Fries, filled back, full sleeve, black Sateen lining, military cape and collar. Heavy Mixed Tweeds with long shoulder effect, platted front and back, extra full sleeve and light cut. Black Kersey Cloth, with self strappings and buttons, platted back, full sleeve at elbow with cuffs. Very fine grade of Fawn Kersey, military collar and cuffs, trimmed with brass buttons, filled and strapped backs.

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With this suddenly changing weather from warm to cold every woman should be provided with a heavy skirt ready to put on. We are offering some exceptionally nice ones now at prices to suit any fancy. Navy Blue and Black Velveta, full flare, trimmed with silk strapping, cording and buttons. Black and Navy Velveta, platted bottom, trimmed with buttons, large sizes. Light Grey Tweeds (same style as \$4.50). Mixed Tweeds in Black and White, Brown Mixtures (same as former styles).

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Comfortable and Warm Blankets. A great many colds contracted at this time of year are due to insufficient bedding. Don't be cold in bed when you can get comfortable from \$1.45 to \$3.00 and nice warm wool Blankets from \$2.50 to \$5.00.

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SPORTING.

The Ring. Baseball.

WHO IS LIGHTWEIGHT CHAMPION OF TODAY?

No battle in sight at this moment offers half so fascinating a problem as the question, Who is entitled to the next title? It is Eddy Hanlon, that strong, fierce California youth, who tried so hard to get on a match with Britt months ago? Is it Terry McGovern, who slanted Hanlon into oblivion in four swift rounds a few weeks ago? Or is it Joe Gans? Of course we all know nowadays that it is the opinion of this writer that the last should be first.

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while ago at 133 pounds, and the issue of this battle will decide who is the best man in their class. There should be no difficulty in bringing the men together, for Britt has said he is willing to go on at the weight the negro proposes. Indeed, Britt, flushed by the feeling that he is the mental, moral and physical superior of Gans, has stated that he is willing to fight him at any weight. This proposition he will do well to abandon, however, before the time comes to sign articles. It was well said by the wise men of old that a match well made is half won.

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or is at a fearful disadvantage. No story is more familiar than that of the boy who takes beating after beating from a big bully, then at last, goaded to desperation and forgetful of fear, he rushes at him and whips him. Britt never had any fear of Gans. On the contrary, he went at the negro in the late battle as if he intended to destroy him with the first volley of punches—and came pretty near doing it.

"It was a member of the Los Angeles team at the time and learned the trick from Stricklett, although I did not meet the ball during the season of 1902. Last spring I again attempted to gain control of the ball. The weather was cold however, and in the early months of the season, when the weather warmed sufficiently for me to let my arm out, I mastered the puzzle and used it to good effect to the end of the season.

"Various theories explaining the quick and mystifying 'break' of the spit ball have been evolved, but few rooters can tell you just why and how the peculiar 'break' is brought about. 'It is very simple. The ball simply follows the law of gravitation. The force propelling it diminishes the closer the ball gets to the plate, and the result is a sudden turn either to the right or left, according to the way the pitcher releases his grip. 'The spit ball is harder to control than a slow ball, being of rather medium weight and can be pitched with a lumbler grip. 'The boy says his name is Leo Boyd, and that of his father John Boyd. The other man whom he knows as Jim was met at Buffalo. It looks like a deliberate attempt at breaker and an effort will be made to discover the perpetrators of the outrage.

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MILLIONS FOR FAME.

Persons Who Pay Handsomely for Pleasure of Sociable evenings in Prints.

(London Answers)

"One thousand pounds, cash down, if you will insert this notice of my marriage!" That was the tempting offer made by a gentleman to a leading daily newspaper some months ago. The notice, only a twenty-line paragraph, had appeared the day previous in a rival, but less influential journal, and the more powerful contemporary now refused to insert it. But in the paper it must go, and the applicant was ready to offer almost any amount so long as it appeared. Yet notwithstanding such an offer, the management stuck to its guns and the paragraph never found a place in its columns.

That his seventeen-year-old daughter might get her chance on the stage, a well-known stockbroker guaranteed the whole of the expenses of a new production, conditionally upon his favorite being given and trained for the leading role. The venture cost him over £1,000, but the young lady has since earned a creditable theatrical reputation.

An unique means adopted to gain public notice was that of a well-known South African magnate, who enlisted the services of a great advertising agency. They contracted to get him 'paraphrased' in every society journal, to secure the publication of interviews and portraits, and in every way to 'boom' him in the public press. As a matter of fact, the means which had been adopted for the purpose of getting into the air at each public trial. By this means he hoped to gain notoriety for himself and bring his church into prominence. The offer was promptly refused; but the reverend gentleman has since succeeded in inducing another noted astronomer to accept his offer, and will shortly make his first trip to cloudland.

A well-known philanthropist who made his wealth in a gigantic furnishing and hardware business, spent a huge sum of money on his retirement in an effort to disassociate himself from his commercial connection. He was apparently ashamed of the means which had brought him wealth and made his name a household word throughout the world. He thereupon changed his name by letters patent and spent £2,000 in advertising the fact. Double that amount must have been expended in the paraphrasing and booming which followed, and now his adopted name is almost as well known as was his trade name.

When royalty visits a provincial town the authorities frequently receive most extraordinary offers from wealthy but hitherto unnoticed, residents who are desirous of playing some part in the pageant. An instance of this kind occurred quite recently, when the King and Queen went into the provinces. The mayor of an important seaport received from a retired tradesman of lavish means an offer to bear the whole cost of the town's festivities provided the donor should be chosen to present the engraved memento of the event to their majesties. What this offer would have entailed would best be understood when we state that the corporation spent £2,215 on the visit.

A few years ago a popular actress, whose latest production was proving disastrous, induced a friend or accomplice to utter a libellous criticism of the play. She thereupon took proceedings against him. The case occupied considerable space in the papers, and the amusing nature of the evidence attracted immense attention. She won her case and got heavy damages; she also gained success for her play. But all the advertisement she had to pay several hundreds of pounds.

A well-known lady who was presented at court a few years ago found that her name, for some reason, had been omitted from the papers. She therefore offered a leading firm of advertisers £2,000 if they would secure the insertion of a special paragraph in the principal dailies. The firm refused, whereupon she personally sent offers of various amounts to several papers, to her chagrin, were rejected.

More fortunate in securing prominence for a similar event, was a worthy provincial magnate in the year of his majority. To his mind, the favor of royalty toward him was not sufficiently noticed, and he had the report, as it appeared in the local journal, inserted as an advertisement in the best papers of his county—a novelty which cost him a trifle over £300.

A HANDSOME MONUMENT.

A handsome monument has been erected in Farnhill in memory of the late Daniel N. Vanwart. It was placed in position this week by Sleeth and Quinan, the Carlisle stone-cutters, and adds greatly to the appearance of that particular section of the cemetery in which the late merchant's grave is situated. The memorial is about ten feet long by seven high and is made of dark grey polished granite. There are two bases and a large overhanging top. The stone, while generally plain and rich, has some ornate parts. A short inscription has been cut into it.

FABIAN LEAGUE.

A meeting of the executive of the Fabian League was held last evening in Berrymans Hall. It was decided to hold meetings on every alternate Thursday, starting on Thursday, Dec. 1st. All the regular meetings will be open to the public.

FOLDED IN.

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